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2000 ELECTION RESULTS
REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

The Westland Vote:

- George W. Bush - 3,673
- Alan Keyes - 302
- John McCain - 4,200 ✔

Unofficial vote totals.
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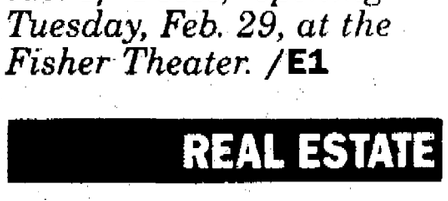

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HomeTown Classifieds

Griffin: Facts will vindicate me

■ The Westland City Council president predicted he will be vindicated as facts emerge in the firing of the former clerk.

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Charles "Trav" Griffin indicated Wednesday night that he will resign as Westland City Council president if a legal opinion finds he abused his authority in the firing of Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

"If it comes down that I did, I will probably resign as council president," Griffin said near the end of a three-hour meeting.

However, he predicted he will be cleared of wrongdoing when City Attorney Angelo Plakas issues an opinion on whether Griffin abused his authority by placing Gibbons on leave and taking her keys four days before she was officially fired on Jan. 18.

Referring to accusations he exceeded his authority, Griffin said, "I don't think I did."

Plakas indicated that his opinion is imminent.

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

In action: *At the meeting are (from left) council President Pro Tem David Cox, President Charles "Trav" Griffin and Deputy Clerk JoAnn Seeberg.*

The sound of music

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

It's a family affair: *Great-great-great aunt Madaleen Doherty gets tears in her eyes listening to her nephew, Jake Hickey, a second-grader at Wildwood Elementary, sing "Take a Breath" with the other students during their special Valentine concert for grandparents, parents and other family members. Jake's mother, Odette Hickey, (right) enjoys the fun, too.*

Song: *Second-grader Tyler Trombley sings "You Are My Sunshine."*

Listen: *Wildwood Elementary second-graders and a few first-graders open with "Winter in America" at their concert last Thursday.*

Clerk job reviews missing

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In a widening scandal, Westland city leaders this week confirmed that job performance evaluations of fired Clerk Patricia Gibbons are missing from City Hall.

Gibbons, her critics and her supporters all denied responsibility for the missing evaluations, written by individual Westland City Council members.

"I'm disturbed by the fact that those evaluations are nowhere to be found in City Hall," council President Charles "Trav" Griffin said.

The latest chapter in the six-week controversy over Gibbons' firing unfolded after the Observer filed a Freedom of Information Act request for her evaluations.

Gibbons was ousted Jan. 18 by a four-member council majority that is under investigation by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for allegations of violating the state Open Meetings Act.

Griffin and colleagues David Cox, David James and Sharon Scott deny any wrongdoing amid accusations they decided privately to fire Gibbons, who was placed on leave by Griffin four days before she was officially ousted.

Griffin said he still has the original copy of his evaluation of Gibbons from February 1999. He had requested the document from then-council President Sandra Cicirelli.

He also said a summary document that merely includes portions of evaluations by seven council members has been found.

But Griffin confirmed that other original evaluations by individual council members have been determined missing following a search of the clerk's office and the city personnel director's files.

Reached at her home, Gibbons said she had no knowledge of the docu-

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McCain takes GOP vote in Westland and state

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Westland voter Cindy Harris cast her ballot for George W. Bush in Tuesday's presidential primary, even though she conceded she wasn't impassioned by any of the Republican candidates.

"I don't really like either of them, but I voted for George Bush because I feel he's got more experience," Harris, 44, said, after voting at Edison Elementary School.

Harris, describing herself as an independent voter who leans toward the Republican Party, found Bush more appealing than Arizona Sen. John McCain and Alan Keyes, former president of Citizens Against Government Waste.

"John McCain has been in Washington too long, and he's more for the lobbyists," Harris said. "I think Bush is the lesser of the evils, and I really don't care for the Democrats."

In Westland, 9,777 votes were cast Tuesday, with 3,673 going to Bush, 302 to Keyes and 4,200 to McCain, the Michigan victor. Turnout was approximately 18 percent.

Outside of Patchin Elementary School, 69-year-old Korean War veteran Kenneth Schell said he voted for McCain partly because of the senator's military ties.

McCain was shot down as a Navy pilot during the Vietnam War and taken as a prisoner of war.

"I'm sometimes a bit partial to a vet," Schell said. "I think McCain did his cause for his country, and he's for Medicare and Social Security, which I'm on."

Schell said he isn't firmly aligned with either political party, but he thinks McCain has a better chance than Bush of beating the Democratic contender, whether it's Vice President

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Al Gore or former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley.

Democrats are planning an Iowa-style caucus in Michigan on March 11.

"I just vote for who I think is the best man for the job," Schell said, but added, "I would say that McCain would have a better chance of winning it all than George Bush."

Harris disagreed. "I think Bush is definitely going to beat Al Gore."

Jennifer Johnson, 36, also cast her

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Police chief, NAACP differ on black driver issue

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Westland Police Chief Emery Price says his department doesn't discriminate racially when it comes to stopping motorists.

His response follows charges by the local NAACP that a black man was singled out for a recent traffic stop.

"They still have not contacted us to make any kind of complaint," Price said Monday. "We're willing to talk with them."

He questioned the accuracy of NAACP statements. "I don't know where they're getting their information."

Statistics on traffic stops can be misleading, Price noted, and comparisons with smaller police departments will yield skewed results.

His department has 105 officers, all white except for one, whose background is racially mixed.

The young man involved in the stop faces charges of fleeing and eluding the police. He had a suspended license, Price said. The Detroit man was bound over to circuit court last Thursday.

"A lot? We do get some," Price said of racial complaints. He noted the man was injured in the scuffle after he ran from police.

"If you're going to do these things, you've got to expect something."

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Man charged after drug raid

BY JONI HUBRED
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An undercover investigation that led Farmington Hills police to a drug packaging operation has resulted in the arrest of a 41-year-old Westland resident.

South Oakland Narcotics Investigation Consortium officers from Farmington Hills, Novi and West Bloomfield raided the Westland home of Sami Nader Farhat on Feb. 18, based on a warrant issued by a 47th District Court magistrate.

"This location was raided because it was a packaging house for marijuana and cocaine that was supplying Farmington Hills and Novi," said Hills Chief Bill Dwyer.

According to a police report, no one answered the door at 7400 Floral when SONIC officers knocked and announced their presence. They forced the door open and found Farhat in the front room, alone. He was arrested without incident.

K-9 Officer Randy Mince's search turned up drugs in two bedrooms and the kitchen. In addition to three revolvers and a semi-automatic handgun, $11,200 in cash, packaging materials, scales and drug paraphernalia, officers found 62.5 grams of cocaine and around four kilograms of marijuana. Police confiscated a 1990 Mercury Sable and a 1988 Merkur Scorpio.

According to an incident report filed by Detective Victor Lauria, Farhat waived his Miranda rights and agreed to speak with officers without a lawyer at the Hills police station. He said most of the marijuana was his cousin's.

Farhat was arraigned via videotape on Feb. 21 on three counts: delivery of over 50 grams of cocaine, delivery of over 50 grams of marijuana and felony firearms possession. Bond was set at $50,000 cash or surety. A plea of not-guilty was entered and a lawyer appointed. The arraignment had to be via videotape because the local court was closed and the arraignment was handled in the court in Romulus.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM J. DUNN

Funeral services for William John Dunn, 74, of Peoria, Ariz., were Feb. 19 at Vermeulen Funeral Home. The Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiated. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

Mr. Dunn was born March 9, 1925, in Coalport, Pa., and died Feb. 15 in Sun City, Ariz. He was a machinist for a tool and die manufacturer.

Mr. Dunn is survived by his son, Dennis (Chris) Dunn; daughters, Carolyn Wefsenmoe and Susanne (Charles) Cahill of Westland; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 3600 Auburn Road, P.O. Box 214182, Auburn Hills, MI 48321-4182.

Arrangements were by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

EDNA M. KASPAREK

Funeral services for Edna M. Kasparek, 79, of Westland were Feb. 21 at St. Richard Catholic Church. The Rev. John A. Kasparek officiated. Arrangements were by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kasparek was born Nov. 6, 1920, in Detroit, and died Feb. 17 in Westland. She was a homemaker and member of St. Richard Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, John W. Kasparek of Westland; sons, John A. Kasparek, William (Lynn) Kasparek of South Lyon and James (Shirley) Kasparek of Livonia; daughters, Judith (Lawrence) Krisniski, Janet (John) Bash and Sharon (John) Bartus of Canton; brothers, John (Barbara) Doll and Albert (Alice) Doll of Allen Park; sisters, Margaret Cahalan of Wyandotte and Louise Silhaner of Westland; 16 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made as Mass offerings.

BARBARA L. MARANOWSKI

Funeral services for Barbara L. Maranowski, 72, of Westland were Feb. 21 at Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic Church. The Rev. Bernard Pilarski officiated.

Mrs. Maranowski was born June 8, 1927, in Detroit, and died Feb. 17 in Livonia. She was a homemaker and member of Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic Church.

She is survived by son, Anthony E. Maranowski; daughters, Susan Smith of Canton, Margaret (Michael) Bercel and Mary Ann Maranowski of Westland; brother, Joseph Goupie of Westland; sister, Carol (Edward) Lemanski; and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia 48154-5010.

Arrangements were by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

WILLIE B. PINION

Services for Willie Pinion, 76, of Westland were Feb. 19 in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton Township. Officiating was the Rev. James Trump Sr.

Mr. Pinion, born Sept. 14, 1923, in Obion County, Tenn., died Feb. 17 in Livonia.

He was a factory worker. He came to the Westland community in 1963 from Plymouth. Mr. Pinion was a lifetime member of the NRA. He loved hunting, baseball, and nature, and most of all he loved his family.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; son, Jim (Patsy); daughters, Patricia (Robert) Surrett-McClure of Canton and Deborah (Dale) Justice of Romulus; brothers, James of Tennessee and Marvin of Westland; sister, Ida Viola from Tennessee; six grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and dog, Sam.

Mr. Pinion was preceded in death by his son, Danny.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

BRIAN P. DEMPSEY

Services for former Garden City resident Brian Dempsey, 28, of Westland were Feb. 23 in St. Damian Catholic Church with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. Lawrence Zurawski.

Mr. Dempsey was born Dec. 15, 1971, in Detroit and died Feb. 18 in Detroit.

He attended St. Dunstan Elementary and Garden City High School.

He was employed with Palmer Moving and Storage for five years. He was a crew leader.

Mr. Dempsey was an enthusiastic member of several different hockey teams and an avid Red Wings and Detroit Lions fan. One of his biggest joys was being a father. By participating in the organ donor program, his unselfishness benefited four lives.

Surviving are his wife, Dana; son, Joseph; brothers, Michael (Darlene), Rob (Erin), David and Dan (Tina); sister, Carole Ann Dempsey; parents, Robert (Carole) Dempsey of Garden City; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Croyle; and godson, Jeremy Fick.

Memorials may be made to the Joseph R. Dempsey Trust Fund.

Arrangements were handled through John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

WILLIAM E. SPALL

Services for William Spall, 89, of Westland were Feb. 22 in St. Kenneth Catholic Church with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. Joseph S. Mallia.

Mr. Spall was born Dec. 31, 1910, in Red Lodge, Mont., and died Feb. 19 in Westland.

He was an insurance adjuster. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church for 20 years.

Surviving are his son, J. Michael of Plymouth; brother, Leo Spall of Howley, Pa.; and sister, Eugenia Spall of Howley, Pa.

Mr. Spall was preceded in death by his wife, Rosemary.

Arrangements were handled through Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth Township.

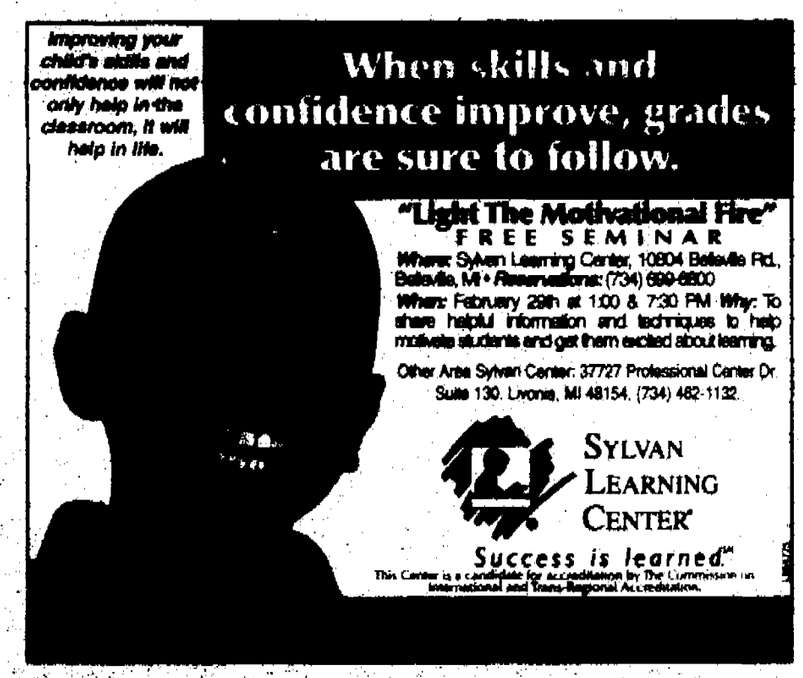
SHIRLEY MAE MORGAN

Services for Shirley Morgan, 67, of Wayne were Feb. 22 in Uht Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Henry Schaeffer.

Mrs. Morgan was born April 1, 1932, and died Feb. 19 in Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Clifford (Diane) Morgan and Lloyd Morgan of Westland; daughters, Patricia (Joseph) Earle, Alice (William) Disney, Barbara Correa, Beatrice Morgan and Rosemary (John) Bowyer; 19 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Morgan was preceded in death by her husband, Irving.



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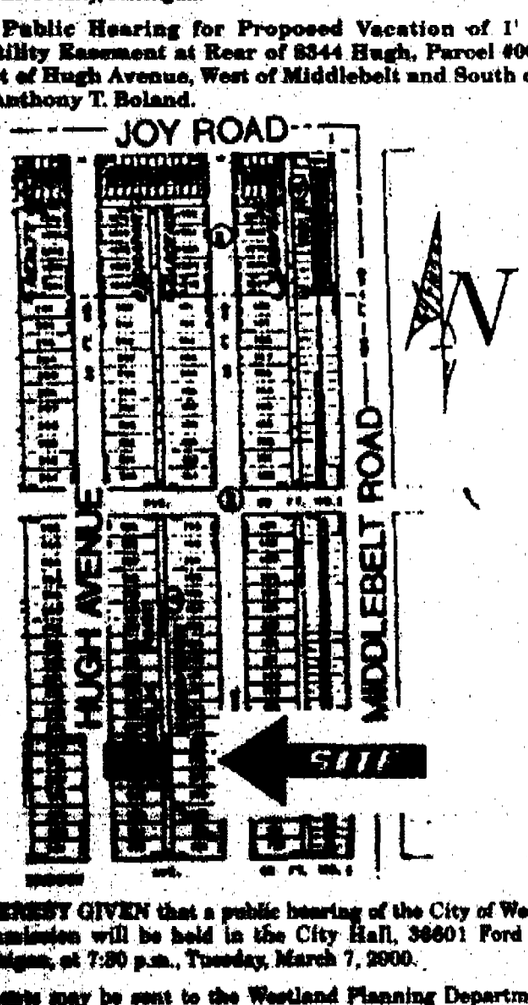
CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2028, Public Hearing for Proposed Vacation of 1' x 40' Portion of Utility Easement at Rear of 8344 Hugh, Parcel #005-02-0225-000, East of Hugh Avenue, West of Middlebelt and South of Joy Road, NE-2, Anthony T. Boland.



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2000.

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

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF WESTLAND
2000 ANIMAL LICENSES

Licenses must be obtained by Wednesday, March 1, 2000 for all animals age four (4) months or older. A statement of rabies vaccinations must be presented upon applying for an animal license. After March 1, 2000, a $1 penalty will be assessed. Licenses may be purchased at:

Westland City Clerk's Office, 36601 Ford Road
or
Michigan Humane Society, 37255 Marquette

DIANE J. FRITZ, Westland City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL
2000 SCHEDULE FOR
BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS

RESIDENTIAL		
Monday, March 13	9:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon	1:30 - 4:00 P.M.
Tuesday, March 14	1:00 - 4:00 P.M.	5:30 - 8:30 P.M.
Wednesday, March 15	9:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon	1:30 - 4:00 P.M.
Thursday, March 16	1:00 - 4:00 P.M.	5:30 - 8:30 P.M.
Friday, March 17	9:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon	1:30 - 4:00 P.M.
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL		
Friday, March 17	9:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon	1:30 - 4:00 P.M.

CALL 467-3160 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

Board of Review Meetings will be held at
Westland City Hall
2nd Floor - Council Chambers
36601 Ford Road
Westland, MI 48185

Written Appeals Must Be Received by 2:00 P.M. on Friday, March 17, 2000

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PTA leader: Let's get to work

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PTA National President Virginia "Ginny" Markell is doing her part to make sure her organization's acronym also stands for Plenty of Tasks Ahead.

The visit by the head of the 103-year-old organization highlighted the Livonia Council PTA's Founders Day 2000 event Feb. 16 at St. Mary's Antiochian Church.

Livonia's 13,500-member strong council is celebrating its 46th year.

Markell appeared at the behest of Grant Elementary Principal Lynn Babcock, who met the PTA national president last spring.

"She (Babcock) said to me, 'I think we have the biggest council. I know we have the best,' " Markell said.

If Markell needed to verify such a boast, she only had to contact Michigan PTA President Ron Coleman.

"I'm always bragging about this council because it is so active and vibrant," said Coleman, who attended the Feb. 16 event.

While the parent volunteer advocacy organization has done quite a bit during the past century to positively affect learning conditions, there's more to do, Markell said.

"We have a huge job ahead of us to convince others to join our cause," said Markell, who is entering her two-year term. "It's an awesome responsibility for parents. We sort have let it slip by."

The National PTA boasts 6.5 million members. The organization, which evolved from the National Congress of Mothers started by Alice McLella Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst, has been successful in pushing for child labor laws, mandating vaccinations and establishing hot lunch programs.

LIVONIA SCHOOLS

Recently, PTA has been at the forefront in tackling violence in the media and reducing class sizes. The organization continues to fight for adequate school funding, which Markell termed a struggle.

"We simply must care about *all* children," Markell said. "They certainly impact everything we do ... They are our future hope."

Markell urged Livonia members to reach out to parents who are normally not involved in their children's schooling.

"Do not assume they know what we do ... It doesn't hurt to ask," Markell said.

A Holmes Middle School PTA parent agreed, but noted with two-income families, time is a precious commodity.

"If parents only realized if they could do something ....," Barb Lappetito said.

Added Holmes PTSA President Ellen Kain, "If every parent donated just a half-hour a year, so much could be done."

Markell praised the Livonia council whose many members filled the St. Mary's Antiochian Hall. She also presented Livonia PTA President Nancy Stramecki with a copy of the PTA's latest book, "Building a Successful Partnership."

The council honored Outstanding Youth, which includes five students from each of the three Livonia district high schools. In turn, students select up to three teachers who had the most impact on their academic careers.

Livonia's Teachers of the Year – Washington Elementary's Kathleen Frame and Churchill High's Jennifer Dallacqua – were also recognized.

The largest praise remained for numerous parents.

"You in this room have a part of Phoebe and Alice in you, or you wouldn't be here," Markell said. "You care about other children as well as your own."

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Speaker: *Virginia Markell, national PTA president, came to Livonia last week for a visit. She appeared at the behest of Lynn Babcock, Grant Elementary School principal, who met Markell last spring. Markell received a warm welcome in Livonia.*

Livonia PTA Council honors stellar high school seniors

■ Five seniors are selected from the three Livonia district high schools.

The Livonia PTA Council announced the names of the district's youth recognition seniors during Founders Day 2000 Feb. 16.

Five seniors are selected from the three Livonia district high schools. They are picked based on dependability, integrity, consideration of others and involvement in extracurricular activities as well as school and community service. Students also must have a 3.5 grade-point average.

At the event, students introduced parents and up to three teachers who had a profound effect on their academic careers.

Students selected from Churchill High, and their favorite teachers in parentheses include: Melissa Peckham (Joan Ponners, Bob Dennis and Marc Hage); Danielle Zucchet (David Higer, Christine Berry and Bill Halvangis), Laura Portwood-Stacer (Mary Bud and Susan Ryan); Ross Puchalsky (Mary Authier, Mary Merline and Jeff Hatley); and Becky Sperry (Kathleen Fox, Linda Cohan and John McGreevy).

Those chosen from Franklin High include: Lisette Trudell (Sue Bird, Maureen Costa and Mark Parrish); Vanessa Lambert (Susan Krekeler, Tracey Williams and Dan Hejka); Michael Schultz (Marci Baker, Diane Worthington and Mark Parrish); Leslie Douglass (Betsey Conway, Lary Howard and Anne Goodwin), and Brian Vinciguerra (Sue Bird, Bruce Buszard and Fran York).

Stevenson High outstanding students are: Amanda Trudell (Susan Ott, Betty Madis and Michael Corliss), Jonathan Ho (Sheila Dobbie, Carole Hunter and Lester Prieskorn), Michelle Bahr (Maryanne Senkowski, Henry Naasko and Sherri Smith), Bradley Carroll (Linda Minsterman, Diane Dunn and Jane O'Brien), and Jeanette Fershtman (Scott Sherburne, Ron Quick and Don Calhoun).

Project TEAM garners kudos

■ ... combining applied academic preparations for graduation with national standards for advanced high performance manufacturing and extensive school-to-work workplace experiences.

The William D. Ford Career/Technical Center has announced that Project TEAM (Technical Education Academic Manufacturing) has won the 1999 Association of Career & Technical Education Region I Award. The award was presented to multistate award recipients at the Annual National ACTE Convention in Orlando, Fla.

David Mainz won Advisory Committee Member of the Year. Mainz is the Project TEAM coordinator of workplace activities at Detroit Diesel Corp.

Project TEAM and sponsors also won the Business/Education Partnership of the Year Award. Project TEAM's sponsors are Detroit Diesel Corp., UAW Local 163, Spring Engineering and Manufacturing, South Redford Schools, Wayne-Westland Schools and the William D. Ford Career/Technical Center.

Project TEAM is a public school and manufacturing industry partnership combining applied academic preparations for graduation with national standards for advanced high performance manufacturing and extensive school-to-work workplace experiences.

The TEAM program provides non-college-bound junior and senior high school students with a technically oriented applied program in math, physics and communications skills. TEAM also bridges the link between area business and industry resources and school-based learning experiences.

The TEAM program also received the 1999 American Society of Employers Award of Excellence in Human Resources, the Michigan Association of School Boards' "Michigan's Best" Educational Excellence 1999, and Gov. John Engler's Career Prep System "Innovators To Watch" Award, 1999.

Block scheduling pondered for Livonia Franklin High School

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■ 'When we try to make changes at the building level, it's like a slow dance where when the music stops, someone feels left out.'

Ken Watson
—Livonia superintendent

Under a new scheduling format, Franklin High students could see more time in class and have a wider variety of course offerings.

Block scheduling is already being used at some high schools in Farmington, Birmingham and Northville. Franklin teachers and administrators are proposing a similar format starting next fall.

Such a switch would have to be approved by the Livonia Board of Education, whose members listened to Franklin High teachers and administrators explain the program during a study session Monday.

Instead of the traditional six 55-minute classes a day, students will have four classes in 87-minute blocks.

Under the new system, students could take up to eight subjects.

Each class would meet three times a week with two regular 87-minute periods and an abbreviated 42-minute session.

Once a week, students would attend all eight classes for 42 minutes each on what is termed a "last day."

As a result, students would have 78 minutes more in the classroom each week, which would fit in with a state mandate to increase the number of total days in the school calendar.

Supporters tout the program as a way to increase student achievement and course offerings.

"What we found is the extended amount of time allows teachers and students to have a better relationship," said Jennifer Juska, Franklin math teacher and Block Scheduling Committee chairwoman. "We found there are fewer behavior problems."

Teachers are driving the change. More than 80 signed their names in support on a board that is on display in the school's library.

The scheduling shift would have to be cleared with their union.

The Livonia Education Association officials and administrators are expected to meet soon to talk about the issue.

Under the current contract, teachers are limited to class sizes totaling no more than 165 students a day.

Teachers would only have 90 students a day during four days of the week. The hang-up is the last day where teachers would see up to 180 students.

A letter of understanding between the district and union is needed before the block proposal can brought to the board for consideration, Superintendent Ken Watson said.

"When we try to make changes at the building level, it's like a slow dance where when the music stops, someone feels left out," Watson said. "We won't let that happen here."

Another concern is how incoming ninth-graders will handle such a change.

The committee has planned several freshman transition programs, which includes peer-mentoring and tutoring.

Ninth-graders would also have to take a transitions class that would cover note-taking, studying, test-taking and time management.

"Anything you can do along those lines would be a plus," said Trustee Daniel Lessard, who attended a presentation along with other board members Monday at Franklin High. "What you do is give them confidence and that will reduce the failure rate."

With a chance to take two additional courses, a block schedule is seen as a way of opening electives to students.

Students are limited to no more than two courses in one subject, preventing them from taking four physical education courses for instance.

The change also gives them a chance to take advanced courses in core subjects.

"As time goes on, I think we'll be able to shift them more towards core classes," said Rich Emrich, Franklin assistant principal.

ACHIEVERS

Students from Detroit College of Business have been named to the dean's list for the fall quarter.

Full time students from Westland are: Terri May Grassel, Leslie Jean Mato, Tracy Saffian, Dane Willert Seruga, Joy Shamley, Christine Marie Sallivan, Kathleen Angela Thompson and Carrie Michelle Kolba.

Part time students are: Sharon K. Siebold, Michelle Marie Adkins, Mike Paul Avakian, Josephine Hatch, Frank Lawrence Jastrabek, Christine M. Jones, Linda Marewski, Wilbert E. Orem, Dana Lynn Paddock, Gail Beth Pressley, Frank Raymond Snykers, Brandon Smith, Jeremy D. Sorensen, Sarah Mabelle Staples and Beth Ann Zaric. [illegible] students must maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average at the end of the quarter.

Local students have been named to the fall dean's list at Adrian College. They were required to maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average while carrying 12 or more hours. Honoree Adam M. Goyt of Westland, a sophomore majoring in mathematics and German, is a 1998 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He is the son of Matthew and Roberta Goyt.

Also honored were Stacy Jolly of Wayne, a junior majoring in mathematics and a 1997 graduate of Wayne Memorial High, and Kurt Wenzel of Wayne, a freshman planning a major in engineering and a 1999 graduate of Wayne Memorial. Jolly's parents are Gordon and Linda Jolly and Wenzel's John and Ruth Wenzel.

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GOP *from page A1*

vote for Bush at Edison Elementary.

"I believe he's more honest," she said: "I like Keyes too, but I don't think he has a chance. I think Bush has an excellent chance of winning it all."

Like Johnson, 33-year-old Tom Aimar also cited honesty as the reason for his choice Tuesday – but he voted for McCain.

"He seems honest and comes right out with his problems and puts them on the table," Aimar said. "I think Bush tries to hide things, like his alleged cocaine use, and I think he's trying to ride on his father's coattails to become president."

Aimar predicted that either Bush or McCain will have a good chance at beating the Democratic nominee.

"I almost think that either one that gets (the party nomination) will beat the Democrat this time," he said, blaming President Bill Clinton for bringing scandal to the White House.

Three former GOP candidates whose names remained on Tuesday's ballot – Gary Bauer, Steve Forbes and Orrin Hatch – had already pulled out of the race.

Reform Party candidate Donald Trump also has tossed in the towel even though his name still appeared on the ballot.

Only Lyndon LaRouche's name appeared on Tuesday's ballot as a Democratic candidate, although the party won't count the vote and will rely, instead, on March 11 caucuses.

Driver *from page A1*

Earl Truss, president of the Western Wayne NAACP, disputed that the young man was running from police when he was injured. The central issue "is the police brutality. That's where I'm coming in," the Inkster resident said. "They had no right to brutalize the man after arresting him."

Truss, who's been the local NAACP president since January 1999, didn't get to talk to the man last week in court, but noted testimony of two witnesses – one black, one white – who said he was handcuffed and struck when in police custody.

"That's what they swore to in court," Truss said of the scuffle. One witness knew the man and the other didn't.

"Right now, we're getting our No. 1 complaint from Westland," he said. Many black people complain verbally to him about beatings in Westland.

Truss said he plans to make a formal complaint to Westland police about this case. "I wanted to talk to the mayor first."

Truss said Westland Mayor Robert Thomas didn't return his calls, although Price did.

"He has a responsibility to return my call and not have the police chief call me," Truss said.

Truss recommended training and possible hiring of some black officers for the Westland department. He cited what he called a "rogue cop" in Westland who is causing trouble for black people.

"We do plan to file a formal complaint," Truss said Tuesday, adding that will include Michigan's attorney general. "We're going to talk to Jennifer Granholm, see what we can do. This has got to stop."

He cited a couple Westland locations where he believes officers wait to stop black drivers.

"It has a great effect on people as a whole," Truss said, citing the economic hardship.

Nap time: *Five-month-old Joshua Polka of Westland didn't seem to be interested in the rally for Sen. John McCain at Laurel Manor in Livonia Sunday.*

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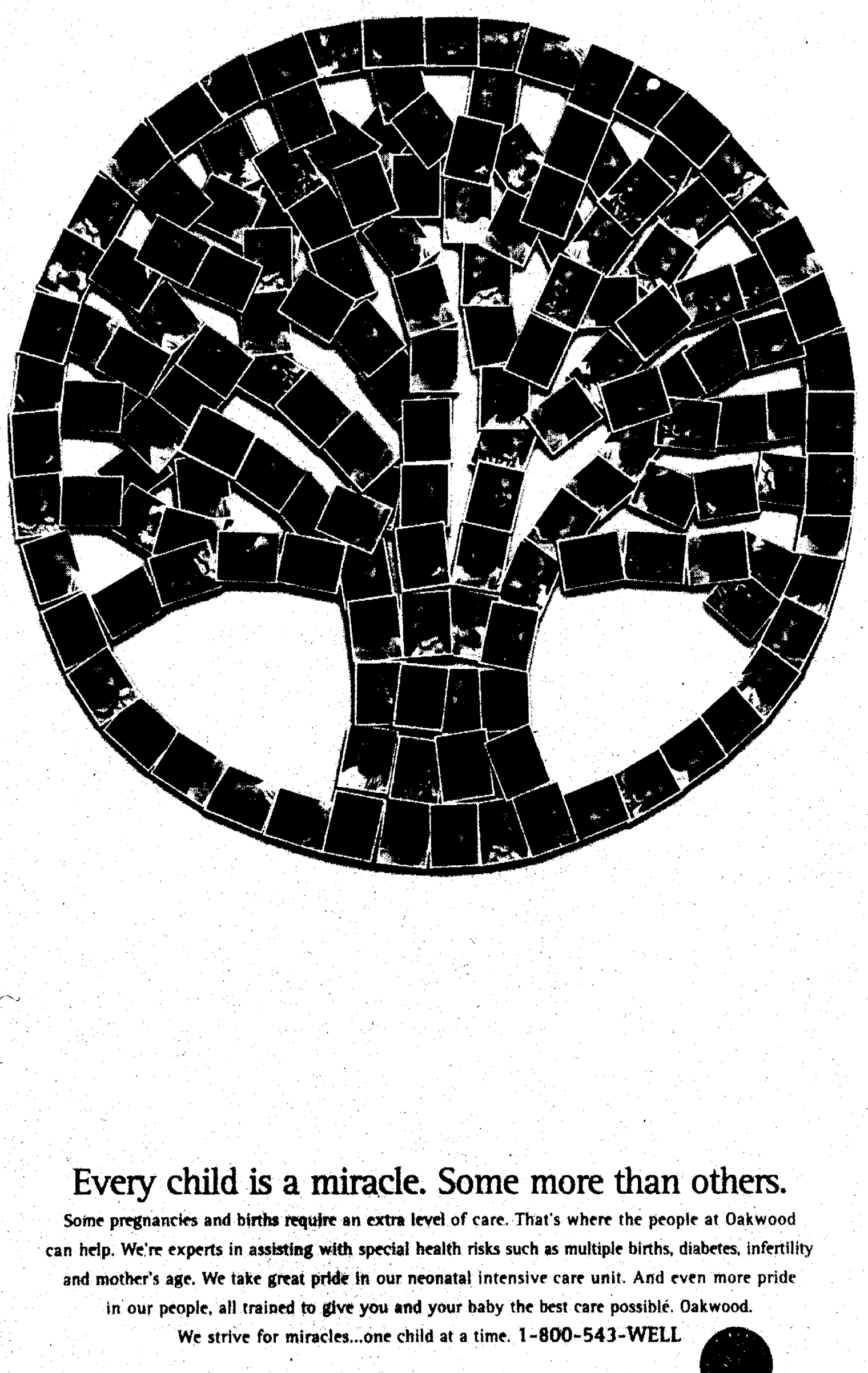


Dems plan caucus

The 2000 Michigan Democratic presidential caucus for Westland will take place Saturday, March 11, at Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview, east of Wayne Road in Westland.

The caucus site will open for registration at 10 a.m. The caucus will begin at 11 a.m. and conclude no later than 1 p.m. No one will be admitted after 11 a.m., but those in line will be allowed to complete registration and participate.

Eligibility includes Westland residents who are registered voters or say they intend to register by Oct. 10 for the Nov. 7 election. People who will be age 18 by the Nov. 7 election and say they intend to register by Oct. 10 are also eligible.

Each participant in the caucus will be required to sign a statement declaring in part "I am participating in the 2000 Michigan Democratic presidential caucus as a Democrat." Proof of residency may be established through a variety of legal identifications, however, participants shall be presumed qualified unless positive proof can be established to the contrary.

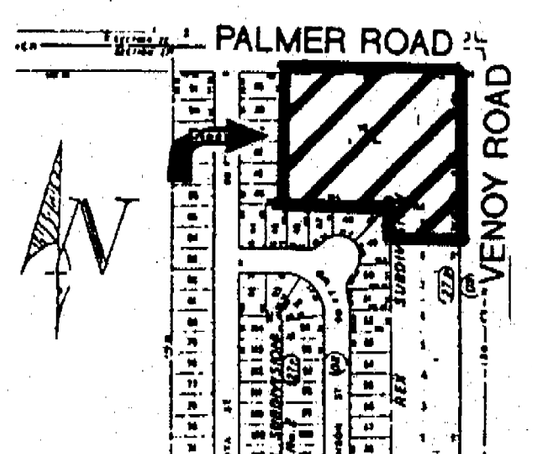
A person may vote by mail for reasons of disability, religious beliefs, absence from the area on March 11, or being age 60 or older. To obtain an application for a VBM ballot, contact the Michigan Democratic Party by writing to Michigan Democratic Party, 606 Townsend, Lansing MI 48933, phoning (517) 371-5410, faxing (517) 371-2056, or by e-mailing MIDEMPARTY@aol.com.

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1250B, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Pharmacy, 1956 Venoy Road, Parcel #074-03-0009-000, Southwest Corner of Venoy Road and Palmer Road, NW-27, Ali El-Khatib/Chawki Fakih (Rick Rosenhaus)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2000.



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

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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WAYNE WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Bid Proposal
Wide Area Network

The Wayne Westland Community Schools' Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for a fiber optic Wide Area Network to connect the District's buildings.

Instructions:

1. Sealed bids will be received at Wayne Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan, 48185 on Wednesday, March 15, 2000, at 1:00 p.m. (E.S.T.) at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read.
2. Questions regarding the specification can be faxed to Marc Brown at Plante & Moran, LLP at (248) 352-0018.
3. All bids submitted must include complete specifications for item(s) and submitted on Bid Specification form. It is required that bids include brochure/literature describing equipment offered on bid.
4. Base bid shall include structured cabling and components.
6. Bids submitted must fully comply in all respects to the specifications, specified instructions and meet safety requirements, otherwise, exceptions must be fully revealed.
7. All proposals submitted will remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days after the official opening of bids.
8. All bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Wide Area Network" carrying said bids. Please remit two (2) copies of bids to the attention of: Barb Evanson, Wayne Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185. TELEFAX WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
9. All bids submitted must be signed by the authorized agent of the company.
10. Contact Jill Cooper, Plante & Moran, at 248-223-3549 or CooperJ@plante-moran.com for a copy of the RFP.

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ments. She said the only copy of an individual evaluation she ever received came from Councilman Richard LeBlanc.

LeBlanc said he gave her the document in front of his colleagues during a closed-door session.

Otherwise, Gibbons said, "I was never personally given my evaluations. I don't have them in my possession even at this time."

Gibbons was evaluated by council members Griffin, LeBlanc, Cicirelli, Scott and Glenn Anderson, and former members Justine Barns and Charles Pickering.

On Tuesday, Cicirelli said she remembered turning over the job evaluations to the clerk's office. She said she couldn't remember which employee took the documents, but she said it wasn't Gibbons.

"The originals were definitely at City Hall at some point," Cicirelli said.

Griffin said he has learned that the evaluations were never given to Personnel Director Keith Madden's office.

"This is public information that should have stayed in the personnel director's office," Griffin said.

Cicirelli said she has copies of all individual evaluations of Gibbons, and she said she will give them to interim Clerk Diane Fritz this week so that the city can comply with the Observer's FOIA request.

Local attorney Lyle Dickson said he filed a similar request on behalf of the public.

But Griffin voiced concern that missing original evaluations could raise questions about whether copies were altered.

"Who knows what you can do if you don't have the originals," he said. "It raises big questions, and I'm really concerned about it."

LeBlanc said he gave his original copy to Cicirelli, and he said it is his understanding that the evaluations should have been kept at City Hall.

"If they're not there, someone other than myself would have to answer to that," LeBlanc said.

LeBlanc said he has a copy of his evaluation and will give it to Fritz.

Anderson said he doesn't have a copy of his evaluation of Gibbons.

Anderson, LeBlanc and Cicirelli questioned whether Cox may have seen evaluations of Gibbons' job performance even though he wasn't on council when she was evaluated.

Cox had recently alluded to comments that LeBlanc supposedly made about Gibbons in his evaluation.

"I never saw any of them," Cox said of the individual evaluations.

Anything he has learned about evaluations came from the summary document or from conversations with council members, Cox said.

In another development this week, a Westland woman who started a Web site urging a recall of Scott, Griffin, Cox and James said someone stole the names of e-mail addresses she uses to keep people informed of recall efforts.

Brenda Gracin said some computer hacker used the e-mail addresses to send an erroneous message that a protest had been canceled prior to Wednesday's council meeting. It had not.

Gracin also said someone sent the e-mail under her name after starting an America Online account in her name.

Gracin has filed a complaint with the Westland Police Department and has contacted AOL to seek an investigation.

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Griffin also said he believes the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office will clear him of accusations that he and three colleagues violated the Open Meetings Act by deciding privately to fire Gibbons.

"I've never in my life committed a criminal act," Griffin said.

Griffin and council President Pro Tem David Cox issued some of their strongest statements yet Wednesday as the controversy marked a sixth week.

Some 100 people packed council chambers again – mostly to protest the way Gibbons' dismissal was handled by Griffin, Cox and council members David James and Sharon Scott. During a one-hour protest before the meeting, an estimated 125 to 150 people carried signs outside City Hall.

Only a few people stood outside council chambers Wednesday night – far fewer than the 150 to 200 protesters who jammed City Hall during a Feb. 7 meeting.

Cox attacked Councilman Glenn Anderson – a Gibbons supporter – and accused him of helping to orchestrate the public backlash to boost his own political career.

Cox implied that Anderson and his supporters want to hurt Scott's expected bid for the 18th District state House seat this year.

"It is my belief the damage is being done for your benefit," Cox said.

Anderson said he hasn't decided whether he will seek the House seat, and he said Cox's own actions in firing Gibbons led to the public backlash.

"You put yourself into that predicament, Mr. Cox," Anderson said.

Drawing applause, Anderson also criticized Cox for putting the council in an unfavorable light with his remarks Wednesday.

"What you've done is dug the council even lower than it was," Anderson said.

Cox questioned why protesters included many United Auto Workers members who have no ties to Westland.

"Why are 150 auto workers marching around City Hall when many of them don't live in Westland, don't work in Westland ...?" Cox asked.

"I think there are political motivations to this," he charged.

In other developments Wednesday night:

■ Ted Williams, president of the Westland Supervisory Association, said Gibbons' firing shouldn't be pitting union members against each other. "It's not a union matter," he said.

Williams, whose union is part of UAW Local 157, said he warned Gibbons that she "was making a mistake" when she left her former union job to become an "at-will" clerk.

■ Deputy Fire Chief David Carignan said Griffin, Cox, Scott and James shouldn't be recalled from office simply because their opinions differ from those of some residents.

■ Resident Mark Rodriguez grilled Griffin about when he knew that he had the four votes to oust Gibbons. Griffin refused to reply due to the ongoing investigation by Wayne County prosecutors.

Rodriguez told Cox and James, "I'm embarrassed to say I voted for you in the last election."

■ Recall supporter Brenda Gracin said she received a summary document of Gibbons' job evaluations and that Gibbons received mostly good marks.

■ Resident Georgia Becker said council members who fired Gibbons need to understand that "it wasn't what you did, because you had the legal right to do it. It's how you did it."

■ Resident Normie Brazier said Gibbons' only fault was that she had "high ethics."

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Plymouth company erects Midfield Terminal frame

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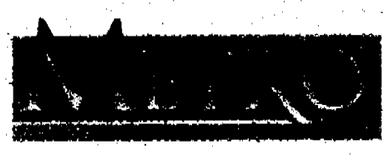

A Plymouth Township firm has a weighty role in the new construction at Detroit Metro Airport – 30 million pounds' worth, to be exact.

That's how much structural steel – more than 15,000 tons – National Riggers & Erectors Inc. needs to assemble the framework of the milelong Midfield Terminal.

"More than a mile, actually, over 5,600 feet long," corrects Bob Dunn, company president and chief executive officer, in discussing the terminal project, which includes a retail mall, underground tram and 74-gate passenger concourses, all scheduled to open December 2001.

It's the biggest project National has ever handled by itself – some 200,000 man-hours, says Dunn – and the company has no intention of missing the August 2000 deadline.

Although the $14-million contract has "a very expensive noncompletion penalty" for tardiness, there's more to it than that: National has a national reputation to uphold.

It's been ranked among the top five steel-rigging firms in dollar-volume of business by *Engineering News Record* magazine since 1993 and counts General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, Toyota and Honda and aircraft manufacturer Boeing as its customers, both locally and nationally.

In addition to Northwest Airlines' Midfield project, National and its predecessor, General Riggers & Erectors of Detroit, have participated in or handled solo such other top local projects as the steelwork for the baseball Tigers' new Detroit home and, some years ago, the expansion of Cobo Hall.

The $4.5-million Comerica Park project saw National managing the steelwork for Hamburg-based Ideal Steel, a minority firm, according to Dunn.

Largest to date

Its largest project to date overall was a $32-million steel mill job in southern Indiana for an Ohio firm, AK Steel. "We had the electrical and siding subcontracts, also the roofing subs," says Dunn. "We were the general (contractor) for about half the job."

By contrast, he says, the Metro Midfield is "about the largest project we have ever self-performed."

Andrea Cole, National's contract manager, says the firm "hopes to have some involvement" in Ford Field, future downtown home of the Detroit Lions football team.

A City of Plymouth resident, Cole counts 18 years in the steel-rigging business. She was with General Riggers in 1988 when Dunn, then its executive vice president, purchased it and renamed it National.

The company moved from downtown Detroit to Metro West Industrial Park in Plymouth Township in '92, the same year it was purchased by its biggest supplier, Havens Steel Co. of Kansas City.

Cole says most of the 14 administrative staffers at National's headquarters live either in the Plymouths, Canton Township, Livonia or the Northvilles.

Steelwork has inherent dangers: The new Midfield Terminal's roof, a convex structure with concave turnouts, can be slippery and treacherous for riggers, especially in winter.

But Bob Dunn says National has "one of the best safety records in the country" through its use of "leading-edge technology" in both on-site safety gear and practices and procedures.

"We require all personnel to wear full-body harnesses when working on steel," he says. "It's one of the policies we've always employed as a company, even before it was required by our customers.

Zero tolerance

"Anytime you leave the ground, you have to be tied-off 100 percent," he emphasizes, citing National's "zero-tolerance" safety policy.

Then, sounding much like a New York City cop's son – which he happens to be – Dunn lays down the law: "Once the policy has been explained to you and you're not tied off, you can't work here."

How did a Big Apple native become a Michigan resident?

The Novi resident initially came to Ann Arbor to complete work on an aeronautical engineering degree at the University of Michigan.

"I got into the construction business while applying for law school at U-M, loved it and have been doing it ever since," he says.

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The children were young, but that doesn't mean they weren't learning.

The occasion was a Livonia Co-op Nursery visit to Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland. The children learned the ins and outs of the business during a recent visit.

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On tour: *Liam Pembroke of Livonia squeezes out frosting to decorate his heart cake at Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland. Liam was part of a group of 4-year-olds from Livonia Co-op Nursery touring the shop.*

Balancing act: *Tiffany Polley of Livonia enjoys piling frosting on her heart cake.*

Learning: *Four-year-olds Ashley Elliot of Canton (left) and Danielle Howard of Westland (right) and others from Livonia Co-op Nursery watch as Mary Denning makes a frog out of frosting on a cake.*

Wow, look at that: *Mary Denning (right) demonstrates decorating a cake for the Livonia Co-op Nursery 4-year-old class taught by Lynn Powers.*

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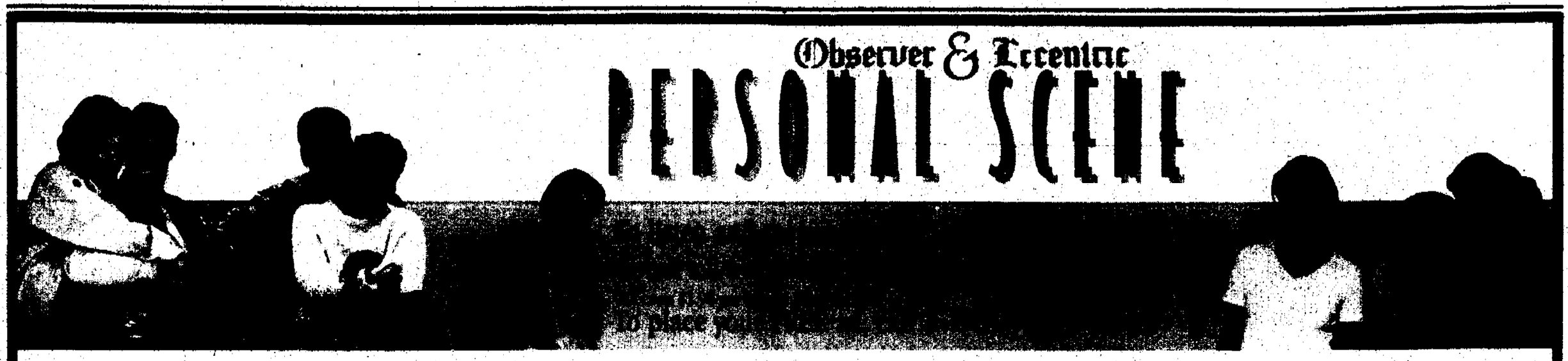

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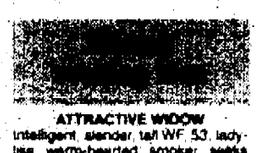


ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall WF, 53, ladylike, warm-hearted, smoker, seeks tall gentleman, 53-65, with traditional manners, who's intelligent, interested in sharing romantic dinners conversation, and laughter with me. ☎6061

SEEKING TALL TEDDY BEAR
SWF, 44, smoker, social drinker, seeks financially secure gentleman, 48-55, who knows how to treat a lady, for one-on-one relationship. Garden City area ☎1806

ARE THERE ANY GOOD ONES LEFT?
Seeking romantic, affectionate, honest SWM, 39-45, who would like to meet a good woman, 39 for a possible LTR. ☎1783

TOUCH OF CLASS
Soar into a LTR with classy, attractive DWF, 5'5", 130lbs, sexy eyes, for fun, romance, and adventure. Seeking SWM, tall and 45+. Sincere replies a plus. ☎1789

CUTE, CLASSY, BLONDE
DWF, late 50s, seeking companionship of professional gentleman, for romantic dining, dancing and theater. Possible LTR. ☎1786

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Easygoing and honest SWF, 5', blonde/blue, H/W proportionate, two children, N/S, social-drinker. Seeking S/DWM, 28-36, for possible LTR. ☎1756

ATTRACTIVE, SLIM PERFECTIONIST
Catholic SWPF, 35, 5'7", 135lbs, blonde/blue, N/S, never married, seeks attractive, educated, romantic, physically fit, successful Catholic SWPM, 32-38, N/S, never married, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1750

SEEKS OLDER GENTLEMAN
SWF, 31, 5'7", blonde/blue, intelligent, humorous, enjoys reading, politics, black and white films, antiques, computers. Seeking SWM, 40-50, 6'+, clean-cut, humorous, gentlemen. ☎1449

HORSEMAN WANTED
SWF, 36, 5'1", blonde/green, full-figured, one 13 year-old son, enjoys horseback riding, horse shows, music, family time, seeks "horseman" SWM, 30-40, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. Kids ok. ☎1421

ADVENTURESOME
SWF, 28, enjoys reading, traveling, dancing, family times. Seeking family-oriented, outgoing, commitment-minded SWM, for romance and monogamous LTR. ☎1778

FUN ANYONE?
DWPF, 25, N/S, mom of one, seek attractive, fun, outgoing SWM 25-32, for dating, fun, whatever else may happen. Must have sense of humor. ☎6123

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL YOU
SWF, 36, seeks WM, 32-39, 5'6"+ who's tired of the bar scene likes sports, for special committed relationship. ☎6304

INTELLIGENT & EASYGOING
Sincere, caring, trustworthy SWF, 36, tall, enjoys dining, movies, biking, travel, cooking. Seeking financially/emotionally secure SWM, 35-55, N/S, N/D, similar interests, for LTR/marriage. No games, please. ☎6245

HELLO MY MAN
Attractive, affectionate, full-figured SBF, 32, serious-minded, employed, independent, down-to-earth, sense of humor. Seeking serious, positive, monogamous SBM for LTR. ☎1444

LOOKING FOR A GOOD MAN
SF, 33, 5'11", 118lbs, brown/brown, likes romantic movies, cuddling, friends, summer fun. Seeking SWPM who knows how to treat a lady, who likes going out and staying in, for possible LTR. ☎1455

MISUSED AND ABUSED
Full-figured, health-conscious SWF, 37, loves comedy, reading, long walks, animals. Seeking loving, honest, communicative SWM, to help mend this broken heart. ☎1406

ACT NOW
Attractive SWF, 5'6", blonde/blue, enjoys laughter, sharing, dancing. Seeking secure, outgoing SWM, 39-50, with a warm smile and a big heart, who is commitment-minded. ☎1399

FOXY SENIOR
Youthful, fit SWF, 60, 5'2", 135lbs, blonde/brown, loves traveling, reading, political awareness, all aspects of entertainment. Seeking outgoing, lively, honest, healthy, financially secure, good-looking, youthful SWM, with high morals, for monogamous LTR. ☎1770

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Attractive, energetic, friendly, honest SWPF, 40, 5'3", 110lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys art fairs, long walks, gardening, biking, nature, some sports. Seeking open, communicative, caring SWM with similar interests, for friendship first. ☎1222

SOPHISTICATED, SMART
Brown-eyed blonde, 50, 5'6", two grown children, family-oriented, very outgoing, high energy, positive, happy, people-person, likes skating, traveling, working out, biking, theater, opera. Seeking compatible gentleman. ☎1709

GOD, YOU HANDLE IT
Spunky, sensitive, attractive senior widow, 5'2", 126lbs, blonde/blue, seeks humorous, active SWM, 62+, N/D, N/Drugs. ☎1518

THIS IS ME
SF, 5'1", 110lbs, long blonde/blue, has children, loves bowling, concerts, movies, dining, boating. Seeking SM with similar interests, for LTR. ☎1504

CALL ME
Sincere, easygoing, financially/emotionally secure SWF, 42, 5'9", 155lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys all music. Seeking tall athletic S/DWM, 35-44, 5'11"+, N/S, friends first, possible LTR. ☎1189

PLAYING YOUR SONG
Vivacious, romantic DWF, 46, blonde/blue, professional musician seeks S/DWM, 40-50, N/S with passion for life, interested in possible LTR. ☎1363

ANIMALHOLIC
Pretty, smart, pleasingly plump, bubbly SWF, 43, 5'4", blonde/blue, N/S, needs SWM, age open, veterinarian or truly animal lover, for permanent fix. H/W proportionate not necessary. ☎1083

NEWLY SINGLE
DWF, 38, 5', brownish-blonde/blue, enjoys working out, dancing, music, movies, and much more. Seeking S/DWM, 35-45, for companionship. ☎1296

COMPANION & BEST FRIEND
SWF, 5'4", 138lbs, blonde, N/S, seeks SWM, 45-58, who's young-looking and energetic like myself. A little bit country, a little bit rock-n-roll; can be humorous as well as serious. ☎1695

1 LIFE TO LIVE
Hard-working, fun-loving SWPF, 23, 5'6", blonde/green, mom of 1, enjoys quiet romantic dinners, long walks, movies, living life. Seeking caring, understanding SM, to share this life with. ☎1381

GROWN-UP BAD BOY
Classy, very attractive, down-to-earth, slim SWF seeks intelligent financially secure SWM, 48-54, brown or dark hair, who likes to have fun. ☎1339

SENSITIVE & TOUGH
SJF, mid-50s, 5'6", green eyes, from Kentucky, financially secure, slim, imaginative, sweet disposition, educated, enjoys cooking, seeks "best friend" for conversation, fun, friendship, maybe more. ☎5602

LET'S MAKE MUSIC
SWPF, young 49, slim, works out, has children 50% of the time, n/s, enjoys singing, music, plays, movies, outdoors. Seeking S/DWM, for sharing similar interests and ourselves. ☎1298

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, traveling. Looking for sincere, successful WM, 45-75. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. ☎3738

THE EYES HAVE IT
SWF, 40+, 5'6", attractive, hard-working, independent, seeks SWM who's handsome, tall, employed. Must have a great sense of humor and love animals, for friendship first. ☎6126

DANCING THROUGH LIFE
Energetic fun, passionate, secure DWF, 48, seeks SM, with similar attributes, for friendship and romance. ☎1759

SEXY REDHEAD
Easygoing, fun-loving DWPF, 49, 5'6", 145lbs, great legs, no kids. Belleville homeowner, animal lover enjoys gardening and nature. Seeking DWPM, 50-60, 6'+, N/S, social drinker, for LTR. ☎4997

SHARING TIME
Attractive SWPF, 5'2", 110lbs, brown/brown, N/S, down-to-earth, with great humor, enjoys golfing, dining, theater, seeking Handsome SM, 45-52, to spoil and pamper me. North Oakland area. ☎1746

BE MY VALENTINE
Cute DWF, 41, full-figured, smoker, financially secure, seeks SB/WM, 43-53, who likes beaches, Vegas, traveling, for LTR. Serious only. ☎1711

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Plus-sized woman, 51, brown/hazel, enjoys movies, long walks. Seeking kind, friendly, good-hearted man to share laughs and life with. ☎1721

COULD IT BE YOU?
SWPF seeks Mr. Right, 45-55, who likes golfing, movies, dancing, quiet dinners at home or on the town, and has a flair for spontaneity. Could it be you? ☎1709

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage. ☎5780

HONEST, FUN, CARING
Widowed SF, 56, 5'2", light brown/hazel, H/W proportionate, likes doing just about anything, music, books, dining, movies, theater, sports. Seeking SM for companionship, possible LTR. ☎1487

SEEKING SPIRITUAL PARTNER
Honestly pretty SWF, 45, 5'4", 130lbs, loves and trusts God, who understands the purpose of life, and lifts the glory of God. Attends non-denominational church, enjoys camping, canoeing, fishing. Waterford. ☎5786

LOST ON THE RIVER
Widowed, beefy, cute, dynamic, eclectic, focused, normal, impulsive SWPF, ageless but experienced, seeks passionate, honest SM who loves life, listening, laughing, learning, and playing, for fun, fireworks, and joy. ☎1695

STILL SEARCHING
Attractive DWF, 5'8", brown/brown, thin, fun to be with, enjoys movies, dining out, the outdoors, and Pictionary games. Seeking attractive, tall SWM, 30-40, with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. ☎1478

LOOKING FOR A LOVING MAN
Female seeks a man who enjoys being close, spending time together, having some fun, and wants a relationship. ☎1471

LOVES ADVENTURE
Attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", loves walking, biking, shows, theater, dining, dancing. Seeking SWM, 46-56, similar interests. Sterling Heights. ☎1441

SPONTANEOUS, SENSUOUS...
romantic, intelligent SF, 52, and fun! Medical professional, wrapped up in a great looking package searching for a N/S, H/W proportionate professional guy, for good times and maybe more. ☎1031

SINCERE AND CURVY
DWPF, 5'6", blondish, two grown children, seeks romantic white gentleman, 49-60, fairly sophisticated, financially/emotionally secure interested in fun times and sports. ☎1112

LOOKING FOR FUN
Truthfully, I find these ego ads scary. I'm a tall, thin SWPF, 60s, N/S who is just looking for fun, who doesn't need to be taken care of. ☎1176

LOOKING FOR A NEW BEGINNING
Widowed WF, very young 51, 5'1", medium build, ready to start life over again, enjoys walks, bike rides, friends. Seeking SWM, 47-57, with positive outlook and good sense of humor. ☎1440

SEXY 30-SOMETHING
Recently divorced BF, no kids, seeks gentleman who knows how treat a lady. Race, age open. Be my first date. ☎1442

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Smart, sensuous, attractive SBPF, 37, slightly overweight, enjoys fine dining, theaters, concerts, sports, gourmet cooking. Seeking attractive, sincere SPM. Race unimportant. ☎1429

LIFE IS SUBLIME
Pretty SWJF, 5'7", 130lbs, spiritual, non-religious, degreed, energetic, very youthful 40ish, child-like delight. Seeking similar LTR, to share pleasures of emotional intimacy, joy, hiking, meditation, yoga, open and honest communication, mutual trust. ☎1213

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Very kind-hearted, honest, easygoing, good-humored, very affectionate, down-to-earth DWF, 48, likes simple things in life. Seeking DW gentleman, 48-60, for friendship and fun times. ☎1446

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE
Intriguing, pretty, passionate, fun loving, sincere DWF, mid-40s, seeks attractive, smart, honest SWM, 38+, N/S, for a lifetime romance that never ends. ☎1392

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SACF, 43, 5'5", enjoys simple and fine things in life. Seeking honest, open-minded SA/WPCM, 43-50, financially/emotionally secure with good morals. ☎1388

DO U EXIST?
Attractive AF, 38, 5'5", down-to-earth and easygoing is looking for a kind, attractive hearth-conscious SWM, 35-45, with old-fashioned values, good ethics for dating possible LTR. ☎1332

ONE GOOD MAN
SBF, 49, 5'3", enjoys movies, long walks, casinos. Seeking fun-loving, honest, caring SM, 35-60, with similar interest, for possible LTR. ☎1323

SEEKING
Ultra-feminine, petite, slim, European blonde with very sophisticated tastes, seeks successful SWM, 50-60, for possible LTR. ☎1600

LOVELY, PASSIONATE, LADY
Bright, European, 55. Seeking tall gentleman for fun and conversation. Travel, adventure, nature, honesty are some of my pleasures. If you are a like person, let me pleasantly surprise you. ☎1792

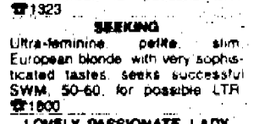
GORGEOUS, SWEET, SEXY
SWF, 30s, brunette, doctor, never married, seeks sincere, intelligent, successful, financially secure, tall SW gentleman, 38-42, with a graduate degree, interested in LTR. ☎1696

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Attractive, emotionally/financially secure, honest, caring DWF, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, looking to love again. Seeking SWM for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel, togetherness, for friendship leading to LTR. ☎1755

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SBCPF, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, traveling, entertaining, movies. Seeking prosperous Christian gentleman, with similar interests, N/S, H/W proportionate for friendship, Southfield area. ☎1262

MAKE ME BREATHE HARD!
Hard-working, fair-playing female enjoys indoor activities except cards, outdoor activities except golf. Seeking active college graduate, N/S. ☎1473

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Smart, sensual, attractive SBPF, 37, slight overweight, enjoys fishing, dining, theater, concerts, sports, and gourmet cooking. Seeking attractive, sincere SPM. Race unimportant. ☎1446



SECRET AGENT
Intelligent, creative, college-educated, athletic, adventurous, open-minded, attractive SBM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, summer breezes, dancing, romancing, jazz, martial arts. Seeking fit, witty SWF, 20-40, for LTR. ☎1284

SHARE GOLDEN REWARDS
DWM, 5'7", medium build, H/W proportionate, N/Drugs, N/S, warm, romantic, caring, financially/emotionally secure, recently retired professional. Broad interests, open to pleasures, shared by healthy, alive partners. Seeking compatible lady, 45-65, for LTR. ☎1799

SEEKING EDGE OF ADVENTURE
Interesting SM, 38, 5'10", 145lbs, father of one, enjoys movies, Cubs, bas-ketball, deer hunting. Seeking outgoing, spontaneous, fun-loving, romantic SF, for friendship first. ☎1811

TAKE A CHANCE
Intuitive, educated, creative, persevering, Catholic SWPM, 43, 5'8", brown/blue, no dependents. Seeking enlightened, fit, emotionally available SWPF, 25-42, for trust, friendship, communication and more. ☎1798

LET'S DANCE AT SUNSET
DW dad, 41, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent, homeowner, loves camping, barbecuing, Cedar Point, carnations, motorcycles, movies, everything. Seeking DW mom with same interests, for monogamous relationship, Novi area. ☎1796

OH, THAT'S GOOD!
Meet Mr. Goodman. SWM, 45, a sharp, personable guy with wide range of interests, seeking an honest, easygoing, dependable lady, for dating, companionship, possible LTR. ☎1794

COUNTRY GIRL DESIRED...
for LTR, possible marriage. DWM, 35, 5'8", 150lbs, single father of eight-year-old son, enjoys rodeos, horse shows, family time. Seeking S/DWF 28-42, with similar interests. Children ok. ☎1325

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SWM, 34, 6'2", 200lbs, black/brown, successful, enjoys working out, skiing, riding my Harley. Seeking SWF with similar interests for LTR. ☎1732

LOOKING FOR COMMITMENT
SM, 34, 6'1", 200lbs, auburn/green, in good shape, carpenter, with one son, enjoys hunting, fishing, going up North, movies, dining out. Seeking communicative SF for committed relationship. ☎1701

FIDELITY
SBPM, 33, faithful in search of kind, honest SW/BPF, preferably employed, also faithful. ☎1731

VERY ATTRACTIVE
Very outgoing, employed SWPM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, seeks attractive, outgoing SWF, 22-35, H/W proportionate, who enjoys sports and ice skating. ☎6377

NICE GUY
SM, 29, no kids, enjoys outdoors, the beach, having fun, summer activities, barbecuing, laying by the pool. Seeking S/DF, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1527

RUGGED JOCK TYPE
Rugged, athletic, tall, muscular SWM, 40, 6'3", 235lbs, brown/blue, clean-cut, degreed, enjoys Las Vegas, road trips, outdoors, good sense of humor. Seeking friendly SF for companionship. Age/area open. ☎4018

REAL CHARMER
Attractive, free-spirited, young SM, 21, 5'10", 180lbs, blond/blue, goalie, loves football, basketball, swimming, just about everything. Seeking attractive, sensitive, young woman with self-respect for committed LTR. ☎1685

GARDNER/ANIMAL LOVER
Not too handsome DM, 42, 6'2", 170lbs, N/S, with rustic farm house, seeks companion, 40-43, who likes outdoors, trusting, willing to communicate, expresses thoughts. Livonia. ☎1683

LEVEL-HEADED
College-educated, athletic, attractive SWM, young 47, 6'1", modest/conservative interests. Seeking fit, intelligent, witty SWF, 20-40, for possible relationship. ☎1692

A REAL MAN
DBM, 52, 6'1", 215lbs, professionally employed, enjoys outdoor activities, quiet walks, dinner, movies and antiques. Seeking special, trustworthy S/DF, 35-55, kids ok, race unimportant, for friendship/dating. ☎1493

MR. SUNSHINE
Easygoing DWM, 44, loves children, seeks a S/DWF, 39-59, who enjoys going to movies, walks in the park, holding hands, for possible relationship. ☎1295

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE?
Intellectual, yet humorous, active, outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 34-48, N/S, small/petite build, for possible relationship. ☎5519

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE
SWM, 55, enjoys singing, walking, card games, board games. Seeking SF, 40-55, for LTR, possibly marriage. ☎1050

IN YOUR EYES...
I find someone special. Fit SWM, 42, 5'9", 190lbs, brown/brown, enjoys bike riding, movies, music, people watching. Seeking fit SWF to share my life with. ☎1740

LET ME LOVE YOU
Friendly, caring, funny, goal oriented SWPM, 6'2", 245lbs, dark/hazel, N/D, N/S, no kids, enjoys meeting new people, spending time with friends. Seeking humorous, caring, communicative SWPF for friendship first. ☎1197

WHO BEING LOVED IS POOR?
Good-looking, fun-loving, loyal, fit, spiritual, reliable SWPM, 41, 5'6", who has many interests to share, but his greatest passion to meet one fun, fit, positive SF to share his life with. ☎1780

CITY TO RANCH
SWPCM, young 50s, 6'3", 205lbs, eclectic interests, good morals, mid-west ranch in my future, seeks slim, petite WPF, 45-60, who likes dress or jeans, outdoors, animals, for LTR. ☎5934

SEEKING SPECIAL WOMAN
Handsome, affectionate SWM, 28, 5'10", 160lbs, brown/hazel, enjoys dining out, cooking, theater, cuddling, snuggling. Seeking attractive, affectionate SAF, 24-33, H/W proportionate, for companionship and/or possible relationship. ☎1744

LIKES DANCING
DWPM, 48, 6'1", 200lbs, N/S, seeks W/H/AF, 25-43, trim, who enjoys skiing, the beach, riding bikes and motorcycles, amusement parks, outdoor shows, romance, and working out. ☎1430

SWEET AND FRIENDLY
Retired, affectionate, easygoing SM, 63, enjoys golf, bowling, romantic evenings. Seeking slender, attractive, fun-loving SF, for friendship and romance. ☎1737

JUST CALL ME BROKEN HEART...
SWM, 40, 5'6", 185lbs, brown/brown, stocky and slim, dad of 2, loves horseback riding, camping, fishing, traveling. Seeking faithful, honest, communicative SWF for friendship and a possible LTR. ☎1765

CALL ME SOON
Hard-working SWM, 49, 5'8", 175lbs, well-built, seeks fun-loving, easygoing, intelligent, pretty, commitment-minded SF, for friendship, companionship and a LTR. ☎1767

COMPASSIONATE EUROPEAN
Retired widower, WM, 66, 5'8", 230lbs, enjoys exercising, church going, traveling, having good times. Seeking lady, 58-65, with same interests, much, much more. ☎1754

ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!
Fine, personable SWM, 42, is entertaining, into music, dancing, having fun, yet is helpful with household chores, shopping, etc. Seeking compatible, friendly female partner. ☎1745

YOU'VE GONE THIS FAR...
Don't give up now. Make one more call. Have and want honesty, trust, friendship, laughter and love. I like sports, music, dance, animals, tons more! I'm tall, thin, 60, secure. ☎1747

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY A +
Not mandatory. Youthful, humorous DWM, 47, 5'11", 167lbs, entrepreneur, enjoys Tennessee, Florida, dancing, conversation, dining. I am spontaneous, communicative, fit and seeking a; LTR. Are you? ☎1748

HERE'S MY PLAN
Meet someone special, enjoy our times together, give her loyalty, liberty, laughs, and love. A simple plan really, but I want the same. I'm sharp, witty, talented, tall, N/S, 64. ☎1749

LOOKING AT YOU
Attractive, very caring, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. ☎9363

LOYAL & SINCERE
Tall, honest, financially secure, slim, loyal DWM, 55, 6'4", N/S, social drinker, in good physical condition, with sense of humor, seeks slender lady, 42-51, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎1036

YOUR SMILE WOULD...
start my days and, fill my nights. SWPM, 38, seeks active, in shape SF, 30ish, to share laughter and friendship. Must be honest, warm-hearted and love children. Novi area. ☎1420

AFFECTIONATE LOVING
SM, 45, 6', 200lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes, hard-working, loving, caring, and romantic. Seeking attractive sexy blonde. Must love warm affectionate kisses. ☎1249

SINGLE MOMS WELCOME
DWPM, 44, seeks DWPF, 36-41, who is fit, active, happy with herself, for friendship first. ☎1741

FREE TO A GOOD HOME
Financially/emotionally stable, humorous, honest, loyal romantic SWPM, 55, 5'11", N/S, social drinker, enjoys the simple things in life: nature, laughter, variations, love. Seeking SF, for monogamous LTR. ☎1308

WESTLAND AREA
Attractive SWM, 5'10", 175lbs, nice hair, bright brown eyes, N/S, no dependents, employed, homeowner, seeks slim, attractive WF, under 48. ☎5357

NEW BEGINNINGS
DWM, 27, 5'10", 140lbs, blond/blue, enjoys working with animals, motorcycle racing, movies, dining, music, museums. Seeking S/DWF, 22-29, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎1697

CHRISTIAN TO CHRISTIAN
6'1", 185lbs, 42, devoted playful father, believes in top ten: bible study, enjoys golf, walks, clean tv. Seeks gentle, kind, playful woman, H/W proportionate, 30-45, for marriage, all replies answered. ☎1699

WHY BE ALONE?
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 5'7", loves lake activities, skiing, movies, and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term, monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. ☎4988

ITALIAN STALLION...
47, silky-slim, muscular, versatile, romantic. Seeking classy, slim, very attractive, selective SW/AF, under 45, for friendship and possible relationship. ☎6155

TRY THIS ONE!!
Retired DWM, 52, 6'1", ISO one good gal, age unimportant as attitude, dislikes cities, traffic, smog, and crowds, likes outdoors, music, movies, gardening, fixing things, get aways. All calls answered. ☎1589

LET'S LOOK TO THE SUMMER
DWM, looking for widowed/S/DWF, 38+, N/S, ready for the warmer days and some fun loving times. If you think you are the one, let's get together. ☎1691

YOU MAY QUALIFY...
for this friendly, charming, SWM, 46, who is full of love, laughter, hugs and kisses. Seeking to share happiness and security in love connection with SWF 36-49, life mate. ☎1690

ROMANTIC MAN
Very romantic SWM, 49, enjoys bowling, travel, dining. Seeking romantic woman for friendship, dating, possibly more. Race/age unimportant. All calls answered. ☎5454

LET'S SHARE HOLIDAYS
Professionally employed, college-educated WM, 48, 5'11", 195lbs, brown/blue, no dependents, occasional social drinker, N/S, enjoys outdoors, fitness. Seeking similar in WPF, 40-52, N/S with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎1463

SEEKING THE FINER THINGS
SWM, 45, average height/weight, enjoys long walks, theater, fine dining. Seeking attractive, slender SWF, 35-45, to share the finer things in life with. ☎1242

GOOD LISTENER
Fun-loving SWM, 43, 6'2", 200lbs, blond/hazel, good listener, likes kids, travel, water sports, rock music. Seeking WF, 30-45, for relationship. ☎1681

HONEST & SINCERE
Very active SWM, 45, 6', 200lbs, N/S, light drinker, two teenage children, likes movies, dining. Seeking SF, 36-48, to share interests, for possible LTR. ☎1496

ATTENTION GIVER
SWM, 50s, 6', 180lbs, giving, affectionate, kind, will put a smile and glow on your face. No preferences, just warm and cuddly. Any calls welcome. ☎1525

TRY THIS QUALITY GUY
Sincere, DWM, 53, 5'10", seeks honest S/DWF with sense of humor to share dining out, flowers, concerts, dancing, cuddling by the fire outdoors, and weekend getaways, for LTR. ☎1082

DON'T BE LONELY!
Handsome, attentive SWM, 40s, seeks affectionate, responsive SWF who's been home alone too long and needs to be loved, and sweet-talked by an appreciative gentleman. ☎1520

ALL DRESSED UP?
No where to go? I enjoy casinos, comedy clubs, champagne, limos, etc. Handsome, successful SWM, 45, who can sing and dance, seeks stylish, friendly lady, to join the fun. ☎1519

BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH
Warm weather, successful, spiritual SJM, 48, seeks a warm weather girl. Seeking relationship-oriented SF, 28-45, to enjoy Aruba, Cancun, Bahamas, and of course, movies, dancing, book stores, spectator sports. ☎3920

GOT MY ACT TOGETHER
Are you looking for an attractive trouble-free, N/S, nice guy who's down-to-earth? I'm 50+, 5'10", 155lbs, firm build. Favorite things, music, exercise, and having fun. ☎1475

WATERFORD AREA
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Clean-cut DW dad, 46, 6', 180lbs, brown/green, glasses, smoker, very down-to-earth, automotive professional. Enjoys golf, bowling, movies, sports, walks, romance. Seeking new best friend for loving, caring, sharing relationship. ☎1757

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WANTED: VERY PETITE FEMALE
For DWM, 40, 5'10", 142lbs, could pass for 25, physically fit, owns lake front house, own business, loves animals, children, outdoors. Seeking petite W/HF. ☎5879

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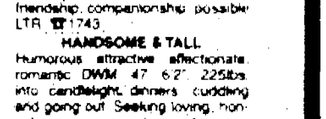

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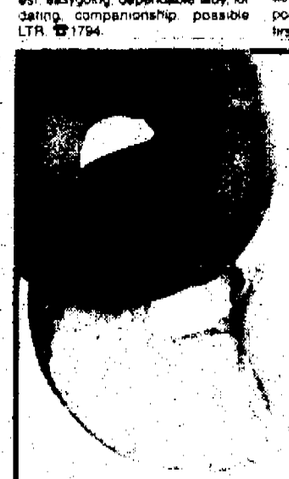

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BLACK LEATHER
SWM, 5'7", 140lbs, enjoys motorcycles, movies, bonfires and the lake. Seeking slim SWF 25-35, for committed LTR. ☎1425

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Attractive, hard-working, honest, kind-hearted, affectionate SWM, 37, 6'1", 160lbs, thinner brown/blue smoker, social drinker, home owner, no dependents, enjoys camping, fishing. Seeking SWF, 25-35, H/W proportionate. Kids ok. No games. ☎1424

SEEKING SWEET ISLAND GIRL
Wonderful, great-looking outdoors lover, 37, 5'11", trim, sandy/blue business-owner, would appreciate a sweet, fun girl for summertime fun on my island with friends. Let see if our chemistry sparks. ☎1751

GRADING ON THE CURVE
Attractive, intelligent SBM, 6'2", 235lbs, college student, good sense of humor, seeks shapely WF, 28+, for committed relationship. ☎1703

YEAH, BABY!
Easygoing, honest SWM, 38, 5'8", 165lbs, likes sports, dining, going out, having fun. Seeking female, 23-42, who's pretty, petite and likes to be adored. ☎1063

IN OR OUTGOING
Retired male, 37, father of 3, independent, financially secure, likes movies, fun, dancing, going out, sports. Seeking beautiful, nice, compassionate woman who likes to have fun. Pocahontas, please call back. ☎1066

THE RIVER OF LIFE
SWM, 5'8", 190lbs, brown/blue, father of one, likes dining, romantic evenings, walks, dancing, seeks SWF, 25-35, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎1502

COUNTRY MAN
SWM, 33, 5'11", 195lbs, carpenter, enjoys sports, outdoors, camping, seeking outgoing, SWF, 25-40, who is fun to be with. ☎1522

RUGGEDLY HANDSOME
Automotive executive, Northern Michigan outdoorsman, 35, 5'10", 170lbs, muscular, fit, attractive, enjoys snow mobiling, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, cooking, dining out. Honest, easygoing, nice guy, seeks friendship, leading to LTR. ☎1474

SUCCESSFUL CARPENTER
DWM, 47, 5'10", 220lbs, rides Harleys, plays pool, likes dining out. Seeking sincere, beautiful (inside and out) woman, 40-50, who doesn't play games. ☎1758

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Trim, handsome SWPM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, fit, custodial dad of 12 year-old son, enjoys outdoors, rock music, volleyball, dancing, biking. Seeking slender, attractive, independent female with similar interests. ☎1299

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Rouge panel wants floodplain action

BY RICHARD PEARL
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A River Rouge advisory council leader is hoping the organization's first meeting of 2000 will stimulate the group's efforts to get floodplain ordinances updated at the grassroots level.

"It's the local units of government that can make the first changes," said Bill Craig, vice chairman of the River Rouge Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council, which oversees the river's clean-up and suggests ideas for improvement.

Newer, tighter ordinances by communities "might stimulate new (state) legislation to catch up with" the new laws.

Craig spoke in the wake of the council's meeting Feb. 16 at Westland's Bailey Recreation Center, during which two representatives of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality suggested council members push locally for stronger ordinances regarding developments in the floodplain.

"Nothing stops a community from adopting more stringent requirements" than are called for by existing state law, said Jerry Fulcher, chief of MDEQ's transportation and flood hazard management unit in Lansing.

"Our hands are tied" by existing state ordinances, said Ashok Punjabi, the agency's land and water management district representative based in Livonia.

The discussion resulted from a motion last year by Craig's habitat and headwaters committee calling for floodplain permit restrictions.

The motion sought to get communities to further control construction of new buildings and parking lots, runoff from which Craig and committee members claim will cause "more floods, higher floods and longer (lasting) floods."

In their presentation to the council, Fulcher and Punjabi said, for example, that:

■ Michigan has tighter standards in gauging floodwater levels than does the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – Michigan measures in tenths of a foot, FEMA in feet; and

n that the floodplain maps in use are 10 to 20 years old and that funding is not currently available to FEMA to re-map.

To make matters worse, "Sometimes cities" in the floodplain "don't know they have ordinances" controlling development, Punjabi said.

From what the MDEQ representatives said, it's obvious "They're using existing regulations which might not be adequate for current land-use decisions," Craig commented.

"They can only use the regulations on the books, but we have a higher expectation of what can be done," he said.

He said his committee – which has been renamed the habitat and wildlife committee, in keeping with a council reorganization proposed by new president Kurt Heise – "was pleased that this discussion took place.

"Now more people will have a better understanding of our concern," Craig said. "Maybe there could be some movement. The most significant needs now may be in updating that information, getting new data."

Heise, whose purpose for reorganizing is to stimulate more member participation as the council moves toward its 2001 deadline for revising the Rouge advisory plan, said the six committees – down from nine – are to be approved at the next meeting, tentatively scheduled for April 19 in Troy.

"I used to thing 2001 sounded kind of futuristic," said Heise. "But it's next year, it's real and it's almost here."

County seeks fee from 9-1-1 calls made on cell phones

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Wayne County and its municipalities are moving closer to qualifying, by the May 31 deadline, for new 9-1-1 emergency telephone revenue.

That is the date by which existing 9-1-1 plans must be modified to include the servicing of calls received from cellular phones.

A county commission resolution passed last week adopted tentative plan amendments from each of the four 9-1-1 districts in the county – including the Conference of Western Wayne – and set up the requisite public hearing in 90 days.

If the plans are approved by the commission at the May 10 hearing, the county and participating municipalities will be able to share in revenue which a new 55-cent fee on cell-phones has been generating since November, according to Sam Washburn, county commission counsel.

The new revenue and equipment it will buy will "improve public safety and compliance," he said.

Cell-phone usage has mushroomed and "More and more emergency calls are coming in" from them "because people are out and around, see things and report" via the phones, Washburn said.

"The problem with the cell-phone is there is no caller ID and so no knowledge of where the call is coming from, so the quick-fix placed on (a land-line call) is lost," Washburn said.

He was referring to the prank false-alarm calls that flooded public safety departments before the advent of 9-1-1 and caller ID, but which "evaporated" afterwards.

"It became hard for a person" to make such calls from land lines, "but cell-phones have made it possible again," the attorney said.

The public hearing will afford county commissioners the chance to approve the amended plans and notify the state before the May 31 deadline.

Communities choosing not to participate in the revenue-sharing can be withdrawn then, but any other changes will force adoption of a new tentative plan and scheduling of a new public hearing, according to County Clerk Teola P. Hunter.

Until last November, only land-line phones were assessed a 9-1-1 service charge. But since then, a 55-cent fee has been imposed on cell phones by federal and state law.

Washburn said 25 cents goes to the telephone service provider, five cents to the state and the remaining 25 cents to the counties and municipalities.

He added that a federal act passed in 1996 requires cell-phone manufacturers to begin installing identifiers on the units so that the caller's location is transmitted automatically.

Bush defeat may doom open primaries

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Don't be surprised if Republican lawmakers move to end open primary elections in Michigan.

"Open primaries are an open invitation to disaster," Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said Wednesday after underdog John McCain — on the strength of crossover votes from Democrats and independents — upset establishment-backed George W. Bush.

Patterson along with Gov. John Engler and other high-visibility Republicans were at the Westin Hotel in Southfield Tuesday for what was expected to be a victory party for the Texas governor.

But the party in the cavernous atrium never materialized. McCain got an early lead, according to radio and television reports. And the Arizona senator held on to win by more than 5 percent of the record turnout, according to uncertified tallies.

"I'm not going to bad-mouth McCain," said Patterson. "He ran a good campaign, appealing to the voters he needed to win.

"But it's pretty obvious what happened. McCain won because he appealed to Democratic and Independent voters who could crossover and vote in the Republican primary. That's gotta be fixed, and a number of state legislators there last night agreed."

Let's see what happens in states where only Republicans can vote to nominate the Republican candidate, said Patterson, who said he remains confident Bush will win the GOP nomination as well as the presidency.

Patterson said he disagrees with those — especially Epic-MRA, the Lansing based research firm — who contend McCain's victory was an indication of deeper problems with the candidacy of Bush, the governor of Texas and son of a former President.

John Cavanaugh, a partner with Epic-MRA, Wednesday said McCain's victory was not the result of Democratic mischief, but his moderate message. "Our polling indicates McCain has an appeal that transcends party affiliation," he said. "About 80 percent of those (questioned) who voted for McCain Tuesday said they were certain they'd vote for him in November."

Cavanagh agreed with his partner, Ed Sarpolus who said Republicans who blame Democrats for Bush's loss are trying to protect their image by blaming somebody else.

West Bloomfield pollster Steve Mitchell, however, disagreed. "Democrats played the spoilers. They were out to stick it to John Engler," he said.

"Because of the crossover vote, this was a Republican primary that wasn't Republican," said the president of Mitchell Research & Communications, Inc. ""I agree with Gov. Engler. McCain rented a few Democrats for awhile. But they'll go back to the Democratic Party in November."

Mitchell attributed Bush's loss to:

■ Democratic and Independent crossover voters.

■ The candidacy of Alan Keyes, who garnered about five percent of the vote — most of which Mitchell said would otherwise have gone to Bush.

■ Negative phone calls against Bush, including some claiming he is anti-Catholic.

Asked if he was certain those calls came from the McCain camp, Mitchell said, "Those negative calls were the handiwork of Mike Murphy (former Engler strategist now supporting McCain). There's no doubt they came from him."

At the Westin Tuesday, Bush supporters were clearly disappointed by the results. Occasionally, a few would wave signs and begin chanting, "Bush, Bush, Bush . . . ." But the chant never caught on and quickly died.

Disappointment, however, never turned to despair.

Jonathan Farley of Plymouth confidently predicted Bush would win. "Maybe not tonight," he said, "but he'll win the GOP nomination."

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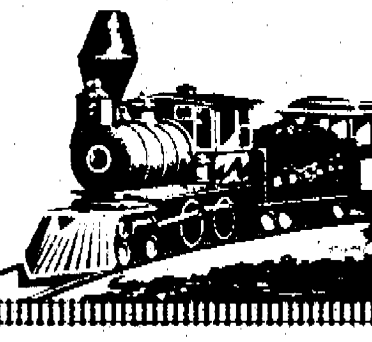
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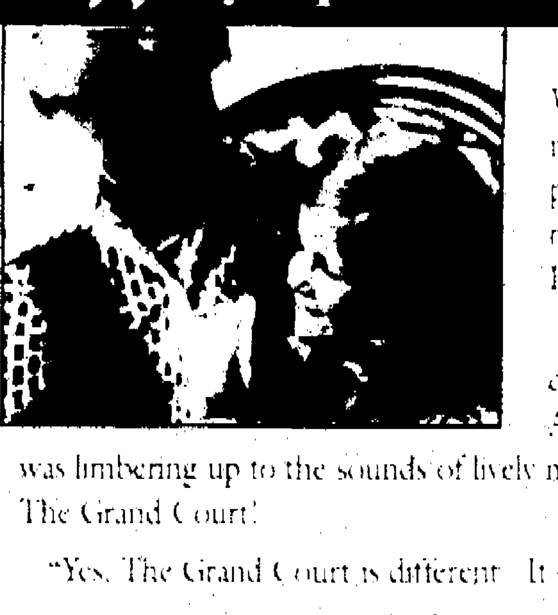
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Priorities

Fire chief's work comes first

Westland Fire Chief Mark Neal has a job to do. That job is leading the men and women who put out fires, inspect buildings and handle medical emergencies in Westland. Neal's the chief administrator for the Westland Fire Department.

He's recently become involved in the work against the recall effort aimed at Westland Councilwoman Sharon Scott. Scott and colleagues Charles "Trav" Griffin, David Cox and David James raised public ire with their abrupt firing of former City Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

Neal was photographed protesting the recall. He's been visible on the anti-recall front. He is a resident of Westland and certainly has the right to express his views.

But Neal, who has been active in other political campaigns, needs to be careful about stepping over the line. His role as fire chief comes first, and he shouldn't compromise that role by becoming a political activist.

Residents need confidence in Neal's abilities as fire chief, and he needs to be courteous in dealing with residents who don't share his views.

Neal's done the job of fire chief ably for years. He shouldn't let this latest political eruption derail his career. Courtesy and professionalism should be his guides.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Airing views: *Fire Chief Mark Neal (foreground) and others speak out during a recent City Hall rally. Neal has been vocal in the recent controversy surrounding four city council members deciding to oust former City Clerk Patricia Gibbons.*

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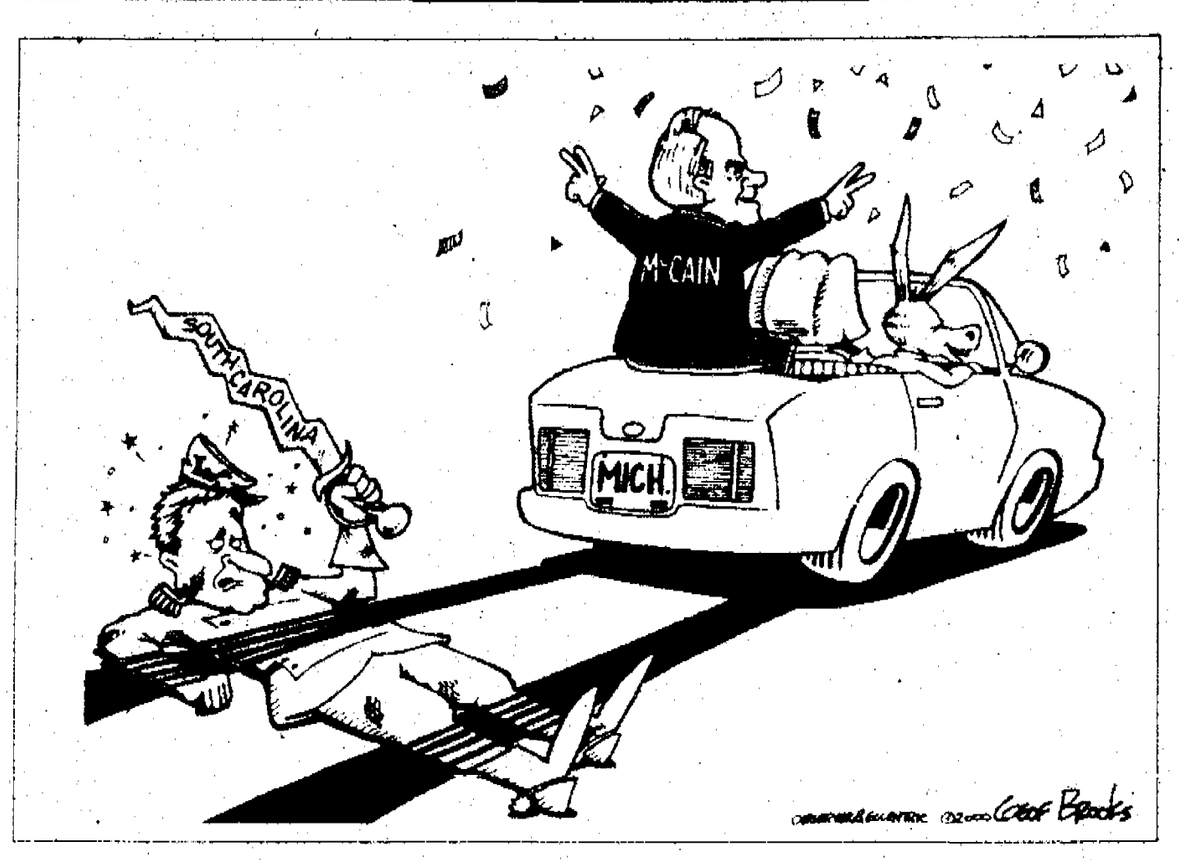


Counties should pursue beef

In November, the Michigan State Tax Commission implemented new personal property depreciation tables for electric and gas utilities.

The commission changed the multiplier to be used by local assessors to value electric and gas utility personal property (equipment, transmission and distribution lines, not land). Under the new system an assessor uses the "net book value" of the property, the cost of the property when purchased or installed, instead of current day replacement costs.

This decision results in a windfall for the utilities that could amount to up to $116 million and a severe burden in lost taxes for local governments.

Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties sought an injunction to stop implementation of the new system, but on Jan. 28 Chief Circuit Court Judge Michael F. Sapala ruled against the injunction allowing the commission to proceed.

The counties will now pursue their complaint with the Michigan State Tax Tribunal. Several local communities, including Livonia, Farmington and Farmington Hills, have joined in the suit. The Michigan Chamber of Commerce has joined in supporting the position of the tax commission and the utilities. Chamber President Jim Barrett has called the suit "frivolous."

We believe that the counties should pursue their complaint. A suit which seeks to preserve millions in tax dollars and opposes special treatment for the utility companies is anything but "frivolous."

In a press release from Wayne County, the position taken by the counties is clear: "The counties sought to maintain the status quo, until further evidence suggesting an improved method of valuation could be presented. Assessed values historically have been based on the current value of the property, minus depreciation and are the foundation for tax revenue by every city, county, township and school district."

This seems to be a reasonable request. Perhaps the utilities do need some tax relief, but this isn't the way to do it and the tax shortage it will cause could be devastating.

Several of our communities have experienced an unusually high number of power outages in the last few years, but we aren't hearing any guarantee that the money saved in taxes will be used to upgrade equipment.

Instead, it seems like another example of the state rewarding big business at the expense of local communities. Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara warns, "Aside from the current loss in tax base and revenue, my concern is the precedent being established. It won't take long before other large taxpayers ask the state for the same treatment."

But that doesn't mean the majority of businesses will benefit.

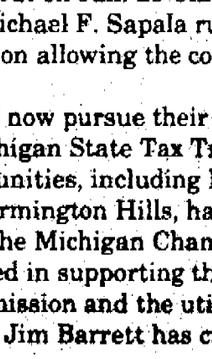
We question the chamber's standard anti-tax position as being in the best interests of most businesses. Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson makes a better case for the business community when he says, "The Michigan Tax Commission is using sleight of hand to give gas and electric companies a whopping tax break that will provide them with an unfair competitive advantage over other businesses. Not only is this unfair to the other businesses, it will also negatively impact the tax bases of out local communities and could result in a severe cutback."

We urge McNamara and Patterson to continue their fight.

COMMUNITY VOICE

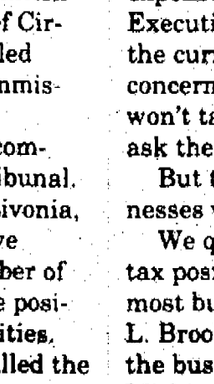
QUESTION:
Who's your favorite Peanuts cartoon character?

We asked this question at the Westland library.



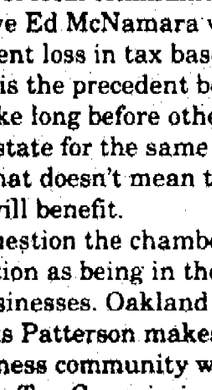
"Snoopy. He's always funny and never talks."

Jessica Sanchez
Westland



"Charlie Brown. He's just cool."

Aaron Webb
Westland



"Lucy. She's kind of bossy. She doesn't let anybody push her around."

Angelique Webb
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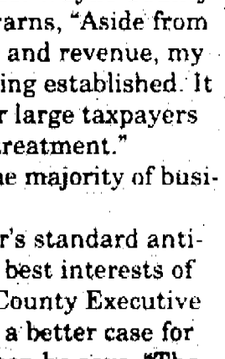

"Oh, I love all of them. They're just great. I'm so sorry about what has happened."

Wilma Woodra
Westland

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Seek truth

It appears Councilperson Anderson is not interested in the concerns of the business community in Westland. Is there a rule that states business citizens cannot speak at city council meetings? Why was using my business address when I addressed the city council on Feb. 7 an issue? (I suggest that Mr. Anderson become educated on the Open Meetings Act.)

While sitting in the lobby at the council meeting, many people expressed they were not Westland residents, but were urged to attend the meeting by their union leader at the request of Councilpersons Anderson and LeBlanc.

For clarification, I am a very concerned business owner with deep roots in the city of Westland. The Westland-based company I represent, and have a financial interest in, is responsible for paying over $70,000 in property taxes to the city. Would this not entitle me to three minutes of Mr. Anderson's time at a council meeting?

I grew up in Westland and was graduated from Wayne Memorial High School. My company's headquarters is based in Westland and employs over 150 people, 40 of whom work directly in Westland locations. Our business is very active in the Westland community to help make it one of the best places to live and conduct business.

Also, Mr. Editor, your bias is evident in the editorial objecting to the denial of confirmation of the clerk. It appears you are manipulated by Mr. Anderson and Mr. LeBlanc as you were this past election. I would like to know if you did any research on the city clerk, like talking to the police, fire, planning and/or building departments or the mayor's office, 18th District Court, boards or commissions; or to the employees who transferred out of the clerk's department.

I understand many of the city departments were troubled over the clerk's lack of performance, which cost the city in excess of $20,000. You may want to read Mr. LeBlanc's evaluation of the clerk and also the clerk's letter sent to the prosecutor at the request of Mr. Anderson and Mr. LeBlanc (with its misspelled words and lack of format). And I suggest you follow up on the rumors that the clerk's office helped Mr. Anderson and Mr. LeBlanc with mailing labels from City Hall files ...

Open your mind, and start looking for the truth. What you, Mr. LeBlanc and Mr. Anderson, are doing with your false accusations, prosecutions and recalls is bad for our community's businesses, residents, property values and image.

Steve Johnson

The embarrassment

The loathsome foursome (Griffin, Cox, Scott and James) and their cronies still don't understand. It's not the number of times "at will" employees have been terminated. It's not even Pat Gibbons' job performance, or lack thereof. Council obviously has the power to remove her if they so choose – in an orderly manner with all council members participating.

There is no evidence that Gibbons created an emergency of such immense proportions that the city of Westland couldn't wait a few days for resolution. No, Griffin and Cox would have us believe that in a great humanitarian act, they had to rush over to City Hall and warn her she lacked support to save her job and embarrassment.

■ Conspiracies of any sort are notoriously difficult to prove. In which case the odious ones and their cohorts will no doubt chortle, say we didn't do anything wrong.

Which may have been OK if that is as far as it went. But when they take her keys and tell her to hit the street in front of her employees, *they* are the embarrassment. And dangerous. Sad to say, in some broad, bizarre interpretation of the law, the prosecutor's office may rule Griffin/Cox/Scott/James didn't violate the Open Meetings Act.

Conspiracies of any sort are notoriously difficult to prove. In which case the odious ones and their cohorts will no doubt chortle, say we didn't do anything wrong. One of the great ironies of this whole affair is the business of "communication skills." Talk about people in glass houses not throwing stones. We need look no further than Mayor Thomas himself. About the most charitable thing you can say about him is that he comes across as an unsophisticated rube. Yes, Westland can do better!

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— Philip Power

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Work together

I have not only watched the Feb. 18 council meeting but have read numerous articles regarding the appointment of city clerk, violations of the Open Meetings Act and recall issues.

To begin with, I have been a resident for 25-plus years and have seen not only mayors but council members come and go. I have read and heard when directors and attorneys were not reappointed by an incoming mayor and when council chose not to reconfirm appointments. I recall the previous retired clerk's appointment appearing before the council body several times.

My understanding of Westland's charter, and believe me, I'm no expert, is that many directors, including the city clerk, are "at will" employees and serve at the discretion of the mayor or council. Why do we continue to use the word fired? Why not use the true work – not reappointed or not confirmed? Did not Mrs. Gibbons realize that when she accepted the city clerk's position that she was no longer protected by any union organization within the city? Didn't she realize that with her years as an employee, she faced the possibility of not being reappointed down the road and her employment with the city would cease? What gives her the right to be any different than those other individuals that did not get reappointed? Why is she so special that you would consider giving her a retirement option? Did the other individuals who were not reappointed get the same opportunity? Apparently, some council members must have had concerns regarding Mrs. Gibbons' performance. I appreciate the respect of those four council people who chose not to reappoint her in not wanting to blacken her name on performance issues in public. On the other hand, those who supported her appointment wish to continue to use her for their own political gain. I don't wee where they have any consideration for her. It's sad that Mrs. Gibbons doesn't realize this.

Mrs. Cicirelli, Mr. LeBlanc and Mr. Anderson: You are the real council people that want to continue to make headlines by urging your supporters to rally and to file suits and recalls. You are the ones that should be recalled for wasting our tax dollars. To me, that will be just cause to have each of you recalled – wasting money. If a recall is held for Mrs. Scott, wouldn't that cost us thousands of dollars from the general fund? If another recall is held six months from now, that's more thousands of dollars. You are the ones that have no concern for money – only for your own personal interests. You are the ones that want to continue making our great city a laughingstock in the state. Personally, if voters are unhappy about the actions of council persons, the time to take action is during their regular elections – not at the expense of the taxpayers by having a "special" recall election(s). Citizens, beware – the cost of a recall election(s) comes out of your pocket – not the pockets of those who initiate it.

Let's drop the issue and move on making our city the greatest of all. Stop dragging our city down. Start putting our city back to the top and do it now. Work together for the betterment of our community.

Carol Gillentine

Stop union bashing

Enough of this union bashing! How in the world the conduct of four power-hungry local politicians has turned into an attempt to destroy this city by union members is beyond me ...

As one of the two local union leaders referred to in a letter to the editor, printed in the Observer on Feb. 17, written by Mr. Franklin, I take exception to the fact that he is quick to accuse the union without benefit of the same due process he demands for his heroes. Sir, I had no shotgun or billy club, as did anyone of the 300 other people who participated in what had to be the most peaceful demonstration I have ever seen. I would like to remind Mr. Franklin, and the Westland City Council, that as a citizen of this country, I have every right to let my feelings be known.

The union did not encourage people to participate in the demonstration. Three of the four council members who find themselves in this mess were endorsed by my union. But as a concerned citizen of Westland, you can bet your bottom dollar I encourage all the residents to come and help us restore a sense of ethics and respect for the city charter to our civic leaders.

If Mr. Franklin had come and asked me in person why I am upset, this is what he would have heard, as anyone who bothered to ask has heard.

1. As I see it, city council has violated the Open Meetings Act at least twice. The first time was when they made what should have been public decisions in a nonpublic forum. The second violation occurred when the council chose to give preferred seating to the council meeting to their supporters, locking out the rebels the night of the second demonstration ...

2. It amazes me how crazy this whole thing is. All four of the council members in question sought the support of my union. Three got it. The fourth almost got it, but reason prevailed. Today, these same people who sought union help are now blaming the union for the public outrage. Let's try to remember; the union didn't make the decisions that have led to this revolt, city council did. In hindsight, the only bad decision the union made, as I see it, was in endorsing them in the first place.

3. I am shocked by the lack of respect our leaders have shown for some citizens of this city. Several people I know have received what they perceive as threats from city leaders for their involvement in the recall effort. I still can not believe that the president of city council has publicly threatened to have the police forcefully remove elderly people from the microphone for simply saying something he didn't want to hear.

4. In what seems to be an effort to move the spotlight off the accused, I have been reading a lot about how this whole thing is really the fault of Mr. LeBlanc and Mr. Anderson ...

If LeBlanc and Anderson are so powerful, why don't they hold elected union offices? Anyone who knows Roger, the other union goon, and myself, know we both have been quietly active in local politics for many years and we make our own decisions based on what we believe to be right. The fact is, we have had very little contact with either LeBlanc or Anderson over this issue ...

5. My personal outrage extends beyond the issue of Ms. Gibbons. I have concern about the forgery charges that one council member has skirted, the possible conflict of interest in holding municipal jobs with two different cities, the issue of whether or not citizens should be allowed to vote on how their tax dollars are spent when it comes to building personal monuments, the abuse of the TIFA funds which allow development of certain parts of the city at the expense of the rest of us, and the personal attacks on the certain "A__ H___ Local Union President," who happens to be a very good friend of mine. To me, this council has not exhibited a sense of accountability to the people who put them in office, nor have they demonstrated any sense of ethics either.

Finally, a personal thank you is due to Mr. Franklin. Your characterization of union members as shotgun toting, billy-club yielding fools only inspires me to work harder! Did you get your impression of us union goons from something you read in the scab News or Free Press? When you get in your Honda to drive home from work this (past) Wednesday, drive by the next scheduled rally at City Hall about 5:30 and honk your horn, soak in the splendor of hundreds of irate citizens. I promise we won't shoot!!

Jack Vernier
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Central issue

In spite of efforts to distract and malign the recall effort, we all must keep in mind that there is only one issue here: Do our council members Griffin, Scott, Cox and James serve the people or themselves? I will not let personal issues cloud the one resounding point in this effort, and that is Griffin, Scott, Cox and James put aside the will of the people to promote their own agenda. Through the FOIA and the recall effort's attorney, we have acquired the evaluations and records on Mrs. Gibbons. Let us assure you they will be made public. If you were at last night's city council meeting, you have already been privy to what they contain. In no way are they as damaging as Mr. Griffin has led the people to believe. In fact, only three scores were below average, average being a 3.0. The others were above. Those three scores were near enough to average, and in areas that were not detrimental to her job performance. The most important revelation being that Mrs. Gibbons NEVER received any disciplinary actions, write-ups or notices within her file or to her person. This is the key.

We have an appointment this coming Monday morning at the County Building to once again get our language approved on our recall petitions. We have submitted six petitions with this filing, and will now have our attorney arguing the language for us. Mrs. Scott's assertions that she will fight all the way to the Circuit Court are meant to show bravado, but the Circuit Court will eventually have to approve said language, for each electorate has the constitutional right to recall. It cannot be stopped, only stalled. With the advent of our own attorney, that in and of itself will do little to deter this effort.

It is the RecallNow Committee's desire that you understand that, yes, we are angry and righteously so, but we also do what we do because it is right. Each of us is entitled to our own opinion, and contrary to what some may say, in no way does this woman or this committee believe that not to be so.

If you would like to join us, we will now collect signatures for the amendment to the charter allowing the citizens of Westland to elect their city clerk. To join with us in this petition drive and in the RecallNow drive, call 729-2805, or contact http://recallnow2000.homestead.com/RecallNow2000.html.

Thank you.

Brenda Gracin

Engler farmland proposal merits legislative, voter support

PHILIP POWER

■ This is not a problem encountered by only a few agricultural malcontents.

One of the largest contributors to "sprawl" – low density, uncontrolled, wholesale development, often in rural areas – is a perverse part of the Michigan tax code that requires land to be assessed at its "highest and best use." In practice, this means that rural land that has been farmed for years is often assessed as though it were going to be sold for residential development tomorrow.

This has saddled Michigan farmers, already facing the worst economic times in a decade, with unfairly high taxes that can force them to sell their land and quit farming. Result? Development; sometimes sprawling.

This is not a problem encountered by only a few agricultural malcontents. Over the past 15 years, something like 1.2 million acres of farmland has gone out of production in Michigan, a not insubstantial blow to agriculture, at $4 billion per year the second largest industry in Michigan.

Of all politicians presently on the scene, Gov. John Engler, who grew up on a farm, is the best qualified to address this problem.

In a plan announced last week at the Michigan Farm Bureau convention, Engler proposed:

■ Farmland would be assessed on the land's present economic value for farming, not on its potential value if developed.

■ Enacting this proposal would require amending the Michigan Constitution, and so would need a two-thirds vote in the Legislature to get on the statewide ballot.

■ If farmland under production but with reduced taxes were to be sold for development, the selling farmer would pay back the tax break he had received for the past seven years.

■ This money would go into an Agricultural Preservation Fund, to be used to buy development rights from farmers willing to sell them. In effect, farmers who choose to sell development rights would continue to own and farm their land, but would have sold off the option of developing it.

A key part of the plan is repayment of the tax break if farmland is developed. Otherwise, all the tax break would do is encourage land speculation schemes. In some states where farmland is taxed at a reduced rate, developers reap the tax break for themselves by renting land to farmers, thereby reducing the carrying cost of land fated for ultimate development.

As is the case with most sensible proposals, Engler's farmland preservation proposal has a cost. Taxing agricultural land at its actual value as a farm would cost state and local governments something like $90 million each year. The Senate Fiscal Agency estimates that local governments and school districts would be hardest hit, absorbing $67 million of the reduced revenue stream.

And you may expect to hear from various folks – the Michigan Townships Association in first place – who consider their particular ox a target for goring.

Others, however, are saner in their reactions. "It's a good way to go," said a spokesman for the Farm Bureau. "Sprawl ends up paying to protect farmland." And Lee Schwarz, a lobbyist for the Michigan Association of Homebuilders, argues the program would save farmland by making farming profitable. "It's idiotic to tax farmland as though you were building condominiums on it," he says.

At the end of the day it's plain that serious distortions in land use have arisen from the ways in which agricultural land in Michigan is assessed. Right now, all the incentives favor converting perfectly productive farmland into subdivisions.

Engler's proposal deserves passage by the Legislature and adoption by the voters of Michigan.

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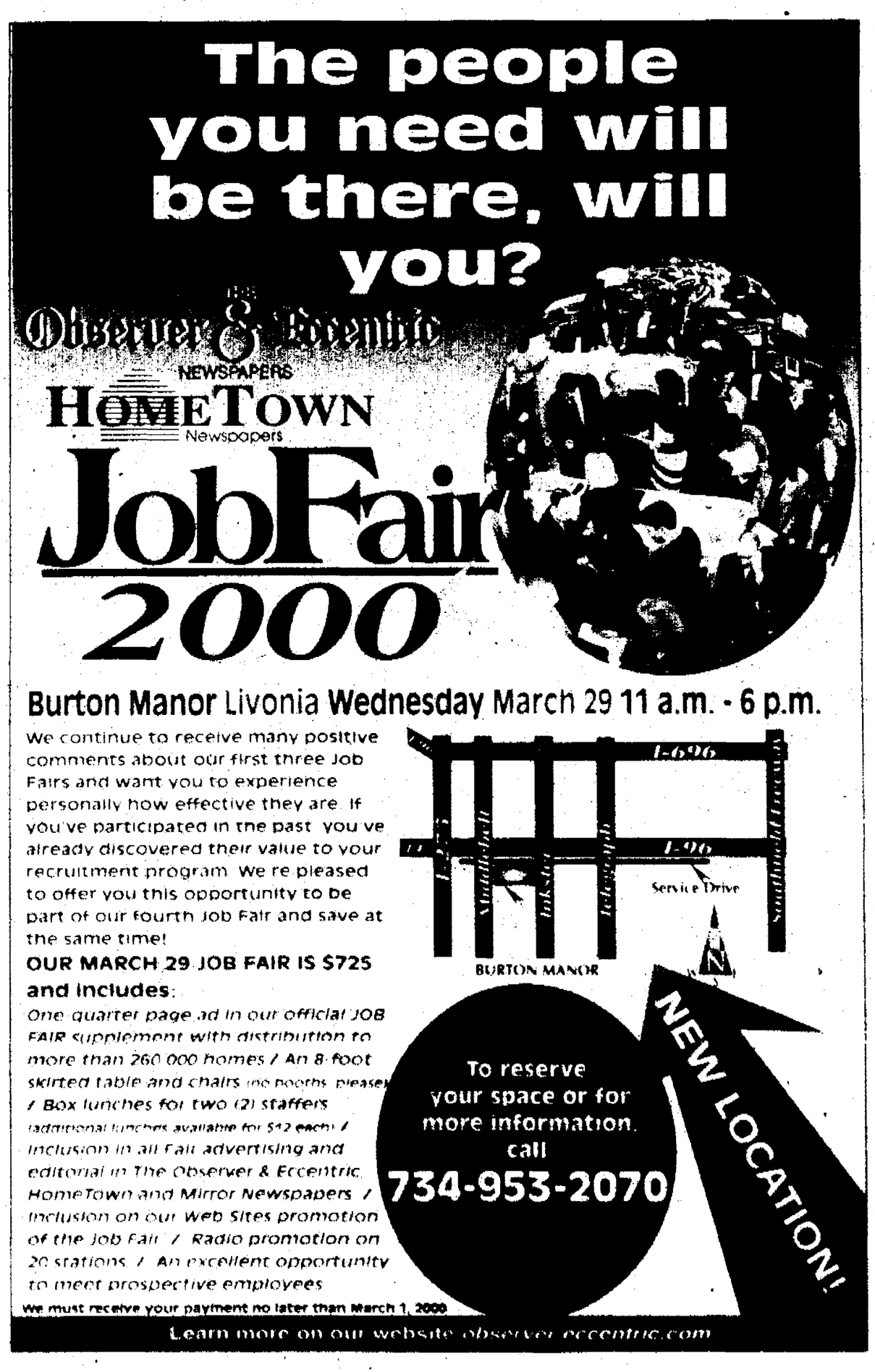

McCain supporters say it was 'message over money'

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"We knew we were taking on the most powerful political machine in America, the Engler machine," John McCain said in a congratulatory phone call to his supporters who were gathered at the Novi Hilton Tuesday evening to watch the results of the presidential primary balloting come in. "But we won."

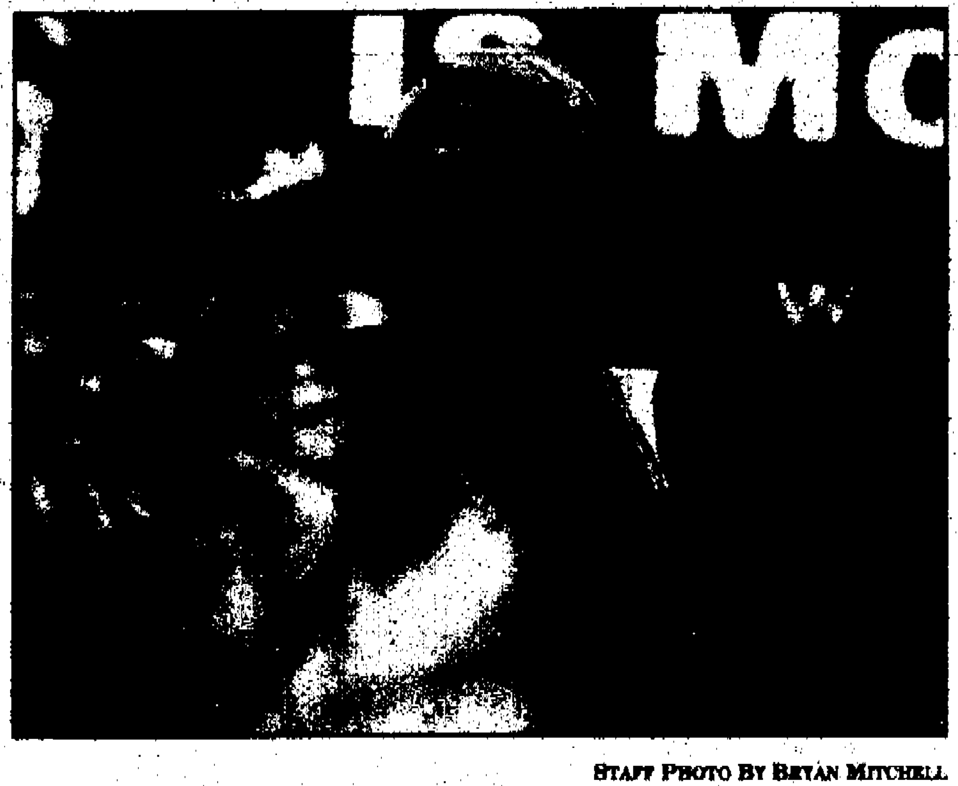
The phone call, from Arizona to state Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, but broadcast over loudspeakers for all to hear, was to celebrate McCain's seven point victory over Texas Gov. George W. Bush in the presidential primary here.

Gov. John Engler had been a vigorous campaigner for Bush, as had most of the state Republican party faithful.

But that backfired, according to McCain and his advocates.

"I don't want Engler telling me how to vote," Plymouth resident Sandy Kosky said. And it was a theme sounded again and again Tuesday evening at the Hilton.

"This is message over money. And message won," Mark Kelley Schwartz, McCain's 11th Congressional District chair, said. Schwartz, a West Bloomfield resident, contended it was the Arizona Senator's "message, character and integrity" that carried the day. "And that was after Michigan voters were subjected to $6 million-plus worth of negative advertising."



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Happy warrior: *John McCain gives a thumbs up at a rally Sunday in Livonia on his way to a big win in Tuesday's Republican primary.*

When the counting was finished at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, McCain had tallied 646,620 votes statewide, 49 percent of the vote. Bush gathered 547,773 votes, 41.5 percent. Alan Keyes brought in 58,769 votes, 4.5 percent.

But CNN had declared McCain the victor in Michigan just 45 minutes after polls closed Tuesday. McCain was not in Michigan Tuesday evening, but in Arizona which was also holding primaries. His phone call to the Novi reception came within moments, declaring victory over the Bush/Engler machine.

Michigan critical

Schwarz, McCain's campaign coordinator for Michigan, had said the state was critical to win. A loss here, along with the defeat in South Carolina, would have likely doomed McCain's candidacy. Winning here gives McCain a real boost, especially since key primaries are coming up Feb. 29 and March 7. "But it's a long way to November."

"When he has his mind made up, no poll or spin doctor can change his mind. That is leadership," Schwarz said. "My conscience would allow me to do no less that support John McCain."

State Rep. John Pappageorge, R-Troy, was one of the few other party leaders who supported McCain. He sounded a slightly different note.

"People forget that we had three good Republicans in this race and the question was which of those three did we prefer," he said. "We're not opposed to the others. And this was not about beating John Engler."

Pappageorge said he was excited about the McCain campaign because it is attracting many new people to the Republican party who have not previously been involved in politics. He said the party will be stronger for it when the race is over.

And the results here give him hope for a McCain win. "I don't think momentum crosses state lines very well. New Hampshire and South Carolina are very different than Michigan. What you have here is closer to a microcosm of America."

Inspires support

The celebration drew supporters from around the area, including a number of families who said they'd been converted to the McCain camp by their children. Among them was Adam Jones of Northville, who was appointed National Teen Chair for the McCain campaign. He convinced dad, Jim Jones, and mom, Cheryl Jones, to vote for McCain, too.

"He has backbone. He supports campaign finance reform and tobacco legislation, even though these are not popular in the GOP," Adam Jones said. "I wrote to him (McCain) in September telling him I supported him. He wrote back saying, 'OK, if you support me, here's a job,'" he said, explaining how he had received the Teen Chair title.

Cheryl Jones said she believes McCain is inspiring young voters "the way John F. Kennedy inspired them to get politically active and model themselves after him."

Livonia's Stacey Golick, a freshman at Schoolcraft College, also converted her family members by browsing the Internet and bringing home materials over the last eight months about the candidates for them to read. She had mom Debbie Golick and sister Kristen Golick, a Churchill High sophomore, in tow at the victory party.

"He's honest and honorable," Debbie Golick said of McCain. "That's the way I've raised my children, to tell the truth and never lie."

"Being an honorable person," Stacey Golick concluded, "his views seem to represent the general American population. His support is widespread and his campaign is very diverse."

The campaign is drawing on people who haven't been active before, said Scott Huntley of Novi. He's a veteran, and served on the Enterprise, as did McCain. But he said he is getting active because it matters here. Having just moved in from Minnesota, "now I'm living in a state where the presidential candidates come to my state."

Craig Freshwater, a Livonia resident, is also new to politics but was inspired enough to campaign door-to-door on behalf of McCain. "He's just the type of guy I'd like to see in the Oval Office," he said.

2000 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

The Michigan Vote:

- **George W. Bush – 547,773**
  DELEGATES: 6
- **Alan Keyes – 58,769**
- **John McCain – 646,620 ✓**
  DELEGATES: 52

Unofficial vote totals.
Vote totals are for the state of Michigan.
Check mark indicates statewide winner.

McCain racks up delegate vote, too

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John McCain, barely out of the starting gate, came from behind to draw nearly even with front-runner George W. Bush Tuesday on the only score that really counts – delegates committed to support him at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia this summer.

Despite all the hoopla about wins and losses in the previous primaries, Texas Gov. Bush had actually jumped out to a quick early lead on the delegate tote board.

Counting delegates is an inexact science because of "quirky" state rules about when delegates are considered "committed," but Michigan GOP spokesman Sage Eastman estimated that as of Monday – through the primaries in Iowa, New Hampshire, Delaware and South Carolina – Bush had run up a total of about 110. McCain had won only 15.

In Tuesday's balloting, McCain pulled in 52 of the 58 delegates available here in Michigan. Six went to Bush when he led the voting in Michigan's 2nd and 3rd congressional districts, including Grand Rapids, Muskegon and the west side of the state.

Thirty delegates were at stake in Arizona. With a solid double-digit point spread in the senator's home state, McCain was expected to walk away with all of them, according to Eastman.

That would put McCain at 97 compared to Bush's 116.

Also ran Alan Keyes has yet to win a delegate. Steve Forbes had won two before he dropped out.

To assure the nomination, a candidate will have to win 1,034 delegates, half plus one of the 2,066 who will gather at the national GOP convention in Philadelphia at the end of July to make the decision.

Next up in the contest are the Virginia, Washington and North Dakota primaries Tuesday, Feb. 29. Then comes Super Tuesday, March 7, a 12-state primary date that includes the states of California and New York with their massive numbers of delegates. This could all be over by March 8.

Michigan is a "partial winner takes all" state when it comes to the way the Republican party divides up delegates as a result of the primary voting, Eastman explained. The state has 18 "electoral votes" – 16 representatives in the House and two senators.

Based on that, the Republican National Committee allocated 58 delegates to Michigan, essentially a proportional share of the total number of delegates to be at the convention.

Then the state party gave three delegates to each of Michigan's congressional districts, which are awarded "winner take all" to the highest vote-getter within each district.

Ten more are "at large" delegates, awarded "winner take all" to the highest vote-getter statewide.

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JACK GLADDEN

Cell phone users should make calls in 'park'

"Beware the Jabberwock, my son!
The jaws that chat, the claws that clutch!
Beware the cell-phone junkie, and shun
The lane-weaving Chatterbox!"
– With apologies to Lewis Carroll

You've seen them. You may be one of them. They do it in the car, in the supermarket, in the parking lot on the way FROM the car TO the supermarket. They do it in restaurants and libraries. They're addicted cell-phone users. My son, The Webmeister, calls them "cell phonies." They're just soooo important.

And some people are concerned that, when they do it in a moving car, they're downright dangerous. State Sen. George Hart, D-Dearborn, is one of those people.

"Drive along any freeway and you'll see people talking on their cell phones while driving," Hart said. "They are literally accidents waiting to happen."

With that in mind Hart has introduced legislation (Senate Bill 1015) that would make such people guilty of "careless or negligent" driving.

Specifically Hart's bill would amend existing law so that operating a vehicle in a "careless or negligent manner" would include "the use of a handheld cellular telephone that prevents the person from having both hands on the steering wheel of the vehicle." It would be a secondary offense, meaning that a motorist could be cited for using a cell phone only if he were stopped for some other infraction.

Based on similar legislation introduced in other states, Hart's bill may not have much of a chance of passing. How many of the legislators who'll be voting on it are motorized cell-phone users themselves? But the issue is more than a pet peeve.

While some studies have found that the use of cell phones at accident scenes can reduce the response time by police and EMS crews and actually save lives, other studies (often conducted by the same groups) have found that cell phone use by drivers also increases the risk of accidents.

A British study concluded that drivers who were distracted by cell phones (even hands-free models) were worse at judging safe-stopping distances, anticipating hazards or choosing when to turn in to a traffic lane.

And a 1997 study published in the New England Journal of Medicine found that distraction caused by using a cell phone while driving more than quadrupled the risk of an accident during the course of the phone call. The researchers (who also found no distinction between hand-held and hands-free phones) compared the "impairment" to that of being legally drunk.

Cell phone manufacturers oppose bills such as that introduced by Hart (Surprise! Surprise!), and high-tech outfits like Yahoo and Microsoft are working on systems to use cell phones not just for telephone calls but for complete Internet access. That's just what we need: Daytraders on the freeway.

The debate over cell phones is starting to get as heated as that over gun control (with a lot of similarities). Proponents of the wireless gadgets claim they are no more dangerous than tuning the car radio, drinking coffee while driving or putting on makeup. They have a point.

But messages on an Internet site devoted to the topic often get raucous. And one user, who said he commutes two hours a day over a rural highway in Idaho and often uses his cell phone to report accidents or help stranded motorists, concluded his comments with: "Cell phones don't kill people. People kill people."

The bumper stickers can't be far behind: "I'M A CELL-PHONE USER AND I VOTE!"

I want one that says: "BEWARE THE JABBERWOCK!"

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Magic words

Harry Potter books attract readers, debate

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For an imaginary character, Harry Potter sure can create a stir.

Derived from the imagination of J.K. Rowling, Potter is the star of a series of novels — scheduled to end at number seven — that began when Rowling was a divorced parent caring for her infant daughter and struggling to get by in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The writer, who has received awards and accolades for the series, claims she's been writing since age 6. Now it seems some of her fans are following in her footsteps. Ten-year-old Keith Brown has read all the Harry Potter books to date and is anxiously awaiting the newest in the series, due out in July. The stories have captivated his imagination and inspired him to read more and even write his own book.

"I'm writing a book called 'Fantasy,' which is about a fiction writer who finishes a book and wishes to be the lead character," said Keith, a student at Miller Elementary School in Plymouth. In his story, the writer's wish comes true. He credits Rowling with inspiring him to include an element of magic in his book. "(Magic) is kind of mysterious," he said. "You don't know what's going to happen. It's really unpredictable."

Keith got his first peek into the fantasy world of Harry Potter after a friend told him about the books. Now he's a bonafide fan.

"I think J.K. Rowling is a pretty good writer." He especially enjoys the way she creates words like "muggle" and sports like "Quidditch" in her fictitious world. Now that his mother is reading the books, he said, they have a lot to talk about. "I've always liked to read, but I think (these books) make me *want* to read."

Inappropriate subject?

While readers young and old have lauded the author, some parents still showed concern over the use of sorcery in the books. Annemarie Posh, a Livonia resident, will not let her children read Rowling's novels. Posh said it took one look at the cover to know it wasn't appropriate reading for her children.

"We're always careful about what she watches on TV," she said of her daughter. "I saw that sorcery stuff. You just don't know what the agendas of different authors (may be)."

Carol Bacile of Livonia works as a first-grade teacher. She said that while she believes Rowling is a good writer, she didn't like the "slant toward witchcraft."

"I don't think witchcraft is harmless," added Bacile, who's read the first book in the series. "I just don't think witchcraft is something that needs to be introduced to children."

A kind of censorship

Linda Garrett, a young adult librarian, finds the discussion against the books troublesome. She considers it her duty to provide library patrons access to literary works, as well as acting in the best interest of the students who pass through her library. A strong supporter of the books for their ability to promote qualities like kindness, loyalty and bravery, she was disappointed in a decision made recently by her peers.

Garrett explained in a letter: "At the annual MAME (Michigan Association of Media Educators) conference last fa'l 'Harry Potter' was the topic of discussion at a dinner I attended with Plymouth-Canton media specialists. I'm sorry to report a number of the media specialists stated they would not purchase the Harry Potter series for their libraries because they couldn't bare to face the furor that was bound to erupt."

Just fantasy?

Kathy Ellison isn't as concerned with the "sorcery" side of these books that have captured the imagination of her son and daughter. "They are sorcerers, but it's more like magic," she said. "Kids aren't going to try and make a spell."

Fiona Laymon, a Redford Township parent, agreed. She expressed the idea that if Harry Potter poses a threat because of its subject matter, any classic fantasy story — like "Alice in Wonderland" — could also be questioned. Laymon said the real issue is parent-child communication. "Too many people are too involved in other aspects of their lives, but you need to take the time to listen to your child and discuss what they are reading," she wrote in an e-mail message.

As a substitute elementary school teacher in Canton and mother of twins, Ellison knows firsthand the impact of J.K Rowling's novels on her 9-year-old son. Max couldn't have picked up a Harry Potter book soon enough, as far as she's concerned.

"He was starting to get more into GameBoy and Nintendo than reading," said Ellison, who read one of the books before allowing her kids to open the cover. "Everything we tried to do, he wasn't really interested, until this book."

Ellison attributed the popularity of

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All-wrapped up: *A group of students from Pattee Rupert's fifth-grade class at Field Elementary in Canton read their Harry Potter books recently.*

Harry Potter series renews reading interest

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Don't try to check out a Harry Potter book from the library at Field Elementary School in Canton. Chances are, the waiting list is growing even longer.

J.K. Rowling's series starring the young sorcerer is the hottest book on the shelves, said Connie Kelber, school librarian. "All the books are constantly out. Students had to sign up. This is the newest big thing."

Harry Potter was also the big seller at the school's book fair; it actually sold out. Kelber, who's read all three novels so far, said that part of the appeal of the book stems from the way Harry is portrayed like a normal child — someone who makes mistakes. Kids feel for Harry. And Harry encourages students — who may be reluctant readers — to get lost in this fantasy world.

Kelber said: "When I asked a student 'What is it about the book that you like?' his eyes lit up and he said 'It's really thrilling.' That's how you describe a roller coaster, not a book. We're very happy."

Adam Robinson, a fourth-grader, said it took time for him to get interested. "When I first read it I didn't exactly like it." Now he's almost halfway through the third book. "This is the first book I've ever read through and wanted to keep going." He's not alone.

"I think Harry Potter has surpassed 'Goosebumps,'" said Pattee Rupert, fourth grade teacher. "She makes pictures with words. Those are the authors we like." Rupert noted that teachers use the books in different ways, some read them to the class, others let the students read them by themselves. Rupert answers questions her students have when reading the books. She too is reading them chapter by chapter.

"They're the best books I've ever read," said fifth-grader Brad Way. "They're pretty exciting and action-packed." Classmate Asiri Liyanaarachchi agreed. He's read all three books. "I want to read the whole series," said Asiri.

But the class wants more than that.

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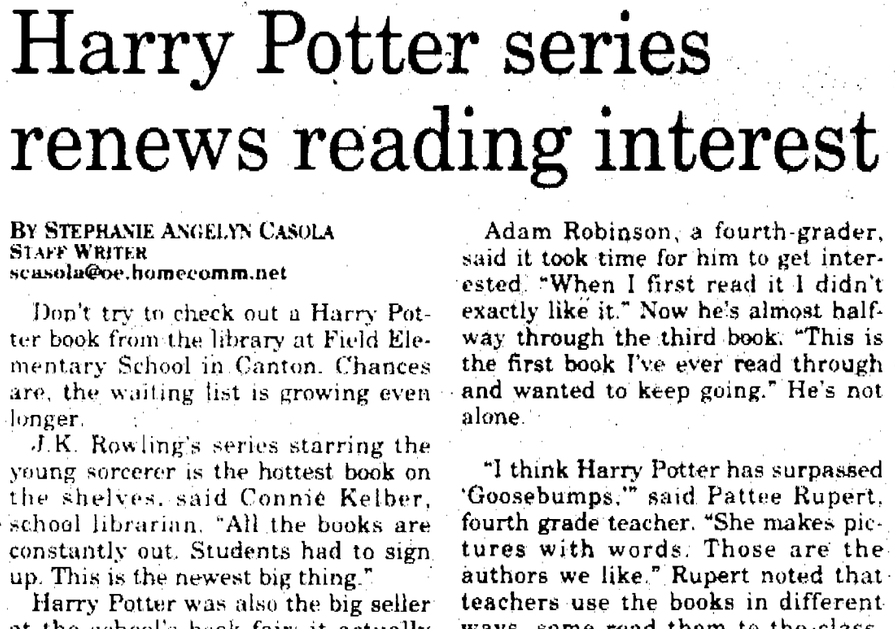

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Devoted: *Brad Way, from left in back, Shayna Klein, Alyssa Heller, Lisa Wiezorek and Stephanie Mifsud, all 10 and in Pattee Rupert's fifth-grade class at Field Elementary in Canton, show off their Harry Potter books, while the official Web site is displayed on a TV screen in the classroom.*

Fans speak out about Potter

J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series of novels spurred discussion around the community. Here are additional responses from friends and neighbors who know of the young lad and his fantastic adventures:

It's a family affair

Cheryl Zuzo of Canton wrote:

"(My daughter and I) read the books together and discuss everything that occurs – good and bad. We are a Christian family and do not advocate sorcery or witchcraft ... I must admit there were nights when my daughter was afraid to go to sleep because the chapter we may have read that evening was a bit frightening. She did come to the conclusion that good will always win over evil."

Play time = Potter time

Ann Wilkes, Canton resident and mother of "two (sheltered) girls," wrote:

"The children are so excited about a book they are reading in their free time that they are discussing the characters at lunch, incorporating the novels in their play at recess and generally just want more."

Her daughter, Meggie Wilkes, e-mailed this statement:

"I am in the fourth grade at Cass School and I love Harry Potter! My friends and I really LOVE Harry Potter. The only problem is that one of my friends is not allowed to read Harry Potter, so she really can't play Harry Potter. One of my friends and I tried to write the eighth Harry Potter book, but failed. I love Harry Potter because they are exciting and because they are fun to read."

Witchy, not evil, ways

Shellie I. Schultz, Livonia resident and mother, wrote:

"Immediately I was immersed in a wonderfully imaginative tale of a boy who was unloved in the home he was living in, to find out how revered he was in another community. This set (unlike the 'Star Wars' series ... using 'The Force' for good or evil."

Ready to read

Teresa Allen of Livonia wrote:

"It is not pro-evil, it is definitely pro-hero. Anything that can encourage children to read, that adults can share with their kids, that excites them as this does, can't be bad ... I definitely find these books to be an asset to any library, children's or adults'."

Crusader for Potter

David Heater of Canton wrote:

"If we start throwing around ideas that these books are somehow bad for kids we go down a very dangerous road. It harkens back to the days when certain schools banned 'Huckleberry Finn' and 'Slaughterhouse Five.' I have faith that our teachers and school officials in our area are enlightened enough to dismiss any such talk."

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Focused: *Lisa Wiezorek, 10, reads her Harry Potter book.*

A wake-up call

Linda Korovesis of Livonia wrote:

"I can't say enough good things about it in an effort to quell those people that would see it banned ... Wake up people, your children are playing at much worse on the Nintendo in your living room."

Cherie Cornick of Canton said:

"It's just a good story ... I don't understand at all people's concerns. There's an element who are trying to control what people read and what people think. I think anytime we get a child to read and immerse themselves in a story, it's really valuable. There's also an element of mystery in it. Mystery requires a child to look for clues. That leads to better comprehension."

Kids can relate

Maggie Zakem of Plymouth called to say kids, like her 12-year-old daughter Maura, can relate to the story and see the humor in it. "I think they're funny, the parallels to witch school. They have exams, they have some teachers who are awful, some who are boring, it's so parallel."

Evening of Hope fund-raiser benefits pediatric cancer research

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Currently cancer is the No. 1 killer disease of children ages 3-14 in the United States. The Leukemia, Research, Life Inc. organization is hoping that the $2.5 million they've raised for research since 1981 will one day soon put an end to such an alarming statistic.

"We need to find a cure. Children are our future," said Colleen Rieckhoff, LRL Inc. board member and mother of 4-year-old Taylor, who was diagnosed with leukemia in 1996. "It's devastating to lose a mother or grandfather to cancer, but seeing a child go through this ... it's like getting hit with a wrecking ball."

In an effort to get even closer to finding a cure for childhood cancers, LRL Inc. is gearing up for the 19th annual Evening of Hope fund-raiser Saturday, March 4, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

According to LRL Inc. founder Sharon DeVore, this year's theme, "Destination: CURE Captain's Gala," is expected to draw more than 700 guests, whose contributions could help to exceed their $90,000 fund-raising goal.

"I'm proud to say 99 cents of every dollar LRL raises funds pediatric cancer research at Children's Hospital of Michigan," said DeVore, "and LRL is the largest single contributor to cancer research at Children's."

Festivities for this year's event begin at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and a silent auction. Honorary chairmen Jason Hanson, Luther Ellis and Robert Porcher of the Detroit Lions along with Detroit Rockers Bryan "Goose" Finnerty will summon the main seating for dinner at 8 p.m. Notable media celebrities include "Destination: CURE Captains" Rich Fisher (WKBD-50), Mark Hayes (WXYZ-7) and Lila Lazarus (WDIV-4).

No one knows the benefit of financing pediatric cancer research more than the parent of a young cancer patient. Colleen Rieckhoff says she hopes one day her daughter – and thousands of children like her – will be able to benefit from research financed by events such as the "Evening of Hope."

"Although Taylor has been done with treatment since May 19, 1997, it's still a daily thing for us, and we thank God that we had yesterday together," said Rieckhoff.

Taylor, who will celebrate her fifth birthday in April, first showed signs of a problem at 13 months, when her lymph nodes began to swell and she bruised easily all over her body.

"I just thought the doctor would say she had low iron and they'd give us some medicine and send us on our way," recalls Rieckhoff. The results of blood tests however, were so alarming, that there was a message on Rieckhoff's answering machine from the doctor before she arrived home from the office visit.

Rieckhoff said the doctor told her Taylor had such a platelet deficiency that she either had blood cancer or leukemia and that they should pack a bag — a team of doctors was already waiting for her daughter at Children's Hospital.

Ten days of chemotherapy and six months of treatment immediately followed. Young Taylor however relapsed four months after her initial treatment and had to go into remission again before a bone marrow transplant was possible.

Rieckhoff said her daughter went into remission and received bone marrow from a West Virginia donor in 1997. Rieckhoff tried to keep her home life as normal as possible for Taylor's older brother Nicholas and twin, Ryan. Because of this, Rieckhoff wasn't able to get involved with LRL Inc. until a year after her daughter's transplant.

So Rieckhoff began volunteering on the decorating committee with LRL Inc. and has been devoted to the cause ever since.

LRL Inc. was established in 1981 by a few clinic parents – practically strangers at the time – in hopes of mobilizing a fight against their children's leukemia and increasing the amount of money that was backing research. Although the initial fight was directed at leukemia, they quickly realized that the battle was against all childhood cancers.

Grateful

Although it has been nearly three years since 4-year-old Taylor completed her treatment, her mom says that not for one minute does she ever take for granted the health of her little girl.

"I don't want people to think that just because it's been three years that Taylor is cured. They can't tell me that this won't come back, and until we find a cure, you let the little things that used to seem like big things go. They aren't important anymore," said Rieckhoff.

The Evening of Hope is $75 per person; VIP Fare is $1,500 per table of ten. Call (313) 884-0931 or Eileen Surma at (313) 581-5647 to purchase tickets. Laurel Manor is located at 39000 Schoolcraft Rd. in Livonia. Dessert and dancing follow.

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the fantasy novels to the way they reach kids. Like the Pokemon phenomenon, Harry Potter books use a language that kids have learned by heart and parents don't always understand.

"Kids can talk to each other about it," said Ellison. The books give Ellison, who works in the Plymouth-Canton school system, a new way to relate to her students. She's witnessed kids reading these books and taking out a dictionary to look up the "big words," a good clue that they are educational.

Suitable for all ages

While inspiring children to read may be one of the benefits of Rowling's books, they have also reached beyond youngsters. At 61, Patricia Felts has read the novels and bought them for her grandchildren. The elementary school secretary in Garden City enjoys the stories of wizardry, and she's not alone: "Many members of our staff are also reading these books and are thoroughly delighted with them. These people are educators who are interested in increasing children's desire to learn," she wrote.

Felts stressed the idea that the books encourage readers to use their imagination — something she believes is important for young readers who are constantly bombarded by the distractions of television and computer games.

It isn't just for kids, added Amey Decker, assistant manager at Barnes and Noble in Northville. She has seen the popularity in "Harry Potter" books grow and feels they are suitable for any reader. "All ages come in asking for it," said Decker. "I think parents buy it for their kids and then read it themselves."

Pam Lincoln of Canton is not only a fan of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series, she feels the author is filling a niche by catering to readers who are past the age of Dr. Seuss, but not quite ready for John Grisham. She encourages her 14-year-old daughter and 9-year-old son to read the books.

"I don't think there are a lot of good fantasy books on the market," she said. "There are a lot of mystery stories that are easy-reads, but it makes it hard when you get to that intermediate level."

She noted that children are naturally drawn to make-believe and imaginative stories. "I don't see this as being all that different from C.S. Lewis' (novels like) 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.'"

The difference may be that Harry Potter is ready to hit the silver screen in a big way. Not only is a Harry Potter movie in the works, Warner Brothers has purchased merchandising rights, which means Harry Potter dolls could be the hot item to come. Hang onto your sorcerer's stone.

Reading from page B1

They want to bring J.K. Rowling to the school in person. The class even went online with the author to talk about their literary hero, Harry Potter.

Classmate Jessica Cicirelli doesn't just read the books, she's taken to writing her own mysteries. Jessica said writing is something she might like to do as a hobby when she grows up. "She does a good job," said Jessica, about one of her favorite writers.

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, Feb. 29, 2000, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
1984	MERC.	COUGAR/2 DR	YELLOW	1MEEP9231EH644534
1986	DODGE	ARIES/WAGON	BLUE	1B3BD39DXGF145818

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

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
1992	FORD	TEMPO/4 DR	BLUE	1FAPP36U2NK110233
1989	FORD	TEMPO/4 DR	LT BLUE	2FABP35X9KB194188
1987	FORD	ESCORT/2 DR	BLUE	2FAPP2093HB176065
1985	FORD	RANGER/PICK UP	RED	1FTCR10A9JUC33290
1991	HONDA	CRX/2 DR	RED	JHMED8367MS003107
1988	FORD	TAURUS/4 DR	SILVER	1FABP52U4JG284491

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

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after MARCH 25, 2000, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
1986	TOYOTA	COROLLA/4 DR	BLUE	JT2AE82L3G3286410

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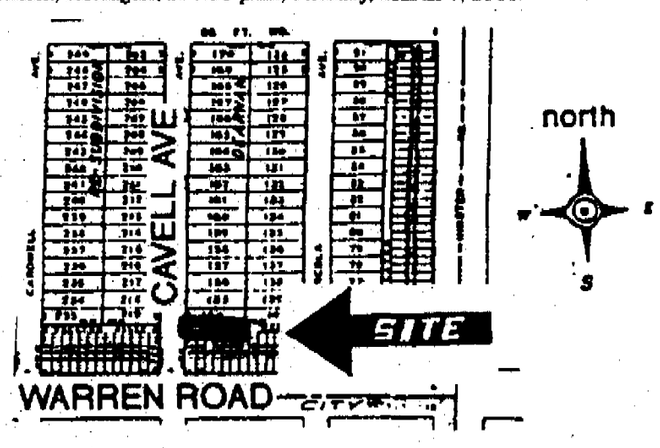
CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2027, Public Hearing for Proposed Vacation of 20 Feet Wide Alley, Adjacent to Lot Nos. 147-153 and 154 of Re-Subdivision of Dearman Park, East of Cavell Avenue, North of Warren Road, SE-1, David Chehade.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2000



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

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
2000 BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on the following date and time to examine the assessment roll for the current year:

Tuesday March 7, 2000 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the 2000 assessment roll:

Monday	March 13, 2000	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 14, 2000	1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	March 15, 2000	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	March 16, 2000	1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	March 17, 2000	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

APPEALS BY APPOINTMENT or WRITE-IN. Write-ins must be received by Monday, March 13, 2000.

Tentative ratios and factors for the 2000 tax year are:

CLASS	PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RATIO	PROJECTED EQUALIZATION FACTOR
Commercial	45.20%	1.1062
Industrial	48.77%	1.0252
Residential	46.20%	1.0823
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Taxes are paid on **TAXABLE value**, which is the lower of assessed value or capped value, unless there is a property transfer. The capped value is based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index) which will increase only 1.9% for 2000. As a result, residential taxes values will increase only 1.9% unless there has been a transfer of ownership or an addition to the property.

The 2000 Assessment Roll will be open for inspection from March 8, 2000 through March 10, 2000 in the assessment office from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ALLYSON BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2000

Present were Mayor Showalter, Councilmembers Kaledas, Wiacek, Dodge, Lynch, Briscoe, and Gora. Absent none.

Also present were City Manager Kocsis, Treasurer/City Clerk Bettis, City Attorney Salomone, Parks and Recreation Director Whitson, and Library Director Elmouchi.

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

- Frank Maroni, of Garden City, discussed concrete work performed in 1995.

◆ Item 02-00-027 Moved by Kaledas; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting of January 31, 2000, as presented. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None

The Mayor announced it was time to receive communications from Boards and/or Commissions.

No communications from Boards and/or Commissions were received.

Mayor Showalter with approval of Council suspended the rules to allow discussion without a substantive motion on the floor. After discussion the following motion was offered.

◆ Item 02-00-028 Moved by Kaledas; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To call for a Special Workshop, March 6, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at Maplewood Community Center to discuss Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO). AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None

◆ Item 02-00-029 Moved by Dodge; supported by Gora: RESOLVED: To award the bid to BC Services: WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Garden City Council to award a housing rehabilitation bid to the second lowest; and WHEREAS, City Ordinance requires that reason for awarding a bid for goods or services to one other than the lowest bidder must be stated by the Council. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bid of George H. Pastor & Sons, Inc. in the amount of $3,980.00 be rejected for reason that an award to that Company would not be to the benefit of the health, safety and welfare of the homeowner and recent experiences of Garden City with the low bidder demonstrated a failure to follow building code requirements and a lack of reasonable workmanship on the part of their subcontractors. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bid of BC Services in the amount of $4,540.00 be accepted. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

1. Community Center Feasibility Study.
2. Chairs for the 21st District Court.
3. Assessment Change Notices.
4. Criminal Offense Ordinance Amendments.
   a. Section 135.04
   b. Repealing Section 135.06
   c. Section 70.04 (O)
   d. Adding Section 135.06
   e. Adding Section 133.34
   f. Adding Section 70.04 (P)
   g. Section 133.18
   h. Adding Section 133.21
   i. Section 132.20
   j. Section 132.22
   k. Section 132.04
   l. Section 132.10
   m. Adding Section 132.23
   n. Adding Section 132.24
   o. Adding Section 132.10
   p. Adding Section 132.19
   q. Adding Section 132.31
   r. Adding Section 132.32
   s. Adding Section 131.02
   t. Adding Section 132.33
   u. Section 132.26
   v. Adding Section 132.34
   w. Adding Section 132.35
   x. Adding Section 132.36
   y. Adding Section 132.37
   z. Adding Section 132.38
   aa. Adding Section 132.39
   bb. Adding Section 132.40
   cc. Adding Section 132.41
   dd. Adding Section 70.04 (Q)
5. SRF loan re-payment schedule.
6. Northstar Environments Services, Inc.

◆ Item 02-00-030 Moved by Kaledas; supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To award the bid for Assessment Change Notices to Double Day Bros. Co. in the amount of $0.363 per item. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None

◆ Item 02-00-031 Moved by Lynch; supported by Gora: RESOLVED: To approve Consent Agenda "1":

a. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, Section 135.04, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.
b. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment repealing Section 135.06, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:01 p.m.
c. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, Section 70.04 (O), and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:02 p.m.
d. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment adding, Section 135.06, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:03 p.m.
e. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, adding Section 133.34, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:04 p.m.
f. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, adding Section 70.04 (P), and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:05 p.m.
g. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, Section 133.18, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:06 p.m.
h. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, adding Section 132.21, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:07 p.m.
i. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, Section 132.20 and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:08 p.m.
j. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, Section 132.22, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:09 p.m.
k. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, Section 132.04, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:10 p.m.
l. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, Section 132.10, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:11 p.m.
m. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, adding Section 132.23, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:12 p.m.
n. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, adding Section 132.24, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:13 p.m.
o. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, adding Section 131.10, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:14 p.m.
p. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, adding Section 132.19, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:15 p.m.
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r. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, adding Section 132.32, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:17 p.m.
s. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, adding Section 131.02, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:18 p.m.
t. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, adding Section 132.33, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:19 p.m.
u. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, Section 132.26, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:20 p.m.
v. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, adding Section 132.34, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:21 p.m.
w. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, adding Section 132.35, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:22 p.m.
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y. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, adding Section 132.37, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:24 p.m.
z. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, adding Section 132.38, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:25 p.m.
aa. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, adding Section 132.39, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:26 p.m.
bb. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, adding Section 132.40, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:27 p.m.
cc. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, adding Section 132.41, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:28 p.m.
dd. To introduce the attached ordinance amendment, adding Section 70.04 (Q), and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:29 p.m.

AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None

◆ Item 02-00-032 Moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: *The City Attorney suggested that Bond Council be contacted regarding this resolution.* RESOLVED: To approve the revised SRF loan repayment schedule as per State letter dated February 1, 2000, this replaces Schedule No. 1 AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None

◆ Item 02-00-033 Moved by Dodge; supported by Gora: RESOLVED: To approve payment of subcontractor Northstar Environmental Services, Inc., contingent upon Mr. George Hartman receiving proper documentation and National Environmental Services, Inc. creditors signing off. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None

◆ Item 02-00-034 Moved by Lynch; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To go into closed session to discuss attorney's opinion regarding a commission matter and an update on Omnipoint litigation. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None

Council returned from closed session and the following motion was offered.

◆ Item 02-00-035 Moved by Lynch; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To approve a Resolution of Consent to Representation: WHEREAS, the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. ("Miller Canfield") has represented and currently represents the City of Garden City (the "City"), as bond counsel; and WHEREAS, LENNOX GARDEN CITY, LLC successor in interest to Lennox Custom Homes ("Lennox") wished to engage Miller Canfield as its counsel for administrative matters only in connection with requests for rezoning and planned development approval for a proposed condominium development on property located at the intersection of Dillon and Beechwood in the City (the "Project"); and WHEREAS, Miller Canfield has requested the City's consent to the representation of the representation of LENNOX by Miller Canfield; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This City Council does hereby consent to the representation of LENNOX by Miller, Canfield in connection with the Project for administrative matters only.
2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as the same conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS,
Treasurer/City Clerk

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ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Green-Harrigan

Charles and Barbara Green of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Teresa A., to Lawrence T. Harrigan Jr. of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 Redford Union High School graduate. She works for Tri County Title Agency.

Her fiance, son of Lawrence and Kathy Harrigan of Farmington Hills, is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School who attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed by EDS/General Motors.

An October wedding is planned at Nardin Park United

Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

Guzzo-Wolf

Mr. and Mrs. Francesco Guzzo of Pinckney, formerly of Canton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie, to Eric L. Wolf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wolf of West Branch, formerly of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Northwood University. She is employed by Automotive Lighting in Wixom.

Her fiance is a graduate of Churchill High School, and is employed by Apollo Tile and Marble in Plymouth.

A June wedding is planned at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.

Partain-Monan

John and Phyllis Partain of Plymouth announce the marriage of their daughter, Allison Leigh, to Michael Patrick Monan of Ann Arbor.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan. She's employed by Exhibit Works in Livonia.

Her husband, son of Richard and Marilyn Monan of Batavia, Ill., received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Michigan and works for Diamond Bullet Design in Ann Arbor.

An October wedding took place at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington before Suzanne Paul. The bride's attendants include Courtney Gazlay, Kristen Monan, Kristi Partain, Samantha Partain and Rache Partain. The groomsmen includ-

ed Christopher Hailes, Robert Partain, Thomas Heikkinem, Benjamin Guidinger, Seth Klain and Richard Walicki.

The couple received guests at the Mayflower Grand Ballroom in Plymouth and later took a cruise to the Pacific Coast of Mexico. They will make their home in Ann Arbor.

Deschaine-O'Connor

Thomas and Nancy Deschaine of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Rose, to Kevin Patrick O'Connor of Kalamazoo.

The bride-to-be is a Western Michigan University graduate and works as a registered nurse at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo.

Her fiancé, son of John and Susan O'Connor of Grand Rapids, is a Western Michigan University graduate who is currently working as a bartender at Harpo's in Detroit.

A May 2000 wedding is planned at St. Richard's in Westland.

Kohler-Baier

Charles and Debbie Kohler of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Anne, to Corey Michael Baier of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a Redford Union High School graduate who obtained her bachelor's degree at Hillsdale College.

Her fiancé, son of Ken and Debbie Baier of Redford, is a Redford Union High School graduate and now works in sales support for Zimmer Orthopedics.

A September 2000 wedding is planned at Northville Christian in Northville.

Cordon-Thor

Terrence J. Cordon of Northville and Kathleen M. Cordon of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Kathleen, to Michael Robert Thor of Belleville.

The bride-to-be graduated with a bachelor's degree in International Relations from Michigan State University in 1992 and obtained her law degree from the University of Detroit School of Law in 1995. She works as a staff attorney for UAW-GM Legal Services Plan. She attended Plymouth-Canton High School.

Her fiance is a is a 1993 graduate of Florida Institute of Technology, with a bachelor's degree in aviation management and

flight technology. He works as an aircraft dispatcher at Kittyhawk International.

An April wedding is planned at St. James Catholic Church in Ferndale.

Fling-Monnette

Richard Fling of Livonia and Ann Douglas announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Ann, to Jeffrey James Monnette of Pinckney.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 Mercy High School graduate and will graduate from Boston College in May.

Her fiancé, son of Richard and Elizabeth Monnette of Pinckney, is a 1996 Catholic Central High School graduate and a 1999 DePaul University graduate. He works for Price-Waterhouse-Coopers, L.L.P.

A July 2000 wedding is

planned at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Detroit.

Gomoll-Buddie

James and Janet Gomoll of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Sue, to Ronald Richard Buddie Jr. of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland and attended Ford Vocational Tech Center for two years, studying data processing and computer programming.

Her fiancé is a is a 1989 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia. He works at General Fastner of Livonia in shipping and receiving.

A September wedding is being

planned at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland.

AMAZING feats

■ **Neil** and **Deanna Cervenan** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter **Sarah Elizabeth** on Oct. 21 at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are Aurel and Gilda Schryer of Dearborn Heights and Jane Cervenan of Shelby Township

■ **Helen** and **Kirk Martin** of Livonia announce the birth of their son **Breandan Francis** born Feb. 12 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Breandan joins sister Jessica, 14. Grandparents are Barbara and Eugene Start of Livonia and Ann Martin of Windsor

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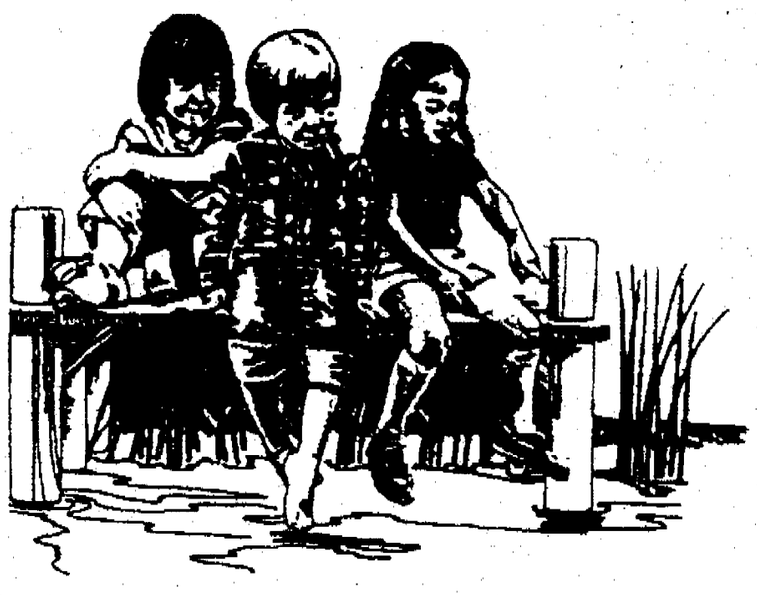

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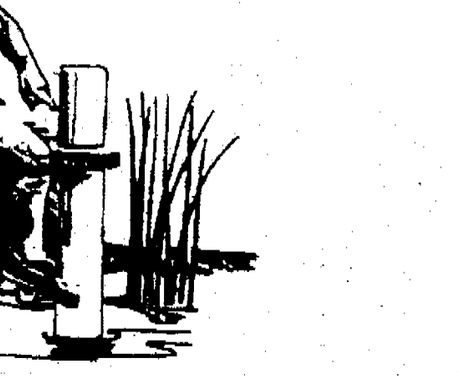

CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

COFFEE HOUR
U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will have a coffee hour 8:30-10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at Leon's, 303 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All 13th Congressional District residents are encouraged to stop by and discuss concerns. For information, call Deborah Johnson in Rivers' office, (734) 485-3741.

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. County Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, a former state representative, 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) 427-0506.

VOLUNTEERS

HOSPICE
Spring Volunteer Training for Community Hospice & Home Care Services begins Monday, March 20, and runs through Friday, March 31. Classes will run 5-9 p.m. for six sessions (March 20, 22, 24, 27, 29 and 31) at the CHHCS office, northwest corner of Warren and Venoy in Westland. For information or to register, call (734) 522-4244. Volunteers are needed in many areas.

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) 595-2660.

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.

CHURCH 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.

BUILDING BLOCKS
Building Blocks Preschool in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman

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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. Call (734) 421-7359 for registration information.

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

CARD PARTY/LUNCHEON
The Friendship Center (Westland Senior Resources Department) will have a card party 10 a.m. Friday, March 24, to chase the winter blues away. It will be at the center, on Newburgh near Marquette in Westland. There will be prizes. A luncheon will be served. Tickets, at $10, will be available at the front desk. "Driving Miss Daisy" has been canceled. 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 non-members. 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 for more information.

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 for more information.

T.O.P.S.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. MI53 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

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. Call (734) 422-5025 or (734) 729-8681.

SHAMROCK BINGO
Bingo is played at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road in Wayne. Doors open at 9 a.m. Food is available. Proceeds go to charity. Call (734) 728-3020 for more information.

SMOKELESS BINGO
"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Sts. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer east of Venoy in Westland. Offered are three jackpots of $400, $300 and $200.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

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

RATIONAL RECOVERY
Rational Recovery is a nonprofit, self-help organization for people experiencing problems caused by alcohol and/or substance abuse or other self-defeating behaviors. The group meets at 12:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Garden City Hospital Community Health Center, on Harrison north of Maplewood in Garden City. Call (248) 476-2657.

CHILDBIRTH CLASSES
Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns, weekend childbirth instruction, a refresher childbirth education course and a new support group for expectant teens. Call (734) 458-4330.

CHILDBIRTH ASSOCIATION
Classes for childbirth preparation are offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes are available. Newborn care classes and Caesarean preparation are also offered. Call (734) 459-7477.

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

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1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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453-1676

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Sunday Worship
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11:00 a.m. Traditional
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Youth Groups • Adult Small Groups

CATHOLIC

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Traditional Latin Mass
St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8
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Sunday 8:00, 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.
5:00 P.M. Life Teen Mass

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451-0444
REV. RICHARD A. PERFETTO
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Saturday - 4:30 p.m.
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16360 Hubbard Road
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421-8451
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Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Dinner & Classes
Saturday 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
Sunday 7:45 & 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist
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(West of Canton Center)
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Sunday School 10:45 am
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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
20805 Middlebelt
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WORSHIP SERVICES
Pastor John W. Meyer • 474-0675

Risen Christ Lutheran
46250 Ann Arbor Road
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Plymouth • 453-5252
Worship Service 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Pastor David Martin
Hugh McMartin, Lay Minister

HOSANNA-TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
9600 Leverne • So. Redford • 313-937-2424
Rev. Lawrence Witto / Rev. Steve Eggers
Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Thursday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Christian School: Kindergarten-8th Grade
313-937-2233

St. Michael Lutheran Church & School
Sunday Morning Worship Services
Traditional Services 8 & 11 am
Contemporary Service 9:30 am
Sunday School (Children & Adult) 9:30 & 11 am
Wednesday Night Service 7 pm
Rev. Dr. Robert J. Schultz   Rev. Merle Welhousen

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN
Church & School   5885 Venoy
1 Blk. N. of Ford Rd., Westland   425-0260
Divine Worship 8 & 11:00 A.M.
Bible Class & SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.
Monday Evening Service 7:00 P.M.
Gary D. Headapohl, Administrative Pastor
Kurt E. Lambart, Assistant Pastor
Jeff Burkee, Principal/D.C.E.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD
25630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DALY
532-2266   REDFORD TWP.
Worship Service
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Nursery Provided
Rev. Victor F. Halboth, Pastor
Rev. Timothy Halboth, Assoc. Pastor

LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
9415 Merriman • Livonia
Sunday Worship Service 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m.
School Grades • Pre-School - 8
Church & School office
(734) 422-6930

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
17810 Farmington Road • Livonia • (734) 261-1360
May thru October • Monday Night Service • 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Bible Classes For All Ages 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship Services 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Pastor James Hoff
Pastor Eric Steinbrenner

Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church & School
14750 Kinloch • Redford Twp.
313-532-8655
Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
School Grade K thru 8
Phone for Enrollment info
WLQV 1500 SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

CHRISTADELPHIANS

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Sunday Memorial Service 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School 11:30 A.M.
Bible Class - Wednesdays 7:30 P.M.
36516 Parkdale, Livonia
425-7610

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

NATIVITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Livonia 48150 • 421-5406
Rev. Donald Untelman, Pastor
9:15 a.m. Adult Classes
10:30 a.m. Worship Service and Youth Classes
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Timothy Lutheran Church
8820 Wayne Rd.
(Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road)
Livonia • 427-2290
Rev. Carla Thompson Powell, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)
10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Nursery Avail.)
http://www.timothylivonia.com

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FULL GOSPEL CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH
291 E. SPRING ST.
2 Blocks N. of Main - 2 Blocks E. of Mill
SUNDAY: Bible School 10:00 A.M.; Worship 11:00 A.M. AND 6:00 P.M.; Nursery Provided at A.M.
WEDNESDAY: Bible Study 7:00 P.M. (Classes for all ages)

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
5 Miles W. of Sheldon Rd.
From M-14 take Gottfredson Rd. South
734-459-9550
Dr. Wm. C. Moore - Pastor
8:00 Prayer & Praise Service
9:30 Lifeline Contemporary Service
11:00 Traditional Service
SUNDAY SCHOOL (NURSERY PROVIDED)
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages

WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church
40000 Six Mile Road
"just west of I-275"
Northville, MI
248-374-7400
Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor
Worship Services, Sunday School
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.
Contemporary Service
8:50-9:45 A.M.
Evening Service
6:00 P.M. in the Chapel
Nursery Provided
Now On The Radio 8:30 a.m. Sunday - WYUR 1310 AM

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ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH, USA
16700 Newburgh Road
Livonia • 734-464-8844
Sunday School for All Ages 9:30 a.m.
Family Worship 11:00 a.m.
"New Wine"
Rev. Dr. Janet Noble-Richardson, Pastor
http://www.unidial.com/~sttimothy

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5835 Sheldon Rd., Canton
(734) 459-0013
Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Education For All Ages
Childcare Provided • Handicapped Accessible
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PLYMOUTH
8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Dr. James Skimins, Senior Minister
Tamara J. Seidel, Associate Minister
Carole MacKay, Director of Christian Education
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Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (USA)
9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI
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Worship Service & Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Nursery Care Provided
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Chris Cramer, Pastor
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248-324-1700

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PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
45801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (313) 453-1525
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M.
Family Night Wed. 7:00 P.M.
NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN 455-3196

UNITED METHODIST

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST
30900 Six Mile Rd. (Bet. Merriman & Middlebelt)
Chuck Sonquist, Pastor
10:00 A.M. Worship & Church School
11:15 A.M. Adult Study Classes
Nursery Provided • 422-6038

Clarenceville United Methodist
20300 Middlebelt Rd. • Livonia
474-3444
Rev. Jean Love
Worship Services 10:15 A.M. 6:00 PM
Nursery Provided
Sunday School 9 AM
Office Hrs. 9-5

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9:00 & 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship
4:30 p.m. - "Connections" - Contemporary Worship
Dynamic Youth & Children's Programs
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Child-Care Provided
First United Methodist Church of Plymouth
(734) 453-5280

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United Methodist Church
10000 Beech Daly, Redford
Between Plymouth and W. Chicago
Bob & Diana Goudie, Co-Pastors
313-937-3170
February 27
Scripture/Mark 2:13-22
New Wines, New Skins
Rev. Diana Goudie, preaching

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Stephen Ministry Congregation
36500 Ann Arbor Trail
between Wayne & Newburgh Rds.
422-0149
Worship Services
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
"Letters Worth Saving"
Rev. Thomas G. Badley, preaching
Rev. Thomas G. Badley
Rev. Melanie Lee Carey
Rev. Edward C. Coley

GOD WELCOMES EVERYONE

Don't take for granted the blessings God bestows upon us

Recently at our dinner table great wisdom was imparted about God's grace. We were all seated and ready to say our blessing. (Since our daughter's name is Grace, we call our table grace a "blessing to God" in order to avoid confusion.)

We hold hands around the table and then we say our blessing to God. It's the traditional "God is great, God is good" blessing.

On this night, Nick, our 4 1/2-year-old, said, "Now it is time for the blessing." Our daughter, Grace, looked confused so Nick went on to say, "This is where we thank God for all the special stuff God gives us." My husband and I inquired about what the "special stuff" was and Nick said simply, "Love and fun."

I like his definition. God's grace is the love and fun we are given in life. It is something special. It is a wonderful blessing, or an unexpected surprise or moment in an otherwise dreary day.

■ 'This is God's grace.'

It is the little moments of laughter and smiles during the day. It is the way others care for us. This is God's grace, which is a grand and wonderful gift offered to each of us, with no strings attached. It is just God's way of loving us.

Sometimes we forget that simple but very profound message. God is there for us. God is always loving us, offering us moments of grace, moments of love and fun. And these gifts from God are what get us through and compel us to offer grace to others.

In our fast-paced lives, we need to take a few moments each day to reflect on God's gift of love and fun. And as we reflect, let us thank God for this wonderful gift and for continuing to give it to us despite what we may do or think.

And then, as we enjoy the wonderful grace of our creator, we must also remember to pass it on. Just as God offers love and fun to us in simple, yet profound ways, we too can offer this grace to others. It is as simple as a smile, as a kind word, or deed. Simple acts can change our community and world.

Rev. Melanie Lee Carey has served as associate pastor of Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia since June of 1993. She grew up in Chelsea, Mich., and lives with her husband and children in Livonia. She can be reached via e-mail at Melanielee@ newburgumc.org

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Women from clusters 5 and 6 will celebrate the gifts of women, share stories, sing psalms, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, St. Timothy, 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia. (248) 478-4742 or (734) 522-0739.

LUTHERAN SINGERS
The Detroit Lutheran Singers, Eric Freudigman, director and Doris Hall, accompanist, will perform a concert of sacred choral music with participation by children's choirs at Christ Our Savior Lutheran at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26 (14175 Farmington Road in Livonia). Tickets are $10 ($7 for students and seniors). Call (248) 988-0604 or visit their Web site at http://members.xoom.com/kmirwin/dls.html

KEEFE CONCERT
Barbara Keefe, spiritual teacher and new thought vocalist, will be performing in concert "Tinkerbell and other light beings," at 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road). The concert will be offered on a donation basis. Keefe tours extensively in the U.S. performing concerts for spiritual and private groups after many years of professional work throughout the world. Three albums will be available for purchase "Through the Open Door," "The Mayan G," and "Fly." For more information call (734) 421-1760.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN GATHERINGS
"Opening Our Hearts to Christ - Jubilee 2000" will begin with noon services on the Wednesdays of Lent followed by a luncheon of bread and soup. All services will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 710 Church St. in Plymouth. Worship leaders/lunch providers are as follows: March 8, Our Lady of Good Counsel (St. Kenneth); March 15, St. John's Episcopal (St. John's Episcopal); March 22, First United Methodist (Our Lady of Good Counsel); March 29, First Baptist (First Baptist); April 5, Saint Kenneth (First United Methodist); and April 12, Salvation Army (Salvation Army). Donations to cover the cost of lunch benefit the Greater Detroit Partnership for Training (a national initiative that addresses primary health care shortages).

GRIEF SEMINAR
A grief share seminar for adults and children will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at Family Impact Ministries the pastoral care center of Tri-City Christian Center located on Michigan Ave (one mile east of I-275) in Canton. Cost is $25 per person, $35 per couple and family. Scholarships available. Call (734) 326-7780 for information.

WEIGH DOWN
A weigh down workshop orientation will be held Monday evening March 20 at Family Impact Ministries the pastoral care center of Tri-City Christian Center located on Michigan Ave (one mile east of I-275) in Canton. You must call to register. (734) 326-7780.

SEXUAL ABUSE RECOVERY
The recovery from sexual abuse group meets Thursday evenings beginning March 23. Registration cost is $25 per person, however, scholarships are available. Deadline to register is March 15. Family Impact Ministries the pastoral care center of Tri-City Christian Center located on Michigan Ave (one mile east of I-275) in Canton. Call (734) 326-7780.

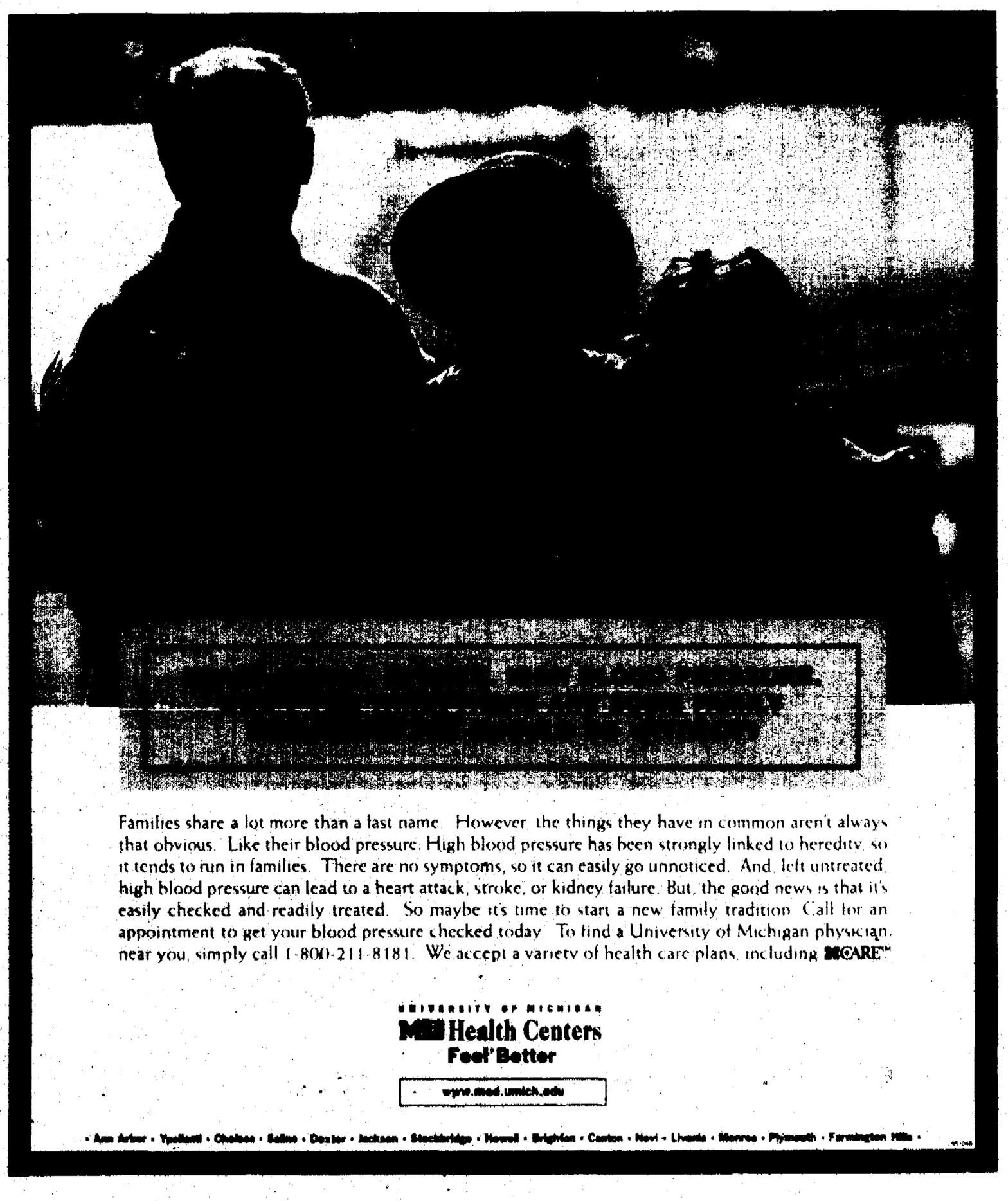
DIVORCE CARE SEMINAR
From 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 10 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11 at Family Impact Ministries the pastoral care center of Tri-City Christian Center located on Michigan Ave (one mile east of I-275) in Canton. Cost is $25 per person, however, scholarships are available and limited child care. Register by March 3. Call (734) 326-7780.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
"Talitha Kumi: Young Woman, Stand Up!" This observance now spans more than 170 countries. This year's service was written by Christian women of Indonesia, where Christians are only 10 percent of the population. Inspired by this Bible story, the Indonesian women see the hand of Jesus reaching out to them, inviting them to life in its fullness. Program will begin at 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 3 at Lola Valley Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, Redford (1/10 of a mile east of Inkster Road and four blocks north of Five mile). Reservations needed for babysitting only. Call Betty Stout by Feb. 29 at (313) 537-9637.

WOMEN'S RETREAT
A women's retreat titled "Getting Real with God," is planned for Friday March 31 and Saturday April 1 through Tri-City Christian Center of Canton. Registration date is March 15. $79 per person. For more information call Tri-City Christian Center at (734) 326-0330.

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.

CHILI COOKOFF
The Good Shepherd Reformed Church's annual Chili Cook Off will be held from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, March 11. Come and enjoy. Call (734) 722-7225.



Observer Sports

Brad Emons, Editor 231/953-2123 bemons@oe.homecomm.net on the web: http://observer.sccentric.com Thursday, February 24, 2000

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Dietrich, Miela honored

Chris Dietrich and Michelle Miela of Madonna University were recently named to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball team.

Dietrich, a senior guard from Monroe-Jefferson High School, averaged 15 points per game (16 in the WHAC), while shooting 80 percent from the free throw line and finishing second on the team with a total of 105 rebounds.

During her four years at MU, Dietrich earned a 3.26 grade-point average in business.

Miela, a junior guard from Anchor Bay High School, averaged 13 points and two assists per game in the conference. Her season averages were eight points and two assists. She has compiled a 3.3 GPA in three years in Madonna's Dietetics program.

Dietrich, Miela and Jaclyn Kocis, a junior forward from St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, were also named to the All-Academic team in the WHAC. Kocis has earned a 3.25 GPA in Criminal Justice.

Meanwhile, sophomore guard Carissa Gizicki (Riverview Gabriel Richard) was named to the All-WHAC Defensive Team. She finished among the conference leaders in steals (four per game), while averaging six points and four assists (per game).

All-Academic Crusaders

Redford Thurston High product Chad Putnam, a senior forward for the Madonna University men's basketball team, was recently named to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference All-Academic team.

Putnam, a History (Education) major, achieved a 3.69 grade-point average.

Junior Mark Mitchell (Walled Lake Western) was also named to the All-Academic squad. The Business major carries a 3.41 cumulative GPA.

Collegiate swim note

Eastern Michigan University senior diver Sarah Coombs, a 1996 graduate of Westland John Glenn, will compete this weekend in the Mid-American Conference Championships at Ohio University.

Coombs, participating in her fourth MAC women's swimming and diving championships, has also qualified for the NCAA Zone meet, March 10-11 at the University of Minnesota.

During her prep career at Glenn, Coombs was a state qualifier in track, diving and gymnastics.

She will be competing in the MAC Championships will teammates Julie Sweet (Milan), Emily McCarty (Ypsilanti) and Christy Michalak (Monroe).

'Big M' book signing

Former Detroit Red Wing and 1981 National Hockey League Hall of Fame inductee Frank Mahovolich will appear from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Waldenbooks location in Woodland Square, 30200 Plymouth Road, in Livonia, to sign his book, "The Big M: The Frank Mahovolich Story."

Mahovolich played 22 seasons in the NHL and was a member of six Stanley Cup-winning teams. The book, authored by his son Ted and released in 1999 by Sports Publishing, Inc., also details Mahovolich's years in Detroit as a member of the Production Line II, along with Gordie Howe and Alex Delvecchio.

Mahovolich is now a senator from Ontario in the Canadian Parliament.

Iceettes garner gold

The Livonia Icettes, a teen synchronize skating team from Eddie Edgar Arena, captured a gold medal last weekend at the Miami Open at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

The girls, ranging in ages from 12-17, are coached by Laura Edney and Carol Juodawlkis.

Members of the Icettes, who skated to a disco music theme, included Elizabeth Alderman, Emily Alderman, Nicole Boback, Allison Diakow, Stephanie Doyle, Alissa Gatewood, Andrea Haas, Lindsay Kos, Megan LaMontagne, Nicole Larsson, Danielle Longeway, Lisa Longeway, Michelle Longeway, Kimberly Meyer, Karen Ostalecki, Katie Pfahkuch, Amanda Regulski, Laura Robert, Amy Witt and Nicole Zammit.

CC gains shot at crown

DeLaSalle Pilots grounded, 50-45

BOYS BASKETBALL

By Paul Beaudry
Staff Writer
pbeaudry@oe.homecomm.net

Sunday, they beat the No. 1 team in Class C. Wednesday, they beat the No. 1 team in the Central Division.

And next Sunday, they'll probably have another crack at the No. 1 team in the state – regardless of class.

Led by 19 points from senior guard Ryan Sparks and 18 more from senior forward Matt Loridas, Redford Catholic Central stopped Warren DeLaSalle, 50-45 at Schoolcraft College in a Detroit Catholic League semifinal game.

The win sends the Shamrocks into Sunday's 4 p.m. Central-AA final against the winner of tonight other semifinal at Schoolcraft between Birmingham Brother Rice and the No. 1 team in Class B – Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep.

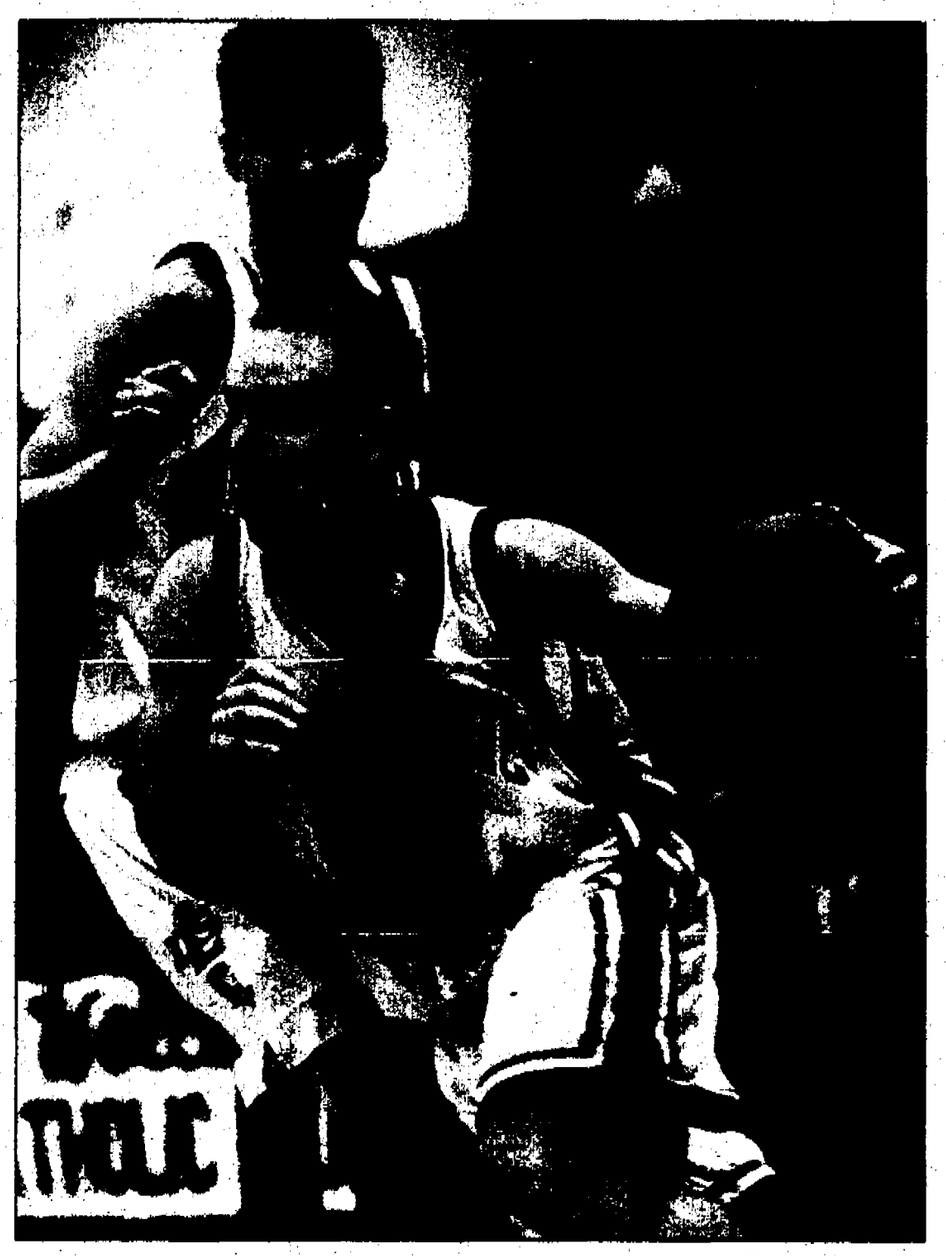
"I think both teams played hard and both were tight," said CC coach Rick Coratti after his team improved to 9-9 overall. "I think that was the first game we shot under 50 percent from the floor and won."

While the Shamrocks shot just 16 of 43 from the floor on the game, they also stopped the Pilots (11-7) cold in the third quarter – holding them to just three points.

And when DeLaSalle stalled, Loridas got hot, posting all nine of CC's third quarter points to turn a 31-25 deficit into a 34-all tie.

"I didn't know I (scored all the points)," said Loridas, as an embarrassed smile crossed his face. "I was just moving to the open spot on the block. I wasn't moving there in the first half and did it in the second. I didn't do much. (My teammates) saw me open under the basket and they got me the ball."

However, nothing was settled until 1:10 left when Ryan Celeskey canned a pair of free throws to give CC a 47-45 lead. Anthony Coratti and Loridas both made free throws down the stretch to pad the lead, while CC's defensive pressure kept the Pilots coming up empty.



Staff Photo by Tom Hawley

Creating space: *Catholic Central's Ryan Celeskey (right) dribbles around DeLaSalle's Ryan Cryderman in Wednesday's clash.*

After allowing LaSalle's senior guard Paul Anderson to score 10 of his team-high 12 in the second quarter, Anthony Coratti turned up the heat and Anderson went cold.

"(Anthony) guarded him in the first half too, but in the first half, he let (Anderson) shoot," Rick Coratti said. "The difference was not to let him set and (Anderson's) a good set shooter."

But Sparks wasn't too shabby from the outside either. And his 10 points in the second quarter helped keep the Pilots within striking distance, despite LaSalle's 24-15 advantage in the period.

And if the Shamrocks do face OLSM Sunday, they know they'll have to stay within striking distance against a team that beat them 71-40 in December.

"We were missing three starters then too – Sparks, (Mark) Willoughby and Celeskey," Loridas said. "It was early in the year. I think it will be a different game."

Canton topples Churchill in playoffs

WESTERN LAKES TOURNEY

It was not a bright outlook for Plymouth Canton's basketball team.

The Chiefs were already facing a tough opponent in Livonia Churchill in their Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament opener. Having to do so without their top rebounder and one of their top scorers would make things very difficult indeed.

But Canton rose to the challenge Wednesday against the visiting Chargers, building a 10-point lead by halftime and cruising to a 69-56 boys basketball triumph.

Both teams are now 9-9 overall.

Jason Waidmann, Canton's senior center, was suspended for a game after getting tossed out of Monday's game at Walled Lake Western for retaliating after he was hit in the head.

The Chiefs survived, however, getting the balance they needed on offense. Dan McLean scored a season-best 19 points; Kenny Nether added 13, Jimmy Reddy scored 11 and Oliver Wolcott got nine.

John Bennett topped Churchill with 16 points. Brandon Dziklinski got nine and Avery Jensen scored eight.

"This was a great win for us," said Canton coach Dan Young. "We got good play out of Dan McLean — he had an outstanding game."

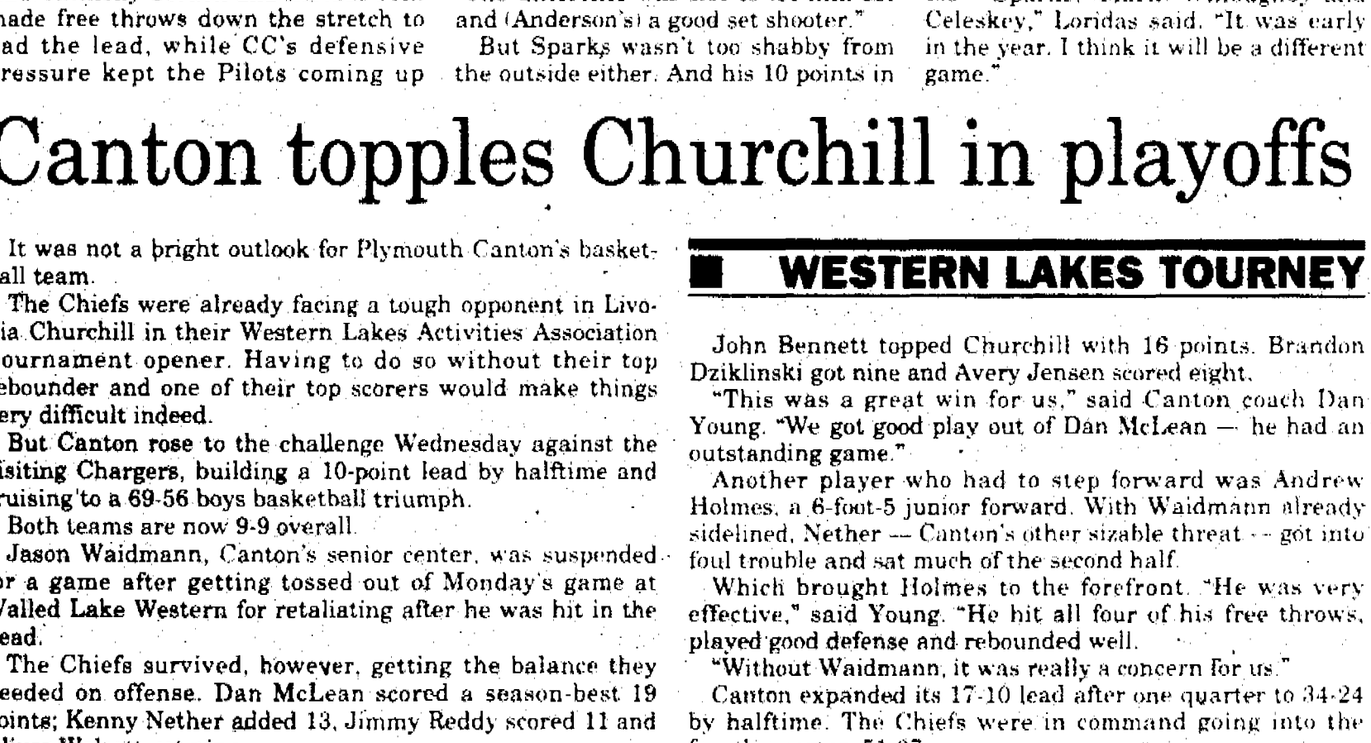
Another player who had to step forward was Andrew Holmes, a 6-foot-5 junior forward. With Waidmann already sidelined, Nether — Canton's other sizable threat — got into foul trouble and sat much of the second half.

Which brought Holmes to the forefront. "He was very effective," said Young. "He hit all four of his free throws, played good defense and rebounded well.

"Without Waidmann, it was really a concern for us."

Canton expanded its 17-10 lead after one quarter to 34-24 by halftime. The Chiefs were in command going into the fourth quarter, 51-37.

Going to the mat



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Pin pal: *Churchill's Mike Carter (top), a regional qualifier, pins Salem's James March in a 160 pound match in last week's Division I team dual regional. See individual results, C3.*

COLLEGE HOOPS

Ocelots win title outright

S'craft improves standing to 23-5

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Coach Carlos Briggs and his Schoolcraft College men's basketball team continues to break new ground.

On Saturday, the Ocelots captured their first-ever outright Eastern Conference title in school history with a convincing 110-63 win Saturday at Henry Ford.

On Wednesday, the Ocelots improved to 23-5 overall and opened its defense of Michigan Community College Athletic Association playoff championship with another lopsided victory, 93-55. The victim once again was Henry Ford in a game played Wednesday at Concordia College.

SC lost its homecourt advantage in the playoffs in favor of the Detroit Catholic League high school playoffs, but it didn't matter as four players scored in double figures led by 6-foot-7 reserve forward Mike Williams' team-high 18 points.

Briggs, the former Schoolcraft All-America and standout at Baylor, has transformed SC into one of the midwest's powers in junior college basketball in just three seasons.

"When I was a player here we shared the conference title, but it's a lot different when you win it outright," said Briggs, whose team finished 15-1, one game ahead of Flint Mott (while ending the Bears' five-year conference reign). "And when you get that one (title), you're hungier for the second one.

"We feel we're the best team in the state when we play good defense and play with intensity."

SC will take on Grand Rapids JC (16-5) in the MCCAA semifinals 5:15 p.m. Friday at Mott. Grand Rapids ousted Lansing in its quarterfinal final encounter Wednesday at home, 89-78.

SC beat Henry Ford (14-13) for the third time this season, and for the second time in four days. Henry Ford, a 68-66 first-round winner Monday over Alpena, however, could not be taken lightly by the conference's top seed.

"We knew this game would be more mental than physical," Briggs said. "We started slowly, but the guys picked it up once we started pressing them. That got us going."

With 11:23 left in the opening half, Henry Ford was down by only three, 14-11.

But the Hawks were outscored 37-13 the rest of the half and found themselves trailing 47-24 at intermission. The rout was on.

"Schoolcraft is a great team and I don't know who is going to beat them," Henry Ford first-year coach Abe Mansour said. "Last year they may have been a better half-court team, but this year their defense is way better. They don't have to play halfcourt when they're running up and down the floor."

Rob Brown added 16 points for SC, while Wayne Memorial's Brian Williams, who has stepped up his play at point-guard, added 14. Lamar Bigby contributed 13.

James Driscoll and Daryl Mason had 15 and 12, respectively, for Henry Ford.

Schoolcraft hit 36 of 67 shots from the floor (53 percent) and outrebounded the Hawks, 47-33.

"When you're the number one seed you know everybody is gunning for you," Briggs said. "But our guys off the bench — Dwight Windom, Reggie Kirkland and Mike Williams — have been playing really well for us.

"And Brian Williams has really been aggressive on offense and defense. He's one of the keys for us."

Gilbert Mitchell and Mike Williams each tallied 21 points in

Please see S'CRAFT TITLE, C3

Wayne upsets Belleville, grabs 4th seed

Wayne Memorial has had more close calls than James Bond this season.

They haven't pulled out quite as many as the fictional spy, but they got one into the win column Tuesday night that was every bit as sweet as anything a screenwriter could dream up.

Visiting Wayne defeated Belleville, 59-56, to finish fourth in the Michigan Mega Conference's Red Division and grab the last berth in the league's post-season boys basketball tourney.

Wayne hosts the top seed in the Mega White tonight in the first round of the tournament.

"I'm very proud of my kids," Wayne coach Chuck Henry said. "They're elated that they could make it into that tournament."

The Zebras did it on the strength of their 'threes' — the same factor that has keyed the Tigers over the past couple of seasons.

Wayne made 11 triples in the game, four each by guards Shane Nowak and Gary Johnson, and pressured Belleville into missing a pair of three-pointers at the end of the game to preserve the upset.

Wayne (8-9) ended up 6-6 in the Mega Red to finish two games behind host Belleville (13-4, 8-4).

Johnson, a junior, was the game's high scorer with 25 points while Nowak, a senior, scored 16.

Guard Kevin Harrison, who will attend Eastern Michigan on a football scholarship, paced the Tigers with 21.

Belleville held a 13-12 lead after the first quarter but Wayne took off in the second and was ahead, 32-25, at the half. The Tigers cut the margin by four entering the final period.

•CLARENCEVILLE 56, CRANBROOK 46: Senior forward Rick Burack made eight-of-11 shots Tuesday night and the Trojans toughened up their defense in the second half to thwart the Cranes' upset bid.

The victory let Livonia Clarenceville advance to the semifinals of the Metro Tournament.

Cranbrook came out aggressively and pulled out to a 31-28 lead at intermission.

"At halftime we stressed that offensively we were fine," coach Bill Dyer of host Clarenceville said, "but we gave up 31 points. And we pride ourselves on not giving up that many points.

"To a man, they all played better defense in the second half."

No joke. Clarenceville may have only scored eight points in the third period — but the Trojans only allowed the Cranes to score seven.

BOYS BASKETBALL

And Clarenceville (12-6) held Bloomfield hills Cranbrook (5-12) to eight points in the fourth quarter while scoring 20.

"They made a shot at the buzzer in the third quarter and a desperation three in the fourth. That gives you a measure of how good we played in the second half."

Burack scored 20, nine in the fourth quarter, and had four rebounds plus four assists.

Junior center Scott Wion scored 11 and had five rebounds, while sophomore forward Tim Shaw scored 10 points and got six rebounds.

Center Tom Wattles led Cranbrook with 13 and guard Chris Taylor scored 12.

•LUTHERAN WESTLAND 64, LUTH. N'WEST 58: Lutheran Westland outgunned Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest Tuesday at home in the first-round of the Metro Conference Tourney.

Luke Kasten came up big for the Warriors, scoring a game-high 23 points, 18 in the second half. Kasten also hit five 3-pointers.

Westland improved its record to 9-7 overall.

Nate Loewe's 14 points led the way for the Crusaders, who fell to 8-8.

•STEVENSON 60, JOHN GLENN 46: On Tuesday, Livonia Stevenson (4-14 overall) won at Westland John Glenn (3-14) in the WLAA consolation bracket matchup behind 19 points apiece by Keshey McChristion and Chris Severson.

Both teams finished the WLAA season with 1-10 records.

Yaku Moton scored 15 points and Brent Bogle added 10 to lead the Rockets, who trailed 26-22 at halftime.

•W.L. CENTRAL 42, FRANKLIN 28: In a WLAA consolation bracket game Tuesday, junior guard Justin Spencer scored all 11 of his points to spark a 20-4 fourth-quarter run to give Walled Lake Central (6-12 overall) the win at Livonia Franklin (5-13 overall).

Junior guard Steve Horn paced the victorious Vikings with 19 points. Senior center Scott Keeler added 10.

Joe Ruggiero, a junior forward, led Franklin with 16 points, 14 coming in the opening half (including four 3-pointers).

"We didn't really play tonight, we stood around," Franklin coach Dan Robinson said. "It was like we had never seen a 2-3 zone (defense) before.

"As the game wore on Central outplayed us. They played harder. Give them credit."

Central also shot the ball better, hitting 17 of 37 shots (45.9 percent) from the floor compared to 11 of 30 (36 percent) for the Patriots.

•FRANKLIN ROAD 59, HURON VALLEY 45: Josh Motner and Josh Angel each tallied 14 points, propelling Southfield Franklin Road Christian (9-7, 6-3) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference victory over host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-14, 1-8) at Marshall Middle School.

Senior guard Rene Arnal led the Hawks and all scorers with 16 points. Senior guard Jeremy Husby and freshman forward Tony Mroz each added eight points.

Huron Valley led late in the first half before Franklin Road went on a 9-0 run to lead 29-21 at intermission.

•N. FARMINGTON 67, JOHN GLENN 23: North Farmington blasted Westland John Glenn at home Monday, in a game that had been postponed by Friday's snowstorm.

With the win, North clinched the top seed in the WLAA playoffs.

Phil Watha dropped in a game-high 18 points and Emir Medunjanin added 15 points for North, which gained a share of its second consecutive WLAA regular season title.

Pushing its league record to 10-1 in the WLAA and 12-5 overall, North tied Walled Lake Western, the winner of the Western Division, as regular season co-champions.

With a 4-1 divisional record, North shared the Lakes Division title with Plymouth Salem and Farmington.

North jumped on Glenn early, and had a commanding 45-16 lead at halftime. North was also sparked by Mike Primeau, who came off the bench and scored a career-high 11 points.

Yaku Moton scored six for Glenn (3-12, 1-10).

Shamrocks sharp in win over DePorres

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If there's a better 8-9 boys basketball team out there than Redford Catholic Central, you'll have to present a strong case.

Just ask 12-4 Detroit St. Martin DePorres, the state's No. 1 ranked team in Class C.

On Sunday, Catholic Central opened first-round action in the Catholic League's Central-AA Division playoffs with a resounding 75-49 victory over the Eagles at the University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall.

"Our record is probably a little deceiving because we lost some tough non-league games," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "Today I thought we played a complete game, four good quarters of basketball. Overall everyone played pretty solid."

Thanks to five 3-pointers, the Shamrocks jumped out to a 23-12 first-quarter advantage and never led by less than seven the rest of the way.

It was 36-22 in favor of CC at intermission.

"We've had some mental lapses in the third quarter so I told our guys at halftime we wanted to win the third quarter and take it from there," Coratti said.

CC did just that, outscoring DePorres 19-12 to take a commanding 55-34 advantage. The Shamrocks built on that, leading by as many as 28 during during latter stages of the final quarter.

For the game, CC made 25 of 52 shots from the floor (48 percent), while holding DePorres to 21 of 63 (33 percent).

"We wanted to try to limit them to one shot and get the rebound," Coratti said. "And in our our zone (defense) we wanted to contest their guards — number three (Aaron Squirewell and number four (Jason Moore)."

CC's balanced attack was led by 6-foot-1 junior guard Mark Willoughby, who finished with a team-high 21 points.

Senior Rob Sparks and junior Anthony Coratti added 16 and 15, respectively. Senior Matt Loridas contributed 10.

The Shamrocks made a total of 11 three-pointers with Willoughby nailing four and Coratti hitting three.

"When we're playing well we're usually over 70 points," Coratti said. "We win when we usually hit in the 10s for 'threes.' Everyone has the green light to shoot it.

"And we don't mind the bigger court (at Calihan). It usually creates some lanes for us and enables us to hit transition 'threes.'"

•ST. MARY'S 74, BORGESS 52: The first game for Catholic League's four-game extravaganza Sunday at Calihan Hall was over early.

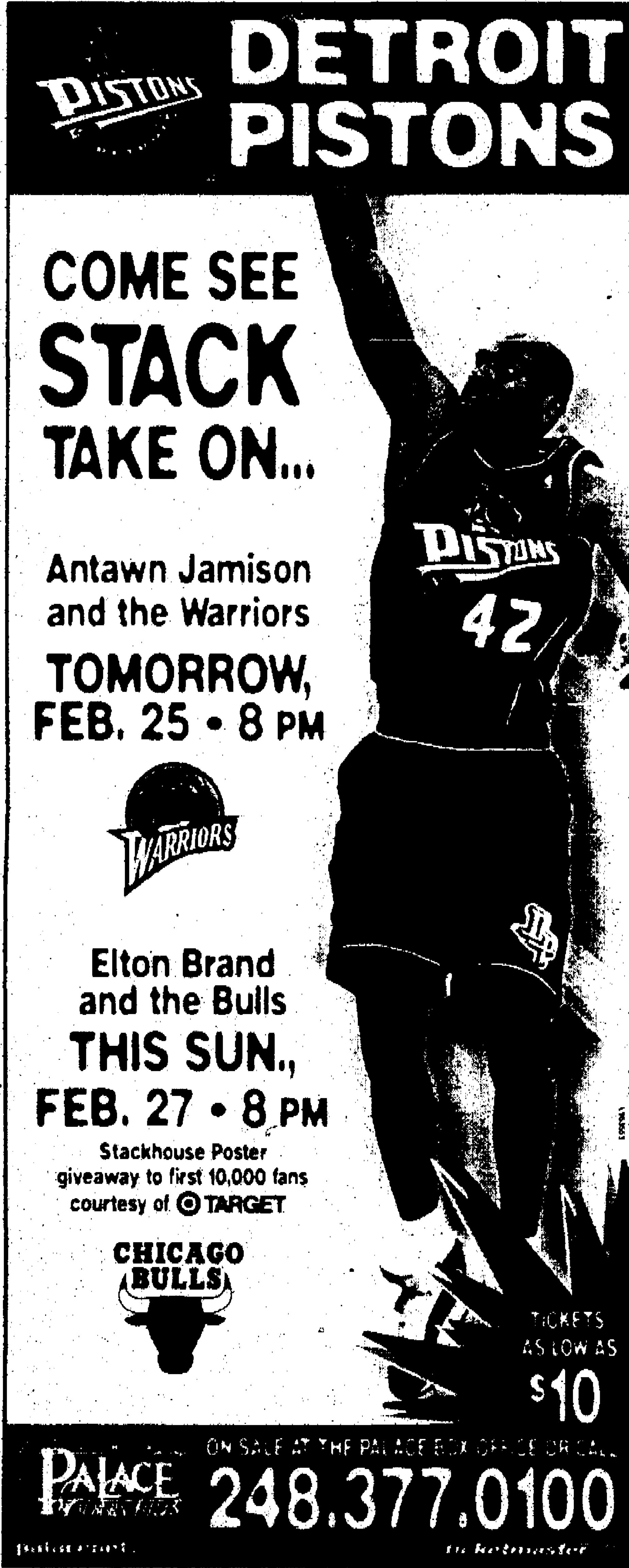
Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep, the state's top-ranked team regardless of class, ran its overall record to 17-0 behind 21 points from Jonte' Jones and 19 by Maurice Searight. Charles Davis added 13.

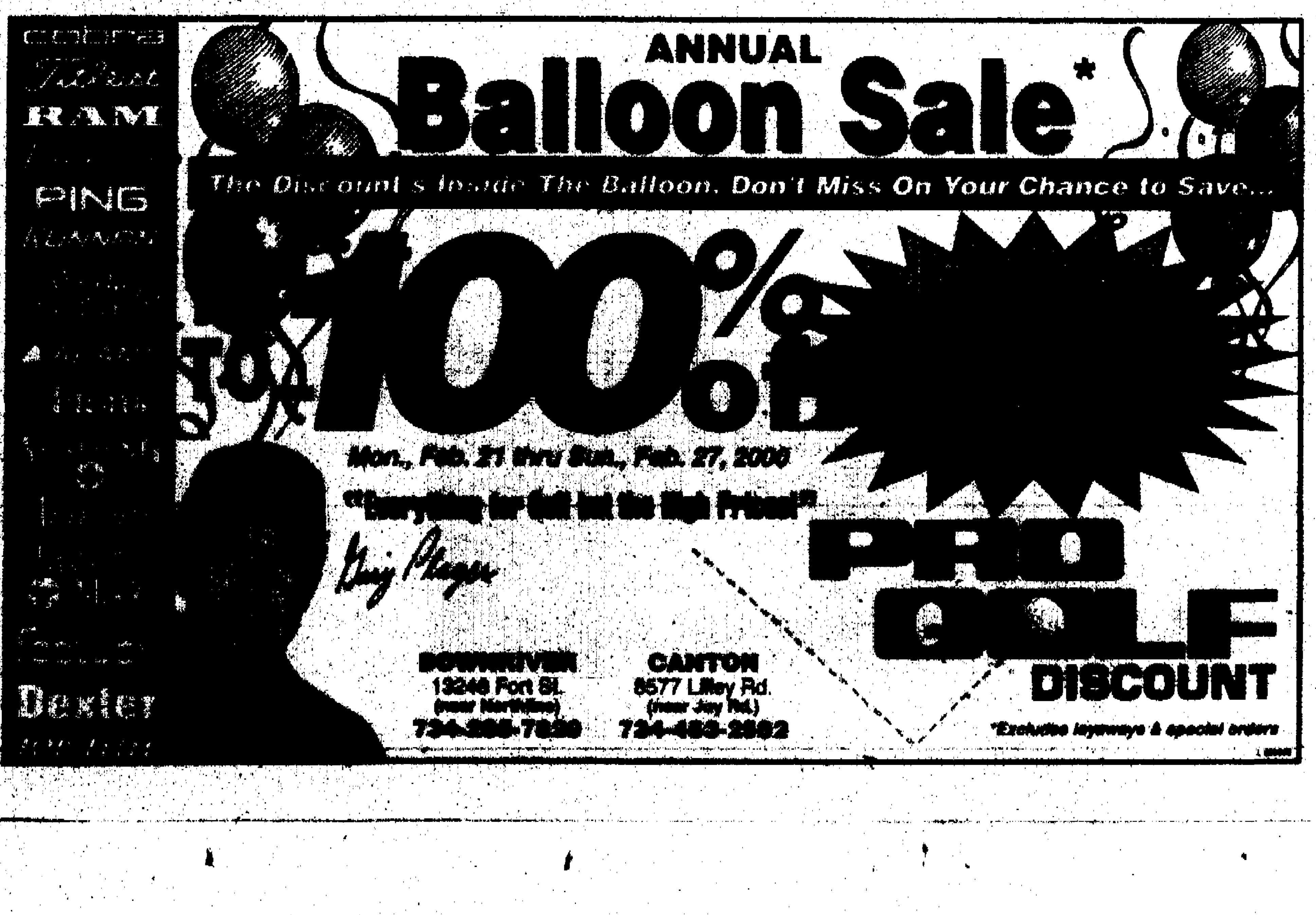
Borgess (7-10 overall) fell behind 22-12 after one quarter and 39-21 at intermission. OLSM put it away with a 22-10 third-period run.

Senior guard Donald Didlake, who was injured late in the second quarter and did not return until the final period, finished with a team-high 12 points along with junior guard George Toles.

"They (St. Mary's) played extremely well, especially after Didlake got hurt at the end of the half," Borgess coach Chuck Albright said. "We were geared to stop (Jermaine) Gonzales, but Searight really hurt us with his penetration and nobody stepped up to take the challenge.

"They (St. Mary's) were hungry to win."





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Shamrocks disqualified from tourney

Forfeit regional dual vs. Novi

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Redford Catholic Central's wrestling team was dropped from the Division I team dual wrestling regionals Wednesday at Garden City — not because the Shamrocks lost on the mat, but by using two ineligible athletes.

"The rules were pretty black and white on this," CC athletic director Bob Santello said. "There wasn't a lot of gray area in this. It wasn't (the wrestlers') fault."

The ineligibilities came from the wrestlers exceeding the limit of 16 regular-season weigh-ins — something that wasn't discovered until after the Shamrocks competed in the Division I individual district Saturday at Troy High School.

Because the discovery came after the team had competed in district competition, including a 48-21 win in the finals last Wednesday over Livonia Stevenson, CC had to forfeit any victories it had in the state tourney.

It also gave Novi a bye into the regional final where the Wildcats defeated Plymouth Salem, 56-15, to advance to the state quarterfinals Friday, March 3 in Battle Creek.

"We were informed by the manager of the individual district at Troy that the season history, which indicates wins, losses and weigh-ins for each wrestler, showed the two student-athletes had weighed in 17 times during the regular season," said Michigan High School Athletic Association communications director John Johnson. "Once we were able to share this information with CC, it withdrew from the tourney."

CC officials checked their records and found that the two wrestlers — both of whom had qualified for this Saturday's individual regional competition, also at Troy — had exceeded the allowable limit. Wrestlers who would have faced the CC duo in the regional meet were also awarded first-round byes.

While the team was declared ineligible for Wednesday's regional team tourney, it does not affect the status of the other wrestlers who qualified for Saturday's individual regional.

"We called the MHSAA, explained our situation and tried to determine our next move," Santello said. "But it was a violation and the two individuals were disqualified. Since they were ineligible for the postseason, they shouldn't have wrestled in the team district. Since they did, the team would be disqualified."

In 1990, CC was reprimanded by the MHSAA for a rules violations under current coach Mike Rodriguez, who did not return phone calls Wednesday from the Observer.

The Shamrocks captured the MHSAA's first-ever state Class A team dual championship. Rodriguez, one of the state's all-time winningest prep wrestling coaches, also guided CC to six other state titles (1969-71, '74, '78 and '83). The Shamrocks were also runner-up in 1977.

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[illegible] 1. [illegible] Miller (Berkley) [illegible] Lindsay (Walled Lake Central) [illegible]; 3. [illegible] Ottney (Troy) won by [illegible].

103: 1. Josh Gunterman (Livonia Stevenson) dec. Nick Beck (Troy), 9-2; 3. [illegible] (Redford CC) dec. Huy [illegible].

112: 1. Chris O'Hara (Redford CC) pinned Corey Mason (Troy), 1:27; 3. Joe [illegible] (West Bloomfield) dec. Justin [illegible] (W. Bloomfield), 5-4.

119: 1. Harry Durbin (Royal Oak Kimball) dec. Angelo Vitale (Kimball), 3-2; 3. Andrew Dixon (Troy) won by major dec. Matt Gergle (Troy Athens), 11-1.

125: 1. Brian Sullivan (Birmingham Brother Rice) p. Jimmy Mason (Troy), 1:14; 3. Adam Shoger (W. Bloomfield) won by tech. fall over Mitchell Schoer (Waterford Mott), 18-3.

130: 1. Chris Peterson (Redford CC) dec. Justin Hakala (W. Bloomfield), 9-3; 3. Nathan Rodriguez (Redford CC) p. Robert Jarvis (Southfield-Lathrup), 4:22.

135: 1. Jeff Wheeler (Redford CC) won by tech. fall over Ian Huff (W.L. Central), 17-2; 3. Joe Marttila (W.L. Central) dec. Justyn Selph (Mott), 6-4.

140: 1. Ruben Barsiac (Troy) dec. Eric Steckling (Brother Rice), 5-1; 3. John O'Brien (W.L. Central) won by disqualification.

145: 1. Patrick Lemay (Troy) won by tech. fall over Scott Lauzon (Sterling Heights), 15-0; 3. Isaiah Smith (Southfield) dec. Chris Cooprider (Liv. Stevenson), 5-1.

152: 1. Imad Kharbush (Liv. Stevenson) won by major dec. Mike Falzon (Liv. Stevenson), 14-4; 3. Kevin Harrington (Brother Rice) dec. Ed Gonzales (Kimball), 10-6.

160: 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC) p. Darryl Anderson (Southfield), 0:48; 3. Danny Dalton (Southfield) dec. Simon Katrib (Troy), 15-9.

171: 1. Ryan Rogowski (Redford CC) p. John Elliott (Troy), 3:12; 3. John MacFarland (Liv. Stevenson) dec. Korhan Gurosak (W. Bloomfield), 8-3.

189: 1. Scott Feratie (Troy) p. Ryan Ornell (Sterling Heights Stevenson), 3:10; 3. Dan McCaw (S.H. Stevenson) dec. Eric Puninske (Liv. Stevenson), 9-7.

215: 1. Jared Beno (Sterling Heights) dec. Vernon Burden (Southfield), 4-1; 3. Jamie Mitchell (Troy) dec. Rick Tyzo (W. Bloomfield), 3-1.

STATE INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Trojans send 5 to regional

Five wrestlers stayed alive for Livonia Clarenceville after Saturday's Division IV individual state district tourney at Clinton.

Moving on to the regional this Saturday at Addison are Josh Rose (heavyweight), Jose Aguilar (171 pounds), Steve Rotenheber (189), Dan Tondreau (112) and Kalen McPherson (215).

"We got a few more than expected," Clarenceville first-year coach Clint Kraft said. "I thought we'd get two or three, but getting five through surprised me.

"Our guys are getting better and better each time out."

Rose, 3-1 on the day, reached the finals before losing to Dundee's Jared Barnes, 10-1. The senior is 37-8 on the year.

Aguilar, a first-year varsity wrestler, ran his season record to 28-19 after finishing 4-1. The senior took third place when Dundee's Matt Wynn bowed out with an injury.

Rotenheber, a junior, also took third when he pinned Larry Williams of Grass Lake in 1:55. He won three of four matches on the day to up his personal mark to 27-15.

Tondreau, a senior who finished third in the Observerland Invitational, added a fourth in his tough weight class, falling to Jerry Salenbien of Dundee in the consolation final, 6-2. Tondreau is 35-12 overall.

McPherson (31-10) lost his consolation match to Ken Pask of Clinton, 14-10, but moved on.

ROUNDUP

Clarenceville also competed Wednesday night in the four-team regional dual tournament at New Haven.

The Trojans (12-10-1) took on Brown City (28-6-1) in one semifinal, while Metro Conference co-champion Harper Woods (20-10) met Memphis (12-10) in the other semifinal.

The regional champion advances to the Division IV team dual quarterfinals, 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

In the Metro Conference meet, Feb. 12 at Harper Woods Lutheran East, Clarenceville, the dual meet champion, finished three points behind Harper Woods, 193-190.

"We wanted to win it outright," Kraft said. "But we started the day slowly. We were down 38 points going into the last two rounds.

"We made up some points in a hurry, but we just didn't have enough."

Tondreau, wrestling at 112, captured his third conference individual title in row.

Other Clarenceville champions included freshman Nader Al-Mooshi at 103 and McPherson at 215.

Aquilar (171) and Rotenheber (189) each finished runner-up, while Rose (heavyweight), Nick Elam (125), Jason Morin (119), Ernest Reddic (130), George Gostias (140) and Jeff Potter (152) took thirds. Ryan Smith (160) added a fourth.

"We placed in 12 of 14 weight classes and I was happy with that," Kraft said.

Lutheran Westland, fifth in the conference tournament had one individual champion, 125-pounder Josh Pranschke.

Seconds went to Kevin Packard (heavyweight) and Adam Haller (130). Gaining thirds were Tim Murphy (135) and James Molnar (171). Meanwhile, Daniel Baseley (103), Dan Unger (152) and Josh Meyer (215) each took fourths.

The Warriors did not have any regional qualifiers from Saturday's individual district at Clinton.

Division I at Troy

Redford Catholic Central, boasting five individual champions, advanced a total of seven out of Saturday's Troy High district.

Headed for the regional again this Saturday at Troy include first-place finishers Chris O'Hara (112), Chris Peterson (130), Jeff Wheeler (135), Mitch Hancock (160) and Ryan Rogowski (171).

Two other Shamrocks took thirds: Adam Stacey (103) and Nathan Rodriguez (130).

Livonia Stevenson moved six wrestlers out including 103-pound state champion Josh Gunterman and 152-pounder Imad Kharbush, both district champions.

Mike Falzon was runner-up to Kharbush at 152, while John MacFarland took third at 171.

Chris Cooprider (145) and Eric Puninske (189) also qualified by each finishing fourth.

See district results.

Division I at Western

In Saturday's Division I individual district at Walled Lake Western, both Livonia Franklin and Livonia Churchill each had two regional qualifiers.

At 125 pounds, senior John Mervyn won his bracket by defeating Plymouth Salem's Rob Ash in the championship final.

Teammate Eric Toska finished third at 160 by defeating Josh Bagalay of Western.

Two Churchill grapplers qualified at 152 pounds when Mike Carter was runner-up and Steve Abar took fourth.

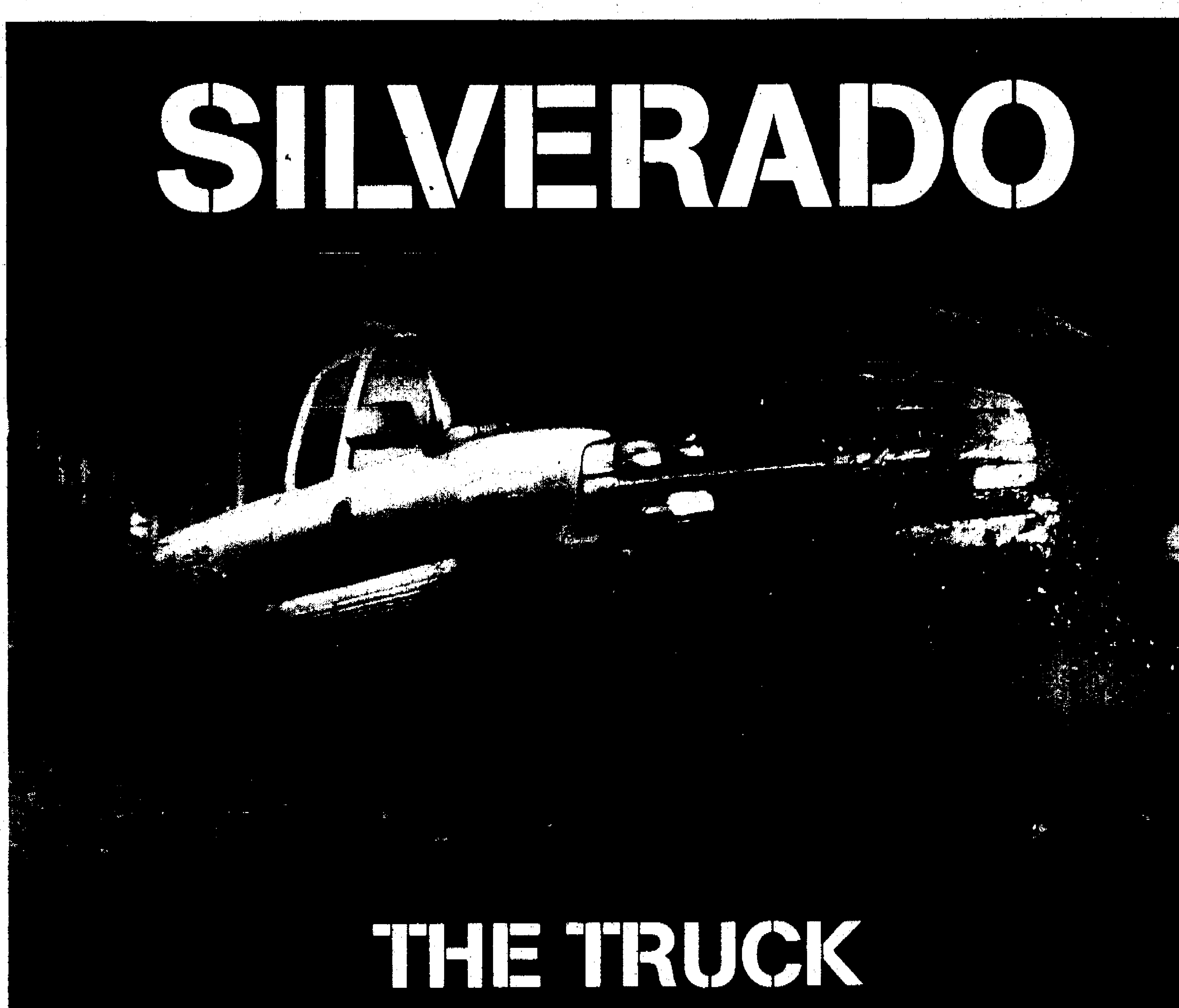
All four will compete Saturday at Temperance Bedford.

Division I at Bedford

Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn will be sending one wrestler each to Saturday's Division I individual regional at Temperance Bedford.

Jon Gregg of Wayne captured the consolation final at 125 with a 3-1 decision over Micah Wade of Romulus.

At 130 pounds, Glenn's Jeff Albrecht also took third with a 10-4 decision over Brian Reed of Garden City.



Title *from C1*

SC's victory over Henry Ford Brown, the 6-foot-4 jumping jack from Oak Park, added 19 points, while Bigby, a second-year forward from Detroit Northern, had 17.

Windom snared 12 rebounds and scored nine points, while Mike Williams and Brown each grabbed nine rebounds. Brian Williams dished out seven assists.

Mason and Driscoll once again led Henry Ford, which trailed 58-28 at halftime, with 17 and 12 points, respectively.

If SC wins Friday against Grand Rapids, the state championship final is 7 p.m. Saturday at Mott.

The Ocelots then move on to the NJCAA Division I Region 12 tournament to face nationally ranked Vincennes (Ind.). Game time is 8 p.m. Tuesday at Vincennes.

The other semifinal pits Lansing CC against defending Region 12 champ Cincinnati State.

BEST BOYS SWIM PERFORMANCES

The following is a list of the best Observerland boys swimming times and diving scores. Coaches should report updates to Dan O'Meara by fax at (734) 591-7279 or voice mail at (734) 953-2141.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
Plymouth Salem 1:42.01
North Farmington 1:42.22
Redford Catholic Central 1:42.26
Livonia Stevenson 1:42.52
Plymouth Canton 1:48.06

200 FREESTYLE
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:48.36
Brandon DiGia (N. Farmington) 1:51.84
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 1:51.93
Brad Nilson (Canton) 1:52.26
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 1:53.40
Jim Ross (Salem) 1:53.41
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:53.73
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 1:53.92
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 1:54.11
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 1:54.30

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:56.29
Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:02.59
Brad Nilson (Canton) 2:04.21
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 2:05.20
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 2:06.54
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:07.98
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:08.21
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 2:10.33
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 2:10.72
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.00

50 FREESTYLE
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.31
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 22.51
Mike Johnson (Salem) 23.05
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 23.10
Brandon DiGia (N. Farmington) 23.11
Eric Lynn (Salem) 23.22
Matt Winiewski (Canton) 23.24
Dan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 23.29
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 23.31
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 23.41

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 Moretto (Redford Union) 212.85
Scott Clark (John Glenn) 207.55
Lake Brunner (Canton) 204.50
Joe Rohde (Redford CC) 199.25
Derek Bell (John Glenn) 195.75

100 BUTTERFLY
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.29
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 55.02
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 55.43
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 55.75
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 55.93
Brandon Truscott (Stevenson) 57.71
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 57.99
Rob Cambridge (Stevenson) 58.33
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 58.37
Eric Lynn (Salem) 58.47

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Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 49.76
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Brandon DiGia (N. Farmington) 50.39
Mike Johnson (Salem) 51.00
Mark Witthoff (Salem) 51.18
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 51.42
Brad Buckler (Stevenson) 51.47
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 51.69
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 52.79

500 FREESTYLE
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 4:55.41
Brian Mertens (Salem) 4:57.12
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 4:59.23
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 5:05.44
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 5:06.06
Jim Ross (Salem) 5:07.68
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.80
Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 5:09.89
Brad Nilson (Canton) 5:10.83
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 5:13.96

200 FREESTYLE RELAY
Plymouth Salem 1:31.83
Redford Catholic Central 1:32.34
North Farmington 1:32.94
Livonia Stevenson 1:35.87
Farmington/Harrison 1:36.50

100 BACKSTROKE
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.62
Brad Nilson (Canton) 55.89
Eric Lynn (Salem) 56.03
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 56.46
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 56.53
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 57.30
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 57.69
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 58.27
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:00.07
John Kern (N. Farmington) 1:00.45

100 BREASTSTROKE
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:01.61
Chris LaFond (Redford CC) 1:03.16
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:04.11
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:04.86
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:06.55
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 1:07.10
Jon Heiss (Canton) 1:07.62
Jon Zald (N. Farmington) 1:07.64
Ed Lindow (Canton) 1:08.01
Jason Rebarchik (Salem) 1:08.27

400 FREESTYLE RELAY
Plymouth Salem 3:21.59
Livonia Stevenson 3:24.09
Redford Catholic Central 3:26.15
North Farmington 3:27.27
Plymouth Canton 3:34.38

[illegible] outright title hopes [illegible] Walled Lake Central

[illegible]

Franklin, [illegible]-1 overall, is assured at least a [illegible] WLAA regular season title after finishing [illegible].

Central improved to 32-8-1 overall and 9-1 in the Western Lakes with a match remaining Wednesday at home with North Farmington.

Plymouth Salem is also 9-1 in the WLAA with a match Wednesday at Northville.

Even if both Central and Salem win, Franklin remains Saturday's No. 1 seed for the Western Lakes Tournament at Northville because of a [illegible] formula.

"It was a good match," Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel said. "We came out flat in the first game, but took command in the second game.

"For whatever reason, we just couldn't carry that momentum into the third game. Our defense let us down. We didn't receive well and made some mental errors."

Christina Tudor, good on 33 of 37 attacks, led Central with 18 kills. She also had seven blocks. Kelly Heuzie added 10 kills and was perfect on all 17 serves.

Setter Lyndsay Sopko had 18 assist-to-kills for Franklin. Tera Morrill added 14 kills and 11 digs. Andrea Kmet had 10 kills and six aces. Alexis Bowman contributed 11 digs and one ace.

"We prepared the way we wanted, but some of the players were not into it mentally," Diegel said. "It was a case where our players wanted to win so badly that they came out too tight. It was just one of those days."

It was Franklin's first defeat since Feb. 5, a semifinal loss to state-ranked Temperance Bedford at the Schoolcraft Invitational.

"It's frustrating to come so close to an undefeated season in the league and see it walk out of the gym in front of you," Diegel said. "We had the chance, but we just didn't grab it.

"On a positive note, this was a reality check. It was the best imte for something like this to [illegible]

Westland Glenn [illegible] to win

Westland John Glenn handily defeated North Farmington, 15-7, 15-3, Monday in a home volleyball match.

Glenn was led by Jessica Sanchez, who had 15 assists, 11 digs, and three aces, and Holly Deedler, who contributed nine kills and nine digs.

The Rockets finished the regular season at 13-13-4 overall record, 5-6 in the WLAA.

Noelle Swartz (seven kills), Samantha Dean (nine digs), and Jamie McLeod (10 assists, three aces) also shined for Glenn.

Stevenson grounds Falcons

Livonia Stevenson ended its regular season on a positive note Monday by winning at Farmington, 15-6, 15-6, 15-10.

Setter Kelley Hutchins led the way for Stevenson with 19 assists, and Julie Pfeifer added 11 digs.

Stevenson also got five kills from Kate LeBlanc, and four each from Megan Urbats, Cathy Ehlendt, and Katie Drews.

The Spartans upped their WLAA record to 6-5 and 28-14-2 overall.

Churchill drops Western

Amy Cadovich, back in the lineup after suffering an eye injury, came up with six kills and served 13 points to lift Livonia Churchill (23-12-2, 7-4) to the Western Lakes triumph Monday at home against Walled Lake Western.

Shannon Munn contributeds six kills, six digs and served seven points in the victory, while Meagan Sheehan was Churchill's top attacker with nine kills.

Huron Valley soars to victory

Gretchen Grosinske served 15 points, including eight straight in the second game, to lead Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (9-4 overall) to the non-league victory Tuesday over Michigan School of the Deaf at St. Paul's in Livonia.

WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Feb. 24
Huron Valley at Inter-City, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
(Mega Red-White Playoffs)
Monroe at Wayne, 7 p.m.
(CHSL Central-AA Playoffs)
O.L. St. Mary's vs. Brother Rice at Schoolcraft College, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 24
Northville at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Churchill, 7 p.m.
John Glenn vs. W.L. Central at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Agape at Det. Community, 7:30 p.m.
Academy of Detroit at PCA, 7:30 p.m.
(Mega Blue-Gold Playoffs)
Allen Park at Garden City, 7 p.m.
(Mega Blue-Gold Consolation)
Thurston at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
(Metro Conference Semifinals)
Luth. W'sld at Hamtramck, 7 p.m.
Luth. North at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
(Western Lakes Semifinals)
W.L. Western at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 27
(CHSL Finals at U-D's Calihan Hall)
C-D Division final, noon.
East-West final, 2 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Brother Rice or O.L. St. Mary's Prep, 4 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, Feb. 25
(MCCAA Semifinal at Flint Mott)
Schoolcraft vs. Gr. Rapids, 5:15 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 26
MCCAA finals at Mott, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Thursday, Feb. 24
(WHAC Playoffs-1st round)
Madonna at Siena Hts., 7 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Feb. 24
Ply. Whalers at Brampton, 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 26
Ply. Whalers vs. Windsor at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 27
Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 6 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Feb. 25
Farm. Unified vs. Brother Rice at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 26
Redford Unified vs. U-D Jesuit at City Center Arena, 4 p.m.
Redford CC vs. P.H. Northern at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Feb. 24
Huron Valley at Saline Christian, 5 p.m.
Ply. Christian at C'ville, 6:30 p.m.
Agape at Taylor Light & Life, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 26
Ypsilanti Invitational, 8 a.m.
U-M Dearborn Tourney, 8 a.m.
Metro Tourney at Luth. N'west, 9 a.m.
WLAA Tourney at Northville, TBA.
TBA — time to be announced.

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District IV champions: *The Livonia Flyers captured seven straight games en route to the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District IV Pee Wee B championship capped by a 4-3 victory over the Plymouth Jaws, Feb. 12 at the South-field Civic Center Arena. Joe Dugan, who won MVP honors, scored all four goals in the final, while teammate Andy Dugan assisted on all four. Matt Robinson chipped in with two assists. Other offensive standouts included Matt Kelley, Nick Kornylo, Kit Saba, Tony Rini, Matt Stone and Matt Van Aartsen. The defense was led by Kyle Veasey, Will Bebbe, Alan Tyler, Steve Stone and Sean Murphy. Justin Agius and Jayson Schultz shared the goaltending chores. Mark Tuttle is the head coach, while Bill Tyler, Dan Miller, Fred Rini and Dan Mrowczynski serve as assistants. The team manager is Pam Dugan. The Flyers are sponsored by Murphy's Restaurant, Agius Garage Doors and H2O Expeditions.*

Whalers topple Knights for 9th triumph in row

This can't go on forever. Can it?

There are those who certainly hope it will. And with every game, the Plymouth Whalers create a few more doubters, a few more people who think there may not be an end in sight.

On Saturday, the Whalers combined a four-goal second period with a stingy defense in dispatching the London Knights, 6-0, at Plymouth Township's Compuware Arena.

A crowd of 2,468 watched the Whalers improve to 35-17-4 with their ninth-straight win, including 11 of their last 12.

They lead the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with 75 points, six more than second-place Sault Ste. Marie.

London is last in the West at 16-31-7.

Bill Ruggiero was in goal for the shutout; he made 18 saves. Gene Chiarello faced 42 shots in goal for London, making 36 stops.

Damian Surma got things started for the Whalers, scoring 1:45 into the first period.

In the second, goals by Kris Vernarsky, Stephen Weiss, Tomas Kurka and Justin Williams pushed their lead to 5-0.

Randy Fitzgerald's short-handed goal 1:15 into the third period capped the scoring.

Fitzgerald finished with a goal and two assists; so did Surma. Williams and Weiss had a goal and an assist each.

The Whalers' streak — their second lengthy one this season (they won seven in a row in December/January) — has taken them to the second-best record in the OHL, behind only the Ottawa 67s (41-13-3).

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

•**WHALERS 2, SARNIA 1:** Fourth-line winger Rob McBride's unassisted goal in the final period, his eighth of the season, proved to be the difference in Friday's home ice victory over the fourth-place Sarnia Sting (28-22-7).

Alex Buturlin opened the scoring for the Sting in the opening period, but the Whalers tied it at 16:41 of the same period from Surma and Kurka.

Rob Zepp was the winning netminder.

•**WHALERS 7, GUELPH 5:** No doubt the Guelph Storm fans were loving this. The hottest team in the OHL pays a visit Thursday, and the Storm knock 'em around big time, putting four goals into their net in the first period and making it 5-0 1:40 into the second.

Eric Beaudoin had scored two goals and assisted on another in the Storm's early rise.

Then came the fall. The Whalers put four goals into Guelph's net before the second period was over, among them a short-handed goal from Vernarsky and a power-play goal from Williams.

Weiss knotted it at 5-all with a power-play goal 2:41 into the third period. Surma netted what proved to be the game-winner 6:32 into the period; Kurka's second goal of the game with 2:20 left iced it.

Surma and Weiss each had two assists in the game, too. Williams, Vernarsky and Fitzgerald each had a goal and an assist, and Fisher had two assists.

Zepp started in goal for Plymouth, but after surrendering three goals in 8:41 he was lifted in favor of Ruggiero, who stopped 18 of 20 shots to notch the victory.

Genrich returns for CC victory

Redford Catholic Central's hockey team will have to make an adjustment before its drive for a second straight state hockey title — but it's a welcome adjustment.

The Shamrocks are going to have to get used to having defenseman Derek Genrich back with them again.

Genrich, out all season with a foot injury, returned to the lineup Saturday night, scored a goal and had two assists in leading Catholic Central to a 5-2 victory over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

"Derek Genrich was the story of the game," coach Gordie St. John said after his Shamrocks plumped their record to 19-2 with the win at Redford Ice Arena. "He had surgery on his foot — screws put in — and hadn't played a game all year."

Genrich had been practicing with CC since early in the month and St. John decided to unveil him against Cranbrook.

All the junior defenseman did was score his first goal of the season, on a power play 5:02 into the game, to give CC a 1-0 lead. Jim Spiewak and Jared Ross assisted.

Then Genrich and Ross set up Ryan Yost at 6:55 for the Shamrocks' second goal. The same two teamed on a power play to set up Dave Moss for a goal at 14:59 of the first period.

At 7:20 of the second period, John Perkovich scored, assisted by Mike Ratigan and Joe Hillebrand.

Yost closed out the scoring at 4:22 of the third with Brandon Kalemecki and Moss setting up Yost for his second score of the game.

Ben Dunne faced 25 shots in goal for the Shamrocks.

PREP HOCKEY

Tournament runner-up

Oilers slick: *The Livonia Hockey Association Bantam B Oilers were runners-up Feb. 12-13 in the Sports Weekend Extravaganza. After a 1-1 deadlock through regulation and a five-minute overtime, Waterloo, Ontario Bruins defeated the Oilers in a 10-man shootout, 4-2, as Jon Sockolosky scored the only goal. Keith Gularski had the only for the Oilers in regulation. The Oilers opened tourney play with a come-from-behind 5-3 victory as Bryan Martoia and Jeff Martell scored two goals apiece, while Jeff Mullin tallied the other. In the second round, Sockolosky scored twice, while Jeff Martell and Scott Cendrowski had the other goals in 4-2 win over the Bruins. Cendrowski and Rob Lawrance had goals in a 2-2 third-round tie with the Great Lakes Blues. In two games against Waterloo, goaltender Ryan Gularski turned back 73 shots. Other members of the Oilers include: Pat Cooper, Tim Day, Jack Dekovich, Tom Johns, Jeff Mullin, Jesse Portell, Matt Steintrager and Andy Ziegler. The coaching staff includes Dan Gularski, Dennis Martoia, Gary Sockolosky, Mike Mullin, Dwight Cendrowski and Andy Cooper. The team manager is Kathy Cooper. Team sponsors include Auto Enterprises DOT and Registered Importer.*

REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY PAIRINGS

DIVISION I
REGIONAL HOCKEY DRAWS

at REDFORD ICE ARENA

Monday, Feb. 28: A: Redford Unified vs. B: Farmington Unified 5:30 p.m.; (C) Livonia Franklin vs. (D) Redford Catholic Central, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, March 1: Livonia Stevenson vs. Allen Park, 8 p.m.
Thursday, March 2: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 8 p.m.
Saturday, March 4: Championship final, 8 p.m. Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Wednesday, March 8 at Redford Ice Arena vs. Dearborn Kilpatrick Arena regional champion.

at DEARBORN'S KILPATRICK ARENA

Monday, Feb. 28: A: Dearborn Unified vs. B: Trenton, 5:30 p.m.; (E) Livonia Churchill vs. (F) Plymouth Canton, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 29: C: Ann Arbor Huron vs. D: Ann Arbor Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.; (E) Livonia Churchill vs. (F) Plymouth Canton, 8 p.m.
Thursday, March 2: Plymouth Salem vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 8 p.m.
Saturday, March 4: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Wednesday, March 8 at Redford Ice Arena vs. Redford Ice Arena regional champion.

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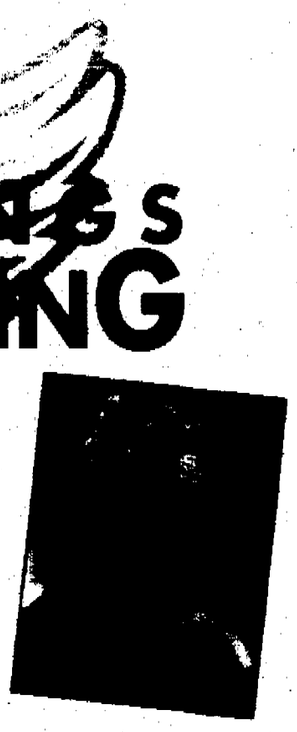

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COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL

Schoolcraft eliminated in state playoffs, 63-54

It was a reversal of what happened just a few days earlier.

Last Saturday at Schoolcraft College, the Lady Ocelots held off Henry Ford CC to post a 52-49 victory.

On Monday, it was the Hawks who emerged with the win, topping SC 63-54 at Henry Ford.

The difference in the two games: Saturday's was just the end of the regular season. Monday's was part of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association State Tournament.

"In a nutshell, the game came down to our inability to make free throws," said SC coach Karen Lafata. "Everything else was pretty much even. We went through a stretch in the last five minutes of the game when we were stuck on 42.

"We kept going to the line and missing free throws, and that's the time of the game when you can't do that."

Carla Saxton's 14 points topped SC. Angelica Blakely added 13 points and 13 rebounds, and Antone' Watson had 12 boards and six assists.

Katie Martin led the Hawks with 23 points and 13 rebounds.

The loss left SC at 11-13 overall. Henry Ford improved to 13-14 overall.

Last Saturday, the Lady Ocelots took a two-point lead into halftime and managed to hang onto it in edging Henry Ford.

Blakely scored 18 points and nabbed 14 rebounds, with Janelle Olson contributing 12 points and three steals, Saxton added 10 points, Carly Wright (from Garden City) had eight points, eight boards and four assists, and Watson totaled eight rebounds, four assists and two steals.

Martin paced Henry Ford with 14 points.

WOMEN'S ROUNDUP

•CORNERSTONE 64, MADONNA 60: Despite a second half rally, Madonna University lost at home Tuesday to Cornersone University, 64-60, in a women's basketball matchup.

The game was the regular-season finale for both teams.

Trailing 39-32 at the half, and by as many as 24 points, Madonna came back with a tough defensive effort, limiting Cornerstone to just 11-of-30 (36.7 percent) shooting from the field in the second half.

However, Madonna could not overcome shooting a dismal 1-of-15 (6.7 percent) from behind the 3-point line.

Laura Yonders led Cornerstone with 21 points and 16 rebounds (both game highs) and Kami Main chipped in 14 points and six assists. Sarah Haney came off the bench to contribute 13 points and five rebounds for Cornerstone, which improved its record to 21-8 overall, 11-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Led by Lori Enfield's 13 points and Chris Dietrich's 10 points, the Crusaders dropped to 12-14 overall, 6-8 in the WHAC.

Crusaders end season at 4-28

It's time for baseball because the men's basketball season for Madonna University ended quietly Wednesday night in Angola, Ind.

Host Tri-State, led by center Chad LaCross' game-high 21 points and eight rebounds, opened the Wolverine-Hoosier Conference playoffs by handing the Fighting Crusaders a 75-51 defeat.

Tri-State, the top seed, improved to 21-10 overall, while Madonna bowed out at 4-28.

Jared Boll and Joshua Treesh added 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the victorious Thunder, who led 43-19 at intermission.

Freshman Aaron Cox led MU with a team-high 17 points and seven rebounds. Redford Thurston's Chad Putnam, in his final game as a Crusader, finished with 10 points.

Freshman Dan Kurtinaitis added nine points and five assists.

Tri-State shot 29 of 57 from the floor (50.9 percent), while MU was 21 of 61 (34.4 percent).

The Thunder outrebounded Madonna, 47-29.

MEN'S ROUNDUP

•CORNERSTONE 109, MADONNA 68: MU faltered in its regular season finale Saturday at Cornerstone University as Luke Moord scored a game-high 21 points.

Cornerstone converted 23 Madonna turnovers into 43 points en route to the blowout.

Shooting a red-hot 35-of-57 from the field (61.4 percent), Cornerstone displayed a balanced attack, scoring 40 points inside the paint and hitting 11 3-point shots.

Justin VandePol (13-of-14 from the line) and Brian Robinson (4-of-6 on 3-pointers) each scored 17 points for the Golden Eagles.

Aaron Cox led Madonna with 19 points and four assists, while Jason Skoczylas hit for 17 points.

With the loss, the Crusaders finished 2-10 in the WHAC.

Cornerstone upped its record to 20-10 and finished 9-5 in the WHAC.

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Other members of the Wave, who outscored eight tourney opponents 53-10, include Tommy Lorenz, D.J. Konfrat, Andrew Sheppard, Matt Eckert, Steven Loos, Tyler Card, Richard Martin, Kyle Doupe, Alan Siepierski, Chad Schubert, Mark Umerlik, Micah Sharp, Brad Hubbs, Brennan Clendening.

The coaching staff includes Tony Sheppard, Jeff Eckert, Marty Clendening and Dan [illegible].

[illegible]

The Livonia Knights, a Pee Wee AA team, captured the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association district championship with a 3-1 victory over [illegible], Feb. 13 at Southfield Civic Arena.

The Knights now move on to the MAHA playoffs March 3-5 in Port Huron.

Other district wins came against Novi (4-1), Livingston (6-0), the West Side Coyotes (6-0), Farmington (5-0) and Lakeland (2-1).

Members of the Knights include: Matt Fortier, Garrett Radford, Adam Stoner, Steve [illegible], Chris Fairbanks, Dave McGrorty, Craig Dulman, Chris Barczuk, Jim Nawrocki, Kevin Horal, Tony Swarthout, Jeff Paison, Zac MacVoy, Justin Bolla and Steve Mnich.

The Knights, runner-up to North Bay, Ontario in the Silver Stick Tournament (Jan. 23), 3-2, are coached by Pat Fairbanks, Doug Blanzy, John Swarthout and Kevin Fairbanks. The team manager is Jim Radford.

PENGUINS ADVANCE TO STATE

Ryan Branston and Ryan Wischmeyer each scored a pair [illegible]

Penguins goaltender Jeff Downs stopped [illegible] shots in the win to advance to the MAHA state playoffs March 3 in Gaylord.

The Penguins also defeated West Bloomfield, 2-0; [illegible], 3-1 and 3-2 (in triple overtime); Farmington Hills, 2-1; and Livingston, 2-0, en route to the title.

Other members of the Penguins included goaltender [illegible] Thomas, Nick Strausb, Mike Tyrna, Adam Staber, Jonathan O'Neill, Ryan Dross, Markus Barlage, Andrew Sienkiewicz, Bradley Zammitt, Brady Jensen, Brian Baran and Justin Mandel.

The coaching staff includes Craig O'Neill, Doug Wischmeyer, Dave Stevens and Curt Downs. The team managers are Sandy Yates and Russ Thomas.

BLAZER SPIKERS GO 1-2

Livonia Ladywood's split freshman volleyball teams finished one-two recently in a Northville tournament.

Members of the Blazers squad include: Rachel Malenfont, Christen Jury, Sara Robak, Erin Reepka, Amy Horal, Kristy Smith, Jill Augsburger, Mary Gulbernat, Kristin Grewe, Jenny Whalen, Patty Kalinski, Kristy Webster and Amy Jacovetti.

The Blazers are coached by Kristen Dause and Sara Partlow.

INDOOR SOCCER CHAMPIONS

Livonia Red Lightning, an under-8 soccer team, captured the Co-Ed Divison with an 8-0 record during the second session at the SoccerZone in Novi.

Members of the Lightning, who outscored their opponents 56-6, include: Dana Chapman, [illegible]

[illegible]

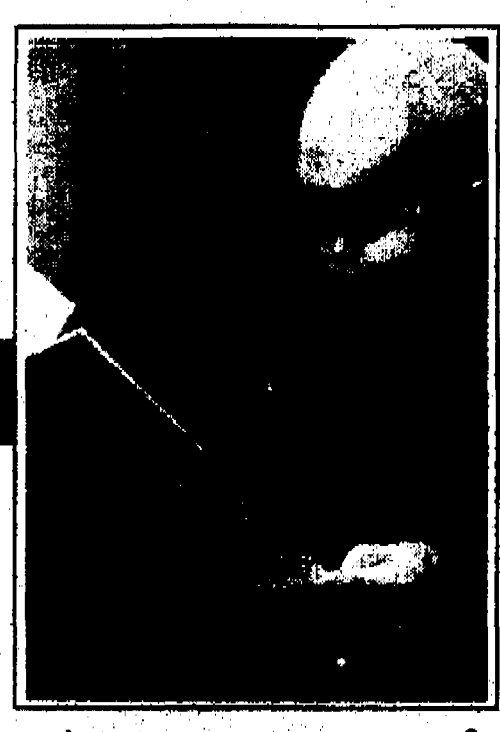
A season-ending All-Star game for each division, along will be a picnic, will be Saturday, July [illegible].

[illegible]

The Wayne [illegible] Hockey Association will feature former Detroit Red Wing Dino Ciccarelli, who will appear from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 at the Wayne Community Center.

Tickets, $10 each, are on sale now from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. All proceeds will go to assist Jerry Ball Jr.'s medical bills.

For more information, call (734) 721-7400.



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THE WEEKEND

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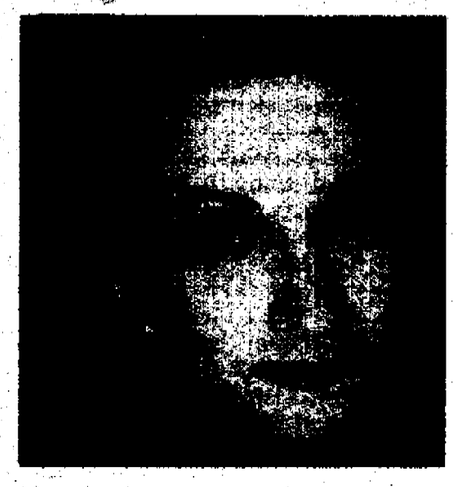


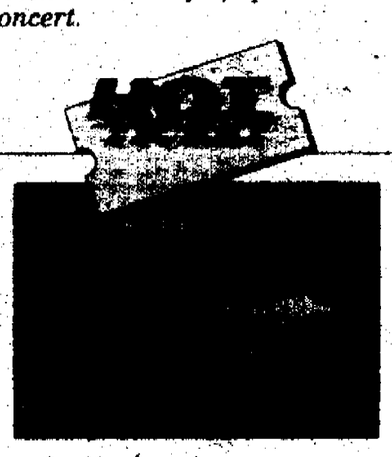
Detroit Symphony Orchestra pops concert 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit features Sandy Duncan, her partner-husband Don Correia, and Guy Stroman in a self-arranged show titled "Together." Tickets $14-$47, call (313) 576-5111.

SATURDAY

Adam Antrobus and his housekeeper, Sabina (Randy Barret Topper of Farmington Hills and Angela Hogue), battle to keep warm through the Ice Age in Thornton Wilder's "The Skin of Our Teeth," 8 p.m. at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets $8 to $10, call (313) 577-2960.

SUNDAY

Canton Project Arts presents "Opera Encore!" with Dino Valle and the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan 3 p.m. at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Tickets $15, call (734) 397-6450. Program includes a slide presentation about the history of opera and concert.



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Dancer ready to 'Razzle Dazzle' audience

Fosse

By Linda Ann Chomin
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Gregory Reuter has a soft spot in his heart for the musical "Sweet Charity." He danced and sang his way through "Big Spender" as a student in the Creative and Performing Arts program at Livonia's Churchill High School in the late 1980s. Now he's returning to the Detroit area to "Razzle Dazzle" audiences as one of six principals in the cast of "Fosse" opening Tuesday, Feb. 29, at the Fisher Theater.

The production, a celebration in song and dance of the legendary choreographer/director, surveys 35 years of Bob Fosse's award winning musicals, films and television specials.

Be ready to dance and sing, or at least tap your toes, if you're lucky enough to be in the audience. There are 29 musical numbers and 15-minutes of intensive dancing in the finale – Benny Goodman's "Sing, Sing, Sing" from the 1978 "Dancin'" – not to mention the two hours of high kickin' routines that precede it. Expect plenty of strutting from the 28 cast members dressed in traditional "Fosse" black and holding derbies. Each actor plays numerous roles including Reuter who shines in "From This Moment On" from "Kiss Me Kate" and "Razzle Dazzle" from "Chicago."

"Growing up I was really influenced by Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire," said Reuter. "Fosse was a contemporary, a song and dance man and one of my biggest influences."

Reuter and the rest of the cast went through six weeks of intensive rehearsals with Gwen Verdon and Ann Reinking. Verdon, for whom Fosse created "Whatever Lola Wants" in "Damn Yankees," serves as artistic adviser to the production. Reinking was a principal dancer in many of Fosse's shows. In fact, Reuter originally worked with Reinking in the revival of "Chicago" on Broadway.

"They're the keepers of the torch," said the 28-year-old Reuter, who started out in the chorus at Walt Disney World and eventually worked his way to New York where he sang at Radio City Musical Hall with The Rockettes and as a backup singer for Liza Minnelli. "They have all the original information and don't let you get away with much."

Fosse's theatrical and sensual dances earned him accolades throughout his career. In 1973, he became the first director

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"Fosse"

What: The Tony Award winning musical spotlights the work of legendary choreographer/director Bob Fosse.

When: Tuesday, Feb. 29 to Sunday, March 19. 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Where: Fisher Theater, Detroit.

Tickets: $37.50-$65.50 for Friday-Saturday, $35-$62.50 Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday evenings.
Call (248) 645-6666.

Steppin' out: *(Top photo) The national touring company of "Fosse" performs "Sing, Sing, Sing." (Above) Gregory Reuter returns to Detroit as one of six principals in "Fosse."*

Second City Touring Company

What: Performs 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, March 3-4

Where: Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills

Tickets: $25 per person. Proceeds benefit the Farmington Players' building fund. Afterglow with refreshments follows performances. Call (248) 553-2955.

Engineering comedian coming home

By Keely Wygonik
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Kirk Hanley

In school, Kirk Hanley was the smart, nerdy kid who did well in math and science. He graduated from the GM Institute in Flint, and became an engineer. But it was the experience he received on the stage at Farmington Players that really helped his career.

No kidding -- Hanley gave up a career in engineering to become an actor and a comedian.

"My heart wasn't in it," said Hanley a member of the Second City Touring Company performing Friday Saturday, March 3-4 at the Farmington Players Barn in Farmington Hills. "It was very scary to walk away from a stable job."

A graduate of Troy Athens High School, Hanley started performing in plays at the GM Institute. A family friend invited him to attend a membership meeting at the Farmington Players in 1986. He was only 22, and because there weren't a lot of men in his age group, he got cast in a lot of shows.

■ With encouragement from his wife Deborah, Hanley, 36, and a resident of Farmington, started working on his improvisation and acting skills.

"The stage time and experience was terrific," he said. "I always seemed to be involved in shows where I played multiple characters. I had the opportunity to work with many wonderful, patient directors and many fine acting ensembles. I was in all of the comedies. Comedy seems to be one of my strengths. I'm pretty quick on my feet."

With encouragement from his wife Deborah, Hanley, 36, and a resident of Farmington, started working on his improvisation and acting skills. Prior to being accepted into the Second City Touring Company in 1998, he worked as an actor with the Purple Rose Theatre, Heartlande Theatre, and the Gem Theatre. He performed improvisation for two and a half years with Totally Unrehearsed Theatre based out of Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak.

He has done numerous industrial films, industrial stage shows, voice-overs, and a few commercials. In addition to his work with the Second City Touring Company, Hanley teaches

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POPULAR MUSIC

Crud debuts at Lili's, wins over new fans, old friends

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"You guys must be crazy," shouted one fan standing in a long line leading down the corridor outside Lili's 21 in Hamtramck. But the crowd of people rushing out of the club weren't leaving – they were heading for the stage door, ready to make their entrance.

In a moment made for local music history, Vinnie Dombroski, Joey Mazzola, Robby Graham and Jimmy Paluzzi debuted on Lili's stage as the newly formed Crud. These former members of Detroit-based bands Sponge and Hoarse have been rehearsing for just more than a month, but the buzz surrounding them is growing louder by the minute.

The crowd pushed and prodded its way as close to the stage as possible Friday, Feb. 11, anxious to catch a glimpse of Crud's first public performance. Four white-hot spotlights shined down – one on each band member.

Vinnie – dressed in black with his head tilted toward the light – sang with such force and conviction, it was hard to look away. But each spotlight burned as brightly above this group of musicians who've proved themselves worthy of national attention. Paluzzi, Sponge's original drummer, and Graham had long solidified their places behind the drums and bass guitars as half of Hoarse. Vinnie and Mazzola made headlines as the voice and guitar behind Sponge. There was hardly a stranger in the club.

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"It fell together really naturally," said Vinnie in a phone interview.

Welcome home

Debuting at Lili's seemed a natural choice. Sponge had chosen the venue for several record release parties, and even recorded "Live at Lili's" there four years ago. "It made sense to play there again," said Vinnie. "I feel welcome there."

Now it's time to put the past aside. Crud has a decidedly different sound, a far cry from the pop-driven melodies of Sponge hits like "Molly" and "Plowed." These songs possess more of an edge, a deeper, darker side of rock. "Dig My Own Grave" and "Meat Detination" are real, raw, rock and roll. Vinnie calls it "Zombie meets the Pilots doing a soundtrack to 'Easy Rider'."

And it shows on stage. It shows in the way Vinnie forcefully clutches the microphone, the way Jimmy Paluzzi grinds his teeth behind the drums. You can see it when Joey Mazzola hops up and down with fervor and Robby Graham intensely rocks back and forth cradling his bass.

"There's a certain aspect, that heart aspect, I think can really work for you," said Vinnie of his band mates. "When you work with people you've had some kind of history with, you know they're gonna give 120 percent."

With that kindof energy, the music itself doesn't seem to do the music justice, but

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STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MEIERS

Captivating the crowd: *Vinnie's voice than the voice of Crud, he's also a dynamic performer.*

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Vinnie admits it's "near and dear" to him. "The name was a focal point for me," he said. "When these songs started to emerge, I wanted to call them something. These songs fit so perfectly into that idea of this thing called Crud, it just seemed to work."

STAFF PHOTOS BY GARY MALERBA

New reality: *Introducing Crud (left to right), otherwise known as Joey Mazzola, Jimmy Paluzzi, Vinnie Dombroski and Robby Graham — the latest, greatest musical incarnation of these longtime Detroit musicians.*

One to watch

Crud has already been touted as the one new band to watch in metro Detroit. Greg Pawlowski came out to Lili's not knowing what to expect. He'd never heard Sponge or Hoarse before, but now he's hooked on Crud.

"It was awesome," declared the Farmington Hills resident. "I'm actually really surprised. I've never heard any of these songs. I'd come see them anytime."

Pawlowski was one of a lucky few who managed to catch the show front and center. Chris Hutt, a Bloomfield Hills native, struggled to see the show from farther back. He wouldn't have missed it. "It was rockin'," said Hutt. "I believe it was their first show. Nobody knew the songs, but the place was packed ... everyone was standing on the chairs."

That curiosity hung heavily in the air. Theresa Gallagher and Jenny Zaccaro read about the show on a message board on the Internet and trekked all the way from Chicago to catch the band. "Vinnie is the greatest," gushed Zaccaro. "Whatever band he's in, were fans." All this attention comes long before Crud has even begun work on an album.

Vinnie said he's constantly writing new material. "The stuff never shuts off. It just happens.

"I've always used the live shows to gage the success of the music. All the songs we played worked out well."

If Crud gets its way, there will be another show soon. For now, Vinnie's concentrating on getting the music out. "I'd love to have everything I've done recorded and mixed ... Give it a little time."

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to win Oscar, Tony and Emmy awards in a single year for the film version of "Cabaret," the Broadway musical "Pippin" and the television special "Liza with a Z."

More than 10 years after his death, "Fosse" premiered in Toronto in August of 1998 and subsequently opened in Broadway's Broadhurst Theatre in January 1999. The national touring company opened at Chicago's Ford Center in September.

Fosse's work continues to receive awards. Directed by Richard Maltby Jr. with choreography recreated by Chet Walker, "Fosse" won Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Lighting and Best Orchestrations in 1999. Fosse won a total of nine in his lifetime.

Full circle

Reuter chuckles now when he thinks of playing Alexander Graham Bell in the fourth grade at Kennedy Elementary. Later he joined the Livonia Youth Choir and studied voice at the Academy of Popular Vocal Arts with Gene Grier at Oakland University in Rochester.

"I still remember the day my mother asked me to take dance class at the Northern Ballet Theater in Westland," said Reuter. "My sister danced and my mother dragged me along. I played a lot of sports. When you start dancing young, your body gets trained. Your body is built to dance."

Reuter's come full circle from seeing "Dancin'" at the Fisher Theater in 1981. He'll not only return to the Fisher to perform but will give a master class for the Creative and Performing Arts students at Churchill High School and a vocal workshop for the students at Waterford Mott High School. Steve Kosinski, Reuter's instructor in the CAPA program, now teaches at Waterford Mott. Joining Reuter for the vocal workshop will be Marsh Hanson, a member of his vocal jazz group New York Bopp and a cast member of the "Irish and How They Got That Way" opening at Music Hall in March. It was while studying for a degree in music theater performance at Western Michigan University that Reuter developed a love for vocal jazz music. Today Reuter is founder and artistic director of the vocal jazz group New York Bopp.

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>
> *Gregory Reuter*
> *Dancer*

"I'm really excited," said Reuter. "Even though I toured nationally with 'Joseph (and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat)' and 'Chicago,' this is my first time playing in Detroit. I love working in theater and the excitement of live theater every night."

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beginning improvisation classes at Second City, and performs for corporations as part of his work with Second City Communications.

"I pretty much act full-time now," he said.

Hanley also enjoys working with youngsters and believes theater can make a positive impression. He does outreach programs on drug and alcohol abuse and divorce for middle schools with the National Council of Jewish Women.

Satire

On stage with Second City, Hanley and the cast use satire to make their audiences think about prejudice, the workplace, violence and relationships. "Some of our scenes might change people's attitudes," he said.

Sometimes Hanley gets to perform in mainstage productions at Second City Detroit. Some of his biggest fans are members of the Farmington Players.

The six members of the Second City Touring Company will make their audience laugh, and possibly give them something to think about. Part of Second City's mission is to "put on stage what the audience is thinking."

"We try to cover just about everything," said Hanley. "We do social/political satire. The show we will be doing for Farmington Players is usually called 'The Best of Second City.' It is a combination of scripted material along with improvisation. It's a full two-act show, we do some musical numbers too."

Hanley is looking forward to returning to the Farmington Players stage. "The place holds a lot of memories," he said. "I'm still a member of the group, I never let my dues lapse."

Fund-raiser

Proceeds from the special Second City performances will benefit the Farmington Players' building fund. The Players are working to raise money to build a new barn-like theater at the same location. Construction is expected to begin this summer.

Hanley hopes to move up to the main stage at Second City. He and the rest of the touring company will be performing on the mainstage at Second City Detroit the first two weekends of April. They're working on the show that's about hockey now.

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Talented cast lends enthusiasm to 'Oliver!'

The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents the musical "Oliver!" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, and March 3-4; and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 Haggerty, Northville. Tickets $12 adults, $8 students ages 18 and under, call (248) 349-7110 or visit the Web site www.causeway.com/ptg.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

The Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of "Oliver!" offers a delightful score, an enthusiastic cast and some talented leads.

Director Ralph Rosati of Wixom assembled a talented and enthusiastic cast, with a talented and enthusiastic children's chorus. Stacie Guerreso of Farmington Hills lent a beautiful soprano voice to the role of Oliver. Paul Luoma of Farmington Hills was a standout as the Artful Dodger, filling the stage with his charisma and talent, and moving with a confident, self-assured manner.

Marc Rosati of Walled Lake delivered a delightfully clever, lecherous, yet likable Fagin, making him the bad guy you want to cheer. He dedicated his performance to his father, the director of this show, who played the same role 25 years ago.

The talented husband-and-wife team of Ariana and Keith Prusak teamed up once again to play lovers, albeit deeply dysfunctional ones. Ariana brought energy and enthusiasm to the role of Nancy. Keith was consistently, and unrelentingly angry and evil, traits critical to the twisted Bill Sykes.

Instead of taking advantage of the youthful cast's vigor and enthusiasm, Barbara Bloom often had them standing stiffly like statues until it was time for them to perform a movement. The train made of pickpocket children during the "I'll Do Anything" number was clever.

The two-level set, with a dual staircase and raised walkway upstage, was functional and versatile.

The costumes were generally good, with a few notably exceptions: Mr. Bumble nearly loses his bulbous belly stuffy in a brawl with his wife, and the workhouse's Widow Carney wears the same clothing as a chorus member, which is confusing. And what was Fagin doing with a modern wristwatch? He may be a good thief, but not a time traveler.

The Artful Dodger's costume was delightfully eccentric and added to his talented performance. The make-up was generally well done. Fagin's character make-up and wig were tremendous.

Sue Suchyta is a Dearborn resident and reviews community theater for the Observer Newspapers.

Arts thrive on fresh approach

Fresh faces. Fresh approaches. Two essentials for any community wishing to reap the benefits that a thriving arts and entertainment scene can provide.

As the host of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, I can tell you that freshness is an ingredient the producers insist upon in every show. Even with much-anticipated and highly-publicized exhibits like "Van Gogh: Face to Face," which opens March 12 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, there are important stories that can go untold.

BACKSTAGE PASS

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In an edition that airs at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 27, the producers could have chosen to do a segment on the magnificence of the art (hey, it's Vincent!) or the significance of the exhibit (the first anywhere with such a collection of van Gogh portraiture).

Instead, the focus will be on how the DIA was able to pull off such a coup. Viewers will get a behind-the-scenes look that provides insight into the process of attracting such a major event. It's a story of ingenuity that offers much promise for bringing in future exhibits of this magnitude.

Sometimes, freshness involves a new sound for a musician who has been around for a while. As the frontman for the band Gov't Mule, Warren Haynes has drawn on his stint as a member of the Allman Brothers in developing a distinctive blues/rock thrust to his music.

"Fans over the years have come to expect music from Warren that bridges the narrow gap between the Grateful Dead and Phish. Here, it will be a very rare acoustic performance with just his voice and a guitar," says BACKSTAGE PASS music producer Ron Pangborn of Haynes' appearance on the Feb. 27 show.

Having toured with Was/Not/Was during the band's influential period in the 1980s, and subsequently performing solo as an opener in such diverse concerts as Marvin Hamlisch and the Squirrel Nut Zippers, no one will ever suggest that Kathy Kosins is reluctant to try something new.

The Birmingham-based jazz vocalist made a transition from rhythm & blues to straight ahead jazz in the early 1990s. Her 1996 release, "All in a Dreams Work," was a bold, widely acclaimed collection of nine originals and just one cover.

Kosin's open mind and broad musical experiences helped her develop exceptional skills as a songwriter and producer. It also takes drive and confidence to turn a debut album into a fresh, personal statement. It shows in her performances, including a Feb. 27 appearance at BACKSTAGE PASS.

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THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: "Always...Patsy Cline" continues at the theater, Detroit. $12.25-$17.25 through Tuesday, March 7, $24.50-$34.50 beginning Wednesday, March 8. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: "Valley Song," through Sunday, March 19. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Detroit. $15. (313) 868-1347

FOX THEATRE: "Smokey Joe's Cafe" starring Gladys Knight opens Tuesday, Feb. 29 and continues through Sunday, March 5, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. $20-$45. (248) 433-1515

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through March 26, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. $24.50-$34.50. (313) 963-9800

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "All My Sons" continues to Sunday, March 5, at the theater, Rochester. $24-$35. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

U-D THEATRE COMPANY: "The Dumb Waiter and More" continues to Feb. 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 BONSTELLE: "The Skin of Our Teeth" Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27 and March 3-5, at the theater, Detroit. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY: "Five by Tenn" opens March 10 continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. $12. (248) 553-2955

PLANET ANT: "Comedy of Errors," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 25-25, March 3-4, March 10-11 and March 17-18, 8 p.m. Thursdays March 2, 9 and 16, and 7 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 27 and March 5, 12 and 19, at the theater, Hamtramck. $10. (313) 365-4948

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: "Nightwatch" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, 10-11 and 17-18, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the theater, Dearborn. $11. (313) 561-TKTS

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. 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

STAGECRAFTERS: "Forever Plaid," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, March 3-4 and 10-11, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 and March 5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. $9. (248) 541-6430

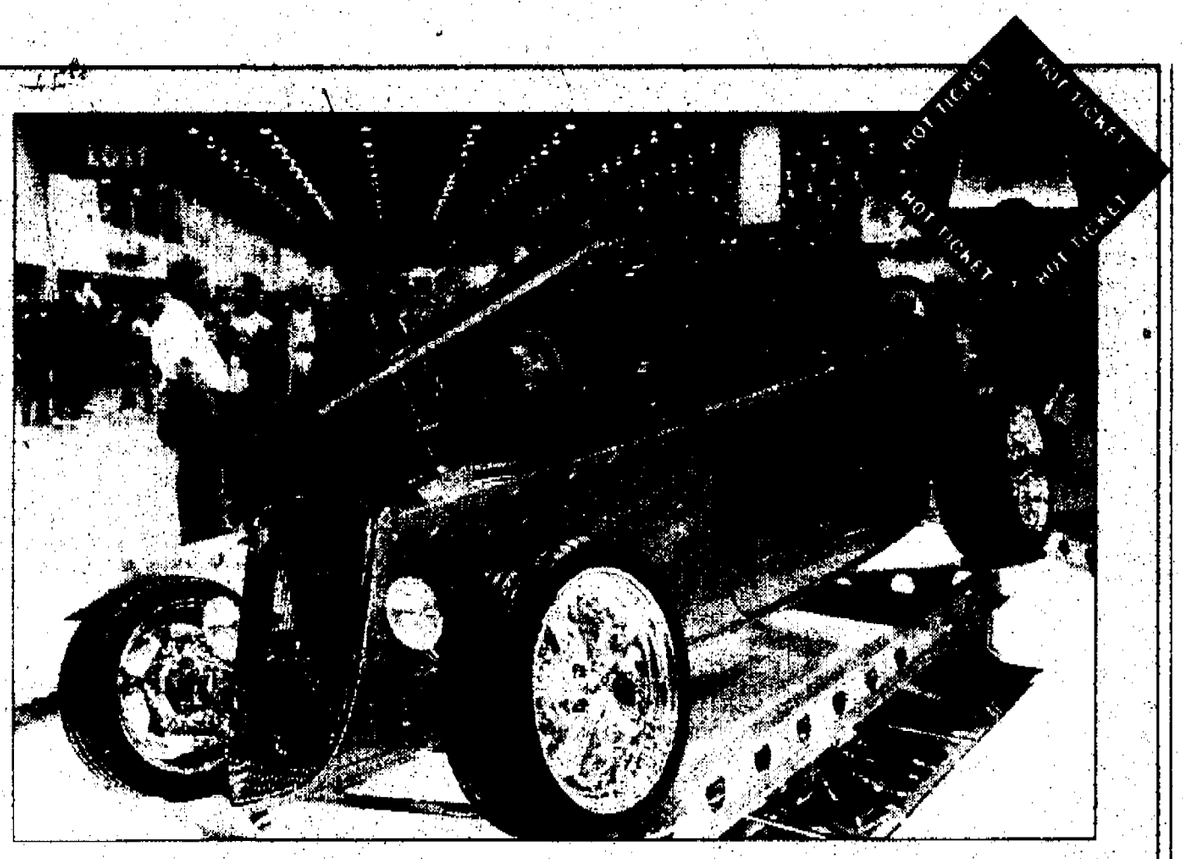
THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD: "Godspell" continues through Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Redford. $12. (313) 531-0554

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: "A Chorus Line," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962.

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays ($25 Thursdays and Sundays, and $30 Fridays-Saturdays), and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

FOX LAIR DINNER THEATRE: Presents "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a hilarious comedy



Hot Rod Heaven: *Custom cars like this 1934 Ford Highboy Coupe are among 800 exhibits on display at the 48th annual Big Kmart Detroit Autorama, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27 at Cobo Center in Detroit. The show features customized cars, trucks, vans, motorcycles, hot rods and celebrity appearances. Admission $12.50 adults, children under 12, $5, children under 3, free. Call (248) 650-5560.*

runs Saturday nights only, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth. $29.95. (734) 453-7272

RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE: "Fools," a comic fable by Neil Simon, opened Thursday, evening Feb. 3 and continues on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. $25. (248) 544-0283

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

PUPPETART: "Kolobok," the Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man," 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Detroit Puppet Theater. $7, $5 children. (313) 961-7777

YOUTHEATRE: "Ishangi African Dancers" 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 at Music Hall, Detroit. $8 advance, $9 at door. (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS

CABARET EVENING: Features Grosse Pointe Memorial Church soloists singing music from Broadway and movie scores 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. $35, includes dinner. Must be purchased by Sunday, Feb. 20. (313) 882-5330

JAZZ JAMBALAYA: New Orleans style with jazz by the Ron English Trio 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Rochester Community House. $15. (248) 651-0622

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION: "Put a Little Jazz in Your Life," 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4, dance the night away to the sounds of Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars Band and enjoy delicious New Orleans cuisine, vocal choir SCool JAzz will also perform, in the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft College campus, Livonia. $30 if purchased before Friday, $35 afterwards. (734) 462-4417/(734) 462-4435

MOTOR CITY EXTRAVA CON: 10 a.m. to 4p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Knights of Columbus, Livonia. $2. (248) 426-8059

OUTDOORAMA: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 26 and March 4, until 6 p.m. Sundays Feb. 27 and March 5, 3-9 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 28-29 and Thursday-Friday, March 2-3, and noon to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at the Novi Expo Center. $6.50, $3 ages 12 and under. (800) 777-6720

FAMILY EVENTS

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs Beethoven, Dvorak, Sousa, Tchaikovsky and Berlioz, 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Orchestra Hall. (313) 576-5111

BENEFITS

JAZZ DANCE THEATRE: A dance concert featuring established repertory works and a recent premiere 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. $12, $8 students/seniors. (734) 995-4242

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR: Present "Hearts & Voices for the Homeless" concert to benefit Doorstep Homeless Shelter, 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores. $10 recommended donation. (313) 341-3466/(810) 447-4221

CLASSICAL

DEARBORN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Hocus Pocus" concert features flutist Marianne Gediglan 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 at Edsel Ford High School, Dearborn. $16, $2 students. (313) 565-2424

DEBUSSY QUARTET: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Henry Ford Estate at Fair Lane, Dearborn. (313) 593-5330

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA: Perform Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $4. (313) 576-5111

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Violinist Elmar Oliveira performs 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 10:45 a.m. Friday, March 3, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $14-$50. (313) 576-5111

JOEL HASTINGS: The pianist performs 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Detroit. (313) 875-7407

MADONNA UNIVERSITY: The faculty performs a recital 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, in Kresge Hall on campus, Livonia. $5, and supports the music scholarship fund. (734) 432-5709

T'ANG STRING QUARTET: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. $10-$25. (734) 769-2999

OPERA

CANTON PROJECT ARTS: Presents the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, a special presentation of the history of opera in America precedes the concert at 2:30 p.m., an artists reception follows the concert, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. $15. (734) 397-6450

COMIC OPERA GUILD: "Carmen" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. $18, $16 seniors, $7 students/children. (734) 973-3264

POPS/SWING

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Pops with Sandy Duncan, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $14-$47. (313) 576-5111

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

AVON PLAYERS: "Moon Over Buffalo" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, 10-11 and 17-18 and Thursday, March 16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5 and 12, at the Theater, Rochester Hills. $13. (248) 608-9077

BROADWAY KIDS 2000: Open auditions for boys and girls ages 8 and up, 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, proper dance attire required, in room 107A of Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. For performances April 16 and 30 and May 7 and 14. (248) 354-0545/(248) 352-2797

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

NOVI THEATRES CHILDREN'S ANNEX (AGES 10-13): "Charlotte's Web," 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Novi Civic Center. Production dates May 19-21; actors must pay $125 participation fee once cast. (248) 347-0400

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: Auditions for "Moon Over the Brewery 7 p.m. Monday, March 6, at the playhouse, Troy. For performances May 5-21. (248) 549-8553

SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION: The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail CoufLinks@aol.com

STAGECRAFTERS: Auditions for "The King & I" noon Sunday, Feb. 27 (registration at 11 a.m.), at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. For performances May 12-4, 18-21, 25-28, and May 31-June 4. (248) 541-4832

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, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM: Auditions for "Forever Plaid," requires 4 strong male vocalists, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday, March 5 and 7, at the theater. For performances May 12-27. (248) 540-6950

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

CHORAL

CANTATA ACADEMY: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. $15, $12 seniors/students. (248) 358-9868

RENAISSANCE CHORUS: "Through the Years," a performance of barbershop harmony 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, Livonia. $12 at the door, $11 adults and $10 students in advance. (734) 421-1425

JAZZ

AMIGO: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

BROTHERS GROOVE: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

TODD CURTIS: Thursdays, at Elie's, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

KENNY GARETT QUARTET: With Kurt Elling Quartet 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $16-$62. (313) 576-5111

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vocalist Sunny Wilkinson 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. $5 cover. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. (734) 762-7756

MARK MOULTRUP: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

RICH K. TRIO: 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

JANET TENAJ TRIO: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

JACKIE ROUSH: The punk-folk artist performs Friday, Feb. 25 at the Grand Cafe, Farmington. Free. www.JackieRoush.com

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

POETRY NIGHT: Presented by Third Eye Production 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Truth Bookstore, Southfield. (248) 557-4824

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, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-7586

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. $7. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241

STARDUST BALLROOM: Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. $8. (248) 356-5678

SWING DANCE CLASSES: 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Wonderland Mall, Livonia. (734) 522-4100

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DANCE: "Approaching Extremes," the 71st annual Spring Dance Concert features works by the Detroit Dance Collective, Alan Danielson & Dancers, Erica Wilson-Perkins, and King/Chavez/Parks, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, at Music Hall for the Performing Arts, Detroit. (313) 577-4273

COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Jim Mclean with Gary George and Dee Profitt 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, at the club, Commerce Twp. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Brad Lowrey Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 23-26, also Randy Eply and Rich Higginbottom; Steve McGrew, also Kirk Noland Wednesday-Saturday, March 1-4, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday's and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays ($5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Victoria Jackson Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Brad Upton Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

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

SECOND CITY TOURING COMPANY: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington Hills. $25. (248) 553-2955

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: Offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. $6, $4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: "On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum, Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; $3 for adults, $1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at the center, Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is $3 for adults, $2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional $4. (313) 577-8400

DETROIT ZOO: Mosaic Youth Theatre performs works about amphibians 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theater; the exhibit, "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring" continues through Jan. 2, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, Royal Oak. $7.50, $5.50 seniors/students. $4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission $2, $1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: Celebrates Black History Month, at the museum, Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. $12.50, $11.50 seniors, $7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sundays, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. $8, $6 seniors, $4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM: "A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit continues through Saturday, Feb. 26, at the museum at Van Hoosen Farm, Rochester Hills. $3, $2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

SPIRIT OF FORD: Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday through February, open Mondays beginning in March, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. $6, $5 seniors, $4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

U-M MUSEUM OF ART: "The Orchid Pavilion Gathering," an exhibit of 60 Chinese works spanning nearly 900 years continues to Sunday, March 26; Chinese Lantern Festival features hands-on activities and performances to celebrate Chinese art and culture 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the museum Ann Arbor. Free, but a $5 donation is suggested. Call (734) 764-0395 or visit the Web site at www.umich.edu/~umma/

LIVE MUSIC!

ALBERTA ADAMS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 10-11, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

BRYAN ADAMS: 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, State Theatre, Detroit. $29.50-$39.50. (313) 961-MELT

THE ALLIGATORS: 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

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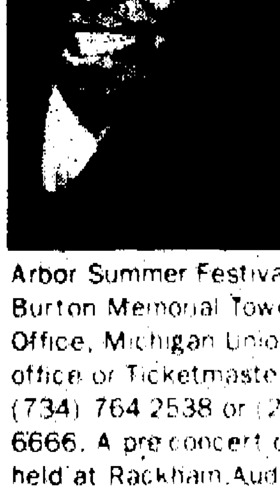
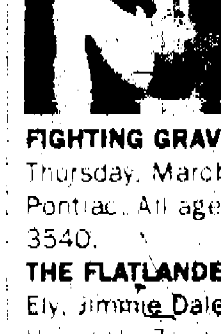
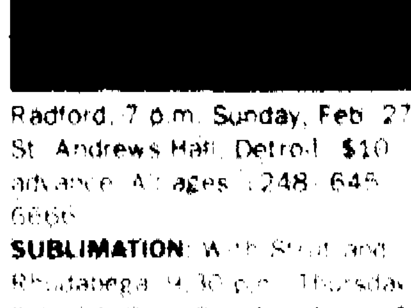
AMERICAN HI FI: 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $6. (248) 645 6666
LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Borders Books and Music, Novi. (248) 347-0780.
FIONA APPLE: 7:30 p.m. showtime, Friday, March 10, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced. (248) 645 6666.
APOLLO FOUR FORTY: 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $8.50 advance/$10 day of show. (248) 645-6666.
BANG 12 RECORD RELEASE PARTY: With DJ Greg Montgomery, DJ Seoul, DJ Moorese vs. DJ G-Major, MC Subverse, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Science, Redford. 18 and over. $10 for 21 and older. $15 for 18-21. (313) 438-4146.
BARBARA BARRETT: Saturday, March 18, Coyote Club, Pontiac. (248) 332-4695
BUGS BEDDOW BAND: 9:30 p.m. Frday-Saturday, March 3-4, Beale Street Blues and BBQ, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900
MARCUS BELGRAVE: Headlines 10th annual Mardi Gras Masquerade Party with a tribute to Louis Armstrong, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, Greektown, Detroit. (313) 965-4600.
BETTER DAYS: Saturday, March 4, 25, Coyote Club, Pontiac. (248) 332 4695
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
BLACKTHORN: Noon Friday, March 17, Cowley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941
BLUE HAWAIIANS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800
THE BOTTOM FEEDERS: 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368
CHUCK BRODSKY: 8 p.m. Friday March 3, Green Wood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-8558
BROKEBACK: Wednesday, March 8, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873
BROKEN HALO: Saturday, March 11, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459 4190 (classic rock).
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; Thursday, Feb. 24, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150; Friday, Feb. 25, Woodruff's, Royal Oak. (248) 586 1519.



JAMES BROWN: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Concert to benefit Ann Arbor Summer Festival. $25-$60 at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival Box Office, Burton Memorial Tower Ticket Office, Michigan Union Ticket office or Ticketmaster outlets (734) 764 2538 or (248) 645 6666. A pre-concert dinner will be held at Rackham Auditorium. Tickets $150. (734) 647 2278
THE BUSINESS: Featuring Beer Zone, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, The Shelter, Detroit. $10 advance. All ages. (248) 645 6666
RICK C AND THE X BAND: Thursdays in Feb. and March, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459 4190 (Top 40).
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
CASH MONEY MILLIONAIRES: Featuring Juvenile, The Hot Boys, Lil Wayne, B.G. and The Big Tymers, Ruff Ryders with Eve, DMX [illegible] Saturday, Feb. 26 [illegible] Auburn Hills. (248) 645-6666.
CJ CHENIER & RED HOT LOUISIANA BAND: 7 p.m. Sunday, March 5, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $12. (248) 645-6666
BRUCE COCKBURN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. $26.50. (248) 645-6666.
PAULA COLE: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Clutch Cargo's, Pontiac. All ages. $15. (248) 645-6666.
COMMANDER CODY: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $13. (248) 544-3030.
COMPANY OF STRANGERS: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 10-11, 5 p.m. Friday, March 17, Cowley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941.
LISA CUNNINGHAM: 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. $5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856
DEEP BANANA BLACKOUT: 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
JOHNNY DILKS: Thursday, Feb. 24, Velvet Lounge, Pontiac. (248) 334-7411
DJ CASH MONEY: 10 p.m. Friday, March 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. $6. (248) 645-6666
THE DONNAS: With The Snugglers and The Plus-Ones, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Magic Stick, Detroit. $8 advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700.
E TOWN CONCRETE: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, Shelter, Detroit. $7 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.
FACE: Saturday, March 4, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190 (rock)



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 FLATLANDERS: Featuring Joe Ely, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Butch Hancock, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $20 advance. (248) 645-6666.
LESLIE FREDERICK: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (folk).
SUE GARNER AND RICK BROWN: Thursday, March 9, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873
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.
G LOVE AND SPECIAL SAUCE: 8 p.m. Sunday, March 12, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. $11.50-$16.50. (248) 645-6666
JEFF GRAND AND JIM MCCARTY: 10 p.m. Tuesdays, The Music Menu, Detroit. No cover for a limited time.
GRUESOMES: With Soot and the Sex Machines, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, March 7, 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
AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS: 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, March 7-9, Weber's, Ann Arbor. (734) 665 3636; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 11, The Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. (734) 332 9900.
INDIGO SWING: 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
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
JC BAND: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, The Village Bar and Grill, Wayne. (734) 729-2360 (classic/modern rock).
JODY AND COMPANY: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. $5. 21 and older. (248) 305 [illegible]
JOLLY RANCHER ROCK TOUR WITH PETER SEARCY: Guests Neve and Frankie Machine, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. Free. (313) 961-MELT.
JORMA KAUKONEN: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 25, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $15. (248) 645-6666
KGB: 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 1. Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. $5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856
KILLER FLAMINGOS: Friday, March 3, Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, 31-April 1, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190 (top 40)
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).
DJ KLIPROCK: With DJ B Minor, DJ Katalist, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Science, Redford. "Science" 18 and over. $10 for 21 and older. $15 for 18-21. (313) 438-4146.
KNEE DEEP SHAG AND 60 SECOND CRUSH: Spring Breakout 2000 with Soot, Eliza and Face, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. (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.
STEVE LACY & ROSWELL RUDD QUARTET: 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. $20 advance.
LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.
SHEILA LANDIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. (248) 335-5089. (jazz)
LIT: 22 Jacks, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $15. (248) 645-6666.
MARILYN MACK GROUP: 10 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Wintergarden Tavern, Livonia. (248) 474-7159
DJ MARQUIS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Science, Redford. "The Lab." 18 and over. No cover for women. $10 men 21 and older. $15 for men 18-21. (313) 438-4146.
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
FREDDIE MCGREGOR: With Glenn Washington and Benjy Myaz, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $20. (248) 645-6666 (reggae)
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.ticket master.com or (248) 645-6666.
M80S: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25. Magic Bag, Ferndale. $6. (248) 544-3030.
MUSTARD PLUG: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996 8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY: 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368
STEVE NARDELLA BLUES BAND: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 213-1393.
NICE ONION: Saturday, Feb. 26, Coyote Club, Pontiac. (248) 332-4695
ORBIT: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $6. (248) 645-6666
ORIGINAL BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF LOVE: 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. Free, 21 and over. (734) 213-1393.
ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, March 6, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800
ORIGINAL P: Featuring members of Parliament Funkadelic, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $20. (248) 645-6666
JIM PERKINS WITH FINVARRAS WREN: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, Cowley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941
PERPETUAL HYPE ENGINE: CD Release Party with Forge, 500 Ft. of Pipe and Riot in Progress, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $6. (248) 544-3030
POD: With Factory 81, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. $10 advance. (248) 645-6666
POWERMAN 5000: With Chevelle, Friday, Feb. 25, Harpo's, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.
THE PRETENDERS: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, The State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced.
PT'S REVENGE: With Few & Far Between, Out by Tuesday, Wrist Rocket, Crutch, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700 (rock)
RUSTY LUNCHBOX: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, US 12 Bar and Grill, Wayne. (734) 722-7639 (alternative)
STEPHANIE SCHINDLER: 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (jazz).
HARMONICA SHAW: 10 p.m. Friday, March 3, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368
KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 25, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. $17.50 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.
SMASHMOUTH: With Luscious Jackson, 22 Jacks, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, EMU Convocation Center, Ypsilanti. (248) 645-6666 (alternative)
STEVE SOMERS BAND: Featuring Valerie Barrymore, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609
BRITNEY SPEARS: With LFO, Bosson, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets $34.50. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com
STARLIGHT DRIFTERS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368
STEEL PULSE: With Rustic Overtones, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. 18 and over. $20 advance. (248) 645-6666. www.steelpulse.com
STROKE 9: With Vertical Horizon



Radford, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. $10 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.
SUBLIMATION: With Strut and Rhutabega, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $4 (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
SUICIDE MACHINES: With Antiflag, Pilfers, Bump-n-Uglies, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22, State Theatre, Detroit. $10. All ages. (248) 645-6666.
SUN MESSENGERS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.
THE SWEETEST DROP: Featuring Peter Murphy, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. $21 advance/$23 week of show. (248) 645-6666.
THE TEMPTATIONS: With The

Spinners, Sunday, Feb. 27, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets on sale $32.50-$40. (248) 433-1515 or www.ticket master.com
THIRD EYE BLIND: With Tonic, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. $23.50. (248) 645-6666.
3 SONGWRITERS, 3 STOOLS, 1 STAGE: Ani DiFranco, Gillian Welsh and Greg Brown, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. $25. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666.
THOSE BASTARD SOULS: With Euphone, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
TINA TURNER: With Lionel Richie, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26, Thursday, June 1, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale for June show $85.25, $55.25, $35.25. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666.
TWISTIN' TARANTULAS: Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, March 24-25, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190; Sunday, Feb. 27 will be the band's last weekly show, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (rockabilly)
TWITCH: 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962 7067.
TYPE O NEGATIVE: With Coal Chamber, Full Devil Jacket, The Deadlights, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, State Theatre, Detroit. (248) 645 6666
UNDER CONSTRUCTION: With Half Looking, Simple Neptune, Lori Amey, 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, 7th House, Pontiac. $7. All ages. (248) 335-3540
VAN AND CRISTINA: Top Dueling Piano Team from Las Vegas, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, J.D.'s Key Club, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337
VISIONEAR: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Zeitgeist Theatre, 2662 Michigan Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-9192
THE VOLCANOS: 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, Magic Stick, Detroit. Free performance follows War of the Pour bartender competition, open to public. (313) 833 9700.
RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Friday, March 3, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721 8609
ROBERT WALTER'S 20TH CONGRESS: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Motor, Detroit. Ticket price to be announced. 18 and older. (248) 645 6666
THE WHITE STRIPES: With The Lollas, 9 p.m. Friday, March 3, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. $8. (313) 833-9700
THE WHY STORE: With Rooster, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $8. (248) 544-3030.
HANK WILLIAMS III: With Reverend Horton Heat, 8 p.m. Thursday, [illegible] 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $15 advance, $18 day of show. www.ticketmaster.com for details.
MARTY WILSON-PIPER OF THE CHURCH: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 7th House, Pontiac. 18 and older. $15. On sale March 11. (248) 645-6666
DAVID WOLFENBERGER: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Xhedos Cafe, Ferndale. $3. All ages. (248) 399-3946
YO LA TENGO: With [illegible], 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $12. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 or [illegible]@earthlink.net
BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO: 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $18. (248) 544-3030
20 MINE: With [illegible], 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962 7067 (rock)

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.xtcom.com
ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: Latin dance night, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesdays, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com
THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587
ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300
BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.
BIRD OF PARADISE: The Bird of Paradise Orchestra performs Mondays, cover $5; Ron Brooks Trio performs Wednesdays and Thursdays, cover $5; Paul Klinger's Easy Street Swingtet plays Dixieland 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Friday, cover $2; Paul Finkbeiner's Jazz Jam can be seen 9 p.m. Sundays, free, all at the club, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310
BLIND PIG: "Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons, dancing, 7 p.m. Sundays at the club, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $3 in advance, $5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477
CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278
CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900
CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or www. 961melt.com
COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616
COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941
THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500
EDISON'S: Downstairs from 220 at 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150
ELIE'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420
FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747
FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609
FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611.
FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800
GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www. golddollar.com
GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com
HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538
JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606
JD'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337
KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450
LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960
LONELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506
LOWERTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213
MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.
MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441
MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER: (313) 833-9700
MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300
MICHIGAN THEATER: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397
MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com
MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038
THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com
PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATER: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac.
PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com
PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE
ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080
ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337
ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610
THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250
ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER: 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com
7TH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540
STATE THEATRE: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com
24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030
313.JAC: Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067
TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302.
US 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY: 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639
VELVET LOUNGE: 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411
VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/BEENY'S CUE AND BREW: 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360
WAGON WHEEL TAVERN: 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789
WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB: 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519
XHEDOS CAFE: Sista Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays, 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946
ZIM'S IRISH TAVERN: 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

'Reindeer Games' won't win over movie-goers

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

When a studio bumps the release date of a motion picture from crowded Christmas Day to the limbo of late February, that's like a platoon leader volunteering one of the soldiers for a suicide mission. "Reindeer Games" has been sent to the front, and it won't be coming back.

Stars Ben Affleck, Charlize Theron and Gary Sinise are three of the more appealing performers on the big screen today. Playing, respectively, an ex-con and two sleaze buckets, their appeal in crime-thriller "Reindeer Games" is whittled down so extensively that only their biggest and most forgiving fans won't miss the money spent on seeing it.

Awaiting his impending release from a five-year prison sentence for grand theft auto, Rudy Duncan (Affleck) is envious of cellmate Nick (James Frain). Nick has been exchanging letters and life stories with a woman named Ashley (Theron), whom he has never met. Pictures of the gorgeous pen pal adorn their cell wall.

Just before their parole, Nick is killed in a prison riot. When Rudy is released and Ashley mistakes him for Nick, Rudy takes one look at the girl in the flesh and doesn't argue. You don't have to have been a prisoner for five years to go along with him on that one.

But to enjoy the benefits of Nick's future, Rudy must also assume the burdens of Nick's past. Having learned that Nick had worked at an Indian casino in northern Michigan, Ashley's brother Gabriel (Sinise) has been planning for months to rob the place using Nick's inside information. In too deep by now, Rudy is forced to continue the identity switch, despite having almost none of Nick's knowledge of the casino.

There are more twists and turns in "Games" than on the snowy state roads they take to the casino. Who can Rudy trust, and how long can he stay one lie ahead of those he can't? Oddly enough, the "surprise ending" may not be as surprising to some as those in the film's middle. Once you've got the rhythm of the thing, you may just nod your head knowingly when the plot plays out.

Affleck is more than capable of playing the boob caught in his own deception. Wanting only to return home for some of mom's hot chocolate, he finds himself locked in a motel room, trapped under a frozen pond and on the wrong end of a few million rounds of machine gun fire. Through it all, his Steve McQueen-like charm and charisma get him out of trouble both within the movie and in being in the movie in the first place.

Sinise and Theron don't fare as well. Scraggly haired Gabriel is an insult to scum everywhere; as a villain, his one-note character seems an unnecessary and ill-advised pit stop for the overly qualified Sinise. Theron is cute and convincing in her first scenes as the dupe in the story. When her motives emerge, however, Theron can't pull it off as a leather-tough moll. Her South African accent comes out clearly during her few emotional moments.

Veteran director John Frankenheimer ("The Manchurian Candidate," "Ronin") is at his best choreographing the multiple chases and gun fights. When the characters have to speak, one waits for the Uzis to drown them out again.

Film blends horror, realism

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VIDEO

Here's the plot: A group of young filmmakers goes into the wilderness to investigate a terrifying local legend. They disappear and the only record of their fate is found on the videotapes they made that are unearthed later.

"The Blair Witch Project," right?

Wrong.

This is the plot of "The Last Broadcast," a film made a year before "Blair Witch" began its runaway success and which has been causing some rumblings among the horror film community (yes, there is such an entity) that "The Blair Witch" is nothing more than a royal ripoff of the obscure "The Last Broadcast." Is it?

Yes and no.

Consider this plot: A group of young filmmakers goes into the wilderness to investigate a terrifying local legend. They disappear and the only record of their fate is found on the film that they took that is unearthed later.

Nope. It's the plot of "Cannibal Holocaust," a notorious Italian horror film made in 1978.

So everyone steals ideas. The key is how well you do it. "The Blair Witch Project" folks were master thieves. "The Last Broadcast" gang were petty criminals.

"The Last Broadcast" has its moments, but ultimately fails to deliver the chills with the style or sheer horror factor of Blair Witch. But it's still worth checking out, especially if you want to make comparisons. And "The Last Broadcast" invites comparison.

The similarities are abundant. In "Last Broadcast," which announces up front that none of the persons depicted are actors, filmmaker David Leigh binds the story together.

He leads us on a bumpy path as he chronicles the vicious murders of two hosts and the engineer of a local cable show called "Fact or Fiction," which leans towards the sensational.

To boost sagging ratings they hook up with a supposed psychic and go on location in the wilderness Pine Barrens of New Jersey to do a live broadcast about The Jersey Devil, a murderous local legend. Only the psychic survives and is pinned with the bloody murders of his three companions.

But some videotape mysteriously turns up, which prompts Leigh to piece together their story and what happened to them.

"The Last Broadcast" is strung together with interviews of doctors, police and film makers as it documents events leading up the horrific finale. The photography is appropriately shaky, at times out of focus and complete with flubbed takes. The dialogue appears to be off the cuff and the scenes of the crew trudging through the woods could be outtakes from "The Blair Witch Project."

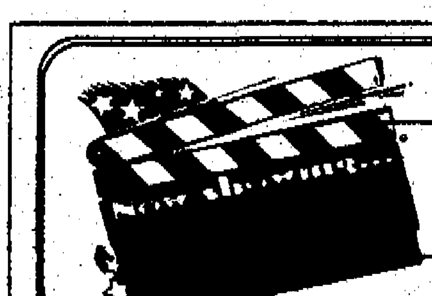
There is a sense of realism about the film that is admirable – until about the last 10 minutes.

Then everything falls apart as the plot takes a disastrous turn and completely undoes the tension so carefully crafted to that point.

And that is the biggest distinction between this film and the far more effective "Blair Witch Project." That movie left you hanging. This one drops you off a cliff.

On its own, "The Last Broadcast" is still interesting and at least somewhat original. But "The Blair Witch Project" shows what it could have been.

"The Last Broadcast" was written, directed and produced by Stefan Avalos and Lance Weiler. It is available only on video. Check your neighborhood video store.



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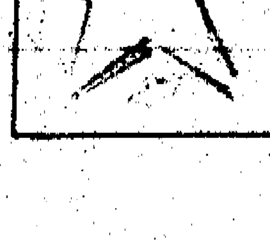

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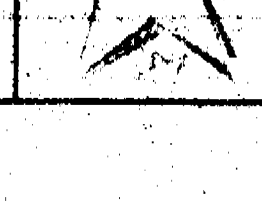

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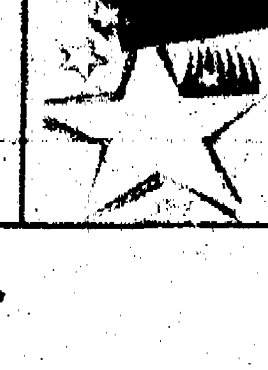

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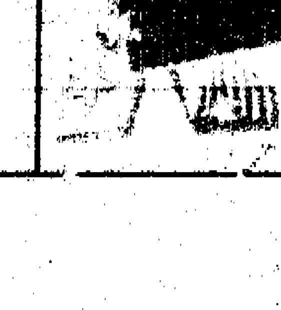

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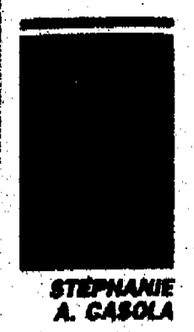

STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

There are two things James McNew knows well – good music and good fried chicken.

That's easy to see that with one listen and one look at the new album by New York's treasured indie rock trio, Yo La Tengo. "And Then Nothing Turned Itself Inside-out" is the band's 12th album, and the fifth to be recorded in Nashville, Tenn.

For the bassist, Nashville is synonymous with long hours in the recording studio and the best fried chicken around – Prince's Hot Chicken Shack. "It's beyond red hot," he said with a tinge of excitement in his voice. "We eat there once a week when we're in Nashville. You really can only eat it once a week.

"When you're on tour that's the one thing that really makes you remember where you are. Not to speak ill of tour life." He prefers to remember a city by its restaurants, record stores and the people he meets there." By Friday, Feb. 25 it'll be back to the road for McNew and Yo La Tengo.

"I'm totally looking forward to it," he said, on the telephone from his Brooklyn home. This time around the band is bringing two special guests to make it a five-piece: Mac McCaughan of Superchunk and David Kilgour of Clean. "David Kilgour is staying at my house. We were talking last night after rehearsal, in a way it's like we've never toured before. It's so completely different. We're playing seated theaters. I'm looking forward to it."

"Different" may be hard to come by when a band's been together since the mid-1980s. With the release of the ultra-subtle "And Then Nothing Turned Itself Inside-out," Lot G" and "Cherry Chapstick" Yo La Tengo casts a musical spell complete with romantic visions and soul-stirring moods. "It's a wide open approach to writing music and playing it," said McNew. "I think it comes from playing together. The longer you do it, the more comfortable you are. You are more confident to try stuff."

From Hoboken to here: *Yo La Tengo is Ira Kaplan, Georgia Hubely and James McNew. Listen to their latest album "And Then Nothing Turns Itself Inside-Out" and then see them live March 3 at the Majestic Theatre.*

That translates into musical courage, like asking one of their favorite musicians, Susie Ibarra, to play on the record or taking friends like the band Lambchop, out on the road, and even inviting McCaughan and Kilgour to join the band on-stage. It's a whole new perspective for Yo La Tengo — one developed over years of creating music together.

"I do think ~~this record~~ really reflects confidence in ideas, in the idea to make kind of a consistent, sustained mood. I am really happy with it." It's been three years since Yo La Tengo's "I Can Hear the Heart Beating As One" was released. For this album, there were no deadlines, no real pressures. McNew said that sense of control and ability to approach the project without a specific destination in mind allowed the music to flow freely from them.

"The hardest song to record was 'Night Falls on Hoboken'," he said. "It was recorded live in the studio. It took the better part of two days to get it on tape." The song happens to be the longest on the CD at a whopping 17 minutes and 41 seconds. And McNew said that was the shortest take.

"And Then Nothing Turns Itself Inside-out" was produced by Roger Moutenot. There's no telling yet how that dreamy tone will go over at a live show. Though Yo La Tengo did perform in London recently, the band hasn't played much of the new material in concert just yet. "I hope it'll go great," added McNew.

He couldn't be happier. "I don't think a days goes by that I don't think how lucky I am. Music is all I ever thought about. I'm so psyched."

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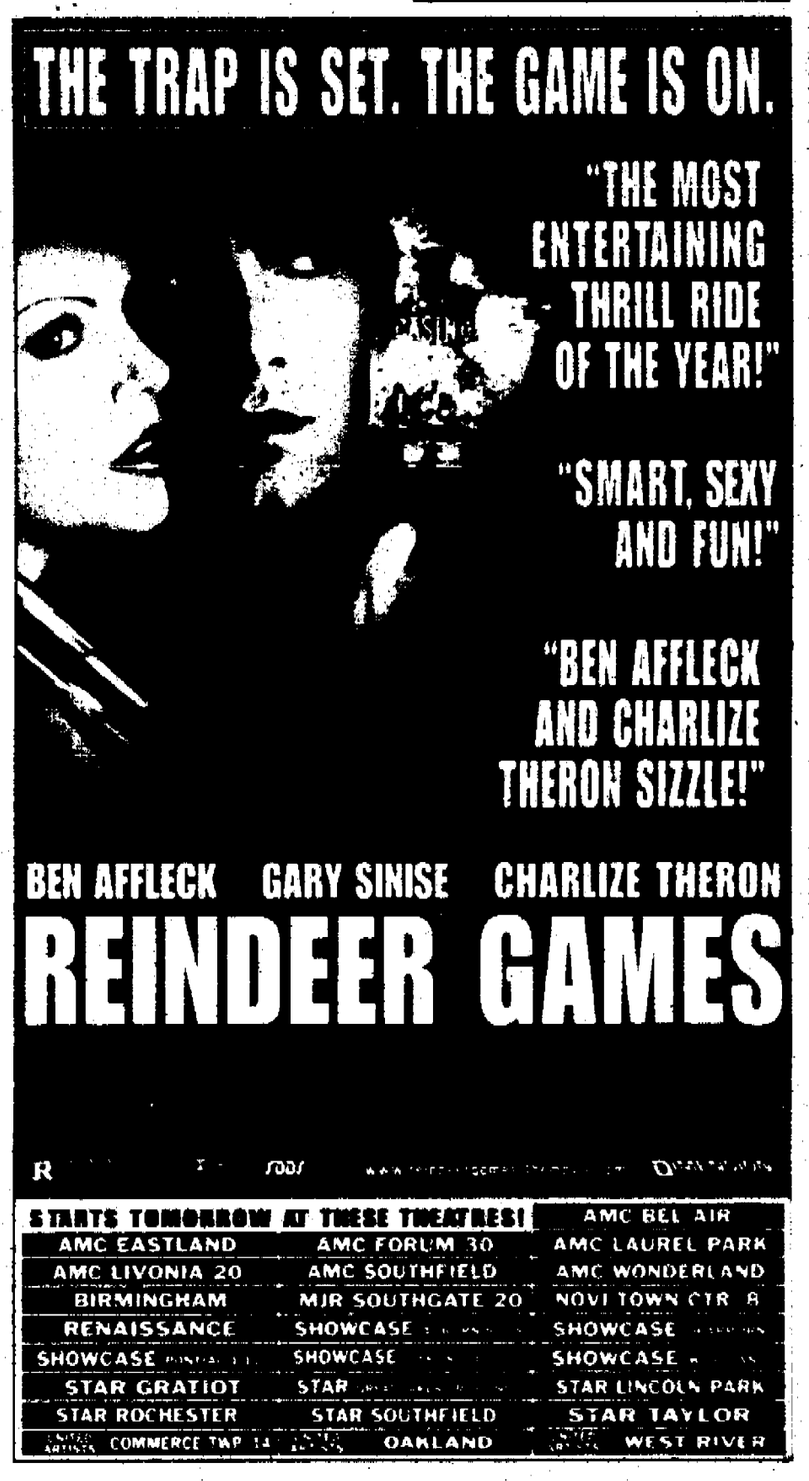

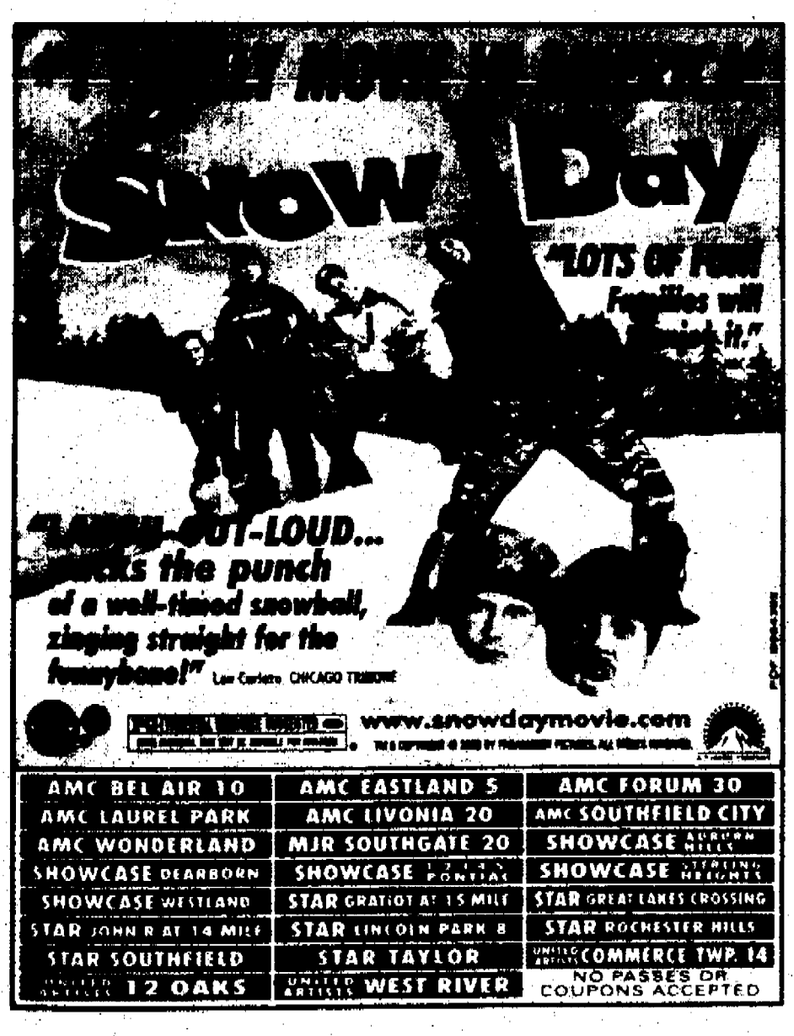

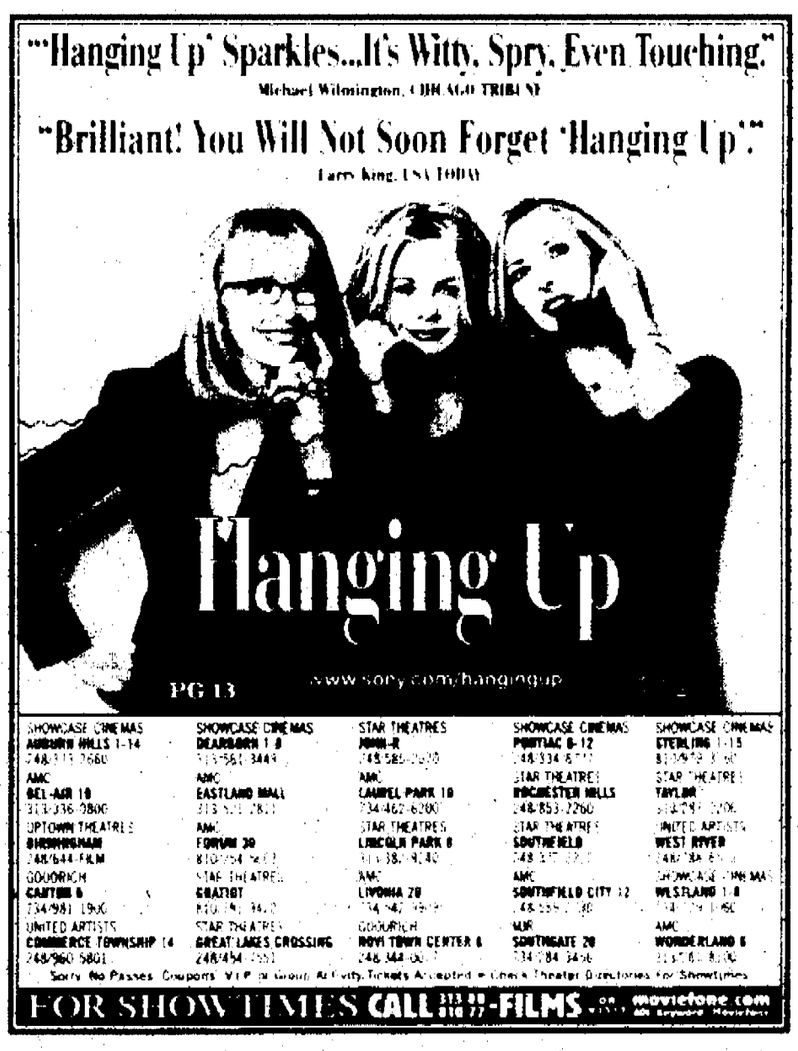

Eating at Luigi's is just like eating at home

BY MARY QUINLEY
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Debbie Brush admits to having an occasional craving for a rich, sweet entree. And she knows just the place to satisfy her urge.

"A co-worker suggested we have lunch at Luigi's," said the Farmington dental assistant. "I had angel hair pasta with Alfredo sauce. It was great! The portion was generous, and I even had leftovers to take with me."

Luigi's, located in downtown Farmington, appeals to a variety of taste buds.

As diners enter the eatery via the east door (there are two entrances), they are welcomed by an Italian greeting, Buon Venuti, painted on the wall above their heads. Once you're inside, breathe in deeply. Waves of simmering sauces seep from the kitchen.

"We serve more southern Italian dishes than northern dishes," said Domenic Belcastro, vice president and manager.

"But we're a mixture (of the two styles). We do a lot of blending."

What's the difference?

Southern Italians, said Belcastro, who was born in Italy, like more spice.

Patrons who prefer a southern flavor might choose eggplant Parmesan with a side of penne, the chicken, sausage and peppers tossed with linguine and marinara sauce, or, the veal Parmesan. Stuffed eggplant filled with three cheeses and fresh spinach is another alternative.

Luigi's
Where: 23360 Farmington Road, in the Downtown Shopping Center, across from CVS/Pharmacy in Farmington; (248) 477-1880
Open: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday-Friday; 4-10 p.m., Saturday; closed Sunday
Menu: Italian cuisine (a mix of northern and southern dishes), appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches, pasta, seafood, and, chicken, beef and veal entrees. Desserts, vegetarian meals and daily specials. Wine, beer and liquor served.
Non-smoking: 100 percent
Reservations: Yes, for parties of five or more.
Cost: Entrees range in price from $6.95 to $15.95. Burgers and sandwiches are $3.95 to $5.95.
Credit cards: All cards except Diners Club

Northern options include polenta, an appetizer of fried cornmeal topped with marinara and Alfredo sauces. Customers can also order pasta specials of fettuccine primavera or the fontinella or gorgonzola cheese with angel hair.

Doc Sloan ranks Luigi's as one of his favorite meeting places for Italian cuisine.

"The chefs at Luigi's will fix anything I want," said the Milford resident, who eats at the restaurant with his family at least once a week. "It's like eating at home!"

Sloan enjoys the angel hair pasta, chicken Parmesan and the barbecued chicken. "I've never had a bad meal," he said. "The service is good, it's clean, and the owner has a hands-on feel. I keep telling friends of mine about the restaurant."

Almost five years ago, Belcastro and his wife, Vivian J., purchased Luigi's.

"I have always been intrigued by the restaurant business," said Belcastro. Though, he admits, he never had any restaurant experience prior to Luigi's.

When the former owners wanted to sell the property, Belcastro's uncle offered some advice: "He told me to work at Luigi's before I decided (whether or not) to buy it."

So, Belcastro worked for several months at no charge.

"I had a vision while I worked," he said. "If we had the restaurant, I would fix it up and make it family-oriented."

And he did.

"It took two to three years to get the people to come back and give (the restaurant) a chance," said Belcastro. "I'm happy. We came a long way. We could always do more, which I'm looking into."

Who does the cooking? Not Belcastro.

"I can't boil water!" he laughed. "I have two cooks. James McNulty, a graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, came with the restaurant. And the other one is my nephew, Michael Namin."

Specials change daily. Vegetable lasagna, veal, chicken or a pasta entree are possibilities.

At lunch, patrons have an option of ordering the buffet for $9.95 – "a mixture of everything on the menu," said Belcastro.

Minestrone soup is made fresh every day. The "other" soup could be cream of cauliflower, cream of garlic, lentil or barley. The kitchen staff is constantly introducing new sauces to the menu.

Restaurant employees, said Belcastro, are encouraged to be independent. "If a customer has a problem, (I prefer) if my employees take care of it."

Belcastro describes himself as a working manager: "I clear tables, I bus, I talk to customers.

"It has been a wonderful experience. I've learned a lot and I'm still learning. I treat people the way I want to be treated."

Future plans for Luigi's?

"I envision a bigger restaurant (that we'll) keep family-friendly," said Belcastro.

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Pass the pasta: *Domenic Belcastro presents pasta with meatballs, just one of the dishes you'll find on the menu at Luigi's.*

CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS

■ **Mardi Gras Brewers Dinner** — 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 at Bonfire Bistro & Brewery, 39550 Seven Mile Road, Northville. The cost is $40 per person, all tables reserved, call (734) 735-4570.

Chef David Platzer and brewer Ron Jeffries are teaming up to present a five course meal and a pre-selected beer per course. The entree is Rotisserie Cornish Game Hen served with andouille sausage and crawfish corn bread stuffing over ed and yellow pepper coulis.

■ **Mardi Gras Celebration at Schoolcraft** — celebrate the end of winter and the coming of spring in true New Orleans style at a gala Mardi Gras celebration 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4 in the Waterman Campus Center at Schoolcraft College. Tickets are $35 a person, and may be ordered by calling (734) 462-4417. VISA, MasterCard or Discover cards are accepted. Proceeds support student scholarships.

Join fellow revelers as they dine on a traditional New Orleans

meal, listen to the SCool JAzz singers' mellow tones and dance to music of Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars.

The dinner menu includes andouille sausage with chicken gumbo, salad and sweet potatoes, Bourbon Street pork over jambalaya, corn with peppers, cornbread and southern pecan pie. Schoolcraft College's vocal ensemble, SCool JAzz, will harmonize on jazz standards and the Detroit All-Stars will inspire dancers to fill up the floor.

■ **Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe Restaurants** are planning Fat Tuesday celebrations on Tuesday, March 7. Marcus Belgrave headlines at Fishbone's Greektown's 10th annual party 8 p.m. to midnight, (313) 965-4600; Fishbone's Southfield hosts John Davis and Smooth Vibrations 7-11 p.m., (248) 351-2925; Fishbone's St. Clair Shores hosts an all star Dixieland Band 7-11 p.m. (810) 498-3000. Call the restaurant of your choice for details.

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