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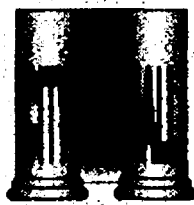
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City vehicle costs spark dispute



BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland City Council minority says the city got a sour deal — even a lemon — by spending \$90,059 to lease four new vehicles and buy four used cars.

Some council members say city directors are receiving a free ride in Bonneville SEs — at taxpayer expense —

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when at least one official should be paying for his own car.

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"What message does this send to everyone?" Councilman Glenn Anderson asked his colleagues Monday.

Others called the spending measures

a good deal and noted that the city will actually save \$9 a month on leases compared to the previous plan.

"We can save some money here," Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin said.

The dispute partially stems from whether the city should spend \$52,524 over three years, or \$1,468 a month, to lease three Bonneville SEs for Deputy Mayor George Gillies, Building Director Robert Fritz and new Finance Director Tim McCurley and a four-door GMC Jimmy for Public Services Director Richard Dittmar.

Secondly, council members differed on whether the city should spend

\$37,535 to buy four Ford Tauruses that it has leased for the directors for nearly three years. The cars have been driven some 40,000 miles each and would be used by the police and fire departments.

Anderson and Councilman Richard LeBlanc voted against leasing four new Bonneville SEs, with LeBlanc suggesting it wouldn't hurt directors to drive mid-size cars.

Griffin said the city has to provide incentives to retain top-notch directors who shouldn't be expected to accept lesser cars.

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What goes up must come down



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACGFELD

At least it's warm: Westland resident Sue King took advantage of the warm temperatures by taking down her holiday lawn display. She has been decorating her front lawn for the past 15 years. She displays more than 35 lighted figures on the front lawn of her home on Byfield. As the holiday season winds down, the holiday decorations have to come down as well.

Judge to decide if teens will be tried in beatings

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Five Garden City teen-agers charged in a brutal Hines Park beating acted in self-defense and shouldn't face trial on charges of trying to kill two Westland men, defense attorneys argued Wednesday afternoon.

But a prosecutor argued that statements made to police implicated all five teens who — despite varying degrees of involvement — acted with a "mob mentality" and should face equal charges.

Testimony concluded Wednesday in Westland 18th District Court during a preliminary hearing for James Thomas Domagalski Jr., David Ryan Kozakowski, Kyle Anders Tingstad, Christopher Totten and Brian Alan Wiatr. Totten is 16; the other youths are 17.

Judge C. Charles Bokos plans to review testimony and announce next Wednesday whether the teens, charged as adults, should stand trial for assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to do great bodily harm. His

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Women elected to lead council

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

In a historic vote, Westland City Council members Monday elected two women to the council's top leadership posts.

The election of Sandra Cicirelli as council president and Sharon Scott as president pro tem marked the first time in Westland's 32-year history that two women locked up the top seats.

"The women have arrived," Mayor Robert Thomas said. The seven-member council, composed of four men and three women, gave unanimous support to Cicirelli and Scott.

Councilman Charles Pickering quipped jokingly that "four men out of seven helped make that decision."

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New finance laws cap contributions

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Politicians like Westland Mayor Robert Thomas will have to seriously rethink the way they raise campaign money.

Thomas received thousands of dollars from individual contractors, developers and city unions during four years leading to his third-term victory Nov. 4.

But new state campaign finance laws place a \$500-per-election ceiling on individual contributions in Westland and other cities with fewer than 85,000 people in the last U.S. Census.

Thomas won't have to worry about the issue if rumors are true that he will step down after serving his new four-year term. But he hasn't ruled out another election

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King's birthday to be negotiated, mayor says

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland city officials will try to negotiate with employee unions to declare Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a paid, non-working holiday, Mayor Robert Thomas said Monday.

City offices will close for King's birthday in 1999 and employees will have the day off if negotiations this year prove successful, he said.

"We are going to attempt to negotiate Martin Luther King's birthday in the contracts," Thomas said.

The slain civil rights leader's birthday is observed on the third Monday of January.

Thomas said the city negotiating team will be seek-

ing a concession elsewhere in contracts in return for giving employees the day off. The two sides failed in previous bargaining sessions to reach an agreement on the issue.

The mayor announced the possible 1999 closing of city offices for King's birthday as Westland gears up for its first-ever program to honor King on Jan. 19.

City offices, however, will remain open that day.

Several Westland City Council members said during a Monday night meeting that the administration should have notified them of details about King's celebration, rather than letting them read newspaper accounts.

Even so, council members voiced strong support for an event that they said is long overdue.

Organizers are hoping to draw hundreds of people

for a noon Monday, Jan. 19, march from the Westland City Hall parking lot to the Westland public library, planning committee member Ronaldo Bowman said.

"We're hoping to draw 400 to 500 people," she said. Marchers will walk east on Ford Road and then north on Central City Parkway to the Westland library, where a variety of activities are scheduled to honor King.

To celebrate cultural diversity, marchers will carry flags of some 25 countries, planning committee member Marty Wagner said Monday.

Organizers are spreading word of the King celebration through newspapers, radio, local cable and fliers

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Westland family starts New Year with firsts

Rodney and Lisa Owens of Westland started off 1998 with a couple of firsts. Their first baby, William James Owens, is also the first baby of the new year at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. Weighing in at 7 pounds and measuring 20 inches in length, Baby William arrived almost a week early, at 11:13 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 1. "He's beautiful," according to

grandma, Denise Thomas, Lisa's mother. Lisa Owens went into labor on the Dec. 30, but "missed that tax deduction," Thomas said with a laugh. A native of Garden City, Rodney Owens is employed by Ford Motor Co. Baby William's grandparents include Denise and Robert Thomas of Metamora and James and Diana Owens of Garden City.

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bid. "I've learned to never say never," the mayor told the Observer after his latest election.

Thomas drew harsh criticism from challenger Kenneth Mehl for amassing a huge "war chest" with money from developers, contractors and city unions. Thomas fired back that Mehl took contributions from the same people when he formerly served 12 years on the Westland City Council.

Thomas plunked down \$111,630 in 1997, alone. But he spent \$277,484 during the last four years not only for his campaign, but also for parties, dinners, scholarship funds, charity benefits and other expenses, according to reports filed at the City-County Building in Detroit. "I put a lot of my money back into the community," Thomas has said.

Mehl claimed that the same developers, contractors and city unions who gave huge chunks of money to Thomas stand to gain from him when he recommends them for city contracts.

But Thomas has defended his fund-raising activities as legal, although he admitted he has to return \$4,000 to \$5,000 in contributions he received since last March from individuals who gave more than the \$500 limit. That was largely due to a \$540 golf outing.

Compared to Thomas, Mehl and Westland City Council candidates raised much smaller amounts from contributors. Mehl spent only \$8,917, or \$1 for every \$12.50 spent by Thomas.

What follows is a partial listing of contributors and their cumulative totals for the 1997 election cycle.

For Thomas: William Pritula, contractor (\$3,140); Daniel Fredendall (\$3,420) and William McCliment (\$2,400), both of

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Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin spent \$17,035 - the most of any council candidate - and benefited from \$10,159 raised by Westland Committee for Better Government. He raised other monies from contributors including Realtors Political Action Committee of Michigan (\$750); Keith Risdon (\$150); Daniel Fredendall (\$300) and Robert Breen (\$150), all three of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment Engineering Co.; Justine Barns, councilwoman; (\$500); David Cox, former councilman (\$500); self-loan (\$500); Robert Kenyon, appraiser for Glenn Shaw & Associates (\$200).

Councilman Richard LeBlanc spent \$14,515, including \$5,000 from a self-loan. He has repaid \$3,000 of that amount. Other notable contributors include Westland Lieutenants and Sergeants Association (\$800); Westland Firefighters Association (\$1,000); Westland Police Officers Association (\$400); Pritula & Sons, excavating contractors (\$200); Westland Firefighters Association (\$500); Ford Motor Co. Civic Action Fund (\$100); Daryl Williams, developer (\$100); Team Ameritech Political Action Committee (\$50); Keith Madden, assistant city attorney/newly appointed personnel director (\$100); Paul Ruthenberg, rubbish contractor (\$200); Angelo Plakas, city attorney (\$200); Scott Sherman, developer (\$50); Dan Fredendall of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment Engineering (\$150); Mattioli Cement (\$200); Ed Turner, Wayne-Westland school trustee (\$50).

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"Do we really want to make our directors take less than they've taken before?" he asked. "I don't think so."

LeBlanc, Anderson and Councilman Charles Pickering also said McCurley didn't need a city car to do his job, although Pickering supported the lease after he learned that Mayor Robert Thomas had pledged a car to McCurley.

"He was told by me that that car would be there," Thomas said.

McCurley started his new job as finance director this month, replacing Michael Gorman. Council members said Gorman had originally been provided a car as an incentive to keep him in his Westland job.

"That position ... doesn't warrant a brand new, fully sized, paid-for car," LeBlanc said.

Joining Pickering in supporting the four leased vehicles were Griffin and council members Sharon Scott and Sandra Cicirelli.

But a decision to buy four used Taurus that the city has leased for nearly three years fueled a narrower 4-3 vote of approval, with Pickering joining LeBlanc and Anderson in their opposition.

Anderson questioned why the city would spend \$9,383 for each used Taurus that already has cost \$11,770 for a three-year lease, amounting to \$21,153 spent on each car. He said a brand new Taurus advertised for \$16,768 in a local newspaper.

Dittmar said the three-year-old Taurus have some 40,000 miles each and have been well-maintained by the city.

But LeBlanc said, "It's too much money for the car."

Added Pickering: "It's not a good deal."

But other council members and Mayor Robert Thomas argued that the money would be well-spent for cars for police and fire department use.

Thomas also said the used Taurus could sell for \$13,000 to \$14,000 on a used-car lot. He warned that if Westland passed over the cars, "maybe Livonia will buy them for their officers over there."

The dispute prompted Cicirelli to say after the meeting that the council, in planning its next budget, should study how it wants to handle car leases or purchases.

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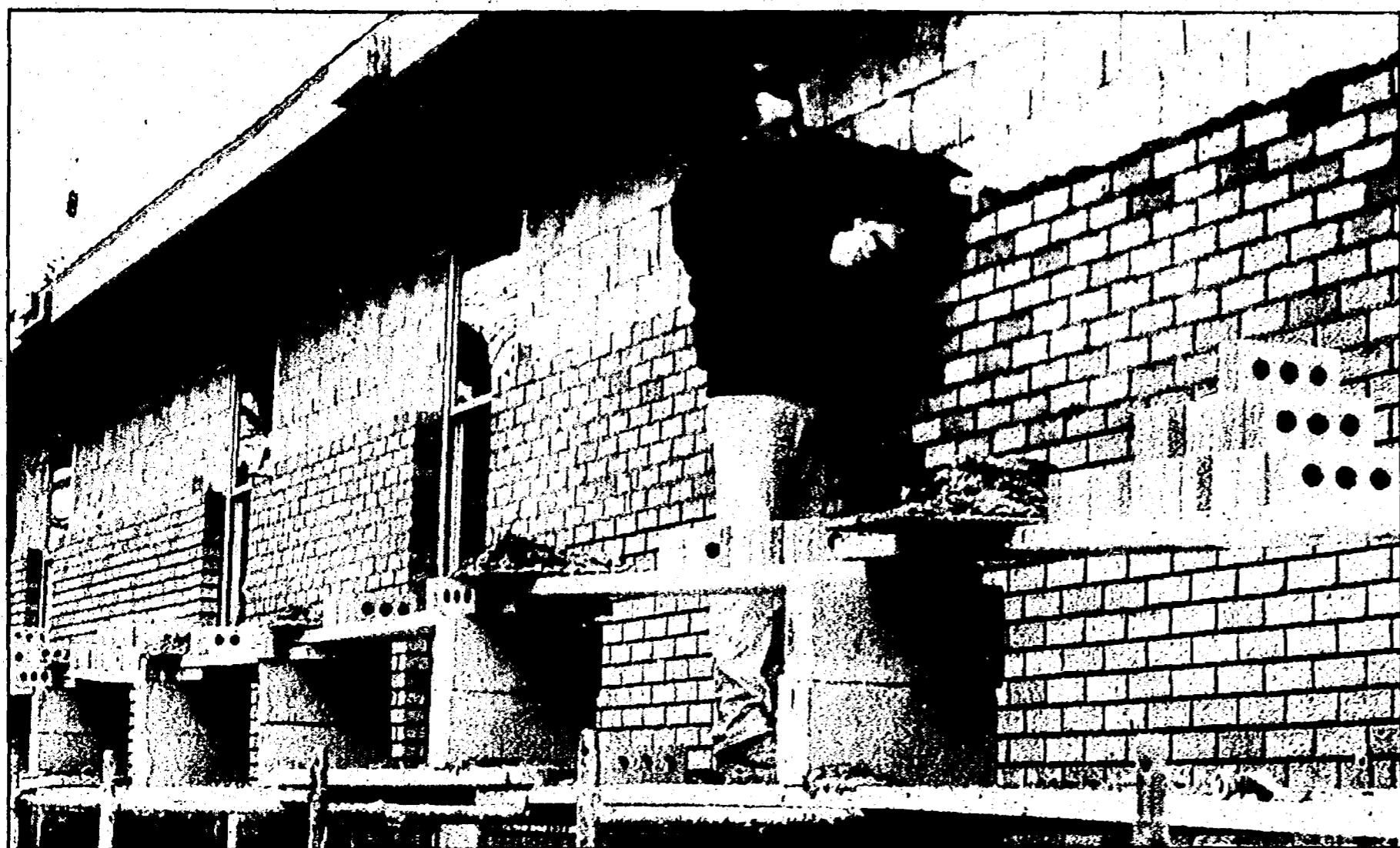
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Man at work



Build up: Tim Blatt, a bricklayer, works on the new addition at Fairhaven Baptist Church in Westland. Blatt took advantage of the unusually warm January weather as he worked on Friday.

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Cicirelli, a Westland attorney, begins her second two-year term as president.

She is only the second woman ever to hold the post; Justine Barns became the first woman president in 1976-77.

Scott, a longtime community volunteer, was elected Monday to her first two-year term as president pro tem, replacing Councilman Glenn Anderson for the second-in-command post.

"I think this is a historic moment, and I'm very serious about that," Barns said Monday, after her council colleagues supported her nominations of Cicirelli and Scott.

"It's probably long overdue," Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin said.

The election came on the same night that Cicirelli, Scott, Griffin and Councilman Richard LeBlanc were sworn in for new terms following their Nov. 4 election victories.

Griffin voiced confidence in Cicirelli's council leadership, saying she has "proven to be an excellent president" even though he had "some doubts" when she was first chosen two years ago.

Thomas congratulated Cicirelli for retaining a presidential post in which he said she has been "fair" to him.

Cicirelli begins her second



Cicirelli



Scott

stint as council president as she enters her ninth year on council.

Scott becomes president pro tem as she enters her seventh year on the council.

Cicirelli cited several goals after Monday's meeting:

■ Scrutinize the next city budget to spend money wisely.

■ Consider whether the city can afford to expand Westland Fire Department Advanced Life Support medical rescue services and Westland Police Department community policing programs.

■ Resolve a longstanding dispute over whether future council members should continue to receive city pensions for part-time service.

■ Seek contracts that will be fair for both the city and its employee unions. All contracts are subject to negotiations this year, Cicirelli said.

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decision will cap three days of testimony that began in November, only to be twice delayed.

The teens are accused of attacking Robert Sumey, 20, and Kevin Baker, 19, during a 3:30 a.m. Oct. 4 attack on a wooded path leading from Hines Park to Floral, a dead-end street near Warren and Inkster. Sumey and Baker suffered head injuries, and doctors say Sumey emerged from a weeklong coma only to face possible permanent brain damage.

If convicted as charged, the defendants face maximum sentences of life in prison.

In court Wednesday, defense attorneys argued that Sumey and Baker initiated the fight when they arrived uninvited at a Hines Park bonfire party and brought beer and drugs. Sumey even tried to throw Tingstad's younger brother Kent, 15, into the fire, attorney Richard Amberg said.

"A couple of toughs got more than they deserved," he said, adding that the defendants who routinely see television violence "got a lesson in real life."

Amberg and other defense attorneys argued that the teens didn't mean to seriously hurt or kill the victims.

"I believe that it was in self-defense," Carin Goldfarb, attorney for Domagalski, said.

Defense attorneys argued that

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charges against the teens should either be dismissed or reduced.

But Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Jane Cramer said Sumey and Baker suffered multiple blows to their heads and were kicked and beaten even after they had fallen to the ground on the Hines Park path.

Cramer also said the attack occurred after some of the defendants went to a pickup truck parked on Floral, got fire logs and returned to the woods. She compared a log to a gun, prompting groans from some spectators in the crowded courtroom.

"Clearly those logs were intended to be a weapon," she said.

Dramatic testimony came from Westland police Sgts. Tom Kubitskey and Jon Handzlik, who read aloud statements made by the teens to police.

Domagalski said in his written statement that he, Totten and Tingstad had logs and that Kozakowski had a beer bottle when the fight broke out.

"Rob (Sumey) got hit with a log that Brian (Wiatr) grabbed from me," Domagalski said. "Chris (Totten) hit Rob with a log when Rob fell toward him."

Domagalski also said he and Wiatr "swung" at Baker after

Baker lunged at them and that Kyle Tingstad "punched" Baker.

"Kevin (Baker) fell to the ground and was then hit with a bottle by Dave (Kozakowski)," the statement said.

"We didn't mean for anything like this to happen, and I'm very sorry," Domagalski concluded in his statement.

Handzlik read a statement in which Totten said Sumey started a fight with him only to be hit by someone from behind. Totten said he then hit Sumey and "knocked him to the ground."

After both victims had fallen to the ground, Totten said, "We kicked them a couple of times."

Totten's statement placed all five defendants at the scene in addition to Kent Tingstad, whose case is pending in juvenile court.

Defense attorneys argued that police didn't advise the teens of their rights and that statements were made involuntarily.

Police and prosecutors are relying heavily on the statements because no other witnesses actually saw the attack.

Handzlik said the investigation began falling into place after Totten made his statement.

"He was really the one who brought everything to bear on who was there and what happened," Handzlik said.

"Actually," he said, "I thought somebody else had done it."

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sent home by local schoolchildren.

"We're very excited about it," Deputy Mayor George Gillies said. "The committee has put a lot of hard work into this, and we believe it will be very successful."

Planning committee member Bill Anderson has said many people appreciate King's civil rights struggles, and "we hope to present a program worthy of his efforts."

The noon march will be followed by a variety of activities expected to begin about 12:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Westland public library. The library portion of the event will be hosted by John Franklin, president of the long-active Southeast Homeowners Association.

The program will include musical selections from John Glenn High School's Glenn singers; skits performed by Adams Middle School students and other youngsters; dramatic recitations of Dr. King's speeches by New York native Gary Gibbs; and performances by the St. James Methodist

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Church Choir and the Gratitude Steel Band.

Other activities are still being discussed.

Longtime western Wayne County NAACP activist Jim Netter, a Wayne resident, has called Westland's program a positive step to honor King — a step that he would like to see followed by other communities that still don't recognize the holiday. Netter also has voiced hope for city office closings in coming years.

Mayor Thomas has said he hopes the King celebration will "demonstrate the diversity in Westland by bringing together people of many cultures, ages, races and religions in a spirit of common purpose and understanding."

GOP officers installed

A new slate of officers for 1998 were installed Monday night at the monthly meeting of the Westland Republican Club.

December elections saw an unopposed field receive a unanimous vote from attending club members.

The club's previous vice president, Bill Steele, is to succeed attorney Bob Hall as its president. Frankie Middleton is assuming duties as vice president. Val Wolf is replacing Jerry Brzezinski as the club's secretary and Deanna Pearson is

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take Tom Barker's place as its treasurer. Jim Morrison Jr. and Steve Conley, who has announced to oppose incumbent Eileen DeHart for the 18th State Representative District, were also installed as members of the club's executive board.

"This year is going to be the most active for us," Steele said in a press release.

OBITUARIES

RALPH E. PHILLIPS

Funeral services for Ralph Phillips, 66, of Plymouth were recently in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Howard Belnap.

Mr. Phillips, who died Dec. 31 in Detroit, was born in Altus, Ark. He was owner and operator of Grow Computer Inc., Plymouth. He worked as an instructor of robotics at the General Motors plant in Hamtramck. Mr. Phillips came to Plymouth in 1962 from California. He was a member of the Plymouth Elks Club.

Surviving Mr. Phillips are: sons, Michael of Nevada, William of Westland, Jeffery of Nevada; brothers, James of Garden City and William of New Mexico; sister, Jean Wells of Livonia; and seven grandchildren.

FLORENCE M. BENSTEAD

Funeral services for Florence Benstead, 90, of Livonia were recently in R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. J. Cyrus Smith.

Mrs. Benstead, who died Jan. 3 at St. Jude Convalescent Center, was born in Philadelphia, Pa. She was a former resident of Westland. She was a homemaker.

Surviving Mrs. Benstead are: husband, Mahlon; son, Mahlon; daughter, Dolores.

CLARA E. MACORKINDALE

Services for Clara E. Macorkindale, of Westland, who died Dec. 17 in Florida, were Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Fisher Funeral Home, with cremation following.

Among the survivors are: Bonnie Michalak of Redford; Kaye Cannizzaro of Redford; Faye Donley of Milford, John Macorkindale; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

BRIAN C. DARBY

Funeral services for Brian Darby, 19, of Westland were today, Thursday, in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Bob McDonald.

Mr. Darby died Jan. 4 in Westland. He was a carpet installer.

Surviving Mr. Darby are: parents, Michael and Linda; brothers, Jeffrey and Kirk; grandmothers, Anna Cardwell and Patty Porter. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Durward Cardwell and Arnold Porter.

IRVIN R. KARRICK JR.

Funeral services for Irvin Karrick, 63, of Westland were today, Thursday, in John N. Santeuil & Son Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Suzanne Walls from Christ United Methodist Church.

Mr. Karrick, who died Jan. 3 in Southfield, was born in Detroit. He was a carpenter foreman.

Surviving Mr. Karrick are: wife, Jane; sons, Robert, John, Daniel; sister, Margaret Kellogg; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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Airport expansion

Development corridor tops county's list of project goals for '98

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

International air travelers can expect shorter lines at Detroit Metro Airport once an expansion of the customs and immigration area is completed later this month.

The international terminal's hourly capacity will increase from 800 to 1,200 passengers once the expansion is completed.

"It will reduce lines for arriving international passengers," said Mike Conway, airport spokesman. "People will move through customs and immigration faster."

It is another small piece of the airport expansion puzzle, which is geared toward turning southeast Michigan into a bastion of business.

County officials are promoting that expansion with an aggressive marketing campaign to interest real estate firms, manufacturers and industrialists in developing 25,000 acres in an airport development area between Metro and Willow Run airports.

County officials hope to create 90,000 new jobs in an airport development area that will disburse a \$2.25 billion annual payroll into the local economy and \$115 million in property tax revenue.

"This zone, we believe, is perfect for creating a major commercial-industrial center and corridor," said County Executive Ed McNamara at a real estate forum in November. "We envision creating an industrial airport 'shopping center.'"

While zoning classifications and site plans have yet to be hammered out with township and city officials in Romulus, Taylor and Van Buren Township, the Wayne County Jobs and Economic Development Department seeks land developers to construct distribution and



Ed McNamara
—county executive

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more poor roads and preserving more good ones, motorists can look forward to a dramatic improvement in the condition of roads in Wayne County.

■ **Juvenile Detention Facility:** Completion of this new \$45 million, 183,000-square-foot facility is expected in late 1998.

Located across from the Wayne County Jail and the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in downtown Detroit, the facility will house up to 188 youth offenders aged 17 and under.

■ **Detroit Metro Airport's neighborhood compatibility program:** Between 150 and 200 homes will be insulated to help soundproof them from airplane noise. About \$8 million has been appropriated for this program.

■ **Chandler Park Aquatic Center:** Construction of Detroit's newest recreation facility will be complete by July 1998. Wayne County will build a \$7.8 million Family Aquatic Center in Chandler Park on Detroit's east side.

The facility will feature two giant water slides, a wave pool and a kiddie pool with aquatic play structures. With the exception of the Belle Isle water slide, the Chandler Park Aquatic Center will be the only water recreation area within 45 minutes of Detroit.

■ **Newburgh Lake restoration:** This \$12 million restoration project calls for dredging the lake to remove sediment containing polychlorinated biphenyls and restore the habitat for aquatic life and wildlife, and expand the recreational uses of the lake.

Once the lake has been restocked, county officials say anglers will be able to catch non-contaminated fish.

Dredging will continue throughout the spring and summer, but officials don't expect the entire restoration to be completed until the spring of 1999.

ly \$260 million — \$145 million in private funds from Iitich and a bank consortium led by Comerica; \$55 million from the Michigan Strategic Fund, and \$60 million from the Detroit-Wayne County Stadium Authority.

The ballpark will be constructed with brick and steel in an open-air style and is expected to seat approximately 40,000 people. Officials broke ground on the facility in October.

■ **Lions Stadium:** The Detroit Lions are expected to break ground on their new downtown stadium in 1998, but no details were available yet on the date.

■ **Roads:** Partnership '98 will resurface or rebuild 141 miles of county primary roads rated in "poor" or "very poor" condition over the next three years.

In addition, a special county maintenance program is expected to add five to seven years to county roads now rated "good" to "fair." Partnership '98 will be funded with \$60 million in county bonds.

In the fall Wayne County began a crack sealing program on 79 miles of asphalt roads.

"Every road we treat with this extensive maintenance program means fewer potholes in the spring," McNamara said. "Between our ability to resurface

warehouse centers and manufacturing facilities in those communities.

The development area is bounded by Inkster, Eureka, I-275, I-94 and Ecorse Road. It includes stretches of Belleville, Haggerty, Inkster, Merriman and Wayne roads, between I-94 and Ecorse Road.

The \$17.6 million expansion of customs will complete \$60 million in interim improvements, all part of the \$1.6 billion in airport expansion through 2001. Last year construction was completed on the new International Departures facility. Northwest's baggage handling capacity was increased, and moving sidewalks installed between Concourses C and D.

The midfield terminal design will be completed in 1998. Travelers can expect to be flying in and out of the new \$786 million, 74-gate terminal in the fall of 2001. A 5,000-space parking deck and fourth parallel runway also will be completed by that date.

Here are some of the other Wayne County projects for 1998:

■ **Tiger Stadium:** The new ballpark for the Detroit Tigers is scheduled to open in the year 2000 and is being funded by both private and public sources. The project costs approximate-

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Challenge grant proves to be powerful tool for nonprofits

A six-year program to raise public awareness about endowments generated nearly \$50 million in new endowments.

Nearly 800 guests gathered last November for a dinner to honor the conclusion of The Van Dusen Endowment Challenge by 38 nonprofit organizations.

A partnership of The Kresge Foundation and the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, the Challenge was called a success by John Marshall III, president of the Kresge Foundation.

"We cannot place a dollar value on the knowledge and experience that Detroit-area nonprofits have gained," Marshall said.

With the help of a robust economy, the \$50 million has grown to \$63 million. Joining the Challenge partners and nonprofit beneficiaries were representatives of the McGregor Fund, the Skillman Foundation, the William Randolph Hearst Foundation and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, all of whom provided additional support.

"Now that we have completed the Challenge, it's clear that the program has encouraged new endowment giving to southeastern Michigan nonprofit organizations," said Marian Noland, president of the Community Foundation.

"In addition, the Challenge served as a vehicle to mentor the participating nonprofits in fund-raising skills and nurture a stabilizing philanthropic tool — endowment — which historically has been underutilized by

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Marian Noland
— foundation president

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The Challenge helped nonprofit organizations, large and small, find ways to cope with increased competition amid lessening opportunities for government support.

"This always has been a generous community," said Noland. "Some of the most creative, vital community-based organizations and nonprofit institutions in the country have evolved here, thanks to the willingness of Detroiters to give. But it has been a pay-as-you-go, cyclical struggle for many nonprofits. A bad economic cycle or change in the funding climate is enough to put some at risk."

One powerful tool with a strong tradition elsewhere has been endowment — a permanent fund whose principal remains untouched but whose earnings and investment growth generate an important, stable portion of each year's budget. Many southeastern Michigan nonprofits historically have operated with little or no endowment at all, while their counterparts in other major cities typically have significant endowments.

The Kresge Foundation and

Community Foundation partnership addressed this need by designing and executing the nation's largest community-wide, challenge grant program specifically aimed at developing endowment funds for nonprofit organizations. Named for the late civic leader, Richard Van Dusen, who served as a Kresge Foundation trustee, it offered a high-powered incentive to the 38 nonprofits that sought and gained participation.

Each organization chose an endowment goal, and had three years in which to achieve it. During those three years, the Challenge provided each organization with an amount equal to what the endowment target would have produced as income.

Meanwhile, the foundation partnership taught fund-raising "classes" for each nonprofit's staff and volunteers. The ultimate incentive — the challenge — was this: Every \$3 a nonprofit raised for its endowment would be



Helping hands: Lisa Martinuzzi of Redford Township, administrative manager and key Challenge coordinator for the Chamber Music Society of Detroit, joins John Bagley of Livonia to celebrate the organization's new \$160,000 endowment at the Van Dusen Endowment Challenge dinner held last November. The group met its goal of \$120,000 and received a matching grant of \$40,000 from the Van Dusen Endowment Challenge.

matched by an additional dollar from the Van Dusen Endowment Challenge.

The 38 organizations' three-year campaigns were phased in across the six-year life of the Challenge. Of those 38 nonprofits, 34 met their campaign goals and received a matching grant, while the remaining four organizations have new endow-

ment funds totaling over \$2.25 million. In addition, all of the participating nonprofits will benefit from the continued technical support of the Community Foundation, which will work to build the existing endowment funds.

The Kresge Foundation funded the Challenge and developed it in concert with the Community Founda-

tion, which coordinated its training and technical assistance programs.

"The success of the Van Dusen participants has provided an important model for this community and others around the country who want to assure that vital services will be provided in the future in our communities," Noland said.

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Building trades council backs McNamara's re-election

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara's record of supporting the objectives of construction union workers has won him the early endorsement of The Greater Detroit Building Trades Council as he seeks re-election in 1998.

"Ed McNamara has always been a friend of organized labor, and we feel it's important to let our members and the general public know early on that we're supporting him in 1998," said

Mike Diamond, the council's secretary-treasurer.

The Greater Detroit Building Trades Council is an umbrella group representing the interests of 38,000 unionized construction workers and 14 different building trade unions in Southeast Michigan.

Diamond said the \$1.6 billion project that's underway to expand Wayne County's Metro Airport will be part of McNamara's legacy — as will what trade

officials call his enthusiastic support of a union-only labor agreement to make the project a reality.

Thousands of trade union workers who work on the airport will earn collectively bargained wages and benefits, which will in turn put more money back into the economy of southeast Michigan.

McNamara has supported the use of unionized trade workers on other projects that used

Wayne County dollars, including the Juvenile Detention Facility and Wayne County morgue, to name a few.

"Another reason why we're backing Ed McNamara is that we don't see a need to change the course of a ship that's headed in the right direction," Diamond said.

McNamara has served as Wayne County executive since January 1987. As the chief executive officer of Michigan's

largest county, he oversees a \$1.9 billion annual budget and a work force of more than 5,000. With a population of 2.1 million, Wayne County is larger than 17 states.

Trade officials also cite McNamara's performance in office as another reason for the endorsement. When McNamara took office, Wayne County was saddled with a \$135 million deficit, poor services and payless paydays. Since then, the county has

enjoyed nine straight balanced budgets, restored the county's bond rating to investment grade and attracted \$1.2 billion in private sector investments.

"Ed McNamara has a proven record as an excellent administrator," said Greg Hicks, president of the Greater Detroit Building Trades Council. "We're proud to be the first in line to endorse him for another four years."

5 to run for county commission

Five candidates have filed to run for the 9th District seat on the Wayne County Commission to represent Dearborn Heights, Redford Township and part of Livonia.

Candidates needed to declare their candidacy by 4 p.m. Tuesday with the Wayne County elections division. They have a deadline of 4 p.m. Friday to withdraw if they choose not to run.

The field includes Republicans William Bates and Kathleen Husk. Both are from Redford. Democratic candidates, all from Dearborn Heights, are Shaun McLachlan, Edward Plawecki Sr. and Peter Zajac.

All the candidates paid \$100 filing fees, except Zajac, who turned in nominating petitions.

A primary election will be held Feb. 10 in Redford, Dearborn Heights and a portion of Livonia east of Middlebelt to narrow the field of five down to two candidates. The winning Democrat and Republican face each other in a general election on March 10.

The commission seat is currently held by Plawecki, who was appointed by county commissioners Nov. 20, after Michelle Plawecki, his granddaughter, resigned from the commission that day.

Nature center plans family program

Have you ever wondered which animal made those tracks you see in the mud or snow?

The entire family is invited Saturday to Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland to learn how to identify those mysterious animal tracks. The two-hour program begins at 1 p.m.

Participants should dress for the weather with raingear and winter boots as the group will venture outdoors on a short hike to search for tracks along Tonquish Creek. They should also wear old clothes for the painting portion of the program in which they will create a "tracked up" t-shirt to take home. They should bring a light-colored cotton t-shirt for each family member wishing to participate. Paint and "tracks" will be provided.

These activities are most appropriate for children ages 5 and up, but the whole family is welcome.

Fee is \$1 per person. Participants will meet at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33176 Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland. Parking is available off of Hines Drive.

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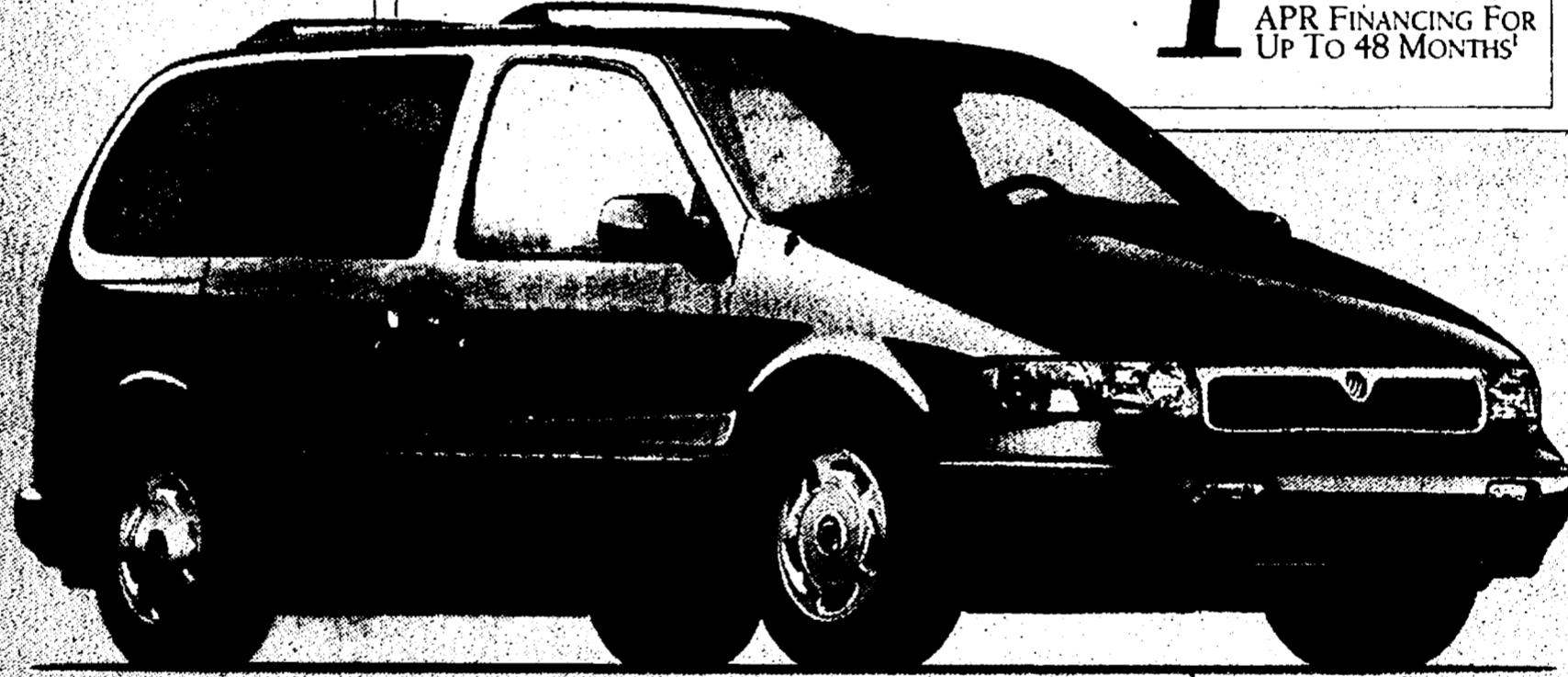
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Appeals court backs Kmart in age discrimination lawsuit

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Eleven former Kmart advertising employees lost their age discrimination case against Kmart Corp. in the state Court of Appeals.

But they did win an undisclosed settlement from Meridian Retail Inc., the company to which Kmart farmed out its advertising work in 1993.

"We conclude that plaintiffs failed to establish that age was a determining factor in Kmart's

decision to outsource the CAD (creative advertising department) to Meridian," the appeals court said.

It added the plaintiffs "also failed to establish a conspiracy between Kmart and Meridian to discriminate against them on the basis of age."

"Plaintiffs failed to rebut Kmart's articulate legitimate reasons for outsourcing the CAD department. We therefore conclude that plaintiffs' age discrimination claim against Kmart was properly dismissed" by Oakland

Circuit Judge Steven N. Andrews.

The 3-0 appellate decision was signed by Judges Jane E. Markey of Saginaw, Kathleen Jansen of Macomb County and Helene N. White of Detroit.

Robert Sosin, the Franklin attorney who represented the ex-employees, said the settlement with Meridian was "satisfactory under the circumstances," but that the employees weren't "made whole."

His clients included Martha Crofcheck, Joan Pace, Dino

Linaras, James Bierbusse, Frank Stachurski, Bonnie Meier, Nancy Reynolds, David Pierce, Kevin Kerin, Mircea Muntean and Patrice Chapman.

Kmart, at its world headquarters in Troy, decided in December of 1993 to eliminate the CAD and outsource the work to Meridian. Kmart eliminated 73 of the 83 jobs, including the plaintiffs'.

The appeal charged that: ■ Kmart "organized Meridian exclusively for the purpose of Meridian doing business for and

with Kmart, and that Meridian was the mere alter ego of Kmart."

■ "None of the plaintiffs were offered comparable jobs with Meridian" despite their experience and qualifications.

■ Meridian agree to "use its best efforts" to hire as many CAD employees as possible. Meridian interviewed 69, offered jobs to 80 of those under age 45 and to 35.7 percent who were 45 or older.

Six of the 11 plaintiffs said Kmart's agents "created implied

contracts of employment, and that Kmart's policy statements and employment application created legitimate expectations that plaintiffs could be terminated only for cause."

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Sosin said his clients had made no decision on whether to appeal to the state Supreme Court.

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Plymouth couple funds college scholarship

As a young man, Robert K. Barbour knew he wanted a college scholarship.

After graduating from high school, he attended Penn State University. When he was called to serve in World War II, his education was put on hold.

Once he returned, he attended night school while he was employed at the Burroughs Corp. His education was delayed when his company transferred him to a number of cities. Still determined, he enrolled at different colleges as he relocated, often losing credits each time.

Although it took 13 years, he completed his bachelor's degree.

As part of their estate plan, Robert Barbour, who died this past July, and his wife, Betty, established an endowed scholarship at Madonna University. The Robert K. and Betty J. Barbour Endowed Scholarship is to

assist students in their educational pursuits.

"Both my husband and I value education and it is my wish, as was always Bob's, that through this scholarship fund, students will be able to overcome any obstacles they might have in obtaining a college degree," Betty Barbour said.

Members of Madonna University's President's Cabinet, the Barbours were both retired from NBD Bank. Robert, a former vice president and regional director, retired in 1985 after 34 years with the bank. Betty worked for 41 years and was a branch manager and banking officer. Betty Barbour continues to reside in Plymouth.

"Through their support, the Barbours are furthering the mission of Madonna University, making education accessible to a diverse student body," said Sister Mary



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Francilene, president. "We are grateful for their generosity, and will move on to the 21st Century knowing that it is because of such caring benefactors that

Madonna University will continue to provide education for truth, goodness and service."

State shifts programs for blind to local schools

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Michigan's efforts to aid the blind - also known as "visually impaired," or VI to educators - are shifting from a residential school in Lansing to local school services.

"The home school district is best. We give aid on curriculum, orientation, the math code and short-term placement," said Kathy Brown, principal of the 18-pupil Michigan School for the Blind.

Brown reported on the MSB program Dec. 15 to the State Board of Education meeting in Lansing.

Board vice president Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester Hills, said she has had calls from par-

ents who have a child for whom visual impairment or blindness is the only impairment. "Otherwise, they may be gifted. On campus, we have the multiply-impaired," she said.

"It's not the old residential school," said Arthur Ellis, state superintendent of public instruction.

"Kathy has expanded the outreach and indirect services," said Mike Williamson, deputy superintendent.

One example is a program operated in western Wayne County for children from several districts, housed in the former Dickinson Junior High in Livonia.

Because programs are so varied, Brown was unable to give numbers of children served. "We need to see the numbers indirectly served," said board member Barbara Roberts Mason, D-Lansing, "so people can see the impact."

At the local level, Brown said, VI aid may involve lengthening the school day or the time one needs to go to school.

For every student, the program involves observation in the home or community, a functional vision evaluation, psychological evaluation, and short-term instruction.

Outreach services include:

- "Space Camp" in Huntsville,

Ala., designed for VI children.

- Sport camp - elementary students are on campus for four days for a variety of athletic events; in collaboration with Western Michigan University.

- Insite basic training - for professional staff in home intervention for families of infants and toddlers who are multi-handicapped.

- Braille strategies workshop - for professionals teaching Braille to multiply-impaired students.

- Camp challenge - two days of activities to develop teamwork and trust.

- Middle school weekend and high school weekend - a weekend on campus with peers from each group.

- Technology workshop - a day in January and April where distributors demonstrate on campus their new equipment and software.

For parents and the public, MSB offers a lending library, Internet website, and VI awareness programs for third grade pupils.

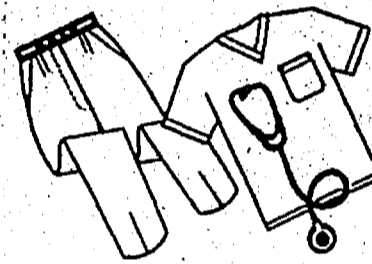
MSB is one of two such schools operated by the state. The other is Michigan School for the Deaf (MSD), Flint.

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Federal court sets precedent on constitutionality of term limits

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

U.S. District Judge Patrick Duggan has at least one precedent to follow when he decides the validity of Michigan's state term limits.

A U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel in San Francisco decided Dec. 19 that California's even tougher term limits don't violate the U.S. Constitution.

The 9th circuit, sitting *en banc*, rejected 9-2 the claim of Assemblyman Tom Bates that term limits violated his constitutional rights and were unfair to voters who wanted to choose their own leaders.

Bates had won at the federal district court level. On Oct. 7 he won a 2-1 decision before a three-member panel in the 9th Circuit. But the full bench decided to re-hear the case and ruled against Bates.

Bates said he will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. He contends voters didn't understand that California Proposition 140 of 1990 contained lifetime bans.

Cases similar

California's and Michigan's term limit rules rank Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, in harshness, says Bill Ballenger, proprietor of Inside Michigan Politics newsletter. The differences:

- California allows an eligible to serve three Assembly terms of two years (total six years) or two Senate terms of four years each.
- Michigan's rule is three House terms and two Senate

terms, a total of 14 years. Both contain lifetime bans on further service in the Legislature.

Duggan, a federal judge for 11 years and Livonia resident, on Oct. 29 denied the plaintiffs' request for a preliminary injunction to block term limits until the court case is finally settled.

Plaintiffs are Wayne State University law professors John Mogk and Robert Sedler. "We would have preferred to have the 9th Circuit see it our way as a severe limitation on the right to vote," said Mogk. "But it is not the final word. I'm sure this case will go to the (U.S.) Supreme Court."

Arguing for the state is assistant attorney general Gary Gordon.

The case has political overtones. Term limits generally have been favored by conservatives. They contend a turnover in office is necessary to keep a fresh, citizen-oriented outlook among lawmakers.

Patrick Anderson, conservative economist and former chair of the 11th Congressional District GOP organization, heads the Term Limits Defense Committee. He said the California decision "dramatically strengthens our case because now there's no court in the country that is holding term limits unconstitutional."

"It makes it completely unlikely that Judge Duggan could find a reason to throw out term limits," Anderson said.

Motions and briefs were to

have been submitted to Duggan by Dec. 29. Court clerk Marilyn Oren said it's up to Duggan to decide if there will be oral arguments.

Judicial canons of ethics require a judge to abstain from public comment about a pending proceeding. A judge may, however, explain procedures for public information.

Duggan's philosophy

Duggan was an appointee of President Ronald Reagan and, as such, is pictured as a judicial conservative. Actually, Duggan is a former local and state Jaycees president who comes from the moderate wing of the GOP, where he was a strong supporter of U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell (1976-90).

A clue to his thinking may come from a 1986 Livonia Observer interview in which Duggan was quoted as saying:

"I believe in judicial restraint. You shouldn't be too quick to issue injunctions."

"Courts should move slowly and cautiously in getting involved with matters. There are many problems that exist that should be resolved in forums other than the courts."

As written, Michigan's term limits amendment applies in 1998 to state representatives elected in 1992. The clock didn't begin running on Gov. John Engler, Secretary of State Candice Miller, Attorney General Frank Kelley and the 38 state senators until 1994. Their offi-

cial second terms don't expire until 2002.

Who's affected

So term limits will affect 29 Democrats and 36 Republicans in the state House. It starts at the top with Speaker Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit, and minority leader Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, and covers Appropriations Committee veterans Morris Hood, D-Flint, and Don Gilmer, R-Augusta.

Here is a rundown of area seats:

19th - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford - eighth term; plans to run for Wayne County commissioner.

21st - Deborah Whyman, R-Canton - third term; announced for state Senate vacancy.

Unaffected: Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, who is in his second term after serving from 1983-91; Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, second term; Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, second term; Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, first term.

Voters in 1992 approved the term limits amendment to the constitution 2.3 million to 1.6 million, an approval rate of 59 percent. It was placed on the ballot by an initiatory petition.

As written, it also covered members of the U.S. Congress. Federal courts, however, ruled that section violated the U.S. Constitution. But state office term limits were unaffected by that ruling.

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Talk is cheap

'Tough new law' just buzzwords

Michigan's prisons are like Pac-Man in the video game which incessantly consumes other creatures.

Under the last two governors, the Corrections Department has quintupled its budget to \$1.3 billion. Now, with its prisons overflowing at the 40,000 mark, Michigan is exporting prisoners to other states. State officials talk of building five more prisons that will cost \$18,000 to \$40,000 per inmate to run.

So what has been the Legislature's response? No one proposes more taxes to pay for new prisons. Instead, lawmakers sit up at night around the kitchen table inventing new crimes and longer punishments, to warehouse more offenders for ever-longer periods of time. The most common term in their news releases isn't "efficiency" or "taxpayers" or "kids" but "tough new laws."

Consider a state Senate news release:

■ "Tough law against those who prey on victims by impersonating utility workers," sponsored by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, signed by Gov. John Engler.

■ "Sentencing guidelines," generally higher - Sen. William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, passed by the Senate.

■ "Expanded truth-in-sentencing, requires all convicted felons to serve at least their minimum sentences; no reduction in minimums for 'good behavior'; longer stays for bad behavior" - VanRegenmorter; passed Senate.

■ "Andre's law - provides option of capital punishment for a person convicted of raping and killing a child" - constitutional amendment proposed by Sen. Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City; no Senate action.

■ Ban on assisted suicide - VanRegenmorter; passed Senate.

A big game in Lansing should be called Crime of the Month. The idea is to create special categories within a crime for special classes of victims. It's like the Old World caste system where you get two years for hitting a perceived nobleman and one year for a peasant.

It started with the 1967 Detroit riots when lawmakers proposed the death penalty for killing police and firemen. The next step was a special category called "ethnic hate" crimes, where punishment would be enhanced if you attacked someone from another ethnic group.

In recent years, there have been bills to enhance punishments for whacking senior citizens, then for carjacking, then one prohibiting parole for a carjacker (Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland), then for hurting pregnant

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women, then for more adult trials (and prison sentences) for minors.

This year, sensing that teachers' union bashing had gone too far, senators produced bills for extra punishments for assaulting a teacher.

Moving traffic violations are bad, but they get enhanced fines if you speed in a highway construction zone.

The most recent entry came during the Christmas holidays when public service ads targeted drunken drivers. Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, didn't even have a bill in draft form before he announced he would seek doubled penalties for drunken drivers with kids in the vehicle.

Assaulting anyone is bad, but there would be a separate crime for assaulting a Corrections officer (Rep. Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge).

Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, has two bills to allow garnishment and attachment of the institutional accounts of jail prisoners and Corrections inmates.

Rep. (now Sen.) David Jaye, R-Macomb, is seeking chemical castration of sex offenders as a condition of parole.

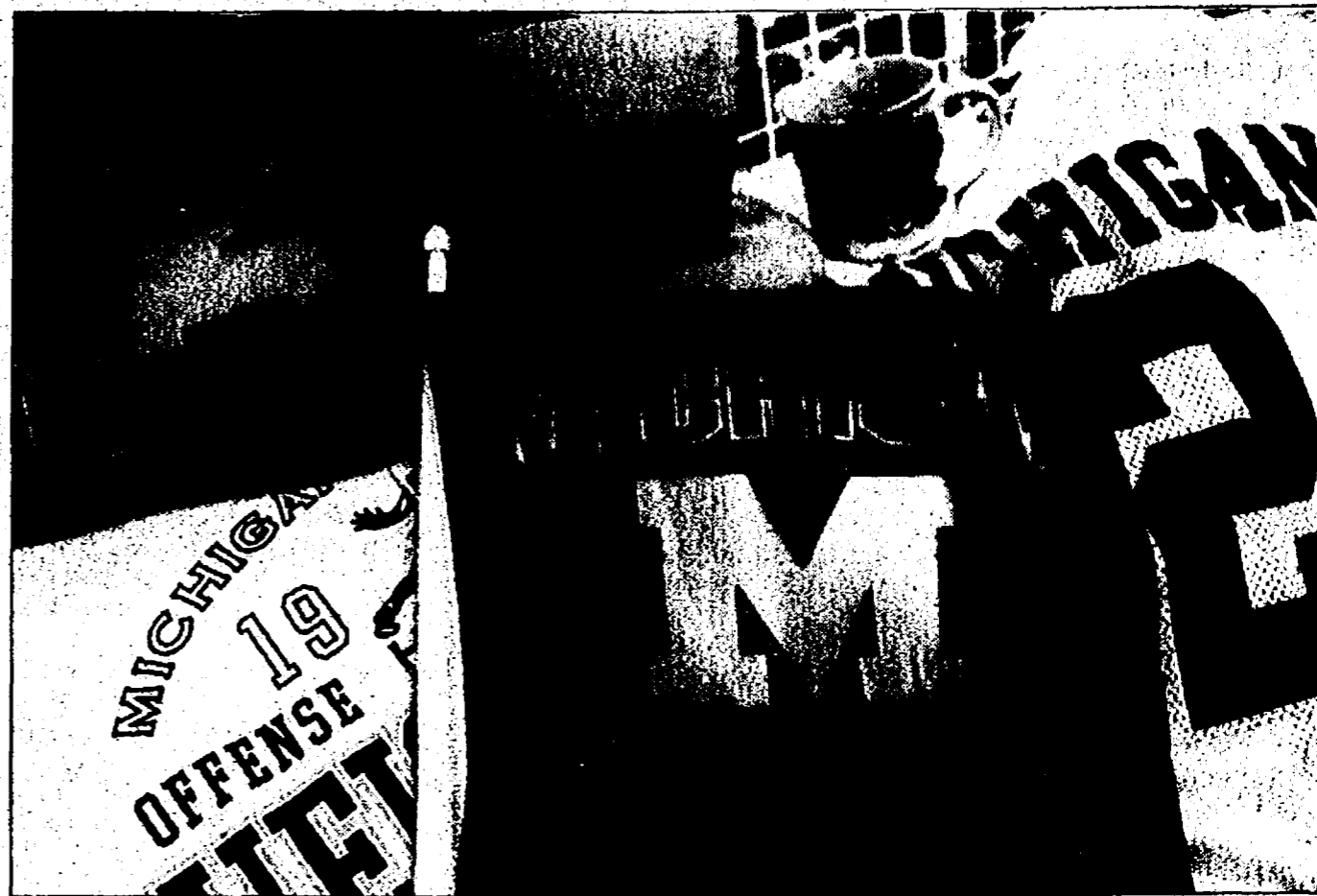
Most of the bills amount to pandering to public fears. Nearly all would crowd prisons even more. Absolutely all would take state money (after 24 tax cuts since 1991) away from colleges, schools, natural resources, safety inspections, health care and adoptions.

There's no end.

Don't be suckered by the "tough new laws" slogan aimed at your interest group. They are talk, and talk is cheap.

Lawmakers need to dream up more responsible ways to deal with criminals.

Rosy outlook



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Conquering heroes: Local University of Michigan fans got their wish as Michigan triumphed in the Rose Bowl last week in Pasadena, Calif. Memorabilia commemorating the event abounds at local stores.

LETTERS

Thanks for courtesy

Three cheers for the folks who planned traffic control while the railroad underpass is being built on Newburgh.

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The end result is that we feel we were treated with courtesy and consideration.

Great job!

Liz Potter
Westland

Calendar's the best

I wish to thank Diane Abbott and whoever worked with her on our 1998 Westland calendar. It's the best one so far, in my estimation. I hope all the residents appreciate the work that goes into it.

Betty Savage
Westland

We all need care

In reply to your (Wayne-Westland school board member Mathew McCusker) remark calling the Friendship Center a temple, thank you, thank you. That it is indeed.

Webster's definition of a temple is "a building usually of pretentious size devoted to serving the public."

Oh yes, the Friendship Center is certainly devoted to serving we, the seniors.

It offers recreational and educational opportunities, specialized services, all types of activities, counseling, comfort and solace, etc., etc., to we, the seniors of Westland.

We come to our Temple, the Friendship Center, knowing we "have a place to go," to meet others, to get help, to know "we are not alone" in our senior years. We are always welcome.

Mr. McCusker, you have not done your homework when you state that our youth programs do not receive enough financial support from the city officials, compared to the "lopsided" amount of money spent on senior citizen programs.

Our city budget shows that the amount given to support our youth programs far surpasses what the city budget gives to seniors.

We, the seniors, have done and are still doing more than our share in supporting our "temple" by donating financially and volunteering our time in any activity that enhances our Friendship Center.

We, too, believe in supporting our youth programs.

The Friendship Center has had a successful, active "intergenerational" program between the seniors and the students of Wayne-Westland for the past seven years.

Mr. McCusker, when there are more children than school buildings, there is approval for the building of new schools, new programs.

Should this also not pertain to we the seniors? When you have more seniors than space are we not entitled to enlarge?

Our director, Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, has devoted herself for 27½ years in building a Friendship Center for the seniors. Our "temple" has 2,500 registered members, servicing about 4,000 seniors.

Did you know that for seven and a half years Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek created and developed the Wayne-Westland Schools senior program? Because there was no space available for an office, she originally worked out of her own home. The seniors met in John Glenn High School, the junior high schools and elementary cafeterias. This program is known to you now as the Dyer Center.

Her devotion, endeavors, hard work, etc., have given us our "temple," the Friendship Center.

So, Mr. McCusker, we, the seniors in discussing your letter pertaining to us and the Friendship Center, have come to the conclusion that you speak with a "forked tongue" when you advocate and stress "lifelong learning" for the Wayne-Westland school district.

No one should draw the line as to which is more important, "our youth" or "we, the seniors."

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Some experts believe there will be a few weeks of turmoil and that people will come into line with current software and the problem will fix itself. Others believe that mass chaos will reign. Software companies are furiously working on the problem so that it can be addressed. Most of us simply come to work

each day and work with the technology we have come to rely upon.

Livonia Public Schools officials are taking no chances. They have budgeted megabucks - a total of \$885,000 - to handle the worst-case scenario which includes upgrading hardware and software.

As one of our area's biggest business operations, we believe the move, although expensive, is a prudent one.

They are working on a 1998 installation plan, leaving a full year of training for staff members.

While the rest of us are on countdown to the end of the century, Livonia school officials will have already dealt with the situation. Kudos to them.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Did you make any New Year's resolutions?

We asked this question at Kroger in Westland.



"I haven't gotten around to it. I've been thinking about it, though."
Barbara Tomaszewski



"To treat my son good. I don't want to put my son down in any way."
Eugene Lansing



"I didn't make any. I never do that."
Kathy Schauer



"No, I didn't. I've got five I'm working on from last year."
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POINTS OF VIEW

Those of all backgrounds need to work together as one

We come together, this diverse group of citizens from the metro Detroit area, to talk about race relations. Control is maintained by a well-prepared agenda of the National Issues Forum. So we will really never get a chance to look into each others' souls, at least not on this night. We all seem to be on our best behavior - no show of passion except for one white guy adamant in his proclamation that there is no excuse for poverty. All one needs to do, he tells us, is pull up his bootstraps and buckle down. The American dream awaits even the most destitute. It seems obvious, he's never been destitute.

I used to be like him - such concrete opinions. Everything was black and white. Now I think in shades of gray. I've come to realize that most people have limited perceptions of life. At birth we're all assigned a window with a view and some are quite content with their assignment. The scenery may change with the seasons, but the onlooker never changes his seat. For me, it was different. I spent my life peeking out of as many windows as possible. Ultimately, it has improved my overall vision.

Searching the faces of this group, I

wonder about their stories. I am not black, but I know prejudice, I want to tell them. As a career, I chose the road less traveled, a woman in a man's world - engineering and construction. It was long before women's liberation and affirmative action. To be told, "We don't hire women" was acceptable. Sexual harassment was an everyday occurrence. I carry my resentment for the white male establishment to this very day. Yet it will never affect my performance on the job nor my ability to keep the lines of communication open.

I learned very early on that life is not fair. Women, minorities, the disabled, poor, old, overweight, unattractive, undereducated - that means most of us - are at a serious disadvantage. Yet society was here long before I came along. And it takes years to make changes - changes that cannot be forced. I know, I tried. So you learn to play the game. Even when you don't like the rules there are ways to use them to your advantage. You walk the walk and talk the talk while you're in their arena. Then you go home to the "real" world and slowly work on changing the system.

I'm well aware my career didn't commence on the proverbial "level



JANE MCCARTHY

I like to think Martin Luther King would have been proud of me.

playing field." It's also quite apparent that the distance of my marathon was a hell of a lot farther than the white guys running next to me. The finish line is still out of sight and I know I'll never drink out of the winner's cup. Lashing out in anger would not change the outcome, only divide us further. Instead I can take solace in the fact that I've made the path a little smoother for those who come after me. I like to think Martin Luther King would have been proud of me.

Nearly two hours have passed and there have been no revelations in the discussion. My mind drifts to another

time. I recall traveling the countryside in the '60s, proud to say I was from Detroit, the automobile capital of the world and home of Motown. But even then, conversations inevitably led to questions about race relations. Surprised that outsiders would be so aware of our dirty laundry, and defensive about the reputation of my beloved city, I could give no good explanation. More than 30 years later, I still can't. All I know is that a once-vibrant metropolis lies torn and bleeding while two distinct warring factions refuse to come to terms on a settlement. Should not the greater good of the whole take precedence over individual selfishness? Where is the shame?

We're engaged in a team sport here, my friends, this society for which we all are a part. Even if you don't really like your teammates, we have to work together for the ultimate goal. A city's future hangs in the balance. And we can't sit back while one or two of us carries the load. Steve Yzerman proved that. For 13 years, with all his heart and determination, he still was unable to win hockey's greatest prize, the Stanley Cup. It took 24 players, who did not even speak the same language, unified in

purpose, before the dream became a reality. And it mattered not that five members of this assemblage at one time had been universally hated by the entire free world. These five players implored the press to refrain from describing them as the "Russian 5." They were Detroit Red Wings first and foremost. Fighting off jeers of opposing fans in cities across North America and, without forsaking their individuality or heritage, they enmeshed their skills with the others to become world champions. As we got to know these incredible personalities, their differences seemed enamoring rather than foreign. In the end, we all tasted of the glory and basked in the afterglow.

The people leaving the room now will probably never see one another again. This experiment in sharing, a seed of opportunity, will find little support for its germination. We cannot continue to pass up our chances. All the new stadiums, skyscrapers and houses will not rebuild the city of Detroit. Only the people can do that. And it will never happen if we can't even talk to each other. Is anyone out there listening?

Jane McCarthy is a Livonia resident.

Debate over global warming justifies a look back into history

In times like these, I think of Dr. John A. Dorr Jr., professor of geology at the University of Michigan.

Dorr (1922-86) was not one of the razzle-dazzle superstars like Gardner Ackley in economics or Paul McCracken in business administration, but still he was a class A teacher and scientist, a man of kindly patience with us lit. school clods, the kind of intellectual linebacker that made U-M No. 1 in far more than football.

Dorr was co-author, with Donald Eschman, of "Geology of Michigan" (1970, U-M Press). The work is still on the shelves of real bookstores and state DNR gift shops. Even in the post-Christmas sales, they never discount "Geology of Michigan," which runs around \$30.

By "times like these," I mean the debate over global warming. The United Nations and the so-called "developing" nations say that the globe is warming, that it is bad, and that it's up to the United States to

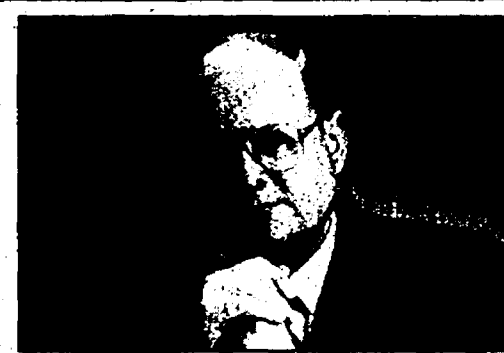
cure the weather by curbing our industry (though they won't curb theirs).

"Geology of Michigan" shows us weather changes are the immutable rule, not a recent phenomenon.

More than a billion years ago, the Upper Peninsula was the scene of much volcanic and lava flow activity. If you'd camped then at Van Riper or L'Anse state park, you wouldn't need a fire to toast your marshmallows.

The Paleozoic epoch (600 million to 230 million years ago) was the "era of inland seas." That's seas, not lakes; salt water. "Reefs are of increasing interest to geologists because they often contain gas and oil ... reef building corals grow rapidly only in freely circulating waters where food and oxygen are abundant and only flourish within the temperature range of 77-84 degrees F."

In other words, our water temperatures were Florida-like. It was when oil and gas were formed under what is



TIM RICHARD

now Farmington Hills and Kensington Metropark.

Within the Paleozoic was the Pennsylvanian period when coal was formed in parts of mid-Michigan. Conditions in an area bounded by Jackson, Grand Rapids, Roscommon and Bay City were like the current Dismal Swamp of Virginia and North Carolina - "low-lying, swampy regions of high rainfall, poor drainage, and lush plant growth ... (T)hey lack annual growth rings which, if present, would

reflect summer growth and winter dormancy."

Fossils show that there were bowhead whales at Oscoda, walrus near Gaylord, sperm whales, sharks near Saginaw and lungfish burrows near Grand Ledge. The weather was different, wasn't it?

We then encounter the Pleistocene epoch (500,000 to two million years ago). Glacial ice covered North America as far south as the Ohio River and Europe down to the Normandy coast of France. It was a mile or two thick, which probably inhibited camping and business. Saginaw Bay drained southwest through the Mississippi.

As glaciers melted, Michigan was home to such sub-arctic creatures as the musk ox, caribou and seven-foot beavers.

Dorr and Eschman concluded that we have been in a gradually warming climate for the last 12,000 years. So it wasn't just the fault of James Watt and Henry Ford.

There are many short-term fluctuations in the climate. An ancient map perhaps thousands of years old shows Antarctica's shore as dry land, not ice. National Geographic reported sunspots may govern 20-year weather and rainfall cycles on Earth.

Krakatao's eruption near Java in 1883 hurled ash around the world that cost North America an entire summer. And can any westerner forget the weather effects of the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helen?

Well, yes, people can forget, and they can become hysterical about global warming. But as we University of Michigan students used to tell New York visitors who griped about "crazy Ann Arbor weather" - if you don't like Michigan weather, wait a few minutes.

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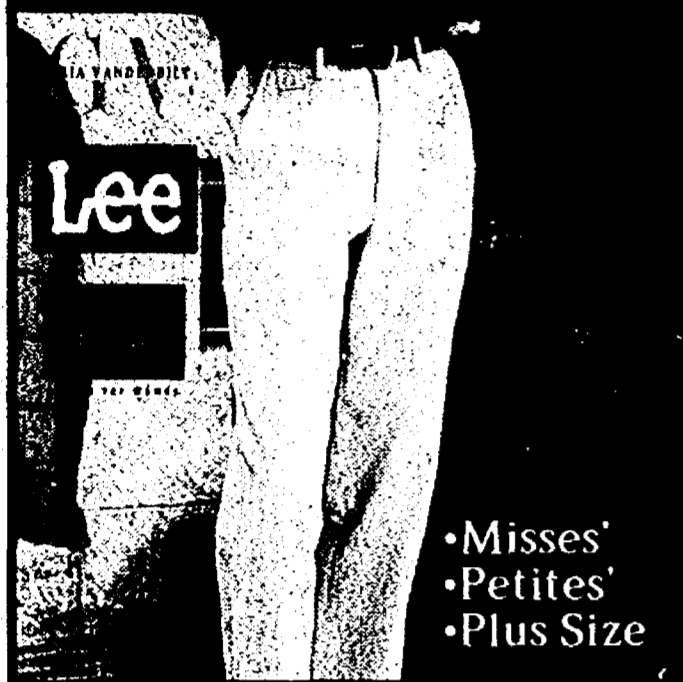
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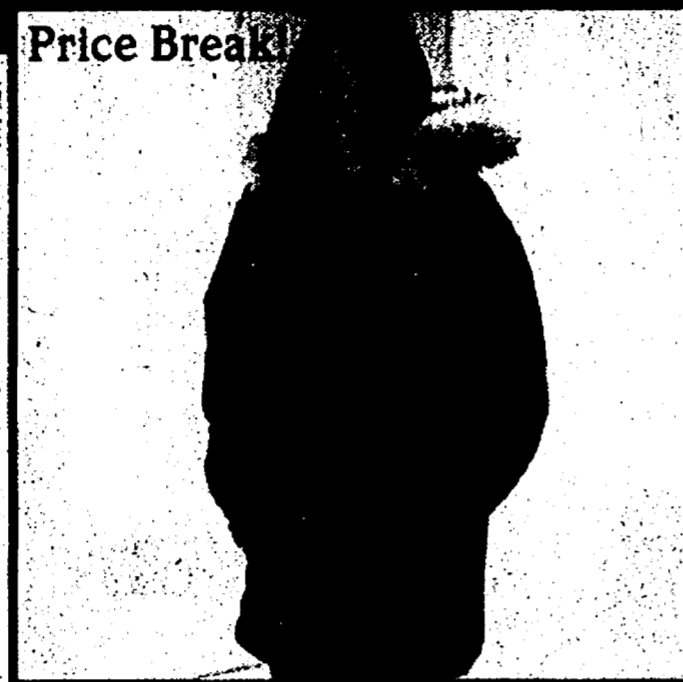
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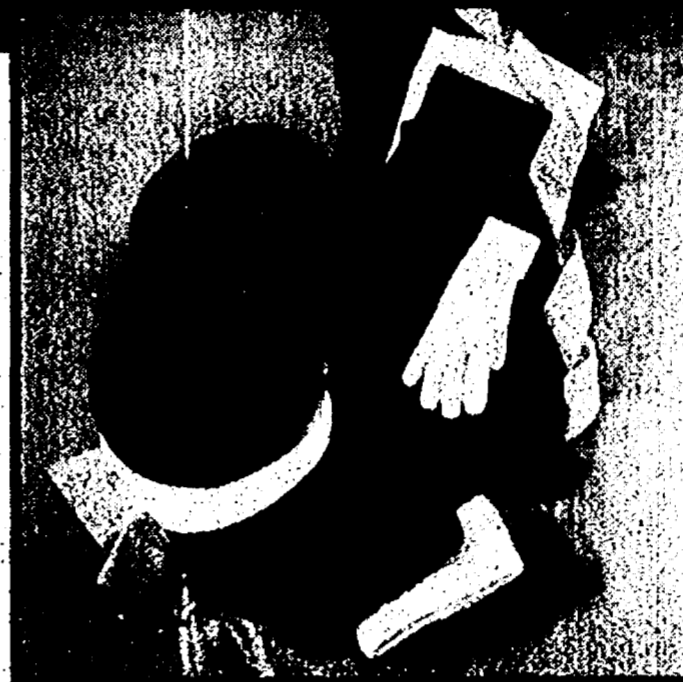
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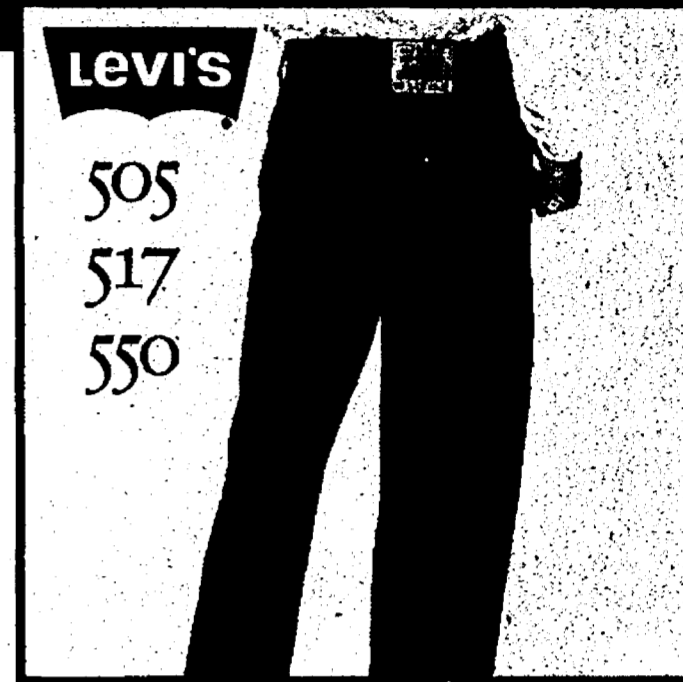
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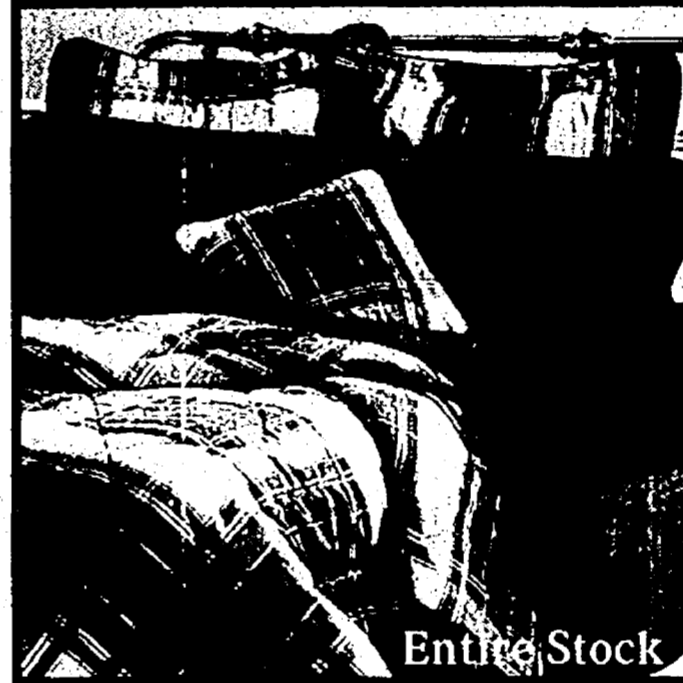
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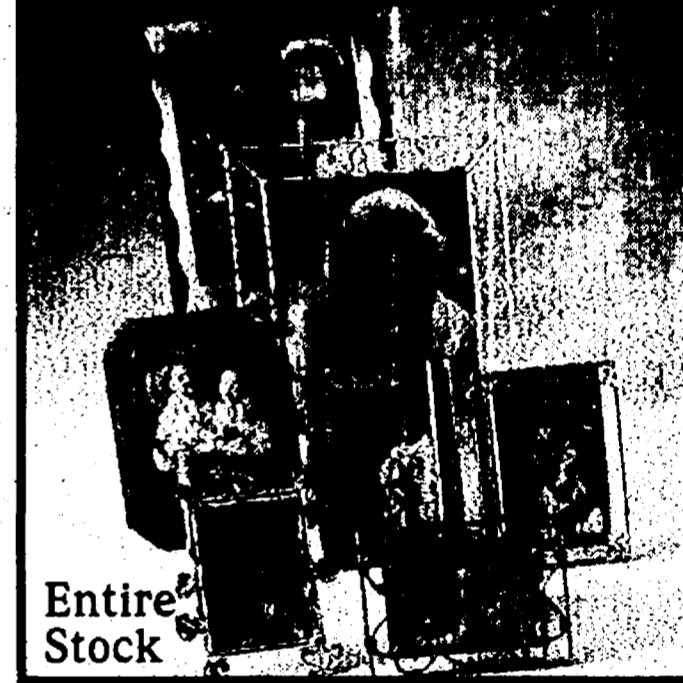
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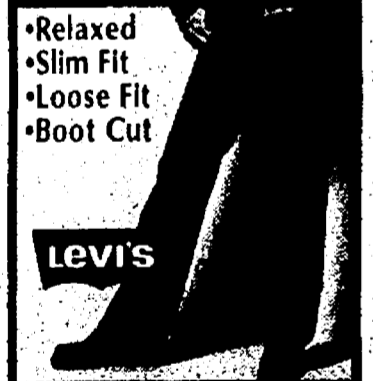
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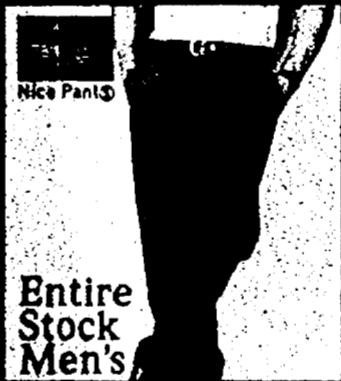
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Resolutions teach us art of self-control

Let's face it. Some New Year's resolutions that we resolve to do are painful.

From our initial conscious thought that says "I need to change this," which occurs after another troubling consequence, to the end result when we give up on it and conclude, "I just cannot do this for another second," for most people the discipline and patience it takes to hold to a difficult resolution is too much.

The value of some New Year's resolutions is that they train us in the art of self-control. They also help children realize that certain habits can take on a life of their own and we may need to rein them back in.

Talking about and developing one resolution per person in your family is an opportunity for everyone to sit together and talk about areas of their life they could improve upon. Further, if a person feels that they have nothing to look at, it's a good time to enlist the help of another person to help them see a deficiency that needs correcting.

Dad may talk about junior's lack of responsibility in keeping the bedroom picked up and junior may bring up the fact that mom is always in a bad mood when junior comes home from school. Mom may bring up how dad

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Volunteers help spruce up shelter

■ Retail associates, plumbers, auto executives and business and professional women have helped make the First Step Shelter a nicer place for the women and children who need a safe place to away from domestic violence.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Greatly appreciated is an expression Virginia Williams uses often in talking about the donations and volunteer efforts.

As the facilities coordinator for the First Step Shelter, she knows how important such things are to the non-profit.

The shelter, a former nursing home, provides temporary housing for up to 38-42 women and children who because of domestic violence are forced to leave their homes for a safer environment.

"These are things that as an agency we can't afford to do, but make a very big difference for the women here," said Williams.

Her thank you list for 1997 includes executives from the Ford Motor Company who spent a day painting and fixing up the shelter and some 100 Hudson's, Target and Mervyn's employees who as part of Dayton-Hudson's "Weekend of Giving" did more painting and landscaping.

The Western Wayne County Plumbers Association also donated more than \$10,000 worth of sinks, faucets, showers and toilets and handled the installation.

"It was greatly appreciated," Williams said. "This is an old building with old plumbing, so it was greatly needed and greatly appreciated."

And thanks to volunteers and donations, the women and children at the shelter had a Merry Christmas.

The Holiday Inn in Southgate donated money and all of the food for their Christmas dinner, which was prepared by members of the Jewish Federation of Women.



Before and after: With yellow enamel paint and the carpet gone, volunteers Denise Allen (front, row, from left), Courtney Wilmering, Manhoush St. Clair, Roya St. Clair, Karen Wilmering, Brad Turowski (second row, from left) Jarret Rogin, Veronica Bilicki, Sherri Rogin, Lana Hollway, Ryan Wilmering (back row, from left), Richard Wilmering, Bob St. Clair, Mark Bilicki and Barbara Lewellyn struck a pose before the rest of dresses and crib were moved into the finished room.

With the help of donations, staffers set up a Christmas store, so mothers could "shop" for what they wanted for their children and children could shop for their mothers. The staff also shopped for the mothers, so "everyone got something," Williams said.

"Just to see their faces makes it so fulfilling," she added. "Many times they break into tears because they don't expect anything."

12-hour transformation

Also on the list is the Suburban West

Business and Professional Women's Club. Members scraped, scrubbed, they even slid across the floor on their behinds. They ripped up carpet tiles and put down new vinyl flooring. They

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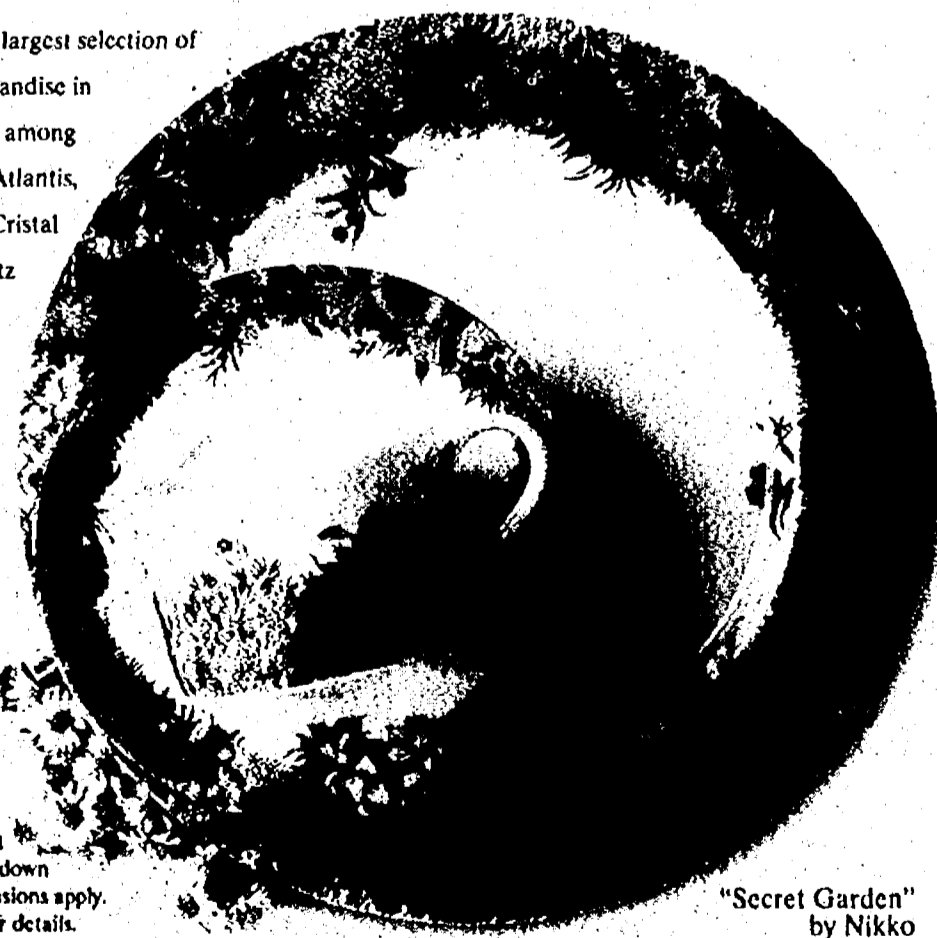
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painted walls, hung a wallpaper boarder and installed new baseboards and window treatments. In less than 12 hours, they made over the 12- by 15-foot bedroom at the shelter.

"We do whatever we can to improve on what's there," said Karen Wilmering, who chaired the project. "We do whatever we can to the best of our abilities. We like to do things that give back to women, and we do feel this goes for things we stand for. It's also fun and it does pull us together as an organization."

This is the second year the club has remodeled a bedroom at the shelter, which provides temporary housing for up to 38-42 women and children. Last year's project was so well-received that Suburban West won the BPW District V Advocates Against Domestic Violence Award.

Armed with \$100 left over from last year and more than \$500 in donations from members of both the Suburban West and Northville clubs, Wilmering gathered up what was needed for transformation - new bedding and window treatments came from Kmart's Martha

Stewart line, paint at a good price through a paint store she works with as an interior designer and vinyl floor covering and adhesive, donated by Dalley Carpet in Livonia.

Working under a tight schedule, the group "kind of evicted" the family of five living in the room at 7:45 a.m. and finished up around 7:15 p.m.

"We had to set up work areas for such a massive production, which does take a lot of organization," said Wilmering. "It wouldn't have been feasible to come back and finish it. We had to stay until it was done."

At the peak, 21 people were helping. On hand were Bob and Mahnoush St. Clair and daughter Roya, Lana Hollway, Shaun Denman, Cliff and Marie Lambert, Denise Allen, Mark and Veronica Bilicki, Jarrett and Sherri Rogin, Julius and Pauline Graye, Barbara Lewellyn and Wilmering, her husband Richard, son and daughter Ryan and Courtney and Ryan's friend, Brad Turowski, who was working on his community service requirement for Detroit Catholic Central High School.

One group worked on getting the yellow enamel walls ready to paint a more somber shade of blue. Walls were washed before being repainted, and when wallpaper remover failed to lift a ceiling-high border, 13 of the volunteers spent more than an hour, peeling and scraping little pieces off the wall.

The ceiling and a portion of the upper wall were painted a pale yellow to add contrast. Mini blinds replaced the makeshift red-yellow-blue-green striped drapes, and a floral valance and matching wallpaper border provided the finishing touches.

Another group focused on three dressers, which were moved out of the room along with the two sets of bunk beds, a twin bed, crib for the makeover. Volunteers spent four to five hours stripping, applying stain killer and a new coat of white on the dressers.

"It was a major, major project to get the dressers back to clean and white," Wilmering said. "The kids worked outside for several hours until their hands were numb. Every time we went out there, they were busting their butts."

The sticky finish

The last major effort was removing the carpet tiles and replacing them with a simulated wood grain vinyl flooring.

The plan initially was to remove the tiles before painting the room. But after removing two tiles, the group decided to wait rather than try removing the glue and making matters worse.

"We decided to take our chances; at least we didn't have to worry about tarps," Wilmering said.

The sticky floor made installing the vinyl flooring a bit tricky. As members slowly rolled it across the floor, one volunteer slid across it, providing the appropriate amount of pressure to make it adhere.

While much of the focus was on fixing up the room, club members also spruced up the hallway with new window treatments.

Once again, Mahnoush St. Clair kept the project in stitches, turning striped bed sheets into extra full drapes to provide more privacy.

"The staff came in when it was cleaned up and was moved to



Chain gang: Making certain the floral print border was straight were Karen Wilmering (from left), Lana Hollway and Marie Lambert.



Finishing touches: Suburban West volunteer Jarrett Rogin turned a corner of a sitting room into a spray booth to apply white paint the three dressers for the remodeled bedroom.

tears," Wilmering said. "Brad said he couldn't believe what we did to the room, it looked like a hotel suite."

"These are things that because of a large turnover, the rooms take a beating," said Williams. "To have a nice room to walk into ... A lot of these women tell us that when someone suggests

the shelter they think of a large room with rows of beds.

"To walk in to a room with coordinated covers and window valances, someplace very pleasant, it softens the blow of coming to the shelter."

And there's still more to be done at the shelter where the focus now is on redoing the

kitchen. Needed are new commercial appliances - stove, refrigerator, freezer and dishwasher - and cabinets.

"Everything is old and limping along," said Williams. "The stove you have to turn it on and let it heat up for a few hours before using it."

First Step has wish list

With a belief in conserving and maximizing its resources in order to make more dollars available for direct service, First Step has come up with a Wish List of items it needs.

In addition to mattresses and mattress covers, the shelter also needs school supplies, back packs, lined paper, pencils, crayons, plastic and non-breakable bowls, cups and plates, silverware, new socks and underwear (for women and children), pajamas, chil-

dren's winter coats, facial tissue, toilet paper, paper towels, sanitary napkins, over-the-counter medicines like Children's Tylenol, Pedialyte, aspirin and bandages.

The office is in need of facsimile machines, paper shredders; 8 1/2- by 11-inch copy paper, file cabinets, small bookshelves and cases, general office supplies including pens, pencils, legal pads, staplers, printer paper, dry-erase markers and Post-it Notes.

Sweat suits also are desperately needed. They are given to the victims of physical and sexual assaults after their clothes have been taken away during medical forensic examinations. Without the sweat suits, victims are sent home in hospital gowns.

For more information about donating or about First Step, contact its Canton office - 5820 Lally Road, Suite 5 - at (734) 981-9595.

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doesn't call to say he is going to be coming home late. Each person now takes that information to create their resolution.

This is much easier said than done because, admit it, nobody wants to leave their comfort zone. It is far easier to stay where we are right now. But keep in mind, it means another year of being 30 pounds overweight, another year of squabbling with your children about their homework, another year of doing the same thing you've done for the last umpteen years.

"If you always do what you always did, you'll always get what you always got."

Yeah, yeah, yeah ... how many times have you heard that? So what can I say to you that is going to make these resolutions stick? Yes, I do wish I had a

magic wand that would sprinkle the self-control dust all over you, so this effort would be painless. But the pain is what brings success and happiness. Happiness is the outcome of hard work, diligence, patience and self-discipline.

This is the year to reframe this whole resolution business and regard the changes you are going to make as an opportunity to put someone other than yourself in the No. 1 spot.

If other people are distressed and irritated with your behaviors, it may be time to stop tuning them out and say, "Ya know, I am disregarding my family when I continue to come home when I feel like it, without calling to say I'll be late," or, "I am allowed to be in a bad mood when junior comes home from

school, but maybe I need to improve my attitude, so that I don't take it out on him," or, "Boy I hate cleaning my room, but I know it's important to my parents and I will do it out of respect to them."

In other words, the self-discipline comes from putting others' needs before our own. Novel idea?

In this day and age, it is. We have so thoroughly embraced the '70s motto of "Do your own thing" that we have completely wiped out any consideration for others.

Maybe this is the year where No. 1 is finally going to come first. You have always put your own needs on the back burner, and they're fairly comfortable there. But those 30 pounds still sit, lurking, waiting for you to address. That idea of going back to school festers in the back of your mind. An exercise plan seems so smart.

So how good to yourself do you have to be before you'll give yourself the gift of action? Is it another year away? Consider this: Self-esteem increases with the accomplishment of goals.

To jump to this new way of thinking means developing an attitude adjustment. Attitude adjustments are not exactly frontal lobotomies, so you don't need to be scared of them. They only require putting up stop signs in your head.

When a thought comes over you that says, "Why am I doing this anyway?" the stop sign goes up and the new thought pattern becomes, "This is smart for me" or "This is good for our relationship." Stop signs need to be put up when you hear yourself saying, "I hate this; this isn't fun." In place of that thought goes, "I am not enjoying this resolution, but I am doing it anyway."

So this year's resolution can now be: "I will resolve this year to give up giving up." As the Nike ad says, "Just Do It."

If you have a question or comment for Jacque Martin Downs, a prevention specialist and the director of Hegira Prevention Programs, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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Shall the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Eight Million Three Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$108,300,000.00) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following:

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(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

YES _____

NO _____

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tuesday, the 20th day of January, 1998 up to 5:00 o'clock p.m., Local Time, is the last day on which unregistered persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at said election. Application for registration should be made to the clerk of the city in which the voter resides. Persons desiring to register must ascertain when the respective clerks' offices will be open for receiving registrations in addition to 8:00 o'clock a.m. until 5:00 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, January 20, 1998.

Martha Fitsenberger
 Secretary of Board of Education

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Detroit's jewel

Institute of Arts has wealth of art with Michigan connections

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Judy Knowles starts out with a few important facts about the Detroit Institute of Arts. She has picked up the tidbits during her 20 years as a volunteer docent at the DIA.

It's a fact, she says, that the DIA is the fifth largest fine arts museum in the United States. An internationally renowned museum, its collection spans the Stone Age to the Modern Age.

It's also a fact that one of its greatest strengths of the DIA is its collection of American art. It ranks in the top one-third in the country with its collection ranging from early colonial times to the 20th century.

"I'm in my 20th year as a volunteer and after all that time, you would think that it would get old, but it's not that way," Knowles told her Livonia Town Hall audience. "It's been a wonderful experience."

A native of Connecticut, Knowles studied at the Katherine Gibbs School in Boston and was an administrative assistant to the director of the Hydro Lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Her move to Michigan began her long involvement with the arts, with her areas of study covering European, American, Asian, African, Native American and pre-Columbian art.

The former owner of a small



Judy Knowles

public relations and communications business in Birmingham, she has been a volunteer at the DIA since 1978, serving as chair of the Speakers Bureau, Hospitality DIA Committee and on the executive board of the Volunteer Committee.

Local connection

For her speech, Knowles focused on American art with a connection to Detroit and Michigan, focusing on such artists as John Singleton Copley, Frederic Edwin Church, starting with the

work of Boston-born painter John Singleton Copley, John Singer Sargent, James Abbott McNeill Whistler and Mary Stevenson Cassatt.

A self-taught artist, Copley was the most popular portrait artist along the Eastern seaboard in the 1760s. Among paintings hanging in the DIA is his portrait of Col. John Montresor, done before the colonel was sent to Detroit "to help keep the peace."

"You can almost feel the velvet on the collar and the woolliness of the coat," Knowles said of the portrait. "But that's still subservient to the face. Copley had a direct approach to his subject. You could take off the uniform and put on today's clothes and not tell the difference."

"We have quite a few Copleys at the museum."

Copley did 350 portraits, including those of John Hancock, John and John Quincy Adams and Lord Cornwallis, before leaving for London in 1774. Once there, he turned his attention to painting historical pieces.

"In Europe, a painter needed to aspire to historic proportions," Knowles said.

Copley's first was "Watson and the Shark," based on the story of 14-year-old Brook Watson, an orphan who worked on the merchant ships and lost his leg while swimming in shark-infested waters. Fitted with a pegged

leg, Watson eventually became the Lord Mayor of London.

After the Revolutionary War, landscapes became popular, especially the works of the Hudson River School, a group of young artists who lived along the river.

Landscape paintings remained popular for 75 years, with Church the foremost artist of that genre in the mid-1800s. His painting of a volcanic eruption, "Cotapaxi," is one of the most important acquisitions by the DIA of that period. Done on commission in South America, the painting was rolled up, taken across the country and exhibited, according to Knowles.

"He was the master of working with light and atmosphere," Knowles said. "The person with the llama shows how insignificant we are with nature."

Famous for work

Born in Florence, Italy, to American parents, Sargent was an internationally famous portrait painter of the late 19th century and his painting of Madame Paul Poisson, done in 1885, is on display at the DIA.

"He carefully posed his subjects," Knowles pointed out. "The ladies flocked to him because he would make them look beautiful."

Whistler was another expatriate painter who "rebelled against artists who looked to

nature to make things look real," according to Knowles.

He became the center of controversy when he sued art critic John Ruskin for libel, went to court and won a farthing in damages. Commenting on Whistler's "Nocturne in Black and Gold: the Falling Rocket," a part of the DIA collection, Ruskin said he didn't know how "he could throw a pot of paint (at a canvas) and ask 200 guineas."

"The painting is of fireworks going off in the evening," said Knowles. "It was the beginning of abstract art. Whistler was 75 years ahead of himself."

It was Cassatt's "Reading to Anomie" that was the first piece of art purchased as a subscription piece for the DIA. Painted in 1882, the painting was acquired after the art loan exhibition in 1883.

"Mary Cassatt was a strong-minded individual who left her home in Philadelphia for Paris," Knowles pointed out. "She was the only female American artist allowed to exhibit her work with impressionist painters in France. She died on the Titanic."

She also touched briefly on the works of silversmith Paul Revere, represented by a teapot at the DIA, sculpture Randolph Rogers who left Ann Arbor for Rome "where the marble was," and Mary Chase Perry Stanton, known for her Pewabic pottery work.

"American art is very eclectic and filled with traditions," she said.

Knowles also took time to talk about upcoming exhibits at the DIA - "Angels from the Vatican," due in this summer, and the drawings of sculptor George Segal - and one item in the museum meant to be touched.

"The bronze donkey was donated so that there would be something in the museum that children could touch. It's been touched many times that it's worn to a warm patina now."

The next Livonia Town Hall

will be Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriam, Livonia. Philip Mason, a distinguished professor of history, will fascinate the audience with stories about rum-runners, speakeasies, bathtub gin and Prohibition.

The lecture will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. Single lecture tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at the door. Individual luncheon tickets cost \$12 and must be reserved one week in advance by calling Emily Stankus at (734) 420-0383.



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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Barrett-Yessian

Gary Lee and Sandra Lee Barrett of Flat Rock, formerly of Redford, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to Tod Robert Yessian, the son of Mary and Dana Woods of Lincoln Park and Robert and Dale Yessian of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Redford Thurston High School. She is employed as an inside sales manager at Pennsylvania Steel Corporation in Redford.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of Trenton High School. He is employed as plant/operations manager at Pennsylvania Steel Corporation.

A May wedding is planned at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Trenton.



Muniz-Marushak

Rene and Karen Muniz of Lincoln Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Mona Marisa, to Nathan Edward Marushak, the son of Lyle and Joy Marushak of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lincoln Park High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a teacher at the Kiddie Academy of Novi.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Eastern Michigan University. He is a graduate student at EMU, studying computer science. He is employed as a computer engineer for Open Networks Engineering in Ann Arbor.

An April wedding is planned at St. Michael Lutheran Church



in Canton.

Russo-Brining

Salvatore Joseph Russo, Jr. of Lawrence, N.Y., and Jennifer Ann Brining of Canton, were married June 14 at our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth by Deacon Donald Leach and the Rev. John Sullivan.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Cheryl Brining of Canton. The groom is the son of Salvatore and Ann Marie Russo of Lawrence, N.Y.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Business with a bachelor of business administration degree.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Chaminade High School in New York and a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in psychology.

The bride asked Lisa Brining to serve as her maid of honor with Ann L. Russo, Christine Lapadula, Cathleen Russo and Suzanne Tihanyi as bridesmaids.



Anthony Russo served as best man with Thomas Lapadula, Marcello Barone, Mark Yezbick and Jason Schmidt as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth before leaving on a trip to Aruba. They are making their home in Canton.

Seminar helps brides plan their wedding day

Brides-to-be about to plan their wedding day can get help at a wedding seminar being organized by Mark Salloum of VideoMagic Productions in Livonia.

"How To Shop for Your Wed-

ding Day" will offer two two-hour seminars on Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Dearborn Inn.

The seminars are designed to educate couples about what they should look for in a good DJ, photographer, baker, bridal

dress and similar wedding services.

In addition, couples will have an opportunity to speak with participating businesses one-on-one to answer questions or book services.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

NEW OFFICERS

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of Livonia has installed and ordained several members into the offices of elder and deacon. Named elders on Jan. 4, were Jeff Cunningham of Livonia, a business planner at General Dynamics in Sterling Heights; Melody Jackson, finance manager at ComSource Inc.; Hal Dickson, a retired Ford Steel financial analyst and 37-year member of St. Paul's; and Bill Stuart, an instructor at Oakland Community College.

The new deacons are Cathie Cheslak, a travel consultant at Randolph Travel; Sharon Dean, a teacher's aide in the Crestwood School District; Carol Dickson, retired Redford Township assessor and 37-year member of St. Paul's; Christian Kreipke, a medical anthropology student and practicing musician; Kathy Schulz, a day care operator; Kay Vincent, a teacher's aide in the Redford Union School District; and Chris Richards, a manufacturing engineer with Zenith.

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, east of Merriman Road, Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series on Thursday, Jan. 8, with "Moving On." There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

PARENTING TODAY

Having trouble communicating with your kids? Find out how to really talk to your children by attending the Active Parenting Today classes offered at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The 6-week course will be offered 6:30-9 p.m., beginning Thursday, Jan. 8. The cost of the course is \$15 (spouses are free)

and includes a parent's guides. Preregistration is preferred. For more information or to register, call the church at (734) 422-1470.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries' "Talk It Over" program will feature Mike Collins speaking about "How to get the most out of your retirement plans" and "Estate planning techniques including wills and trusts" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. A free-will offering will be accepted.

The organization's Bring Your Own Sneakers program is set for 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Livonia YMCA. The cost for the family event is \$6 for adults and \$2 for children ages 14 and younger. Swimming, tennis, volleyball, wallyball, racquetball and other sports will be available.

Indoor volleyball is offered at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Knox Hall. A \$1 donation is suggested to help maintain the equipment. The third Friday of every month (Jan. 16) is game night where participants are encouraged to bring their favorite game and pay \$1 at the door for snacks and beverage. Free child care is available.

For more information, call (734) 422-1854.

SUNDAY LESSONS

"Sixty Ways to Have More Fun" will be the lesson at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at Church of Today West in Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook, between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads, Novi. The church also offers youth education, a course in miracles at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and others courses in 4T, meditation and unity basics. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or at its Web site, <http://www.cotw.com>.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Membership classes for those wishing to join St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at the parsonage. The five-week course covers St. Matthew's Church, the United Methodist tradition and Christianity as a whole. For more information, call Don Besecker, church life coordinator, or the Rev. Chuck Sonquist, at (734) 422-6038. The



In concert: Darla McFadden, a Christian music artist from Indianapolis, Ind., will perform at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburg Road, Livonia. McFadden began her singing with her family and excelled in music throughout her school career. She has pursued her ministry through church and special event concerts and recordings and has made several guest appearances on the Trinity Broadcasting Network. Signed with Daywind Music Group in Nashville, Tenn., her latest release is "He Is Worthy." For more information, call the church at (734) 464-0990.

church is at 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

DIVORCARE

DivorceCare, a special 13-week video seminar and support group, is being offered 7:15-9:15 p.m. Sundays at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton Township. The series features nationally recognized experts covering such topics as "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," and "Forgiveness." Child care is available. Call (734) 459-3333 for more information.

MIRACLES COURSE

Unity of Livonia continues its "A Course in Miracles" 1-3 p.m. Mondays throughout January and February at the church, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The course combines spiritual wisdom and psychological insight into a practical answer to mankind's deepest innermost need. The purpose of the course is to teach the process of "removing the blocks to the awareness of love's presence."

For more information, call the church at (734) 421-1760.

TEAMKID

TeamKid, a unique club which blends activity with interactive learning, discipleship and Bible memory, meets 5:45-8 p.m. Sundays at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The program is for children in grades 1-6 and provides practical Biblical answers in a fun and interesting setting. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-0472.

AGLOW INTERNATIONAL

The Farmington Chapter of Aglow International will host and evening of praise with Gloria Wyatt and Vi Rawlings at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, in the downstairs meeting room the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Participants will praise God with the spoken word (pop-up praise reports and testimonies) and in song with musicians Wyatt and Rawlings. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call chapter president Karen Dahlgren at (313) 682-3733.

WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

Several churches in the area, including Canton Township's Geneva Presbyterian and Livonia's St. Matthew's United Methodist churches, are offering the "Weigh Down Workshop," a bible-based weight loss program. The workshop includes videotapes, audiotapes, group discussion and a workbook to use as a daily journal. The cost of the materials is \$104.

An orientation will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at St. Matthew's, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. The 12-week session will run Jan. 19-April 6. For more information about the orientation, call Beth McBain at (734) 495-0342.

The Geneva Presbyterian's group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the church, 5835 N. Sheldon Road, Canton Township. Contact the church at (734) 459-0013 for more information.

People interested in the workshop but are not available on Mondays and Tuesdays can call

(800) 844-5208 about other sessions in the area. There are more than 180 groups meeting in churches in the Detroit area.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Men Who Make a Difference, a small group of Christian men dedicated to the biblical principles of building a "Godly Man," meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The group is open to men of all denominations who wish to diligently seek the face of Jesus. For more information, call (734) 421-0472.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan is offering beginning and continuing Tai Chi classes 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

Tai Chi is a series of gentle turning and stretching exercises that have been practiced by the Chinese since the 11th century. For more information, call (248) 332-1281.

ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

The Parent Teacher League of St. Paul's Lutheran School is hosting an educational program offered by William Beaumont Hospital and Dr. Irma Kline at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the school, 20805 Middlebelt Road, at Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Kline is the head of the Center for Human Development Program at Beaumont. She has more than 25 years of experience in the special education area and is responsible for the development and clinical diagnosis of attention deficit disorders versus behavioral learning disorders.

People who answer "yes" to any of these questions - "Does your loved one have a difficult time in academics at school?" "Does your loved one have a difficult time fitting in with other people?" "Does your loved one have a difficult time staying on track with his or her structured responsibilities?" - should participate. This is an adult-only program.

For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

NEWBURG NIGHT OUT

Newburg United Methodist Church will present its eight-week Newburg Night Out program 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Jan. 16, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

An inexpensive dinner will be available 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by classes in "Parents of Adolescents," an educational series and discussion group to learn specific skills to guide your teen successfully into adulthood; "That the World May Know," a video tour of Biblical sites; "The Search for Meaning," exploration of the book, "The Search for Meaning" and learn how to come to grips with what it means to be a human being who lives, loves, works, plays, suffers and dies; and "Genesis and the Hidden Face of God," an exploration of the Genesis programs produced by PBS and led by Bill Moyers in conjunction with 38 biblical authorities.

Running at the same time will be drama and choirs for children. There also will be child care for younger children. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0149.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which pro-

vides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will have its annual auction fund raiser at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road (south of Five Mile Road), in Plymouth Township. Participants should bring new, wrapped gifts priced between \$5 and \$20, and be ready to bid on items. All proceeds go to the COTS homeless shelter.

The group also meets on Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile Road, Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974 - for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Restaurant, Plymouth Road east of Merriman, Livonia, and for pinocle at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose at (734) 464-3325

STONE SOUP WEEKEND

Stone Soup, a winter weekend for people of all ages will be held 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

Designed to bring people together for fun, fellowship and education, participants will gather in Gutherie Hall Friday evening for singing and games. On Saturday, there will be a continental breakfast at 9 a.m., followed by the program of exploring who each person is and what gift each brings to the gathering. Following lunch, there will be a guest speaker and craft activities for the whole family.

After dinner, there will be activities for all ages with a Gong Show, filled with silly skits, closing out the weekend. Stone Soup costs \$10 per person and \$25 per family and covers the pizza, continental breakfast, lunch, dinner and program. Child care will be provided for the youngest children on Saturday morning and afternoon, if needed.

To register, send a check, payable to Newburg United Methodist Church, to 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-0149.

SAYING THANKS

Michael Coggins, president of Aid Association of Lutherans, Branch 1983, presented a "Just Say Thanks" check to the choir of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Farmington Hills after its Christmas Cantata on Dec. 19. Rodger Williams, music director at St. Paul, accepted the check.

The "Just Say Thanks" Recognition Program is designed to recognize the special efforts of volunteers in the church or community. The members of St. Paul's choir volunteer many hours a month in practice and singing at St. Paul's worship services.

The church's worship services are 6 p.m. Saturdays and 9:15 a.m. Sundays. For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

CONFIDENTIAL HELP

Life Care Ministries of Livonia offers a free, confidential Christian telephone listening service 10 a.m.-10 p.m. by calling (734) 427-LIFE Monday through Saturday. Life Care Ministries can be reached through P.O. Box 530611, Livonia 48153-0611.

Birmingham Temple sponsors workshop

Birmingham Temple will again sponsor an intermarriage workshop 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17.

The workshop is designed to help resolve problems of intercultural marriage for couples who are tired of too many questions and not enough answers. Issues that will be discussed include sharing philosophies, raising children, dealing with the community and accepting the children's decisions.

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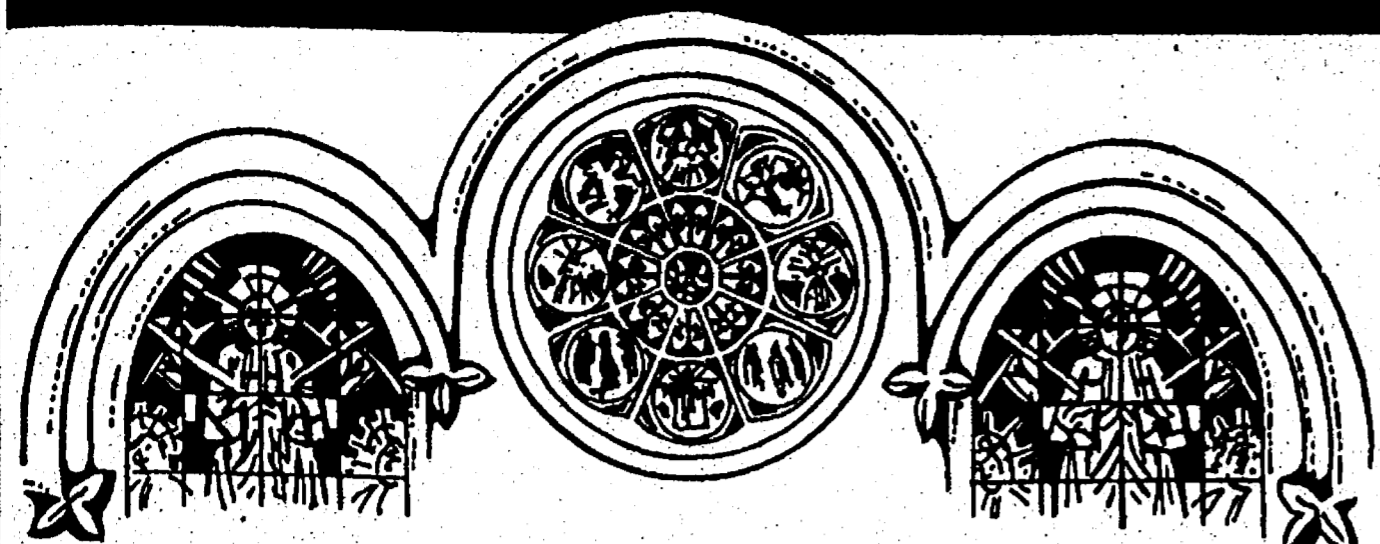
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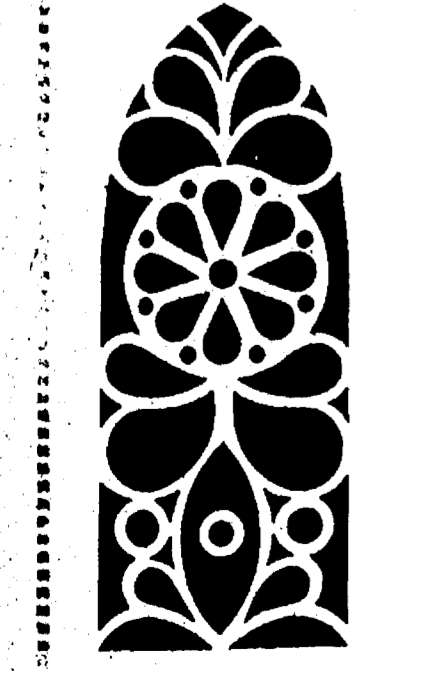
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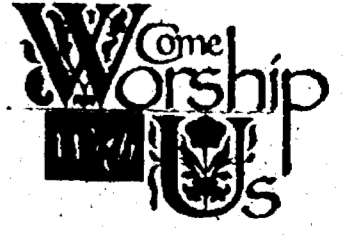
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Try these 3 ways to become after-holidays blahs buster

BY SHARON J. METAXAS

Feeling broke, fat and a bit depressed? If you are like most people, the aftermath of buying and eating is beginning to set in. Along with the dark cold days comes the charge card bills and the extra 10 pounds. It's no wonder that most people want to climb in bed and not come out until spring.

Though many will run out and purchase exercise equipment that they will hardly use, there are some less expensive and more enjoyable alternatives to combat the "blahs."

Holidays are very stressful. Everyone carries some sort of fantasy about what families and holidays should be like. Unfortunately, the reality is never quite the same no matter how hard you try.

Families typically fight, get jealous, and find some way to make you feel inadequate. It is depressing to realize again this year that nothing has changed.

The expectation of the romance of the holiday is much like the anticipation of falling in love. All the fuss and expense does not guarantee that you will feel special and loved.

When the disappointment hits, depression sets in. This is the time to make the romance and

find the support you could not during the holidays.

Instead of depriving yourself of food, punishing yourself for spending too much money and withdrawing, create a support group, put romance in your everyday life and pamper yourself. Here are some ideas that do not take a lot of money.

(1) **Instead of a "secret Santa," find some people willing to create a "Blahs Buster" group.** Draw names so each of you are responsible to give warm caring messages to one person. Surprise your person with notes, cards and small tokens of encouragement. Try it for one month, put a limit on how much can be spent and plan a party to reveal the secret supporter.

Couples can do this with each other but need to clarify and agree in specifics. This can only be adapted to supporting weight loss.

(2) **Force yourself to get out of the house and be with other people.**

Become a critic with your spouse, a friend or a group of people. Decide what you want to explore, for example, who has the best coffee, bagels or antiques, and set up a scale to grade each. If you like restau-

rants, allow yourself to eat only what you are critiquing. Schedule visits and evaluate. Compare with friends.

Join a class just for fun.

Invite people over and have theme nights like game night or movie night.

Women can plan makeovers or manicures on each other.

Men can have sports nights.

Plan day trips or one night at a hotel.

(3) **Add romance at home.** Burn candles or potpourri. Enjoy a snack while taking a bubble bath. Buy one stem of fresh flowers every week. Write three positives everyday. Yell in the shower just to get it out. Sing, dance and listen to music whenever you can. Do something childish everyday. Tell yourself you are wonderful in front of a mirror. Give yourself permission to make mistakes.

We all need to feel important. It is easier to feel special with the help of others but when they are not there you can combat the blahs by supporting yourself.

Sharon Metaxas is a social worker, with more than 15 years experience, at Northwestern Community Services in Garden City.

Meetings have 'roots' in mind

With its Christmas dinner at the Plymouth Historical Museum behind them, members of the Western Wayne Genealogical Society are getting ready for the new year and meetings ranging from a visit from the Lincolns - Abraham and Mary Todd - and using computers in genealogical research.

The society meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the Livonia Senior Citizen's Activity Center, 15128 Farmington Road at Five Mile

Road, Livonia. A beginning genealogy class meets at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are open to the public at no charge.

On Jan. 21, Kathy Petlewski of Schoolcraft College will speak about "Beginner Computer and Genealogy," while Fred and Bonnie Priebe, teachers who are fascinated by Lincoln history, will visit as the President and First Lady on Feb. 21.

David Cash of G.R. & R.G. Funeral Home will talk to members on how to use funeral home

records on March 18, followed by Marge Najarian's presentation, "The Mother of all Research Centers - Salt Lake City" on April 15. A genealogical society member who recently visited the research facility, she will offer advice for anyone planning to make a trip to it.

Closing out the year will be a May 20 presentation, "More About Computers."

For more information about the society, call (734) 425-8832 or (734) 455-1122.

NEW VOICES

Jeff Sherek and Connie Hamilton announce the birth of Devin David Sherek Aug. 29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a sister, Nicole, 3. Grandparents are Joe Hamilton of Westland and the late Debbie Oliver, Rick Sherek of Biwabik, Minn., and Barbara Sherek of Elk Grove, Calif. Great-grandparents are Tony Dubovik of Elk Grove, Calif., and Tony Sherek of Biwabik, Minn.

Jill and Jeff Meyers of Canton announce the birth of Abigail Ellen Oct. 30 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Robert Hunter of Trenton and the late Lina Hunter, Joseph and Nancy Meyers of Plymouth and Dorothy Mayer of Dearborn Heights.

John Oliver and Darlene Egbert-Oliver of Canton announce the birth of Eric David Oliver Oct. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Allen and Judy Oliver of Twinsburg, Ohio, and David and Lois Egbert of Belleville.

Kevin and Shelley Foster of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of Bradley James Dec. 3 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a brother, Jacob Ryley. Grandparents are Debby Anderson of Wayne and Debby Foster of Westland.

Dave Sr. and Rose Black of Garden City announce the birth of Lauren Christine Oct. 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings, David Jr., 25, Joe, 24, Alan, 17, and Amanda, 14. Grandmother is Cecelia Black of Garden City.

Jimmy Young and Jennifer Jackson of Westland announce the birth of Travis James Young Dec. 2 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne.

Grandparents are Jim Young of Sumpter and Kenneth and Porcha Jackson of Westland.

Jeannette Goines of Westland announces the birth of Cody Wade Lyle Oct. 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandmother is Barbara Goines of Westland.

Jim and Kathy Smith of Wayne announce the birth of Ashley Isabel Nov. 4 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Bill and May Roark of Garden City and Dwight and Susan Smith of Dearborn. Great-grandmother is Isabel Isherwood of Garden City.

Micky and Leah Smith announce the birth of Asha Tyler Oct. 16 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Asha joins a brother, Todd, 10. Grandparents are Robert and Carol Smith of Westland and Earl and Kathryn Sprutte of Livonia.

Eric and Priscilla Horde of Wayne announce the birth of Tyler William Nov. 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Linda and William Scroi of Westland and Rose and Troy Horde of Garden City.

Terry Vanover and Nancy Kwiatkowski of Redford announce the birth of Terry Lee Vanover Jr. Oct. 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Verne and Patricia Burgess, and Lowell and Maudie Wood, all of Redford.

Anthony James and Traci Dawn Claxon of Canton announce the birth of Tyler Brandon Nov. 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a brother, Anthony John. Grandparents are Trish Lynch of Northeast, Penn.,

Mr. and Mrs. David Huey of Glen Campbell, Penn., Mr. and Mrs. John Claxon of Grosse Ile, and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Tackett of Westland.

William Chomos and Yvonne Eller of Westland announce the birth of Jacob Michael Chomos Oct. 29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins siblings, Billy, 8, Shelby, 5, and Andrew, 4.

Charles and Delinda Brooks of Garden City announce the birth of Jessica Lynn Nov. 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a brother, Justin. Grandparents are Norman and Nancy Brooks of Garden City and Nancy M. Wilder of Bean Station, Tenn.

Oren (Skip) and Jamie Ward III of Garden City announce the birth of Emily Spencer Oct. 30 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Sydney Taylor, 8. Grandparents are James and Mary Taylor of Wayne.

Clifford and Jane Hettel of Livonia announce the birth of William Daniel II Nov. 7 at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. He joins a sister, Sarah Bess, 10, and Grant Clifford, 5. Grandparents are George and Arlene Grant of Redford Township and William and Audrey Hettel of Farmington Hills. Great-grandparents are Frederick and Norma LaRouche of Brighton.

Dewayne and Carrie Howard of Westland announce the birth of Katelyn Marie Nov. 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a brother, Kenneth Dewayne. Grandparents are Kenneth and Hope Hunt of Ypsilanti, and Cecil Howard and Carole Shell of El Paso, Texas.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Applications are being accepted for the spring craft show Saturday, March 7, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. The fee is \$90 for a 12-by-

12-foot space, \$55 for a 10-by-10-foot space and \$40 for a 8-by-9-foot space or an 8-by-4-foot hallway space. There is an additional \$15 fee for electricity. Applications must be received by Friday, Jan. 9, to be eligible for the first jury round. To receive an application, call the department of marketing and development at (734) 462-4417.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 13th annual spring arts and

crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Booth space measuring 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and one 6-by-8-foot table is \$50. Booths with electricity are limited and are an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. Crafters will receive a \$5 discount if their forms are received by Feb. 1. For more information, call the university at (734) 432-5603.



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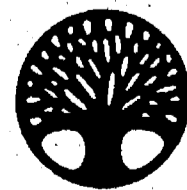
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Livonia Ducks 1st

Nick Defenthaler had 13 goals and seven assists in four games as the Livonia Hockey Association Mighty Ducks, a Squirt B House Division team coached by John Restum, won the City Sports Center Holiday Classic Dec. 28-29 in Detroit.

Ryan Burke's hat trick and James Beavis' playmaker highlighted a 7-0 win over the Livonia Canadiens in the championship final.

Goaltender Ryan Dennett posted the shutout.

The Ducks also downed the Berkley Blues (6-1), Canadiens (6-5) and Mount Clemens Bruins (9-3) en route to the title.

Other members of the LHA first-place team include: Dan Furca, Derrick Swintek, Mike Galvan, Danial Restum, Dan Ross, Corey Quinville, Mike Yaroch, Derrick McMullen, Matt Moulard, Brandon Mishowski, Thomas Korch and Richard Bass.

Assistant coaches included Jim Dennett, Dan Quinville and Steve Galvin.

The team is sponsored by D.M.S. Moving Systems and Greg Elliott, D.D.S.

Westland Canucks roll

On the heels of their Little Caesars Thanksgiving Tournament conquest, the Pee Wee B Westland Canucks captured the eighth annual Christmas Classic with a 3-2 win over the Flint Blue Wings at Flint Islanders Arena.

The Canucks, coached by Randy Brooks, also defeated the host Islanders, 4-1; Flint Wolverines, 6-2; and Flint Pythons, 6-0.

Two short-handed goals within a two-minute span late in the third period gave the Canucks the victory.

Members of the Canucks include: forwards Kris Horn, Brent Newsted, Bill Fritz, Tony LaPere, Kris Horn, Jeff Ruark, Ryan Ballinger, Jon Birchard, Ryan Murphy, Nick Simmons, Dave Tonegatto; defensemen Alex McLellan, Aaron Schwartz, Sterling Brooks, Ryan Sergison, Jim Rawson, Matt Billingsley; goalie Dylan Grube. Team members unable to play in the tournament due to vacations were Darrell Plutkas and John Thornhill.

Assistant coaches include Ken Newsted, Don Milligan and Jeff Bohnwagner. The team manager is Jim Fritz.

Kuk at World Juniors

Livonian Dustin Kuk, a sophomore from the University of Wisconsin, played in all seven games for the U.S. Junior National Team which finished fifth with a 4-3 at the recently completed International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championships in Hameenlinna, Finland.

In the elimination round, the Czech Republic defeated Team USA, 4-1.

In the placement games, Team USA dropped Canada, 3-0, and Sweden.

Kuk, a Redford Bishop Borgess graduate, had one assist.

3-on-3 hoop tourney

The Michigan Youth 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tournament will stage district qualifying at St. Raphael Grade School in Garden City.

Boys and girls age divisions include grades 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12.

The cost is \$80 per team (four players per team) with a three-game minimum.

You must be registered by Jan. 8. For more information, call (313) 513-7333.

Collegiate note

•The Valparaiso (Ind.) University women's basketball team is off to a 4-0 start in the Mid-Continent Conference after a lopsided 74-41 win Monday over visiting Northeastern Illinois as starting guard Mo Drabicki (Livonia Stevenson) scored 12 points and added three assists in 20 minutes of action.

The Crusaders are 9-4 overall.

Travel baseball tryouts

Tryouts are planned for the 1998 Little Caesars travel baseball teams in the 10-, 12-, 14- and 16-and-under age groups. Teams will play a 40- to 50-game schedule.

For tryout dates and times please call the Little Caesars baseball office at (313) 562-4667.



Spartan score: Willie Wilson (left) of Stevenson tallied the go-ahead goal past Churchill net-minder Greg Sliwka at 2:19 of the second period after stealing a pass in the Chargers' end during Wednesday night's Suburban Hockey League battle for first place. Stevenson held on for a 4-3 victory.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Spartans edge Chargers

Stevenson maintains first-place grip with 4-3 triumph

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson hockey coach Mike Harris was still nervously pacing the corridor outside the dressing room Wednesday night at Eddie Edgar Arena following his team's 4-3 victory over Livonia Churchill.

"That was a battle," he said with a big sigh of relief. "Both teams played with a lot of intensity. This is a big rivalry because these kids have known each other and played together coming out of Livonia house leagues since Mites."

The showdown for first place in the South Division of the Suburban High School Hockey League didn't disappoint the 625 fans who turned out on the chilly, wet night.

After spotting Churchill the first two goals, Stevenson regrouped by scoring four of the next five to improve to 8-3-1 overall and 8-0 in the division.

Churchill, which couldn't score the equalizer in the final period, falls to 5-2-2 and 4-1-1 in the South.

"This is an emotional rivalry and in big games like this there are a lot of momentum swings," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "We made some mistakes and they're the type of team that will capitalize."

"Stevenson is a great hockey team and a lot of the credit goes to them. I congratulate coach Harris. They're a class act."

PREP HOCKEY

Churchill, which upset the defending SHSHL champions in last year's Class A regional, scored twice during the first 6 minutes and 35 seconds to take a 2-0 lead.

Freshman Adam Krug, a Mite in his own right at 4 feet, 11 inches and just 87 pounds, scored from Felix Jentzmik at 4:15 and Jason Hendrian followed with an unassisted effort just 2:20 later — both off steals from behind Stevenson goaltender Chris McComb's net.

"Churchill will forecheck you to death — they're just relentless and they never give up," Harris said. "You have to control it coming out of your own zone."

"I was worried because they played so well when I saw them Saturday night at (previously unbeaten) Royal Oak (a 2-1 win). They're such a well-coached team."

But before the period had ended Stevenson was tied at 2-2 — Dan Cieslak from Adam Heseltine at 12:52; and Jeff Lang — robbed earlier in the period on a breakaway by Churchill net-minder Greg Sliwka — from Darin Fawkes and Ryan Sinks at 13:39.

The Spartans' Willie Wilson then made it 3-2 at 2:19 of the second period on an assist from Mike Walsh.

John May then tallied what proved to be the game-winner at 9:07.

"We let in the two goals early, but

they're competitors and didn't quit," Harris said of his team. "We had been off two weeks and came out flat. Our defensemen were a little slow on their feet and they had their heads down. We were a little rusty."

"But they had enough confidence in themselves and in the system to stick with it. And they played with a lot of intelligence. Between periods I told our kids to skate hard, think fast and move the puck out."

Churchill's Jason Turri made it a one-goal deficit just 1:15 left before the second period after a Stevenson turnover. Dan Cook and Jentzmik drew assists.

"We got into a funk when they (Stevenson) came back and it took us awhile to get it back," Hatley said.

The third period turned into a close checking affair as Churchill outshot the Spartans, 7-4. For the game, Churchill had a 24-22 edge.

Only three penalties were called in the game, two coming in the final three minutes.

Sinks was called for holding with 2:15 left, but the Spartans killed then penalty and played at even when Churchill's Brandon Martoia was whistled for high sticking with only 0:59 remaining.

The Chargers pulled their goaltender, but Stevenson fought off the five-on-four disadvantage for the victory.

Huron Valley Lutheran ends 7-year losing skid with season-opening win

The Seven-Year Itch is over for the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran volleyball squad.

The Hawks, playing their season opener Tuesday at St. Paul's Lutheran in Livonia, wiped out seven years of frustration with a 10-15, 15-7, 15-9 victory over Michigan School of the Deaf.

"It was quite emotional and I'm very happy," said fourth-year coach Jeff Hale, who earned his first win ever at Huron Valley. "It was great. I thought we played a good all-around game, especially defensively."

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

In the third and deciding game, reserve Cassie Zell served four consecutive points to secure the victory.

Gretchen Grosinske also came off the bench to spark the victory with some timely serving and back-row defense, according to Hale.

Kate Orlandoni added strong play at the net and provided leadership in the middle, while Stephanie Graves record-

ed three kills and two blocks.

"Even after losing the first game, we were able to come through and stay with it," Hale said. "We had a lot of support from our fans and a lot of our former players came out. I was proud we maintained our composure in the third game and overcame the jitters."

The 1-0 Hawks return to action Saturday at the Plymouth Christian Academy Tournament and they're confident they won't have to wait another seven years for a victory.

Rocket ride: Glenn tackle takes Toledo

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Noah Swartz is still getting acquainted with the game of football.

But there's little doubt the 6-foot-5, 290-pound offensive tackle from Westland John Glenn is a quick study.

The first-team All-Observer pick, who played 10 years of soccer before switching over sports as a 10th-grader, is headed this fall to the University of Toledo — on a football scholarship.

Swartz, who has played just three years of organized football, made a verbal commitment just before Christmas to the Rockets and will sign a NCAA letter-of-intent next month with Mid-American Conference runner-up.

He also made an official visit to Illinois before cancelling trips to Indiana and Central Michigan.

"I like the team's attitude and the work ethic at Toledo," said Swartz, who plans a career in business, marketing or advertising. "And I kind of like the fact that I would be closer to home."

"I liked it (Illinois) pretty much. It was a fun visit, but it was kind of far away."

Swartz saw limited action as a backup to Marc Dugas during his junior year as Glenn reached the state Class AA semifinals en route to an 11-1 record.

He blossomed as a full-time starter his senior year as Glenn, also nicknamed the Rockets, finished 7-3 overall, earning its ninth playoff spot since 1985 under coach Chuck Gordon.

"He's one of the best linemen we've ever had at Glenn," Gordon said. "He has good balance, quick feet. He just keeps getting better and better."

Credit soccer for Swartz's athletic development.

"I played mostly defense. I was a sweeper," Swartz said. "I played a little basketball. But I had to try football. My ninth-grade government teacher (Glenn assistant coach Craig Hnatuk) got me interested. I started on the JV in the 10th grade."

Swartz believes a summer of weight training under the guidance of assistant coach Mike Henry helped him become a better player.

"It (football) is still really fun and I know I have a lot to learn. I'm just finding out about a lot of things," he said.

During the off-season Swartz works two jobs. He's a cook three days a week at Bob Evans Restaurant. He also fills vending machines.

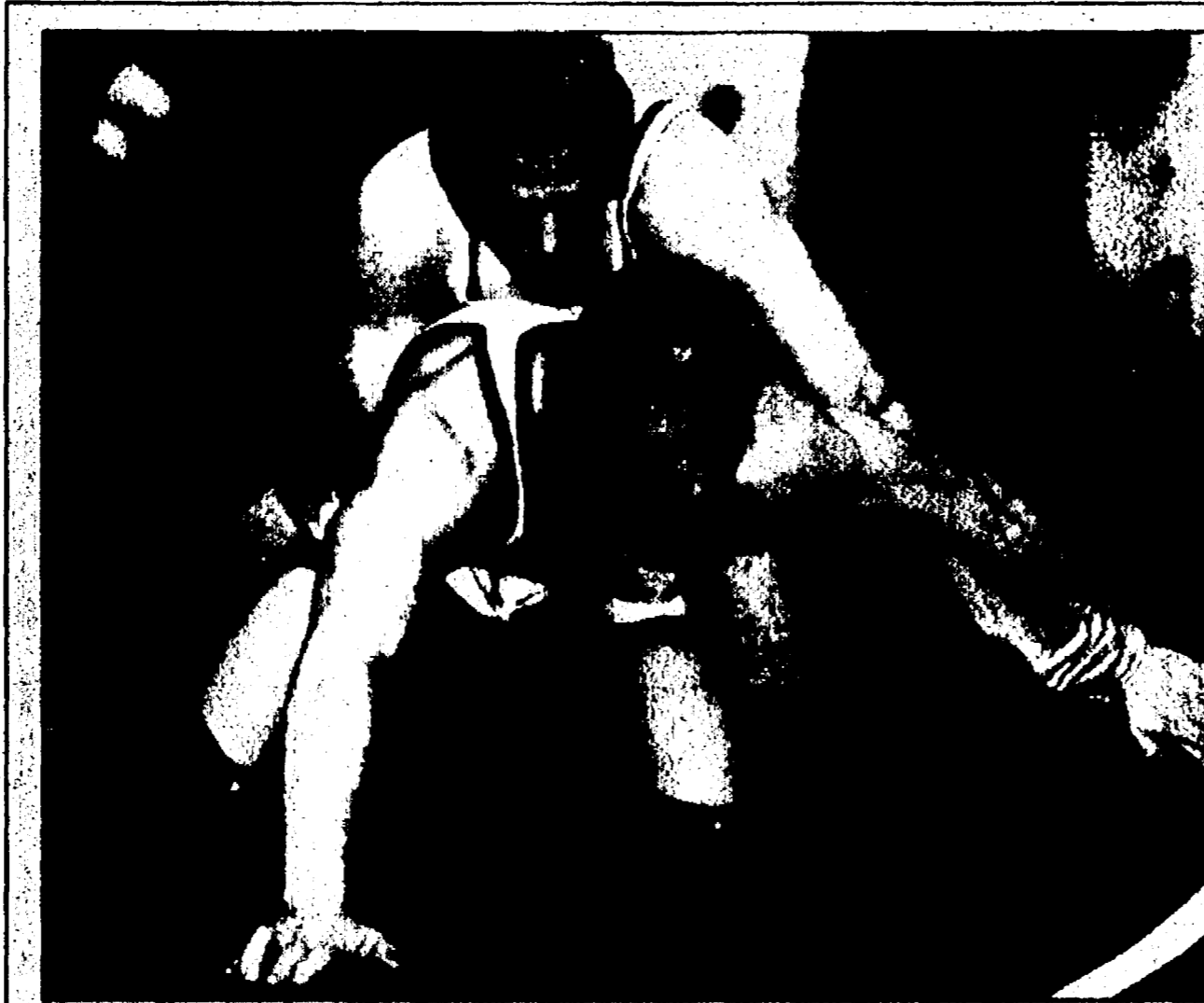
"I started out as a busser two years ago and then I became a cook," Swartz said. "My specialty? The open-faced roast beef sandwich."

Still growing, Swartz's best football days appear to be ahead of him.

"The whole recruiting process was kind of flattering — to see who would call," Swartz said.

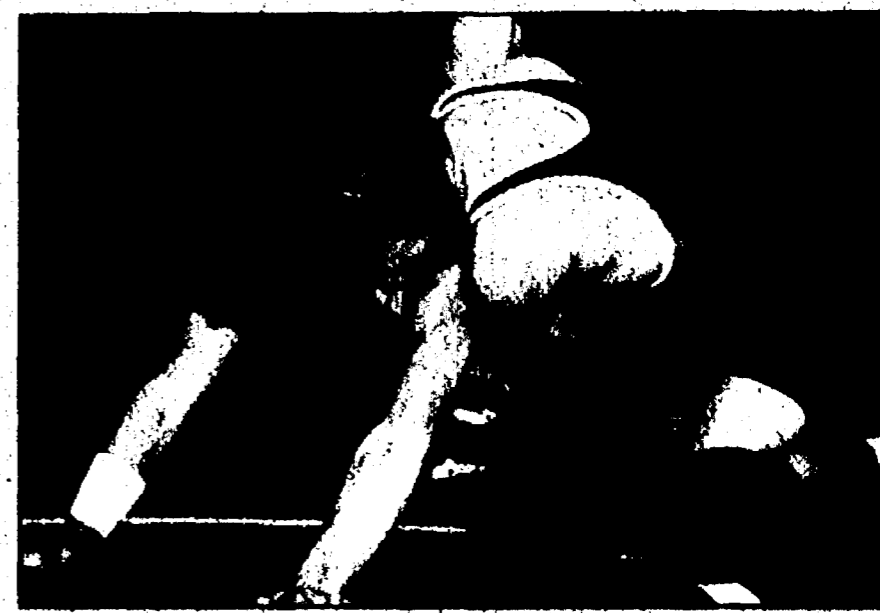


Noah Swartz
Toledo bound



Wrestling tourney time

Salem Invitational: Livonia Churchill's Brian Pancsyzyn (top, left photo) tangles with Chad Johnson of Holt in a 171-pound match during Saturday's 18-team tournament held at Plymouth Salem. Jeff Brach (right, bottom photo) of Livonia Stevenson tries to stay on top of Brian Musser of Plymouth Canton in a 145-pound match. See results on page C4.



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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Shamrocks keep Borgess winless in Central opener

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

More nights like this from Redford Catholic Central senior center Chris Young and the new stats computer purchased by coach Rick Coratti is liable to short circuit.

If Young's all-around performance in Tuesday's 73-62 victory over visiting Redford Bishop Borgess is enough to do it, consider the lap-top a good investment.

Young scored 13 points, grabbed 15 rebounds and blocked at least seven shots - a few more than the computer gave him credit for.

Call up the computer technician.

Young dominated the first quarter despite not scoring a point, and the Shamrocks used an 11-0 run to take an 18-8 lead.

By the time Young finally scored, making a free throw with 5:06 remaining in the first half, he already had four blocks and five rebounds.

Borgess center Sam Hoskin, who has signed with Eastern Kentucky, was held to one point in the first half and finished with 14 points and 13 rebounds.

The Shamrocks enjoyed leads of 35-19 at halftime and 48-36 after three quarters in the Catholic League Central Division opener for both teams.

CATHOLIC LEAGUE

"The game situation didn't call for me scoring and everyone picked it up," said Young, who has signed with Michigan. "Their coach (Roosevelt Barnes) said he had the best center in the Catholic League last year and that still gets at me."

Four CC players joined Young in double figures, led by sophomore Rob Sparks with 16 points, junior Nick Moore with 14, junior Dave Lusky with 12 and senior Don Slankster with 10.

"Chris came out this game determined to dominate," Moore said. "There was a lot of talk about starting off the (Catholic League) season strong. We wanted it more. They knew we were going to Chris and knew I put up some shots. Dave and Don put up some shots and that was key."

The victory improves CC to 3-1 overall. Borgess, the defending Class C state champion, is winless in four games.

Borgess senior guard Aaron Jessup had a game-high 23 points after missing his first six shots from the floor. The Shamrocks' zone didn't give Spartans' senior point guard Kevin Jordan much room to operate, however,

and he finished with only seven points.

Junior guard Curtis Allen gave Borgess a spark off the bench with four points in the final quarter when the Spartans scored eight straight points to get the deficit that was as high as 19 to 10.

Barnes is hoping the Spartans' struggles are due to a tough schedule, which includes losses to Detroit DePorres, Martin Luther King and Finney.

"Playing one of the better schedules in the state will help you see what caliber of team you are," Barnes said. "We hope to get it turned around and it will pay dividends at the end of the year. I'm disappointed. We've just got to get in there and work harder. Young is a real good player and at 6-10, 6-11, he's going to block shots."

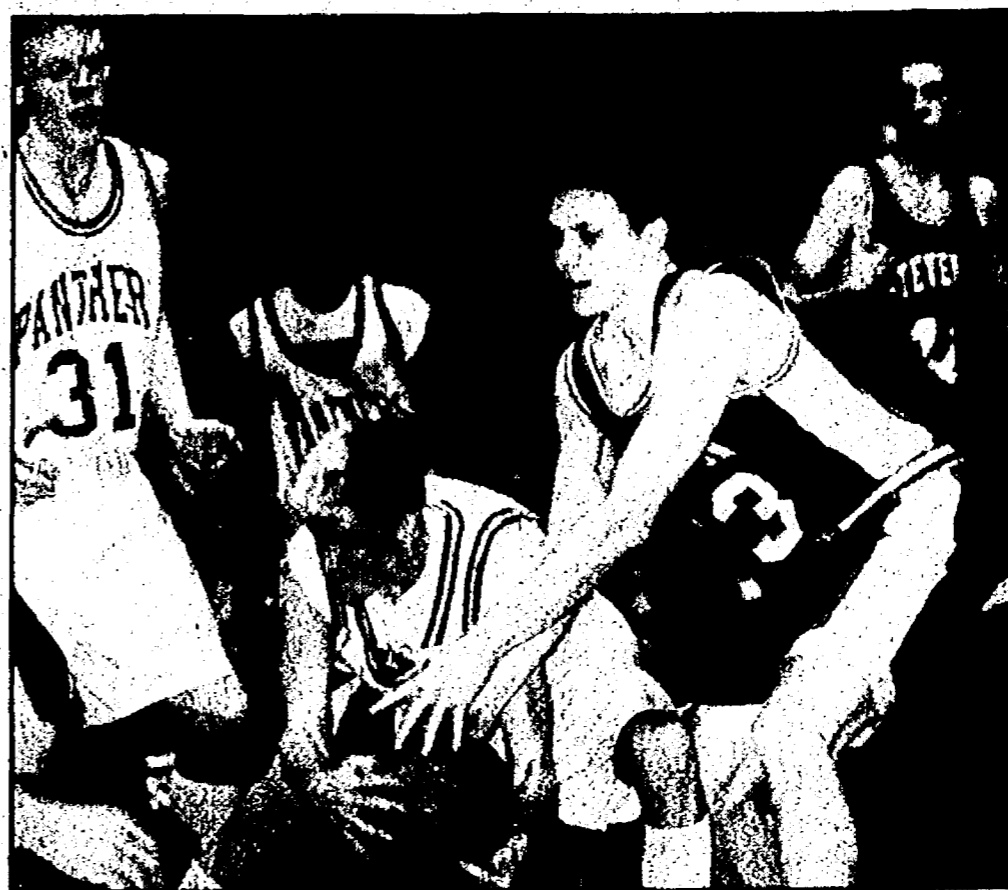
Borgess made only 20 of 66 shots from the floor, including 3-19 in the first quarter. CC was 28-56 from the floor and more importantly, held a 40-26 rebounding advantage.

The Shamrocks swept the Spartans in three games last year and Coratti thinks rebounding is the key.

"You've got to rebound, keep them off the glass and limit their shots - then you've got a chance," Coratti said.

Sparks made seven of eight shots from the floor, including a pair of shots from three-point range. So wearing the No. 25 isn't all he has in common with former CC sharpshooter Marc McDonald, now at Loyola (Chicago).

"We knew he could shoot and that's why he's playing Marc's spot," Coratti said. "He came of age tonight. I think we have some pretty good pieces and we're potentially a pretty good team."



Jump ball situation: Redford Union's Mike Hayes (center) and Livonia Stevenson's Matt Freeborn (right) grapple for the ball as RU's Jason Patterson (left) looks on during Tuesday's non-league encounter. RU won its first game of the season with a 54-45 win over the Spartans, who remain winless in four starts.

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Hawks surge to win in final quarter; East squeaks by Lutheran Westland

Hustle can make up for a lot of things.

In Westland Huron Valley Lutheran's case, it made up for a 43-37 deficit.

A hustling, scrappy, aggressive defense in the fourth quarter Tuesday night led to turnovers and easy baskets that helped Huron Valley Lutheran earn a 62-58 victory over Macomb Christian in a boys basketball game played at Marshall Junior High.

Macomb Christian outscored Huron Valley Lutheran by scores of 18-13 and 16-13 in the middle two periods after the Hawks were up, 11-9, following the first.

But the more aggressive defensive tactics in the fourth turned the score around.

Guard Jeremy Zahn paced the Hawks, 2-3, with 23 points and junior forward Jason Bytner added 20. Guard Tom Husby scored nine and junior center Brian Johnson hauled down 11 rebounds.

Forward Aaron Salter led

ROUNDUP

Macomb, 2-4, with 18 points, Joe Nothdurft added 11. Ryan King and Matt Andrachick each scored 10.

The Hawks made 12 of their 23 free throw attempts while Macomb made 5-of-19.

LUTHERAN EAST 49, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 48: A poor start hampered Lutheran High Westland's efforts to pull out its Metro Conference game Tuesday with Harper Woods Lutheran East.

Lutheran East jumped out to a 12-4 lead as Lutheran Westland missed layups on its first six possessions.

The two teams played on even terms through the middle two quarters and the Warriors actually came back to take a 46-45 lead before falling behind again.

A buzzer shot didn't fall and Lutheran Westland fell to 2-3 overall and 2-1 in the Metro. Lutheran East is also 2-1 in league play.

Brad Woelke scored 15 points to lead Lutheran Westland, which made 15-of-20 free throws, while Phil Condon's 13 paced Lutheran East, which was 8-for-17 from the free throw line.

CRANBROOK 68, CLARENCEVILLE 55: The Cranes flew out of sight in the first half, 35-19, to improve to 2-4 this season and 1-2 in the Metro Conference.

The Trojans, 2-2 overall but 0-2 in the league, tried to come back with a 21-14 third quarter but was outscored again in the fourth.

Albert Deljosevic led Livonia Clarenceville with 23 points. Freshman center Scott Wion added 14.

John Smith paced Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook with 17 points. Adam Partridge added 14 and Tom Callahan 11.

Four players fouled out for Clarenceville, which made 16-of-30 free throws.

Cranbrook shot 44 free throws, making 23.

REDFORD UNION 54, STEVENSON 45: The Panthers broke away in the final five minutes to record their first victory of the season Tuesday night and keep the Spartans winless.

Livonia Stevenson held a 12-11 lead after one quarter but Redford Union led at the half, 26-23, and after three quarters, 36-30.

The Spartans, who made half their 18 free throws, were led by Ryan Tobin's eight points. Mike Blazaitis, Paul Bow-

ers and Brian Schleit each had six. The Panthers, 4-for-11 from the line, got 16 points from Eric Smith, 13 from Jason Patterson and 10 from Matt Rigley.

Stevenson scored the first six points of the second to take a 29-26 lead but Smith swished three quick baskets to turn the tide.

Smith also added 10 rebounds and Patterson had a career best 15 rebounds to go with his personal scoring high.

YPSILANTI 64, JOHN GLENN 58: The Braves leaped out to a 26-18 lead after one period and added to the margin in the next two to cruise to the victory.

The Rockets fought back and trailed, 61-58, with 51 seconds to play Tuesday night on an Eric Jones bucket but the Braves came back to make three of four free throws and put the game away.

Keith Mack scored 15 points to help Ypsilanti improve to 3-1. Westland John Glenn is 1-3.

Stephan Lawson led the Rockets with 19 points and Yaku Moton added 12. The Rockets only made 3-of-14 free throws to 19-of-24 for the Braves.

GARDEN CITY 68, CHURCHILL 56: Dead-eye shooting at the free throw line in the fourth quarter Tuesday night made the difference for the host Cougars.

Garden City took a 50-46 lead into the final eight minutes of play. Visiting Livonia Churchill was forced to foul but Garden City made 15 of the 18 free throws it tried to protect the margin.

Churchill, which made 12-of-16 itself, and Garden City are both 1-4 this season.

Forward Mike Wrobel's 27 points paced the Cougars. Guard Dan Fairchild scored 13 and sophomore guard Robbie Hudson, playing his first varsity game, contributed 10.

Captain Matt Brooks, in his first game back following a preseason ankle injury, was strong on the boards with nine rebounds.

Lamar Smith scored 14 points to lead the Chargers. Freshman center Michael Copeland and senior George Kithas each scored 10.

MILFORD 74, FRANKLIN 57: Justin Williams scored 20 points and Erik Hix added 12 Tuesday as the host Redskins prevailed against Livonia Franklin (2-2).

Dustin Kuras scored 10 points and added 15 rebounds for the Patriots, who made only 10-of-22 free throws.

Milford limited Franklin to just 15 points in the first half while scoring 39 itself.

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Unselfish Schoolcraft team trips Oakland for 13th win

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

The difference between Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College is problems. OCC has them. Schoolcraft causes them.

Schoolcraft, a fast-rising power in the junior college ranks, raised its record to 13-3 Monday with a 114-92 victory over injury-plagued OCC.

The Raiders dropped to 1-11 overall, 0-1 in the Eastern Conference, while the host Ocelots won their second conference game in as many tries.

The fast start has Schoolcraft setting its sights on the junior college title.

"We play at Delta on Wednesday (last night) and go to Alpena on Saturday," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "If we can get through those two, we can make a run at it."

"The key is getting off to a good start, getting our confidence."

The Ocelots should have confidence. They have a good starting five and a solid bench. The players move the ball and pay attention to defense most of the time.

"We didn't play for 40 minutes," said Briggs, whose team broke from a 6-6 tie and sprinted out to a 38-21 lead in a span of 10 minutes during the first half. "But you have to remember these are 18- to 20-year-old kids."

"They don't understand that you have to play with intensity the whole game."

The Raiders sliced the margin to 40-29 before finally trailing, 57-38, at the half.

OCC scored the first nine points of the second half and 11 of the initial 13 to cut the Schoolcraft lead to 59-50. But the Ocelots raced out to leads of 75-53, 89-59, and 99-62 before easing up again.

Kevin Melson scored 34 points, 27 in the first half, to lead Schoolcraft. Derek McKelvey added 24, Emeka Okonkwo 19 and Jimar Eddins 10. McKelvey made all but two of his eight three-point tries.

Brad Burlingame led all scorers with 38 points for OCC, including 8-for-13 from three-point range. Glen Gray scored 21, and Montez Briggs and Willy Davis had 10 apiece.

"We're small in numbers and we're small in size," Dr. James Berry, coach at OCC, said after his team was worn down. The Raiders dressed only seven players and may have lost one of those, reserve Josh Sabol, to a possible broken ankle during the second half.

"We've gone through more adversity than any other group I've ever been around," Berry said. "Especially with injuries this year."

OCC lost post player Isaiah Carter to a broken foot, its backup point guard underwent knee surgery and Davis is still recovering from a broken foot suffered last summer.

Still, the Raiders played with poise through the first few minutes of the second half.

"They're young," Berry said. "It's difficult for them to keep their focus for a long amount of time. It's a sign of their immaturity."

"We were down by nine and their impatience showed. They tried to get it all back at once. That's typical of a young team."

"Our kids play well together," Briggs said. "This is a good group of guys. A lot of kids score and a lot of kids are happy."

"Pete (point guard Males, from Garden City, who had eight assists) does a good job for us. We try to focus on assists."

They could know by the end of the weekend how high to set their sights, too.

SCHOOLCRAFT 92, ST. CLAIR CC 76: Schoolcraft opened its Eastern Conference schedule last Saturday with an impressive victory over host St. Clair County Community College.

It's been a while since the Ocelots have won at St. Clair, but then again, it's been a while since they've been this impressive.

Schoolcraft pulled away from a 35-32 halftime lead to its 16-point triumph. McKelvey's 20 points was best for the Ocelots, but he had plenty of support: Okonkwo totaled 19 points and 10 rebounds; Melson had 16 points, nine boards and six steals; Eddins finished with 15 points and 13 rebounds; and David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn) and Marlo Montgomery each collected nine points. Males dished out nine assists.

Todd Fowler, Bill Tate and Joe Kozel each scored 16 points for the Skippers, who slipped to 6-8 overall, 0-1 in the conference.

"We turned our man-to-man defensive pressure up, went to the offensive boards and converted off of turnovers," said Briggs. "And we got good play from the bench — they stepped it up."

"We moved the ball well as a team. It was our best team effort."

SC converted 29-of-46 floor shots (63 percent), grabbed 17 offensive rebounds and made just 10 turnovers.

Chargers knock off Royal Oak

Host Royal Oak was knocked from the unbeaten ranks Saturday as Livonia Churchill skated to a 2-1 win.

The loss drops Royal Oak to 8-1 overall, while Churchill improved to 5-1-2.

Churchill netminder Greg Sliwka stopped 25 of 26 shots to lead the Chargers.

"It's been a long time since Churchill got that kind of performance in goal," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "It was a total team effort. Our defensemen did

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a good job of bringing the puck out of our zone and our forwards got a good forecheck going."

All the scoring came in the first period.

Filling in for Jason Hendrian, who was serving a 10-minute misconduct for checking from behind, Churchill's Tom Sherman moved up from the fourth line to light the lamp at 6:35

with assists going to Ed Rossetto and Chuck Leight.

Royal Oak's Tim Atkins then tied it at 4:54, but Churchill Dan Cook answered just 44 seconds later with the game-winner from Felix Jentzmk.

The Chargers also killed off four minutes in penalties to start the third period.

"We had it going and were hitting on all cylinders," Hatley said.

Glenn vaults past Walled Lake

Coming off a state qualifying season a year ago, the Westland John Glenn girls gymnastics team opened the 1998 season with a 128.75-125.15 victory over visiting Walled Lake.

Stephanie Thompson won two events for the victorious Rockets — uneven parallel bars (8.6) and balance beam (8.35). She also took fourth on vault (8.1) and

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floor exercise (8.1). Walled Lake's Tonya McCarty was the all-around winner with a score of 33.60.

Thompson was second overall with 33.15, while teammate Jessica Beach was third at 33.1.

Beach captured the floor exer-

cise and was second on bars (8.4) and beam (8.0).

Teammate Nicole Simonian added a second on vault (8.6) and a third on bars (8.35) before sitting out the last two events with a pulled leg muscle which may keep her out one to two weeks.

Walled Lake's Megan Thayer won the vault (8.85).

Lady Ocelots 2-0 in conference

Half a game. That's what Monday's women's basketball confrontation between Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College was — a game for the first half only.

The Lady Ocelots took a 33-30 halftime lead and turned it into a 67-50 rout with some defensive pressure that limited the Lady Raiders to five second-half baskets.

"Our defense really stepped it up (in the second half)," said SC coach Ed Kavanaugh after his team improved to 2-0 in the Eastern Conference and 6-6 overall. "Most importantly, we limited their offensive rebounds. And we seemed to get a second wind in the second half, too."

That "second wind" ignited the Ocelot defense, which allowed OCC just five baskets in 32 shots in the second half (15.6 percent shooting). For the game, the Raiders managed to make a mere 17-of-69 from the floor (24.6 percent); SC was 30-of-74 (40.5 percent).

Theresa Cooper and Crissy Harmon each collected 17 points for SC, with Cooper hauling in 23 rebounds and making seven steals. The pair combined to score 21 of the Ocelots' 33 first-half points.

Kim Washnock (from Farmington HS) added 12 points (eight in the second half), 11 rebounds and four steals, and Stacy Cavin contributed nine points and 10 boards. SC had a 57-47 edge in rebounding.

For OCC (4-8 overall, 0-2 in the conference), Carrie May finished with 13 points and Jaelyn

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Pilkiewicz totaled 11 with 14 rebounds, four assists and four steals. Krissy Wyrick added nine points and three steals.

Since getting hammered twice at the Macomb CC Tournament Dec. 19-20, SC has turned it around. "We're improving," agreed Kavanaugh. "I can't believe it. Since we had that bad weekend at Macomb, we've been playing good basketball."

This is a good time to do it. The Ocelots play their first four conference games in an eight-day span. They've won the first two; if they can finish the week 4-0, they'll be off and running.

SCHOOLCRAFT 72, ST. CLAIR CC 70: With the first half draining away, the Lady Ocelots found themselves down 17 points, with their chance at a great start to the conference season quickly sinking.

But SC rallied, trimming the deficit to 35-26 by halftime and then overtaking St. Clair CCC with a 46-35 second-half outburst Saturday at St. Clair.

Crissy Harmon sparked the comeback, scoring 16 of her team-best 20 points in the second half — including four three-pointers. Amber Tackett also came through down the stretch, scoring 17 points, including 13 in the second half. Jenni Talbot (from Garden City) finished with 11 and Theresa Cooper had 10.

Erica Sopha's 22 points led the Skippers (4-8 overall, 0-1 in the conference). Stacy Leasher added 17 and Jill Ridel scored 11.

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PLYMOUTH SALEM INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS Jan. 3 at Salem

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Holt, 212 points; 2. Plymouth Salem, 170; 3. Trenton, 157.5; 4. Belleville, 155; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 149; 6. Novi, 140; 7. Greenville, 103; 8. Adrian, 97; 9. Portage Central, 95; 10. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 88; 11. Ypsilanti, 82; 12. (tie) Garden City and Brighton, 59 each; 14. Farmington, 39; 15. Livonia Churchill, 37; 16. Plymouth Canton, 28; 17. Westland John Glenn, 23; 18. North Farmington, 18.

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Heavyweight: Jim Kilcoyne (Portage) pinned Charlie Hamblin (Salem), 0:46; consolation: Cedric Ford (Holt) decisioned Will McLoughlin (Adrian), 5-2; 8th-8th: David Sanders (Belleville) p. Brett Faulkner (Novi), 1:26. 215: Jon Talbot (Novi) p. Andrew Koryzno (Ypsi), 4:29; consolation: Grand Sarkisian (Holt) dec. Aaron Rubley (Adrian), 9-6; 8th-8th: Jeff Newton (Belleville) dec. George Oldham (Trenton), 4-2; 7th-8th: Brandon Pitzer (Brighton) p. Jared Chapman (Canton), 1:34. 185: Nate Piesha (Novi) dec. Teono Wilson (Salem), 5-4; consolation: Fabian Ortiz (Greenville) dec. Andy Wood (Farmington), 3-1; 8th-8th: Geoff Lockhart (Trenton) won by disqualification over Seth Caldwell (Belleville). 171: Brian Hinzman (Garden City) dec. Darin Ross (Holt), 10-6; consolation: Vinie Ascione (Churchill) dec. Dave Fuller (Brighton), 3-1 (double OT); 8th-8th: D. Grynliewicz (Pioneer) dec. Matt Caudill (Ypsi), 8-1. 160: Anwar Crutchfield (Salem) dec. Chris Kirby (Pioneer), 7-3; consolation: Justin Stamm (Portage) dec. Brian Barker (Stevenson), 8-3; 8th-8th: Steve Wolf (Belleville) dec. Chris Aldrich (Adrian), 9-2; 7th-8th: Matt Biddinger (Glenn) dec. Brian Panczyn (Churchill), 3-2. 152: Mark Straub (Trenton) dec. Brandon Cooper (Holt), 6-4 (overtime); consolation: Matt Johnson (Belleville) dec. Paul

Garrison (Ypsi), 2-1; 8th-8th: Jon Re (Portage) dec. Matt Duncan (Adrian), 15-1; 7th-8th: Josh McFarland (Stevenson) dec. Jeremy Grimm (Greenville), 4-1. 148: Russell Clark (Holt) dec. Greg Cooley (Trenton), 12-5; consolation: Josh Burns (Greenville) dec. Jeff Brach (Stevenson), 2-1 (double OT); 8th-8th: James Greene (Salem) won by injury default over David Jones (Ypsi). 140: Morgan Mullins (Belleville) dec. Mark Churella (Novi), 6-3; consolation: Deven Lambert (Holt) won by injury default over Dan Hamblin (Salem); 8th-8th: Jason Saineghi (Trenton) dec. Kevin Stone (Canton), 10-5. 138: Dan Seder (Stevenson) dec. R.J. Eding (Holt), 14-3; consolation: Zeb Brimmer (Greenville) p. Nick Bensky (Trenton), 2:19; 8th-8th: Joe Barnabi (Belleville) dec. Sam Boyd (Salem), 9-5. 130: Keith Scott (Trenton) dec. Gregg Parrott (Holt), 9-5; consolation: Adam Hopkins (Greenville) p. Ryan Atwood (Garden City), 1:53; 8th-8th: D. King (Belleville) won by technical fall over Hooping Garner (Portage), 15-0; 7th-8th: Tony Lema (Farmington) p. J. Weisensel (Ypsi), 4:08. 128: Kevin Fortin (Belleville) dec. Josh Henderson (Salem), 8-4; consolation: Ryan Hieneman (Trenton) dec. Adam Kushner (Brighton), 2-1; 8th-8th: Zac Merlington (Greenville) dec. Nate Mitchell (Novi), 10-3. 119: Chris Goins (Stevenson) dec. Ken Daily (Ypsi), 7-0; consolation: Dan Jilg (Novi) dec. Manuel Garcia (Holt), 5-0; 8th-8th: Leif Olson (Brighton) def. Dan Morgan (Salem), 6-3; 7th-8th: Ryan Bird (Belleville) dec. Steve Vasiliou (Churchill), 6-5. 112: Katsuhiko Sueda (Stevenson) p. John Mervyn (Salem), 5:05; consolation: Nick Mockenridge (Belleville) dec. Eric Jones (Adrian), 3-2. 103: Leon Wooten (Pioneer) dec. Jack Scott (Holt), 6-1; consolation: Joe Moreau (LS) p. Rob Ash (Salem), 4:58; 8th-8th: Pat Sajn (Garden City) dec. Brian Fuller (Greenville), 4-3. MVP: Jim Kilcoyne, heavyweight, Portage Central.

3 Spartans win titles at Salem

Livonia Stevenson came away with three individual titles en route to a fifth-place team finish in Saturday's 18-team Plymouth Salem Invitational wrestling tournament.

Holt took the team title with 212 points followed by Salem (170), Trenton (157.5), Belleville (155) and Stevenson (149).

Livonia Churchill was 15th with 37 and Westland John Glenn 17th with 23.

Katsuhiko Sueda (112 pounds) posted three victories en route to the title, capped by a pin of John Mervyn of Salem in 5:05.

Sueda is now 17-1 on the season and has increased his career victory total to 109.

Stevenson's Chris Goins (119) also won division, defeating Ypsilanti's Ken Daily in the finals, 7-0. Goins is 16-2 overall.

The Spartans also added a title at 135 when Dan Seder went 4-0 on the day. Seder, 16-1 overall, defeated R.J. Eding of Holt for the title, 14-3.

Joe Moreau (103) improved to 16-3 with a third-place finish, while Brian Barker (160) and Jeff Brach (145) added fourths.

Churchill's top finisher was 171-pounder Vinnie Ascione, who took a third.

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Livonia Clarenceville was eighth out of 10 teams in Saturday's Oxford Invitational, won by Lake Orion with a team-high 162.5 points.

At 160 pounds, Clarenceville senior Craig Rose reached the

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final before losing to Mike Herri-man of Flint Kearsley, 4-2.

At 125, Andy Dewey of Lake Orion pinned Clarenceville Eric Tondreau in 50 seconds for the title.

Clarenceville also received fourths from Walter Ragland (189) and Dan Tondreau (103).

Shamrocks lose Rogowski

Casey Rogowski, placed fifth at Saturday's tournament hosted by Toledo St. John's.

Detroit Catholic Central, competing without standout heavyweight Casey Rogowski, placed fifth at Saturday's tournament hosted by Toledo St. John's.

Rogowski, a junior, has an injured collarbone and will likely miss Saturday's CC Invitational as well, according to coach Mike Rodriguez.

"He's one of the rare ones, loves to work," Rodriguez said. "He loves to work, does more than you ask of him. He'll be back in another week. It takes about two, three weeks for collarbones to heal."

CC finished with 97 points, compared to the winning team with 204.

Four of CC's wrestlers placed among the top four, including sophomore Mitch Hancock, the champion at 135 pounds. Junior Brocc Naysmith was runnerup at 215 pounds.

"We're getting better," Rodriguez said. "Last time (last

year) we had only two guys place."

Hancock improved his record to 11-1 with three wins, two by pins. He won the championship round by six points.

Naysmith lost 14-12 in the finals after pinning his first two opponents. He is now 10-2.

Andy Conlin, a 189-pound sophomore, and Rob Wentworth, a 171-pound senior, each took fourth place.

CC meet on Saturday

The Redford Catholic Central Wrestling Invitational is Saturday, starting at 10:30 a.m. with the finals scheduled for 7 p.m.

Sixteen teams are expected, including defending champion Holt. Temperance Bedford is the favorite, according to CC coach Mike Rodriguez.

Others expected are CC, Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn, Garden City, Birmingham Brother Rice, Anchor Bay, Clarkston, Davison, Fowlerville, Fruitport, Howell, Warren Lincoln, Oxford and Romeo.

Admission is \$4.

CC hasn't won its own invitational since 1988 but has challenged for the title in recent years.

"I think we can have three guys that can win it (individually)," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said. "I think the team title is between Bedford and Holt. Fowlerville will be right there with Clarkston. I'm realistic. We'll be real lucky to be fourth or fifth."

WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 9 Westside at Canton Agape, 6:15 p.m. Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Cranbrook at Luth. Wald, 7 p.m. Churchill at N. Farmington, 7 p.m. Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Farmington, 7 p.m. River Rouge at Wayne, 7 p.m. Garden City at Allen Park, 7 p.m. Redford Union at Truman, 7 p.m. Franklin at Trenton, 7 p.m. Franklin at Salem, 7:30 p.m. Harrison at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m. DeLaSalle at Borgess, 7:30 p.m. Redford CC at U.D. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m. St. Agatha at Light & Life, 7:30 p.m. PCA at Franklin Road, 7:30 p.m. Huron Valley vs. S'field Christian at Lawrence Tech, 7:45 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 10 Alpena at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m. Tri-State at Madonna, 7 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Thursday, Jan. 8 Cornerstone at Madonna, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10 Alpena at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m. Madonna at Tri-State, 3 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Jan. 9 Franklin vs. Redford Union at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Stevenson vs. W.L. Western at Lakeside Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10 Redford Union vs. W.L. Central at Lakeside Ice Arena, 5:20 p.m. Churchill at Birmingham, 7 p.m. Redford CC vs. A.P. Cabell at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m. OHTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Saturday, Jan. 10 Ply. Whalers at Belleville, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11 Ply. Whalers at Barrie, 2 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Jan. 8 Ladywood at R.R. Richard, 5:30 p.m. Mercy at Bishop Foley, 5:30 p.m. Luth. Wald at Hamtramck, 6:30 p.m. PCA at A.A. Greenhills, 6:30 p.m. St. Agatha at Aquinas, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10 Salem Festival Invitational, 8 a.m. Bay City Central Tourney, 8 a.m. Madonna Tournament, 9 a.m. Ply. Christian Tourney, 1 p.m. Franklin Road Invitational, TBA. TBA — time to be announced.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Ladywood passes early season test vs. Marian

Livonia Ladywood's Catholic League Central Division volleyball opener proved to be a severe test, but the Blazers graded out well with a 15-12, 15-11 victory Tuesday at Birmingham Marian.

It was a rematch of last year's Catholic League playoff final. Ladywood, six-time defending CHSL champs, overcame the one-two hitting punch of Katrina

Lehman and Kristy Kreher to push its overall record to 11-2.

"We played well — that's the best Marian team we've ever played against," Ladywood coach Tom Teeters said. "They did a lot of different things against us. It could have gone either way."

Sarah Poglits was Ladywood's top percentage setter (.364) and hitter (.385). She also had a

team-high 10 digs along with Katie Brogan.

Jenny Young and MaryLu Hemme each registered seven kills. Hemme also had three blocks.

The Blazers also got a lift from Natalie Rozell (four aces) and Jenny Lachapelle (three kills).

"Jenny (Young) didn't hit for a high percentage, but she made

some key defensive saves," Teeters said. "And Jenny (Lachapelle) did a little of everything. She played a good all-around game."

"And Rozell's serving and Poglits stepping up defensively enabled us to win the match."

Ladywood was coming off a third-place tie (Dec. 26) in the 32-team Portage Northern Tournament. The Blazers were ousted by eventual champion Portage Central.

Patriots 2nd at Romulus

Livonia Franklin opened its volleyball season Friday at the 10-team Romulus Tournament with a runner-up finish to champion Monroe.

The Patriots, 3-1-2 overall, fell to the Trojans in the final, 15-10, 15-5.

In pool play, Franklin went 2-0-2 with victories over Belleville (15-8, 15-8) and Taylor Kennedy (19-17, 15-8) and splits with the host Eagles (11-15, 15-6) and Wayne Memorial (15-8, 12-15).

In the semifinals, Franklin ousted Riverview Gabriel Richard, 15-11, 15-9.

"We were a little tentative at first, but we got stronger as the day went on," Franklin coach Ann Hutchins said. "We've got some good hitters, we just need more consistent sets and try to run a faster offense."

Senior co-captain Brooke

Hensman was Franklin's top attacker on the day with 45 kills and 12 blocks.

Senior co-captain Danielle Wensing added 21 kills and 43 digs.

Other Franklin standouts included senior Sarah Gush, 13 aces and 44 digs; sophomore Tera Morrill, 21 aces and 53 digs; sophomore Andrea Kmet, 22 kills and 13 blocks; sophomore setter Lyndsay Sopko, 73 assists and seven blocks; junior setter Lindsay Duprey, 31 assists and 16 digs.

Senior Jackie Ziem came off the bench to added 14 digs, three aces and 11 straight successful serve receptions.

Chargers at .500 mark

Livonia Churchill is off to a 2-2-1 start.

On Dec. 27, the Chargers went 0-2-1 in the Saline Tournament, losing to the host Hornets (7-15, 3-15) and Clinton (12-15, 11-15) before splitting with Fowlerville (12-15, 15-9).

Jenny Duncan served eight points in the second game against Fowlerville.

Lisa Fabirkiewicz and Jenny Laidlaw were Churchill's top hitters with eight and five kills, respectively.

Setter Jennifer Laidlaw was sharp throughout the tournament, according to coach Mike Hughes. Kristin Leszczynski also

passed well in the final game versus Fowlerville.

Timely serving by Duncan and Fabirkiewicz enabled Churchill to open its season Dec. 17 at Westland John Glenn with a pair of wins in a triangular match.

Churchill downed the host Rockets (15-8, 17-15) and Wayne Memorial (15-10, 9-15, 15-13).

Spartans reach final 8

Livonia Stevenson gained the quarterfinals of the 15-team Temperance Bedford Invitational Tournament before losing to Saline, 16-14, 14-16, 15-12 (rallied scoring in the final game).

Stevenson, now 8-2-1, finished 2-1-1 in pool play.

The Spartans defeated Sand Creek (15-11, 15-4) and Manchester (15-7, 15-11), while splitting with Monroe (15-10, 12-15) and losing to the host Kicking Mules (15-2, 15-2).

Individual standouts on the day for Stevenson included Stephanie Dulz, 40 kills, eight solo blocks and 10 assist-blocks; Lindsey Pfeifer, 15 kills, two solo blocks; Kate LeBlanc, eight kills, three solo blocks; Dawn Krol, seven kills, seven aces; Irena Bicankova, 31 assists; Sarah Wittrock, 17 assists.

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CALENDAR

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AT THE LIBRARY

KING CELEBRATION
In recognition of Martin Luther King Day, the public library of Westland will be closed for library business on Monday, Jan. 19. The library will be open as part of the city of Westland's celebration of King and his work. The day's events will start with a noon march from the parking lot of City Hall to the library. The festivities will continue at the library at about 12:30 p.m. and will include plays, guest speakers, music and food. The festivities will honor King's work and celebrate Westland's cultural and ethnic diversity. The program scheduled to end at 3 p.m.

TRAINING
Training sessions are held 10:30 a.m. each Saturday to train library patrons on the use of the public access catalogs. The computers are the modern-day equivalent of the traditional card catalog. These training sessions take about 15-20 minutes. Library staff will teach the fundamentals regarding use of the public access catalogs and will be available for questions. This training is free and no registration is required.

CREATION STATION
Get crafty at the Creation Station on the first Saturday February. Designed for ages 4-10 years. At 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, in the Children's Activity Room. No registration required.

READ TO YOUR CHILD
Feb. 14 is "Read to Your Child Day." Come to the Children's Services Area and read with your child for 10 minutes. For sharing the gift of reading with your child you will both receive a small prize. The event goes on all day in the Children's Services Area.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY
The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library meet monthly 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. (313) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The friends also hold a Friends Shop Book Sale during regular library hours at the library.

ANNUAL MEETING
The annual meeting of the Friends will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the Community Meeting Room. Election of officers will be held at this meeting. This meeting is open to the public and all are invited to attend. Only Friends members may vote in this election.

WESTLAND CENTER

WESTLAND WALKERS
Westland Walkers Club will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday, Jan. 14, in the lower level auditorium of Westland Shopping Center. The meeting begins at 9:15 a.m. Guest speaker to be announced. The Westland Walkers meet the second Wednesday of every month, except during the summer months. Westland Shopping Center opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m. through Arcade 2 (by Olga's Kitchen). Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

SIDEWALK SALE
Westland Shopping Center will offer its Winter Sidewalk Sale Jan. 14-19. More than 50 stores will put out fall and winter merchandise at clearance prices.

CHAMBER EVENTS

BOWLING OUTING
The Westland Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the WinterFest Bowling Outing from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, as part of Westland WinterFest '98. (313) 326-7222.

RECREATION

RECREATION AND FUN
A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled will be the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. (313) 722-7620.

FIGURE SKATING
The Westland Figure Skating Club is forming an Adult Introductory Precision Team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get good exercise. Practices are 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. For information, call (313) 722-1091.

VOLLEYBALL
Open volleyball is offered for those age 18 and older 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month at the Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, Westland. All skill levels play just for fun. There is no charge. Baby-sitting is provided. For information, call (313) 722-3660.

SCHOOLS

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McKinley Cooperative Preschool, housed in Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road at Hunter, will hold alumni registration Jan. 27 through Feb. 2. Open registration begins Feb. 3. Morning and afternoon classes are available. Call (734) 729-7222 for information.

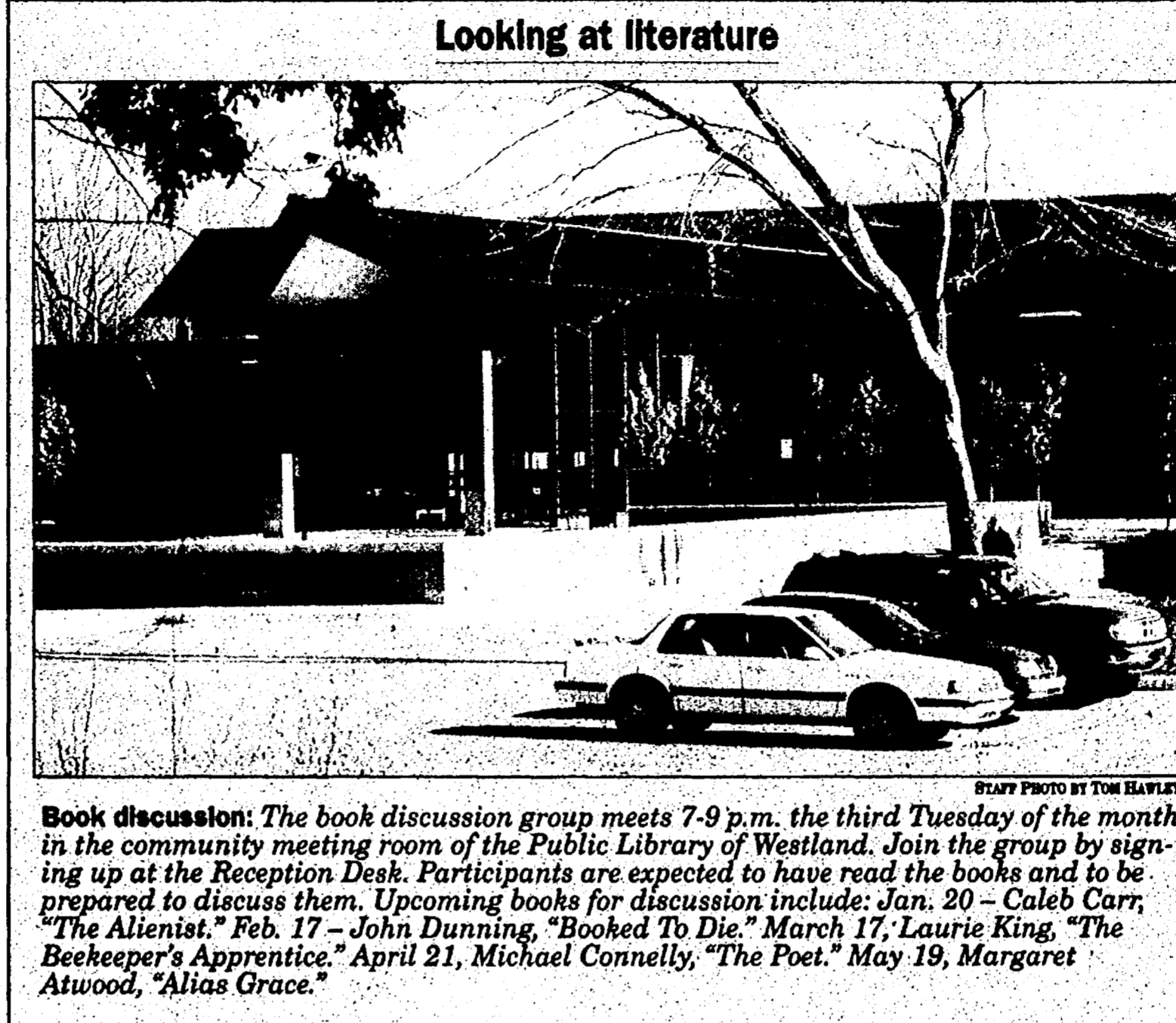
PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stotlemeyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is ongoing from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (313) 695-2660 for information.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL
The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in the morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays with the other pupils attending Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. (313) 728-3559.

YWCA READINESS
The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster. (313) 561-4110.

CHARTER SCHOOL
The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through seventh grade. The school emphasizes a basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with Internet. Call (313) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

LITTLE LAMBS



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Looking at literature

Book discussion: The book discussion group meets 7-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the community meeting room of the Public Library of Westland. Join the group by signing up at the Reception Desk. Participants are expected to have read the books and to be prepared to discuss them. Upcoming books for discussion include: Jan. 20 - Caleb Carr, "The Alienist." Feb. 17 - John Dunning, "Booked To Die." March 17, Laurie King, "The Beekeeper's Apprentice." April 21, Michael Connelly, "The Poet." May 19, Margaret Atwood, "Alias Grace."

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road in Livonia, has openings in the Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoon session for 3- to 5-year-olds. For information, call (248) 471-2077.

FRANKLIN PTSA
The Franklin High PTSA is seeking new members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and community, and members aren't required to 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 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM
A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy, Westland. The program is for students in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. It will meet 3:30-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. For information on participating or volunteering, call Shabaura Cobb, (313) 722-3660.

HISTORY ON VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM
The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill. (313) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET
Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Information, president Jim

Franklin, (313) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

GRANDMA'S ATTIC SALE
Grandma's Attic Sale will be at the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland, daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also included in this sale are hundreds of ceramic molds and hundreds of pieces of greenware and a kiln. For information, call 722-7632.

TRAVEL GROUP
The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for non-residents. (313) 722-7632.

CARD GROUP
The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets at 2 p.m. Players enjoy euchre, pinocle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (313) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh Road.

DYER CLUB
The Dyer Seniors' Center Travel Club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month in the center, on Marquette between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

MONTHLY MEAL
The Wayne Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal 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, for people 50 and older. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music, and door prizes. (313) 728-5010.

DANCE FUN
Westland Shopping Center hosts a senior citizen dance 11 a.m. the first Monday of each month in the lower level auditorium, Wayne and Warren roads. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m. The dance will end 2 p.m. The dance is held on the first Monday, with the exception of holidays.

SENIOR DANCE
Senior dances will be noon to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1651 N. Wayne Road, Westland. There will be dinner, a live band, beer and pop. Members \$5, non-members \$7. (313) 728-5010.

WORK REFERRAL
Information Center Inc. refers workers to seniors 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 do and the communities they want to serve. Chore Worker Program. (313) 422-1052.

DYER CENTER
The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday-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 the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (313) 722-7632.

VOLUNTEERS

BOY SCOUTS
A few good young men ages 11-18 are needed to work with Boy Scout Troop No. 865 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays at Hamilton Elementary School, corner of Avondale and Schuman in Westland. Monthly campouts will be featured. For information, call (313) 729-1283.

PET-A-PET
The Pet-A-Pet Club, which offers pet visits to nursing home residents, needs special pets and people. Pets undergo a slight screening and need proof of shots to participate. Local sites include Camelot Hall Convalescent Center (Debbie McDermott, 427-3791, 10 a.m. the second Saturday of the month), Garden City Rehab (Stacy Suida, (313) 422-2438, second Thursday of the month at 3 p.m.) and Roosevelt-McGrath School (Lynn Eichbrecht, (313) 591-3347, the last Wednesday of the month). Information is available from Ruth Curry, (313) 535-0410, or Daisy Doran, (313) 565-1981. There is a \$5 membership charge.

BINGO

DEMS' BINGO
The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army, School for the Blind. (313) 422-5025 or (313) 729-8681.

DEMS' BINGO
The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, in the M.J. Hall, 35412 Michigan Ave., next to Farmer Jack, in Wayne. (313) 421-1517.

BINGO AND SNACKS
The VFW Post 3323, Westland, serves snacks and hosts bingo at 1 p.m. every Sunday in the post hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale. Doors open 9

a.m. (313) 326-3323.
SHAMROCK BINGO
There will be bingo at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road, Wayne. Doors open 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. (313) 728-3020.

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

NO SMOKE
"No smoking" bingo will be 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Residents from Westgate Towers, Taylor Towers, Greenwood Towers, Liberty Park, Presbyterian Village and Carolan Condos, etc., are eligible for transportation to bingo if they have a minimum of five players. (313) 722-7632.

JAYCEES
Westland Jaycees host bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying \$250, \$300 and \$300, progressive. Call the Jaycee Information Hotline at (313) 480-4984.

PUP TENT BINGO
The MOC pup tent 18 bingo will be held 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the VFW Post Hall, 1055 S. Wayne, Westland. A snack bar is available. Doors open at 2 p.m. (313) 326-3323.

CLUBS IN ACTION

VFW AUXILIARY
Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Ladies Auxiliary Grand River Post 1519, is open. Relationship to a veteran of combat on foreign soil will insure eligibility. Make reservations by calling membership recruiter Dolores M. Griffin, (313) 427-2791. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 27555 Grantland, Livonia. Current Post 1519 Ladies Auxiliary members include individuals from Westland, Livonia, Redford, Detroit and surrounding areas.

WEEKENDERS
The Weekenders family campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Franklin High School, on Joy east of Merriman. (313) 531-2993.

FREE CLASSES
The Showman's Dog Training Organization sponsors free junior showmanship classes for dog owners ages 7-17 at 8:30 p.m. the first and second Tuesdays of each month through September at the AMVETS Hall on Merriman near Avondale. Call (313) 729-7580.

HOST LIONS
The Westland Host Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Mary's Family Restaurant. Information, (313) 326-2607.

SUPPORT

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Alcoholics Anonymous "Conscious Contact Group" meets 8:30-9:30 p.m. each Wednesday and Sunday at Garden City Hospital (use entrance on north side of building). Men and women are welcome. A 21st anniversary meeting is planned for 8:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11. Hugh Hayes will be the speaker. Everyone is welcome. Woody, (313) 729-0520.

CALENDAR FORM

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI. 48150, or by fax to 313-591-7279. 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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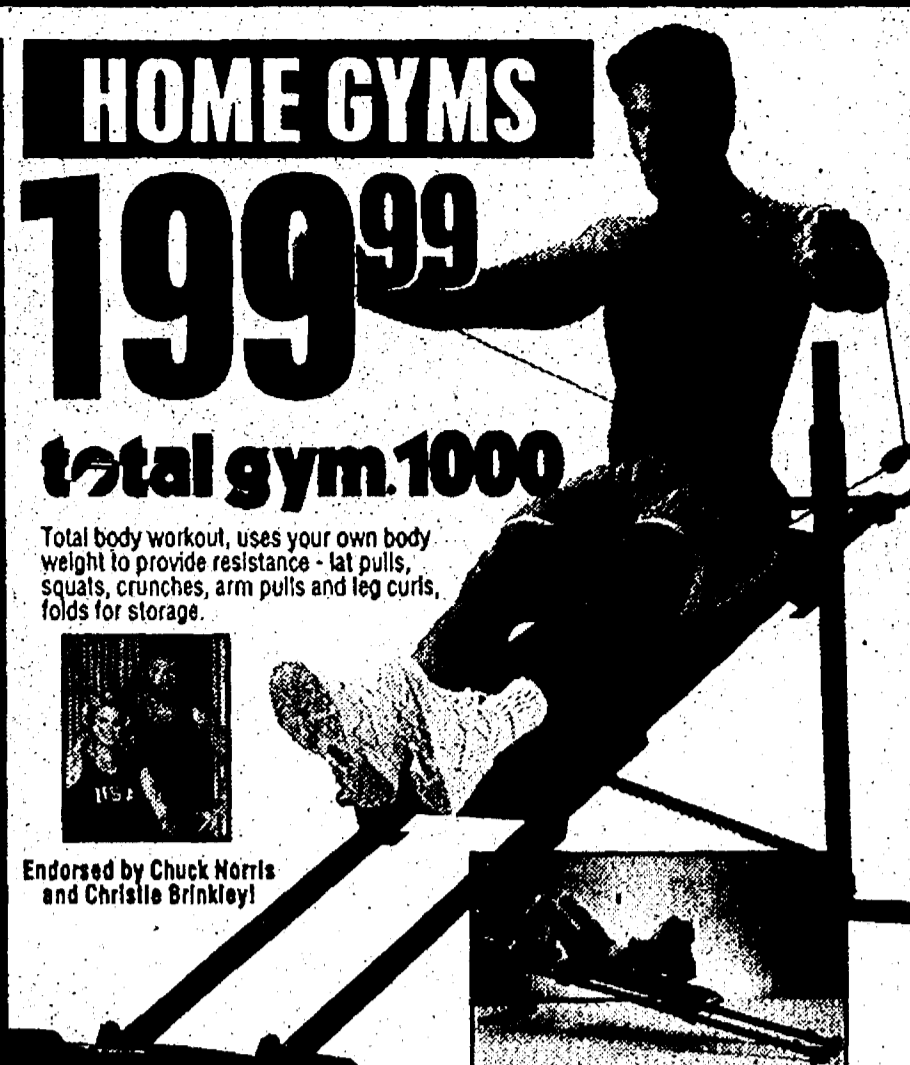
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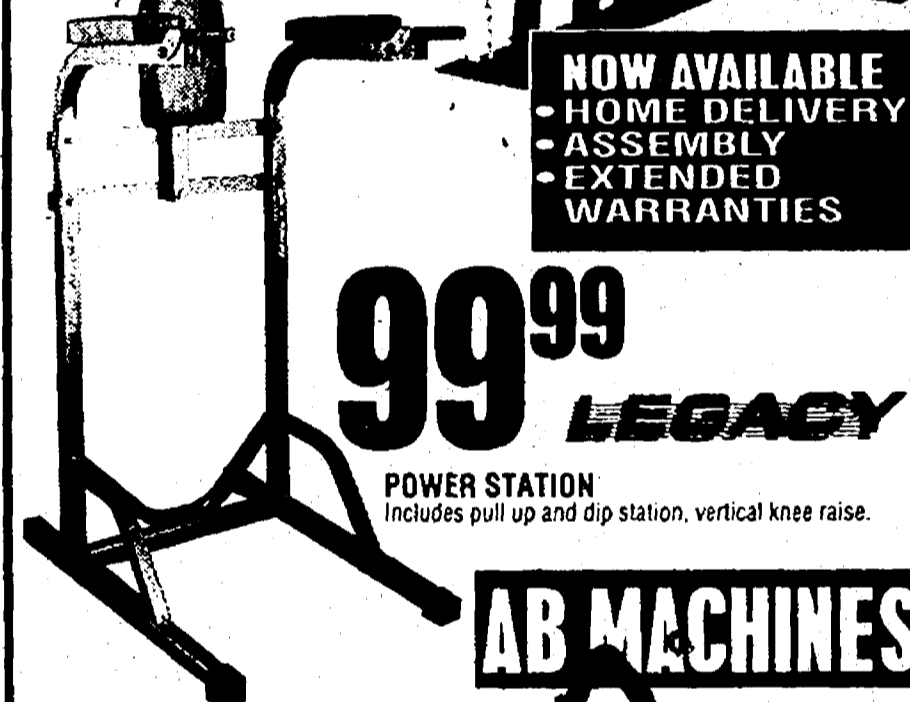


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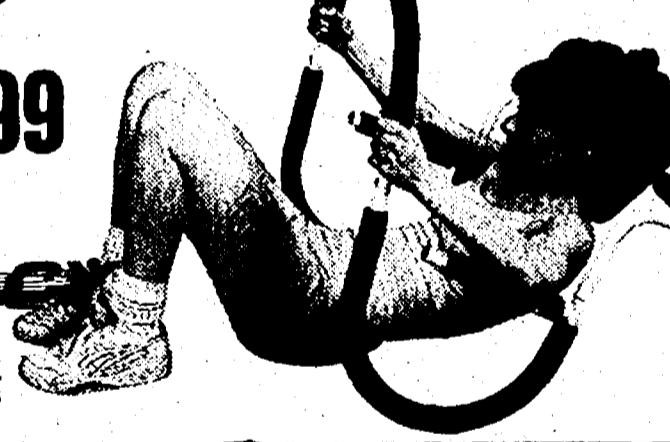


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