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Marching in memory



Flying high: Students from Adams Middle School and others carried 25 flags of different countries as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. march. Student Eric Lockhart, sixth-grader, (center in red and white) carries the flag of Germany.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

King tribute draws about 425



An estimated 425 people from cities such as Westland, Inkster, Wayne and Romulus marched at noon on Monday from the Bailey Recreation Center to the Westland library.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland's first-ever tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. won sweeping praise Monday as hundreds of people marched from city offices to the public library for a stirring two-hour ceremony honoring the slain civil rights leader's birthday.

"This is the first time I've ever been in a march, and I was proud to be a part of it," 60-year-old Inkster grandmother Myrna Brazell said. "This is like a new beginning, and that's what Martin Luther King was all about."

Honoring King's message of racial equality, marchers carried flags from 25 countries such as Uganda, Israel, Lebanon, Japan, France, Egypt, Germany and the United States.

"This shows that people can come together and not be separated because of their country or the color of their skin," Westland resident Arline Wagner said. "This event is really great. It makes it worthwhile to live in this city to see that people of all colors can celebrate this holiday together."

An estimated 425 people from cities such as Westland, Inkster, Wayne and Romulus marched at noon from the Bailey Recreation Center to the Westland library. Marchers of all races and ages smiled and talked as they made the half-mile trek.

Family gathering

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People's performance: Westland People's Community Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir directed by Cedric Hearn (left) sang three songs at the King observance at the Westland library.

Griffin's use of city fax machine criticized

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland City Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin came under fire Tuesday for using a city fax machine - bought with taxpayer money - for his own political purposes.

"I take full responsibility for it, and it won't happen again," Griffin said publicly during a Tuesday council meeting. "It was a dumb mistake."

His remarks came after Councilman Richard LeBlanc revealed that Griffin filed campaign expense reports with the county clerk's office by having them faxed from City Clerk Diane Fritz's office.

The campaign reports - from a Westland Committee for Better Government that gave thousands of dollars to Griffin's Nov. 4 campaign - were faxed on two occasions in late October, LeBlanc

said. "I would hope that this doesn't happen again," he said. "I don't want my city paying for a political committee to get their business done at the county."

Councilman Glenn Anderson also criticized any use of taxpayer-bought city fax machines for political purposes.

"I would be outraged," he said, adding later, "It should never be done." LeBlanc raised the issue as the coun-

cil began considering whether to reappoint Fritz to the job she has held for nearly 20 years.

LeBlanc commended Fritz for doing "a good job" and joined his colleagues in a 7-0 vote to reappoint her, but he said the clerk's office shouldn't be used to help political candidates.

"There's been some political assistance that I find offensive," LeBlanc

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Packaging company, strikers reach settlement

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

"I'm glad it's over. I don't think it's ever a win-win situation. It's always lose-lose," said Chuck Ross, president of Redford-based Howard Ternes Packaging Co., whose employees at the company's Westland plant went on strike Jan. 7.

The plant is located in an industrial park near Cherry Hill and Newburgh.

The strike, involving 275 hourly workers, ended Jan. 17 after a federal mediator was called in two days earlier to aid negotiations. Workers walked off the job to protest company positions on wages and health benefits.

Ross said negotiations were not deadlocked.

"We were close to an agreement before Christmas. After Christmas, the union came back with an offer that was

almost twice as much as they originally asked. Then they struck."

In an earlier Observer article, Teamsters Local 247 spokesperson Tom Aloisio said strikers presently receiving \$8 were asking for a \$1-an-hour raise for each of the next three years. They settled for less.

"The wage prior to negotiations was \$7.75-\$8," said Aloisio. "The increase was for 50 cents the first year, 40 cents

the second year, and 30 cents the third year, retroactive to Nov. 9 when negotiations began. It's a \$1.20 increase plus retroactivity." The company previously had offered a \$1.10 wage increase.

Aloisio said the new contract contained language both sides wanted. "It

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Resident says school officials misleading voters

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland resident Tuesday accused Wayne-Westland school officials of misleading district voters to win support for a \$108.3 million bond proposal.

District officials denied the charge and said the money is needed to avert "crisis management" of deteriorating buildings and to improve classroom technology.

District resident Teresa Robbins criticized a January edition of a district publication, "Educational Connections," which contains a six-page explanation

of the bond proposal that district voters will decide in a special Feb. 17 election.

"It's deceptive," Robbins said after addressing school officials Tuesday evening.

Superintendent Greg Baracy said the bond proposal would allow officials to avert "crisis management" by upgrading buildings 14 to 75 years old.

"It will allow us to get ahead of that and get back to routine maintenance," he said.

He also said the plan would allow officials to improve classroom technology, and he pledged again that none of the money can be used to hire employees

or pay salaries.

But Robbins objected to the way the district is portraying the bond proposal, which would cost the owner of a \$90,000 home an additional \$180 a year in school taxes.

The latest district publication notes that voters would actually be paying little more than they did when a now-expired, 3-mill tax was last levied in July 1996.

Robbins said the district shouldn't refer to a now-expired tax to try "to soften the latest tax proposal."

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was give and take," he said about the negotiations.

In addition to the wage hike, employee health benefits expanded to include gains such as allergy and insulin injections. The employees did not secure dental or optical benefits. Aloisio declined to discuss additional gains and concessions.

The contract was ratified 113 to 86.

"When you have that many people you don't know everybody's financial situation," Aloisio said. "I had fear if this offer wasn't accepted that the company would have written me that they would permanently replace people."

Aloisio said the company brought in temporary workers at \$5.25 an hour, and the Westland police helped make this possible. "We had a big problem with Westland police. Them allowing the temporaries to cross the picket lines hurt us. It didn't bring the company to the table. They were taking their time."

He added that the company sent a letter to the strikers asking them to cross the picket line and resign from the union in exchange for their job and benefits. "People were very angry. They brought the letters to the picket line."

Aloisio referred to the settlement as a compromise, "not a win-win situation."

Ross said both sides lost because the strikers didn't get paid and the company's customer base could suffer. When asked if the company lost customers, Ross said: "It could happen months from now when they decide we're too expensive or have a union like ours."

Ross is trying to gauge the future. "Our workers got an excellent contract. They had an excellent contract. The expectations their business agent gave them were so high, they got a good contract but they don't think they did."

"We're going to have to patch this up somehow."

PLACES & FACES

7-Eleven opening

As part of a new store grand opening at 126 John Hix Road in Westland, Saturday, Jan. 24, 7-Eleven stores will award a \$257.11 check to the H.O.S.T.S. (Helping One Student to Succeed) program.

"Getting involved with what's important to Westland is part of the way we do business," said Ed Gamble, local 7-Eleven market manager. Along with the check presentation to H.O.S.T.S., the grand opening festivities, scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, free Slurpees, food samplings and appearances by Hostess Twinkie the Kid and Slurpee.

Additionally, WYCD-FM morning personality Linda Lee will make an appearance to

play games and hand out WYCD merchandise between 10 a.m. and noon. WDRQ-FM personalities Trixie Deluxe and Joe Mama will make an appearance between 1 and 3 p.m. to sign autographs and distribute WDRQ merchandise.

It's about bowling

The Westland Chamber of Commerce will hold its third WinterFest Bowling Outing from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7. Games will include Red Pin and 10-pin No Tap.

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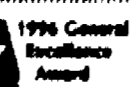
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Children welcome



New school mural: Livonia artist Karyn Schlotman used the image of Jesus Christ surrounded by children to create the new "welcome" mural at St. Damian School, 29825 Joy, Westland.

STAFF PHOTO BY JOE JAGIELLO

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said. Griffin quickly assumed blame for the faxed materials and said the issue shouldn't cast a shadow on Fritz's job.

"It's certainly not Diane Fritz's responsibility. It's mine, and I'll take that," Griffin said.

"We'll see that that does not happen again if that's the concurrence of the council," he added.

LeBlanc suggested that Fritz and possibly other employees should come under closer scrutiny prior to their reappointments. He indicated that the council should consider a formal evaluation document.

Despite the controversy, a majority of council members praised Fritz's performance and said she is highly respected across Michigan by her peers. They also noted that she has achieved the status of certified municipal clerk and has been previously nominated as the state's top city clerk.

"I think she does a superb job for the city of Westland," Councilwoman Justine Barnes said Tuesday.

Councilwoman Sharon Scott agreed and said, "Diane Fritz is one of the most efficient, knowledgeable and dedicated employees that I've known in this city."

Council president Sandra Cicirelli strongly endorsed Fritz for reappointment.

"I'm amazed at the number of hours she puts in, especially around election time," Cicirelli said. "I think she certainly deserves to be appointed, wholeheartedly."

LeBlanc supported Fritz but said he doesn't want Westland Committee for Better Government or any other political group to use her office for their own political campaigns.

"This is a political committee that is politically active in our town and frankly has no business using the city clerk's fax - a taxpayer-funded fax machine - to get their information to the county," he said.

Said Griffin: "If in fact that's the decision of the council that I was wrong, I'll be happy to make sure that we don't fax anything from the city clerk's office in the future."

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"I don't like this playing games," she told Baracy Tuesday.

The publication also points to bond proposals that voters passed in recent years in the Plymouth-Canton and Livonia school districts. Wayne-Westland's last bond proposal was passed in 1988 for \$13 million.

"I really object to that," Robbins said, when asked to explain her position. "It doesn't reflect the ability of the taxpayers to pay based on household income. Obviously, Plymouth and Livonia incomes are much higher."

School board member David James said during Tuesday's meeting that the bond proposal would continue to improve the district's image and lead to

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increased property values.

"The property values will continue to grow at 8 to 10 percent annually," James, a Realtor, predicted.

Baracy said the district needs money to upgrade badly deteriorating buildings.

"They're wearing out," he said. Meanwhile, Robbins also challenged the timing of the Tuesday, Feb. 17, election, which Baracy said will cost \$10 million to \$13 million.

Robbins suggested the board should have saved money by timing it with the regular June 8 school board election.

"It's upsetting to me that they would use a February special election and spend \$10,000 to \$13,000, when four months later we're having a school board election, anyway," Robbins said.

School officials have noted that a bond proposal committee recommended a February election after studying the immedi-

ate need for building improvements and new classroom technology.

On Tuesday, Robbins questioned how district officials selected committee members.

Baracy said some people volunteered for the committee. Others were suggested by school principals, he said.

Baracy said the committee includes architects whose expertise allowed them to professionally analyze building needs.

Meanwhile, school officials are continuing to try to sell the bond issue during a series of some 70 meetings with community groups. Baracy has said meeting schedules will remain busy until the election is held.



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Many voices: Danielle Verrot, a senior at John Glenn High School, and other Glenn singers performed at the King Observance program.

King

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Richelle Barge, a 16-year-old Wayne Memorial High School junior, marched alongside her mother, Curtisene. Wayne-Westland students had the day off.

"It feels good to come out and celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday, because he was such a great man," the daughter said. "He put his life on the line to fight for the rights of minorities, and not many people would do that."

Her mother praised King as a champion who sought equality for "poor people of all races, minority people and women."

"He stood up for these people at a time when it was very dangerous, and he ultimately gave his life in the quest for freedom for others," Curtisene Barge said.

Romulus mother Lisa Johnson — accompanied by her Westland sister Brigitte Johnson — brought her three children, Marwin, 7, Beatrice, 5, and Brianna, 4, to the march.

"Martin Luther King wanted equality for everybody," Marwin said quietly.

"Somebody shot him," little Brianna said.

Lisa Johnson said she brought her children to help educate them early about King's role in the civil rights movement.

"I think it's important for our youth, particularly African-American children, to understand the struggles that Martin Luther King went through so that they could have more opportunities," she said.

Black and white

Marchers arrived at the library and quickly filled more than 300 seats. African-Americans and whites sat side by side from front row to back — so unlike the segregated days that King and other civil rights leaders fought tirelessly to end.

Some marchers had to stand during the library ceremony, but they didn't seem to mind as they watched an inspiring program led by John Franklin, president of Westland's Southeast Homeowners Association.

Noting his longtime community involvement, Franklin said, "This chore supersedes in importance anything I have ever done."

Mayor Robert Thomas welcomed the crowd to "a celebration of a great man," and the Rev. Willie Davis of Gethsemane Baptist Church led the crowd in prayer.

Dressed in red and white robes, the Westland-based People's Community Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir, directed by Cedric Hearn, took the stage and wowed a crowd that pleaded for more songs than the choir had intended to perform. Smiling choir members accommodated them.

Calling the choir "a tough act to follow," Wayne-Westland school Superintendent Greg Baracy urged the community to remain "united to teach the legacy that Dr. King left us."

Westland John Glenn High School's Glenn Singers performed "Amazing Grace" and "I Have A Dream" before giving the stage to Adams Middle School students, who re-enacted Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her bus seat to a white man on Dec. 1, 1955. Parks' decision started a yearlong Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott and helped touch off the civil rights movement.



Music appreciation: Dr. Bennie Horne (center) gets involved with the music.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY



Listening in: Charlotte Sullivan of Ypsilanti listens to remarks and songs while holding Alexis Paine, age 4, of Westland. Alexis' grandmother sang with People's Community Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir at the program.

Speeches recalled

After the young students finished their skit, a much-older group, the St. James Methodist Church Singing Men, performed songs that preceded an emotional public address by New York native Gary Gibbs, who recited portions of speeches that King made in Montgomery, Selma, Ala., and Memphis, Tenn.

"We're on the move, now!" Gibbs said, quoting the Baptist minister.

King would have been 69 years old this month, had he lived. His life ended, but not his dream, when he was gunned down April 4, 1968, outside the Lorraine Motel in Memphis.

His nonviolent message, remembered Monday, came during violent times that brought public beatings, hosings, home and church bombings and, ultimately, death to some black protesters who simply wanted equal rights. King was slain one day after he delivered one of his most famous speeches, "I've Seen The Promised Land."

Addressing the crowd Monday, Westland City Council president Sandra Cicirelli called King "an American hero" and said, "His message is for all races, all religions and all people, no matter what walk of life."

Mayor Thomas said during closing remarks that his administration is negotiating in hopes of celebrating King's birthday next year by closing city offices and giving all employees the day off.

Audience members then little by little joined in to sing along with a tape recording of Ray Charles singing "America the Beautiful." Franklin then dis-

missed them to an adjoining room to enjoy food and a performance by the Gratitude Steel Band, which plays Caribbean African inspirational music.

Deputy Westland Mayor George Gillies, who chaired a committee that planned the King celebration, said he was pleased that so many people attended the event.

"I could have cried I was so pleased with what happened," he said.

Romulus resident Jimmie Reese commended the city for recognizing King. Smiling, she said, "I just thought the whole program was amazing."

A few hours later, another celebration brought 150 people to the Westland-based Salvation Army for gospel performances by church choirs and public addresses by local ministers and elected officials, Capt. Mark Welsh said.

"We had a joyful celebration," he said. "We had the black and white churches get together, and we had three mayors (from Westland, Wayne and Inkster.)"

The crowd heard gospel music by the Sumpter Community Choir from the Church of God and Christ in Sumpter Township.

Local pastors also addressed the crowd, including Inkster minister George Johnson's rousing recitation of one of King's speeches.

"It was amazing," Welsh said. "He sounded just like him."

Welsh said he hopes the Salvation Army's celebration helps local neighborhoods begin to build partnerships that can lead to better understanding among different races and cultures.



On the march: At left, Wayne Memorial High School ninth-grader Lydia Thomas takes part in the march. Above, Bruce Moore and daughters Shanaye, 5, and Mandissa, 11, of Westland were among the many who walked in remembrance of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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S'craft decision

Board will name new trustee Saturday

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Patricia Watson believes she and five of her colleagues have a tough decision Saturday.

That's when the six Schoolcraft College trustees will decide who will fill the seat vacated by John Walsh in December after his November election to the Livonia City Council.

Trustees began interviews last Saturday with five candidates. They have scheduled interviews with four others for this Saturday.

"It's going to be a tough decision," said Watson, the board president. "I was really impressed with the people's knowledge of the college in terms of the college's mission and in terms of what we're doing."

On Saturday, trustees interviewed Donald Knapp Jr., Susan Kopinski, John Lynch, Michael Novak and Neil Weiner. The field represents varied occupations, from a police officer to a high school counselor, and communities from Plymouth to Westland.

Another candidate, Robert Omilian of Plymouth, canceled his appointment. As of early Tuesday, he had not rescheduled his interview. This Saturday's interviews include Ken Harb of Livonia, Harry Greenleaf of Livonia, Greg Stempien of Northville and Bryan Amann of Canton.

Candidates answered prepared and followup questions from the six trustees.

Here is a summary of the candidates who appeared Saturday and their comments:

Donald Knapp Jr.

Knapp, a Livonia resident and a research attorney for Wayne County Circuit Court, ran for Wayne County prosecuting attorney in 1996 as the Republican nominee, winning the pri-

mary but losing in the general election to John O'Hair.

Knapp has a law degree from Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University and a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is a 1988 graduate of Catholic Central High School.

Knapp told trustees he believed Schoolcraft's assets were the OMNIBUS distance learning program and programs offered through the Women's Resource Center for women going through divorce.

"I think Schoolcraft needs to be on the leading edge of changes like that," Knapp said.

The college needs to be financially stable, Knapp said.

"Whether you ask for a millage increase or place an increased burden on students by raising tuition, the college needs new and creative ways to finance itself," Knapp said. Knapp emphasized his legal background to the board.

"I have had a unique opportunity to work in a wide range of

law," Knapp said. "It's a talent I could bring to the board."

Knapp said remedial offerings for students unprepared for universities gives the college a "role" it can fulfill. Even the University of Michigan-Dearborn offers such programs, Knapp said.

"Some high schools prepare students better than others. There are some students who are better than others."

Knapp is a former president of Student Government at UM-D with a \$30,000 budget, so he is familiar with budgeting. Schoolcraft has an annual \$40 million budget.

Susan Kopinski

Kopinski, a Canton resident, is a deputy chief financial officer at Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports and a former financial services manager in Canton Township. She also chaired a citizens election committee in the Plymouth-Canton School District for a bond election in 1997.

Kopinski has bachelor's and master's degrees in public

administration from University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Kopinski sees the role of trustee to help the college's administration set policy and work closely with administrators.

"You can't set policy without knowing what's going on on a day-to-day basis," Kopinski said.

Kopinski said at one time, she was "not a big fan" of community colleges, but they, including Schoolcraft, have focused on academics in the last 10 years and students moving onto universities. Schoolcraft was a "good place to go to learn about basics" or for students who did not have strong grade-point averages, Kopinski said.

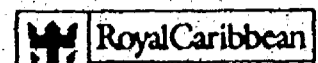
For students who are unprepared, Kopinski suggested mentoring.

"You have to provide tutoring and mentoring is the big thing right now. You may want to draw on alumni for mentoring."

Kopinski said her area of expertise was budgeting in her

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OBITUARIES

CORA J. WOODFIELD

Funeral services for Cora Woodfield, 64, of Westland were Jan. 21 in St. David Episcopal Church with burial at Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. Mark A. Jenkins. Arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Woodfield, who died Jan. 17 in Farmington Hills, was born in Torredale, Pa. She was a paraprofessional.

Surviving Mrs. Woodfield are: daughters, Alison Torres, Sandra Imler, Melinda Novak, Victoria Musto of Redford Township and Jennifer LeHue; brother, James Kirkland; sister, Virginia Cornwall; and 13 grandchildren.

Mrs. Woodfield was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick.

Memorials may be made to DeColores Ministries Scholarship Fund.

JACQUELINE M. WAYBRANT

Funeral services for Jacqueline Waybrant, 63, of Commerce Township were Jan. 19 in St. Richard Catholic Church. Officiating were the Rev. John F. Hall and the Rev. David Burgand. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home. Cremation rites were accorded.

Mrs. Waybrant, who died Jan. 14 in Commerce Township, was born in Cheboygan, Mich. She was a resident of Westland for many years. She was an assistant manager of several restaurants in the Westland area.

Surviving are: daughters, Shelly Adkins of Commerce Township and Robin Sweet of Westland; brothers, James, John, Eugene, Harvey, Steve and Howard; sisters, Doris Van Slembrock, Lorraine Piotrowski, Gloria Sova; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made in the form of Mass cards to St. Richard's, or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Karmanos Cancer Institute.

JOSEPH H. PAUS JR.

A funeral Mass for Joseph Paus Jr., 35, of Westland was Jan. 17 in St. Richard Catholic Church, Westland, with burial at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Brownstown Township. Officiating was the Rev. John H. Hall. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mr. Paus, who died Jan. 15 in Detroit, was born in Dearborn. He came to this community from Toledo, Ohio, in 1965. He was a high school graduate. He was a hi-lo driver for Michigan Productions (Macomb Township). His hobbies were hunting, fishing, outdoor sports and music.

Surviving are: parents, Joseph and Elaine Paus; brothers, Theodore Paul of Blissfield and David Emery of Novi; and sister, Elaine Paus of Toledo, Ohio.

Memorials may be made in the form of Mass offerings to St. Richard's Catholic Church or to Karmanos Cancer Institute, 3807 Monroe St., Dearborn, Mich.

HELEN E.P. MAPLES

Funeral services for Helen Elizabeth Pauline Maples, 76, of Westland were Jan. 21 in Leonard A. Turowski & Son Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Roy Forayth.

Mrs. Maples, who died Jan. 17 in Garden City, was born in

Detroit. She lived in this area many years. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: sons, Joseph and Douglas; daughters, Alice Prehn and Cheryl Wagaman; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

MARILYN J. NEAL AND**CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM NEAL**

Funeral services for Marilyn Neal, 34, and infant son, Christopher William, were Jan. 20 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home

with burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Jerry A. Yarnell from St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton.

Mrs. Neal, who died Jan. 16 in Garden City, was born in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Surviving Mrs. Neal are: husband, William; daughters, Pamela and Shannon; brothers, Kenneth and James Marshall; and parents-in-law, Leo and Barbara Neal.

Surviving infant Christopher are: father, William; sisters,

Pamela and Shannon; and grandparents, Leo and Barbara Neal.

PATRICIA G. REILLY

Funeral services for Patricia Reilly, 65, of Westland were Jan. 19 in St. Mary's Catholic Church of Wayne with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. Jack H. Baker. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mrs. Reilly, who died Jan. 15 in Westland, was born in Pittston, Pa. She came to this

community in 1964 from Washington, D.C. She attended St. John's Business College. She was a tax preparer for H & R Block for 22 years. Mrs. Reilly was an administrative assistant with the CIA in Washington, D.C., from 1952 to 1964 and handled top-secret information. Her hobbies were cross stitch, her grandchildren and listening to good band music.

Surviving are: husband, Charles; son, Charles of Westland; daughters, Colleen MacDonald of Plymouth and Kath-

leen Reilly of Westland; brothers, William Hoover of Wyoming, Pa., and Brian Hoover of Pittston, Pa.; sisters, Constance Lunsford of Falls Church, Va., Cecelia Ponce of Alexandria, Va., and Mary Piatt of Hunlock Creek, Pa.; father, William Hoover of Harveys Lake, Pa.; and two grandchildren.

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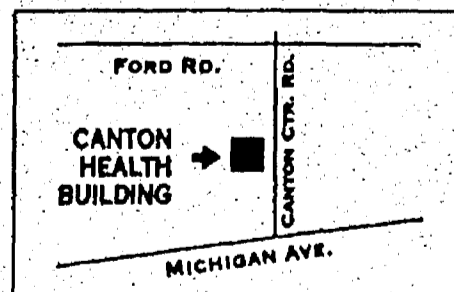
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Tired of being indoors? Do you want to go outside and get some fresh air and good exercise? If so, Wayne County parks has just what you need.

Several ice skating rinks are open throughout the Wayne County Park System. Rinks are open at Lola Valley in Redford, Wjcox Lake in Plymouth, Hines Park-Perrin Area and Hines Park Warrendale Area in Dearborn Heights, Hines-Park Nankin Mills Area in Westland and Inkster Park in Inkster.

All rinks will be open during the day, weather permitting. In addition, the rink at Hines Park-Nankin Mills is lighted and will be open for night skating until 10 p.m. For ice skating conditions, call the Wayne County Parks office at (313)261-1990.

If enough of the white stuff falls, cross country ski trails will open at Warren Valley Golf Course on Warren Avenue, east of Inkster Road in Dearborn Heights. There

are three miles of beginner, intermediate and advanced trails. The trail hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week.

Ski rental is \$7 and the trail fee is \$3. For more information and skiing conditions, call Warren Valley Golf Course at (313)561-1040.

In addition, there are groomed cross country ski trails at Crosswinds Marsh Westland Interpretive Preserve in Sumpter Township. There are no trail fees or ski rental available at these locations. For skiing conditions at either location, call (313)261-1990.

Snow conditions are also perfect for a great time at Hines Park-Cass-Benton Area. Wayne County Parks has improved the sledding hill there to provide a safer experience for kids of all ages.

Thanks to the millage approved by voters in 1996, two new ramps with hand

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Commission funds UM-D nature center

The Wayne County Commission enhanced its partnership with the University of Michigan-Dearborn Thursday by spending \$500,000 to support a joint development of an Environmental Interpretative Center.

The matter first came before the commission on Dec. 4, when the legislative body met at the Henry Ford Estate on the UM-D campus to look at the environmental area.

UM-D has offered three decades of environmental education to the community. The

grant will allow UM-D to expand and develop the center, including the construction of a building that will house classrooms and nature exhibits.

"Protection of the environment is one of the issues we must put in the forefront," said Commissioner Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn. "To help UM-D expand its nature center benefits everyone in the county because it not only is a safe haven for wildlife but also gives our youngsters a chance to visit and study the habitat."

"It's this kind of hands-on learning that makes preservation of our environment a possibility."

The center will be used during the day by visiting classes of students but also will be open on weekends to allow adults and entire families to learn about nature and what the local habitat has to offer. The new center will allow UM-D to increase its list of current environmental offerings.

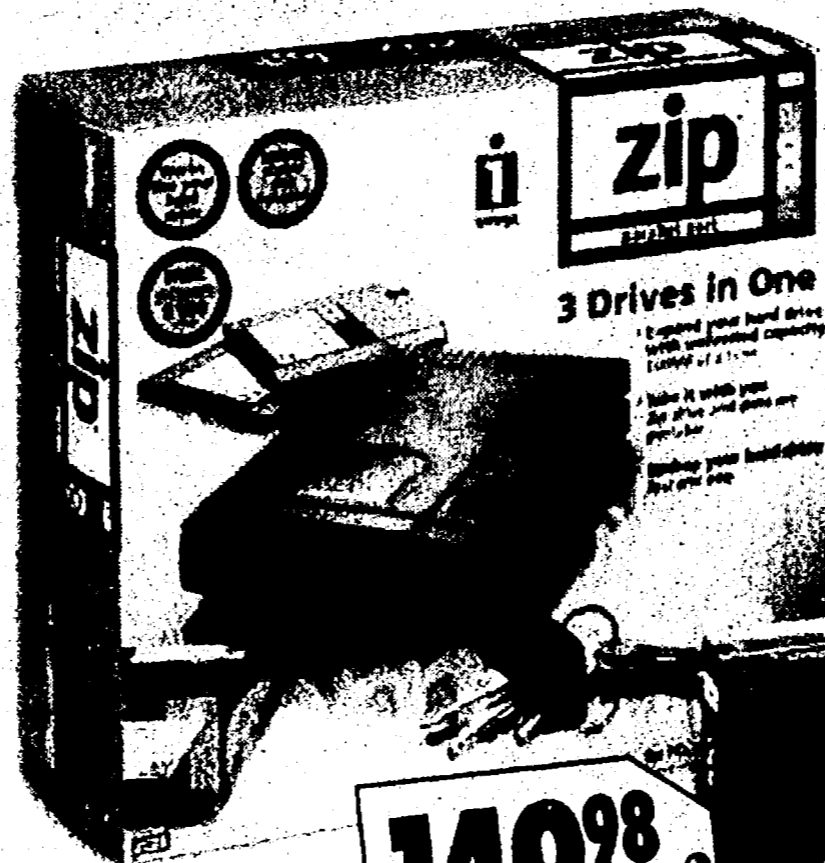
Some of those environmental offerings include the Rouge

River clean-up rallies, watershed training for teachers, interpretation of the county's natural features, experimental environmental education for public school students and teachers, water quality monitoring, the Rouge River Bird Observatory, groundwater research, the Rouge Remedial Action Plan and recreational opportunities.

Ed Bagale, director of government affairs, said UM-D and Wayne County have long had a

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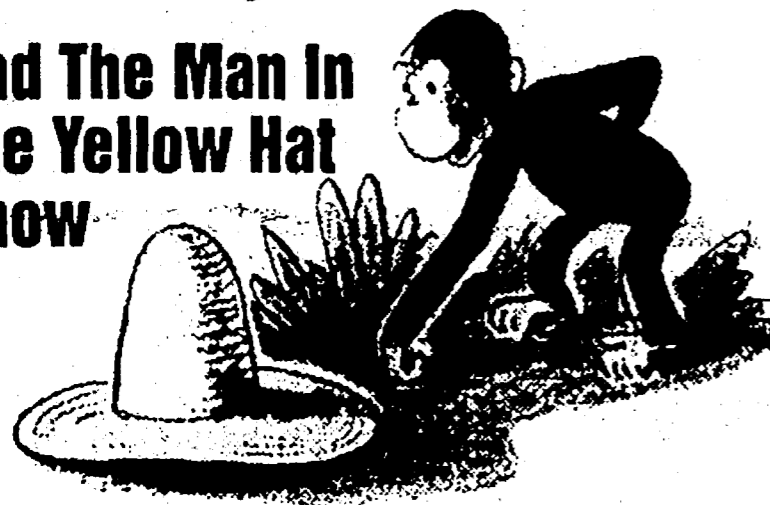


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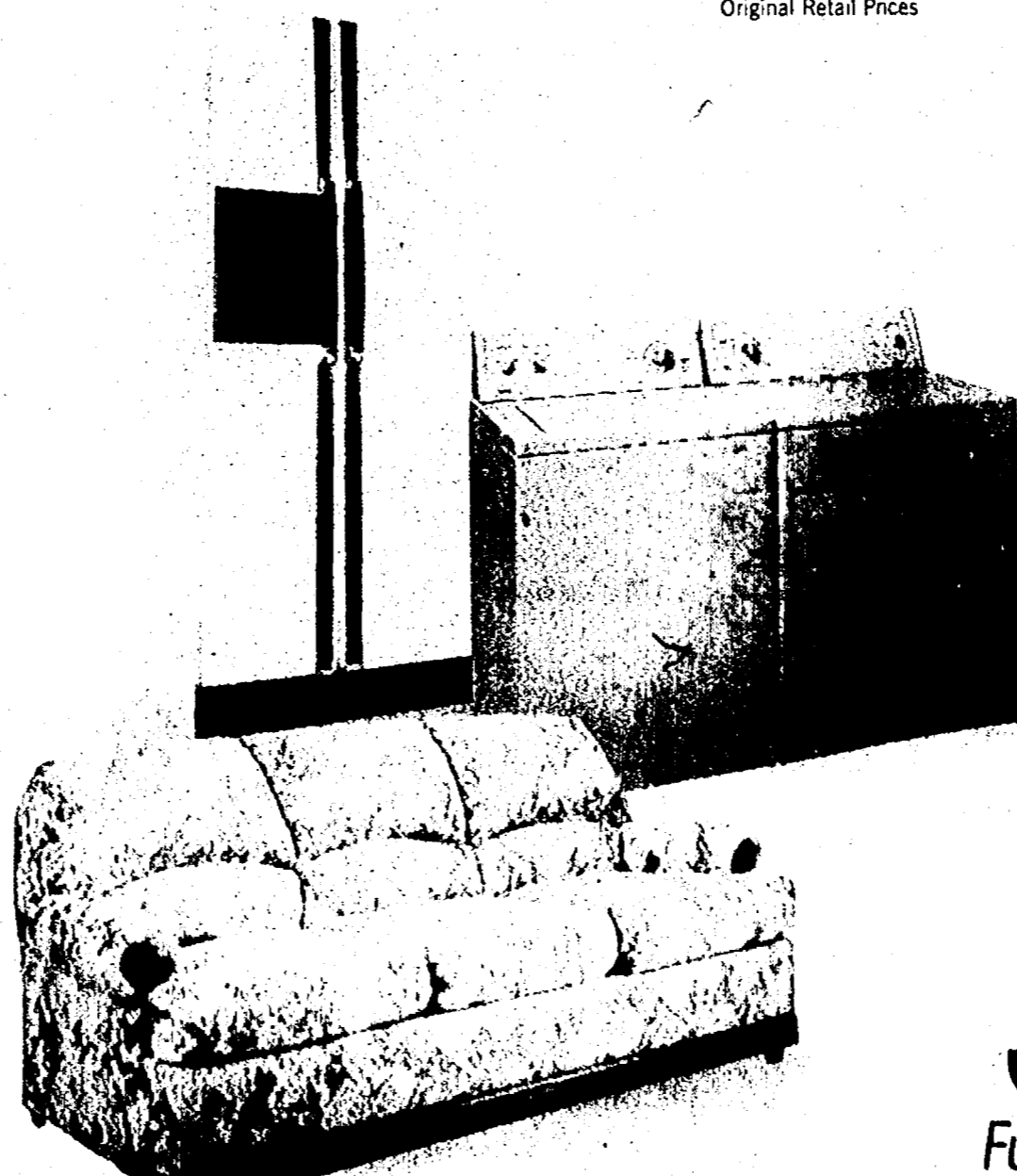
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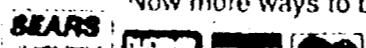
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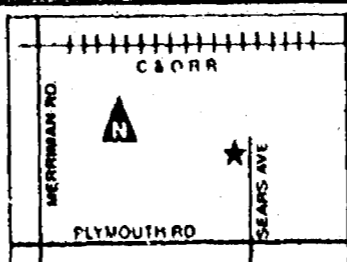
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Road salt savings add up for county

For the second straight year, Wayne County has generated a significant savings in the area of its road salt purchases.

This savings — now at more than \$500,000 per year — will not only conserve gas tax dollars, it will pay for more road repairs, according to Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara.

"By ferreting out less expensive prices for our road salt, we have continued Wayne County's trends toward more efficient government and better roads," said McNamara.

Each year Wayne County uses about 100,000 tons of salt to keep 462 miles of state roads and 721 miles of county primary roads safe and clear throughout the winter months. At a cost of about \$30 per ton, that means the county spends \$3 million annually for its salt, which equals approximately one-half of its winter maintenance budget.

Two years ago the county was paying closer to \$33 per ton for its salt. After extensive research into various purchasing agreements the county signed on to the state budget department's

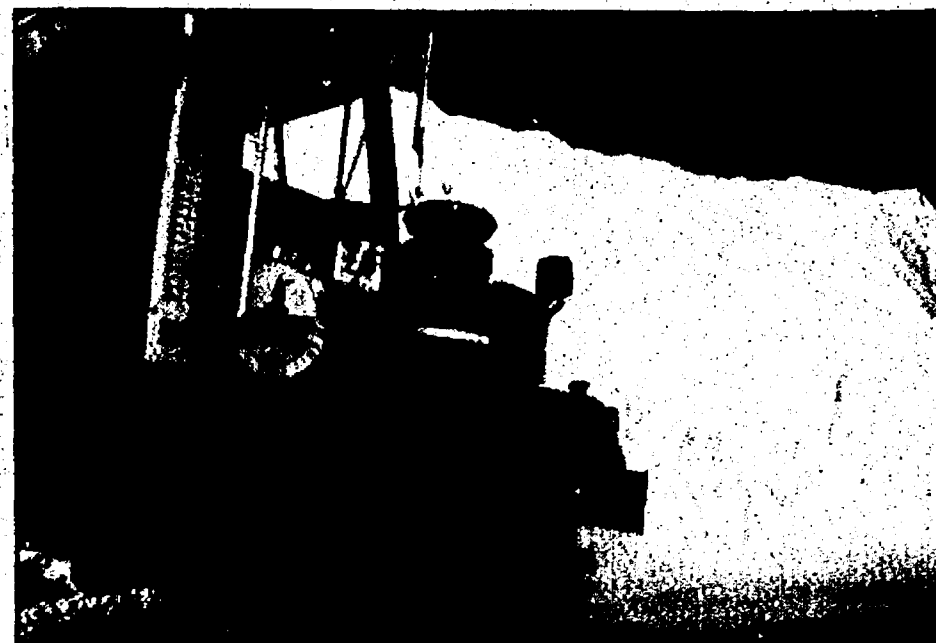
extended purchasing plan, which helps keep costs down by buying salt in larger quantities.

"Our initial savings last year was \$330,000, but we knew we could do better," McNamara said. "This year, thanks to a little pressure we put on the state to look at its prices, we have realized another round of savings to the tune of \$180,000, bringing our yearly total to more than \$500,000."

McNamara said the savings frees up a considerable amount of money for road improvements, which could be used to resurface

an additional 2 1/2 miles of two-lane road, or one mile of a major five-lane road each year. The county also could use that money and extend the life of 12 miles of road by sealing cracks or replacing areas of broken concrete.

The money will supplement a \$60 million road improvement bond program outlined last year. Under the plan, the county expects to eliminate all county roads currently rated in "poor" or "very poor" condition over the next three years.



Salt pile: Each year, Wayne County uses about 100,000 tons of salt to keep roads clear throughout the winter.

Federal grant pays for 33 more deputies

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano applauded the recent announcement by the State Department of Justice of a grant award to the Sheriff's Department that will result in 33 more officers on the streets of Wayne County. The grant totals \$825,000 per year for three years or more than \$2.5 million from the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program.

"Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. This money will allow us to implement more of the community oriented crime fighting approaches that we pioneered here in Wayne County," said Ficano, who is serving his 14th year as the head law enforcement officer in Michigan's largest county.

"This financial assistance will allow us to continue our neigh-

borhood crime fighting focus, particularly in the area of drug trafficking," Ficano said.

The grant will enhance narcotic enforcement, morality surveillance, community services and municipal support services.

COPS monies provide funding for 75 percent of an officer's total salary and benefits.

"Last year, the state house voted to spend more to fund the COPS program and the legislature passed that funding as part of its 1998-99 budget. I know that commitment is there from local communities to do likewise," Ficano said.

Ficano also praised the efforts of Michigan and Wayne County's Congressional delegation, without whose efforts the grant victory would not have been possible.

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rails have been installed to make it easier to trudge back up the hill after each exhilarating slide down. And, most importantly, the parking lot has been reoriented away from the bottom of the hill to avoid anyone accidentally sliding into the parking area.

Future plans call for the addition of a fire pit so bonfires can

be built to provide a place to warm up after some fun in the snow. Hines Park-Cass-Benton sledding hill is on Hines Drive between Six and Seven Mile Roads.

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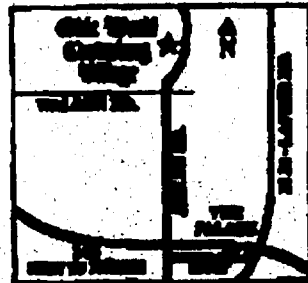
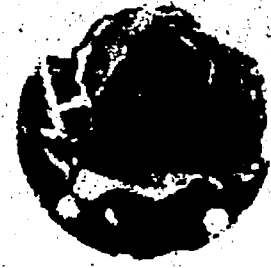
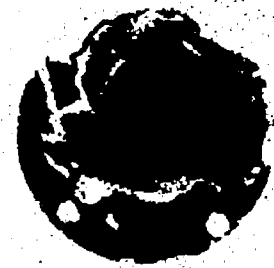
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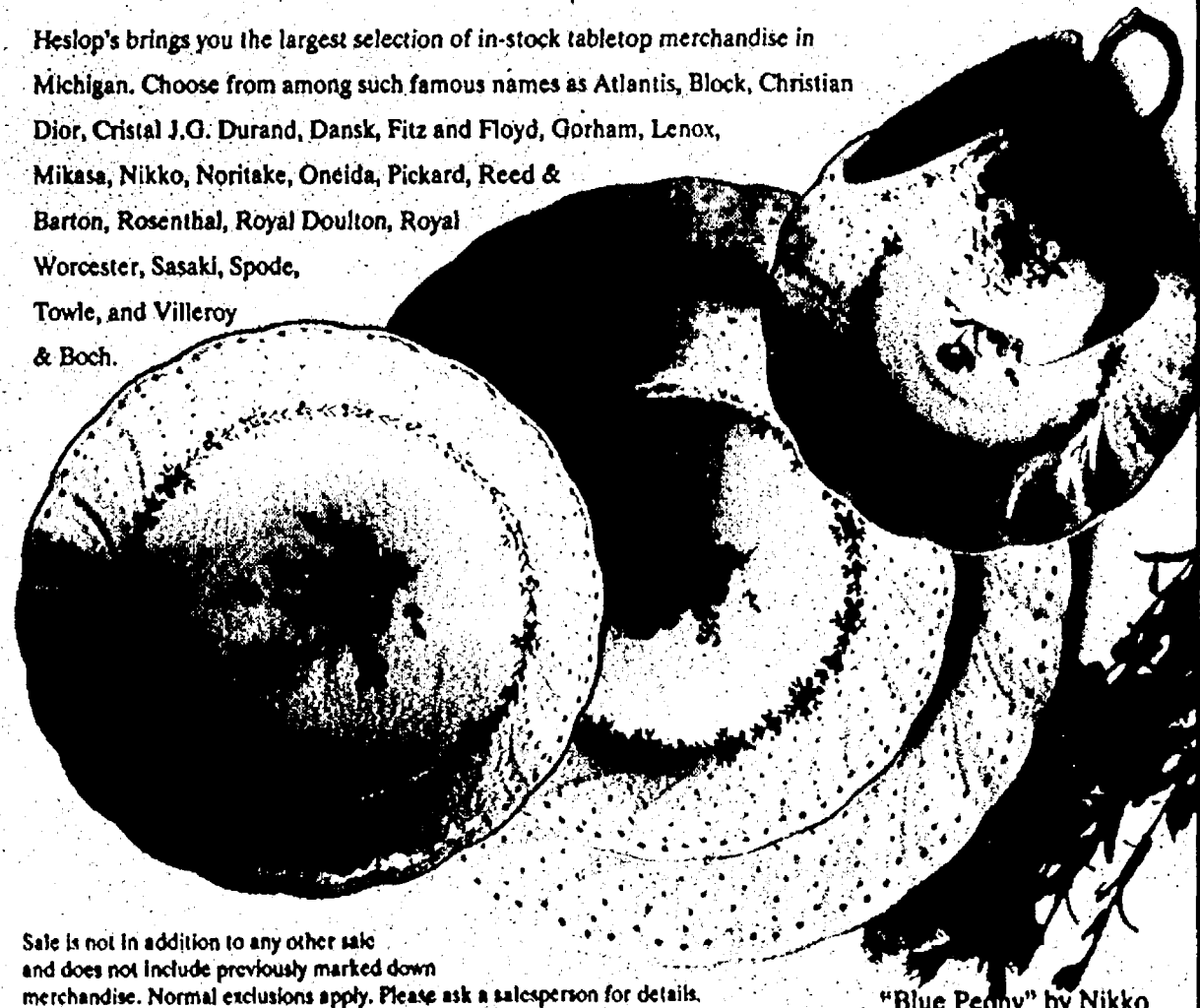
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Dunleavy leaves mark on Irish community

By KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

A man who left his mark in the Detroit community with his Irish pubs was remembered by one of his six sons for his hospitality, wisdom and the number of friends he had.

Brendan Dunleavy of Plymouth said his father Tom Dunleavy brought an Irish wisdom, common sense and personality with people into his businesses, namely Dunleavy's Lounge in Detroit and Dunleavy's Irish Inn at Warren and Greenfield in Detroit.

"He had more friends than you or I could even hope for," Brendan said.

Martin Thomas "Tom" Dunleavy died Monday of a heart attack.

Dunleavy, 82, of Allen Park, came to the United States in the 1930s to join his brothers and sisters. He joined the U.S. Army and served on the front lines during World War II.

Dunleavy helped established the famous Dunleavy Pub name in Detroit. Irish pubs are different from bars in that family gatherings occurred at them, Brendan said. Brendan worked

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for his father while attending Michigan State University.

"Customers were really an extension of the family," Brendan said.

Brendan remembered one St. Patrick Day incident when on his father's way to the pub and heard radio personality J.P. McCarthy talking with former Detroit city councilman Jack Kelley about the theft of an Irish flag from in front of the Ford Motor Co. World Headquarters.

"Jack Kelley said he heard someone stole the flag and heard reports it was seen going into Dunleavy's," Brendan recalled. Tom Dunleavy relayed that story to clientele as he walked in, but he was in for a big surprise.

"He walks in and here he sees this giant flag laying across the bar," Brendan said.

In 1955, Tom opened Dunleavy's Lounge with his sister Masie, which was the first private bar in Detroit to have live Irish entertainment. In 1974, he opened Dunleavy's Irish Inn at

Greenfield and Warren in Detroit with his son Tom. The elder Dunleavy retired in 1993.

Tom and his family have maintained a strong presence in the Detroit Irish community. He was instrumental in the Detroit Ancient Order of Hibernians and the United Irish Societies. He also was the grand marshal of the 1990 St. Patrick Day Parade in Detroit.

Dennis Hayes, president of the United Irish Societies, remembered Tom as a devout Catholic.

"His singular love for the church and his abiding deep faith were dutifully imparted to his children with the help of his beloved wife," Hayes said. "I will miss him dearly as, no doubt, will the entire community."

Dunleavy is survived by wife of 50 years, Mary Ellen; two daughters, Maureen Lesondak of Livonia and Sheila Mund; six sons, Tom, Patrick of Northville, Kevin of Canton, Brian, Brendan of Plymouth, and Michael.

Services were held today (Thursday) in St. Frances Cabrini, in Allen Park. Burial followed at Holy Sepulchre in Southfield.

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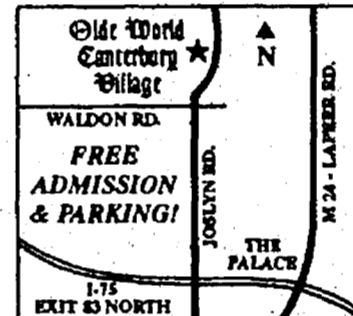
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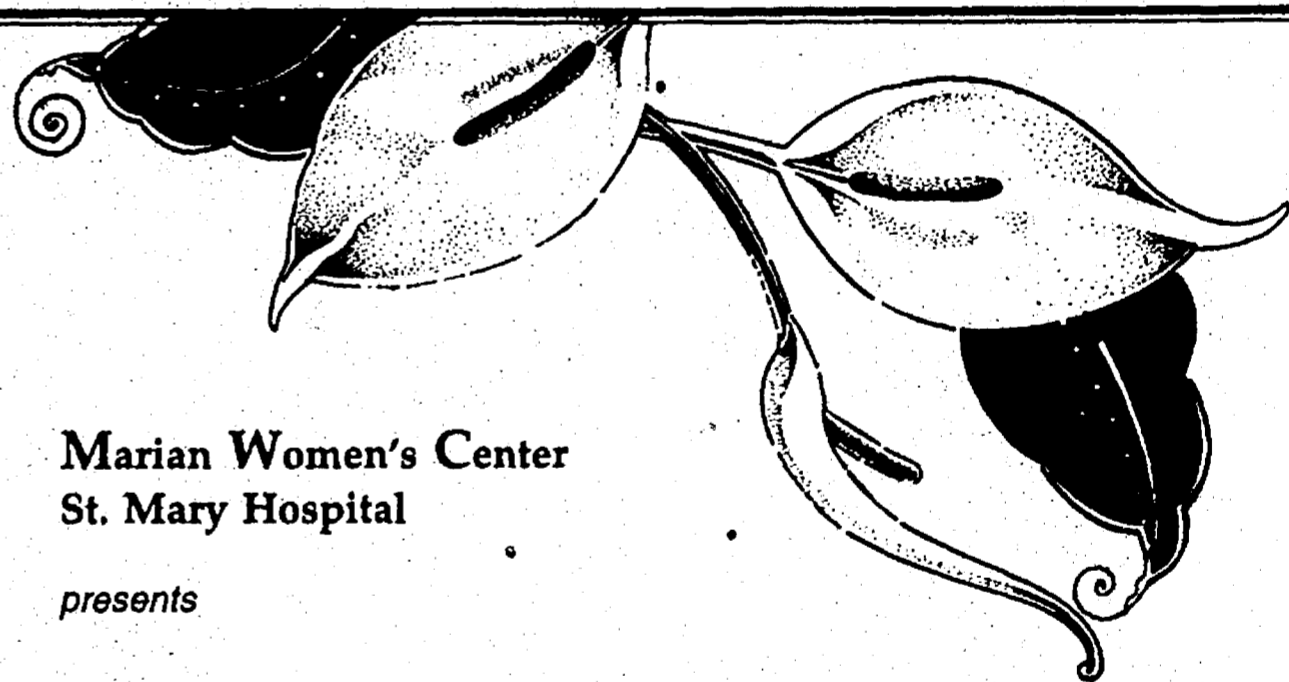
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jobs at Metro Airport and Canton. But she has observed a student's perspective of it in her role as a director of student accounting at UM-D.

On serving as a Canton resident, Kopinski said, "Schoolcraft College is a community in and of itself. I think it would be good to have people from various communities on the board."

If appointed, Kopinski would look into alternative funding sources for the college, which she did at the airport. "Sometimes it's good to get new people to look at something. I can't say (what sources exist) without information in front of me, but I may be able to help you."

John Lynch

Lynch, a Plymouth resident, has retired from General Motors as division director of public and government relations. He also has retired as a consultant for the community and business relations division of Washtenaw Community College.

Lynch has a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit. He has taken courses from Harvard University, University of Michigan and General Motors Institute.

Lynch told trustees Schoolcraft's strengths were its Business Development Center and culinary arts program. Lynch said he could not see any weaknesses at Schoolcraft.

"I've always believed in education. It must go forward to change with the times and technology."

Lynch believes in community involvement, and that belief motivated him to apply for the Schoolcraft vacancy.

"We were brought up to work in the community you live in," Lynch said. "If I didn't get appointed, I'd find other areas to be involved in. This area has been good to my family." Lynch has resided in Plymouth for 31 years.

Financing the college is a "real challenge" with declining state monies, Lynch said. Rising tuition rates can hurt enrollment, he added.

"As I understand it, it's a tough road to hoe. There's a point of no return for students."

Lynch said he's no expert on budgets, but he enjoys "the budget process because it has to be done. It has to be accountable to the public and the taxpayers."

Lynch sees the board's role as a team effort. "We have to paddle the canoe the same way."

Lynch believes the board should look at improving the role of curriculum and test various ideas. Trustees should show a "willingness to listen," he said.

Michael Novak

Novak, a Livonia police officer in traffic accident investigations in Livonia and a Westland resident, has a bachelor of science degree from Madonna University and is in a graduate program in public administration at Eastern Michigan University.

Novak told trustees he would resign his position as an instructor at the Radcliff campus in Garden City. State law requires trustees on college boards to resign instruction positions at police academies to prevent any conflicts of interest.

Talking with students and other instructors at Radcliff motivated Novak to seek the trustee vacancy. Fire and police training at Radcliff are two of the strengths of Schoolcraft College, Novak said.

For the college to improve academic performance of under-prepared students, the college needs input from the students themselves and talk between students and teachers, Novak said.

Student retention at the campus also is important, Novak said.

"Once we get the student here, we need to keep their interest, so they return the following semester. They need a career day, so they return."

Novak suggested the college offer classes at local satellite schools within each community.

Trustee Steve Ragan pointed out to Novak that he would be the first Schoolcraft trustee from Westland, as the college's district falls into the Livonia school district portion in Westland's north end.

"It would be nice to have someone within the southern portion of the (college) district," Novak said. Residents from the area near Franklin High School could have opinions about the college that he could bring back to the board, Novak said.

"It's important to have a cross-section."

Neil Weiner

Weiner, a Livonia resident and a counselor at Mackenzie High School in Detroit, has a bachelor's degree in history from Michigan State University and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Wayne State University.

Weiner called Schoolcraft an "excellent" educational institution. Weiner said his 30 years experience in education in Detroit has informed him about what works in education and what doesn't.

"A trustee must be totally unselfish," Weiner said. Trustees must listen to the community, he said.

Schoolcraft helps prepare students for university work, Weiner said.

"You can always improve, but you want to keep what's going well. Look at how well people are prepared. I think there's no comparison with what they do here."

"Oftentimes you have certain needs and proficiencies. I know you have a program for proficiency. You work, you work and you work to correct the problem."

Weiner said he has no budgetary experience. "You have to probably be very aggressive and a lot of PR is involved."

Weiner has volunteered with the American Red Cross, Cranbrook Institute of Science and worked with the city of Livonia on recycling. He hopes to continue his community service by becoming a Schoolcraft trustee.

"I thought that when I retire, I could still be servicing the community through education."



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relationship in the nature preserve area. While the university owns the 85-acre nature preserve, the approximately 200 acres that lays between the preserve and the Rouge River are a part of the Wayne County Parks system.

"We have a joint stewardship of the natural resources in that area," Bagale said.

The project is costing a total of \$3.5 million. Of that, \$2.6 million is being paid by the State of Michigan. The remaining \$875,000 will be shared, with UM-D paying \$475,000 and Wayne County, \$500,000.

Already supporting the new center are the City of Dearborn, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Friends of the Rouge, Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (GREEN) and Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village. There also have been a number of corporate and individual sponsors for the project.



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Cooper site Research is promising step

Residents around Cooper Elementary probably never thought they would see a future to their neighborhood school site, which now has a myriad of contamination problems.

After all, it's not much of an attraction. Newspaper clippings over many years have chronicled the problems which were ultimately discovered and closed the historical school site, leaving the school shuttered and the site fenced to keep people safely away for most of this decade.

It's also not a place for officials from the city of Westland, where the school is located, nor for officials from the Livonia school district, which owns the site, to point to with pride.

But things look like they could be turning around.

Things seem hopeful after a redevelopment group, including a prominent developer, agreed to further study the parcel for future development - the first step in a proposal announced last week by a coalition of groups working on the problem.

State legislation has allowed a way for developers and others to profitably look at site cleanup and make something of such contaminated properties.

This 1995 state legislation addresses "brownfields" or sites which are contaminated and are currently going unused.

Liability shifted to those responsible for causing the contamination - not strictly to those who own a property. In 1996, the law was further enhanced to allow financial incentives.

Under the brownfield authority established by the city of Westland, assessed money can be earmarked to help clean up sites such as Cooper, and make them attractive once again for development.

In the Cooper case, Jackson-based Consumer Renaissance Development Corp., developer Gary Jonna, attorney Grant Trigger who specializes in environmental law, and a team from ATC Environmental Consultants have agreed to do the legwork needed to determine whether something can be done with the site.

It's still unclear whether the odds are in favor of a change to the site. But this is a first step, and it's a positive move and one that all residents of the Livonia school district should welcome.

Cooper was a financial time bomb for the district in past years.

Today, with these "brownfield" laws, there is at least a chance to salvage what could be a nice site for future development.

We look forward to this research on the Cooper site with hope that something can be done to benefit not only the Livonia schools and the city of Westland, but the surrounding Cooper-area residents as well.

Ameritech's got signals crossed

What southeastern Michigan needs is a good, local telephone company. What it has is Chicago-based Ameritech striving to be a telecommunications behemoth.

After raising its public coin phone rate 40 percent - from 25 cents to 35 - Ameritech decided to use its telephone business to subsidize other endeavors.

It wooed cable television customers with coupons with a face value of up to \$120 that could be redeemed toward home telephone service. So slick did Ameritech's marketers get that they didn't call them coupons; they called them "AmeriChecks."

Now, it is standard procedure that every part of a business be a profit center. If the telephone portion of Ameritech is to redeem cable customers' coupons, it follows that other phone customers must pick up the slack.

It was too much for even the Michigan Public Service Commission, which has tended to be the willing tool of the companies it is supposed to regulate.

MPSC on Dec. 19 issued a cease and desist order against Ameritech under the Michigan Telecommunications Act. Ironically, Ameritech was nailed for violating a law its own lobbyists had drafted.

The best comment came from the group that filed the complaint, the Michigan Cable Telecommunications Association. Said Executive Director Colleen McNamara: "When we first made Ameritech aware they were in violation of the law, they should have pulled the plug on this promotion. Instead they actually increased their efforts."

"They developed a 'catch me if you can' attitude, but you can't run in front of the law forever," McNamara said.

Ohio's Public Utilities Commission nailed Ameritech for a similar practice.

The local phone company hasn't hesitated to leap into the long-distance business, too. The sequence of events:

A federal court in Texas on Dec. 31 granted two regional "baby Bells," SBC and US West, clearance to enter the \$80 billion long-distance calling market. William Kennard, chair of the Federal Communications Commission, immediately announced the FCC will appeal to the higher courts.

Ameritech wasn't part of the Texas case. Without waiting for the appeal to be decided, Ameritech on Jan. 5 filed a motion to be included in the Texas lawsuit.

Before the copying machine had cooled, Ameritech was soliciting southeastern Michigan customers to use the Ameritech Calling Card for all local, long distance and international calls.

"Put this card in your wallet and throw away your other calling cards," it said.

(It's a messy operation. You have to dial 11 Ameritech numbers, the 11 digits of the number you're calling, and the 14 digits of your home telephone and "pin" number - 36 digits in all.)

Now, the last we heard, long-distance companies were fighting Ameritech's entry into their market because Ameritech has refused to open its local market to competitors.

Telephone customers can see tough competition between AT&T, Sprint, MCI and a host of smaller companies.

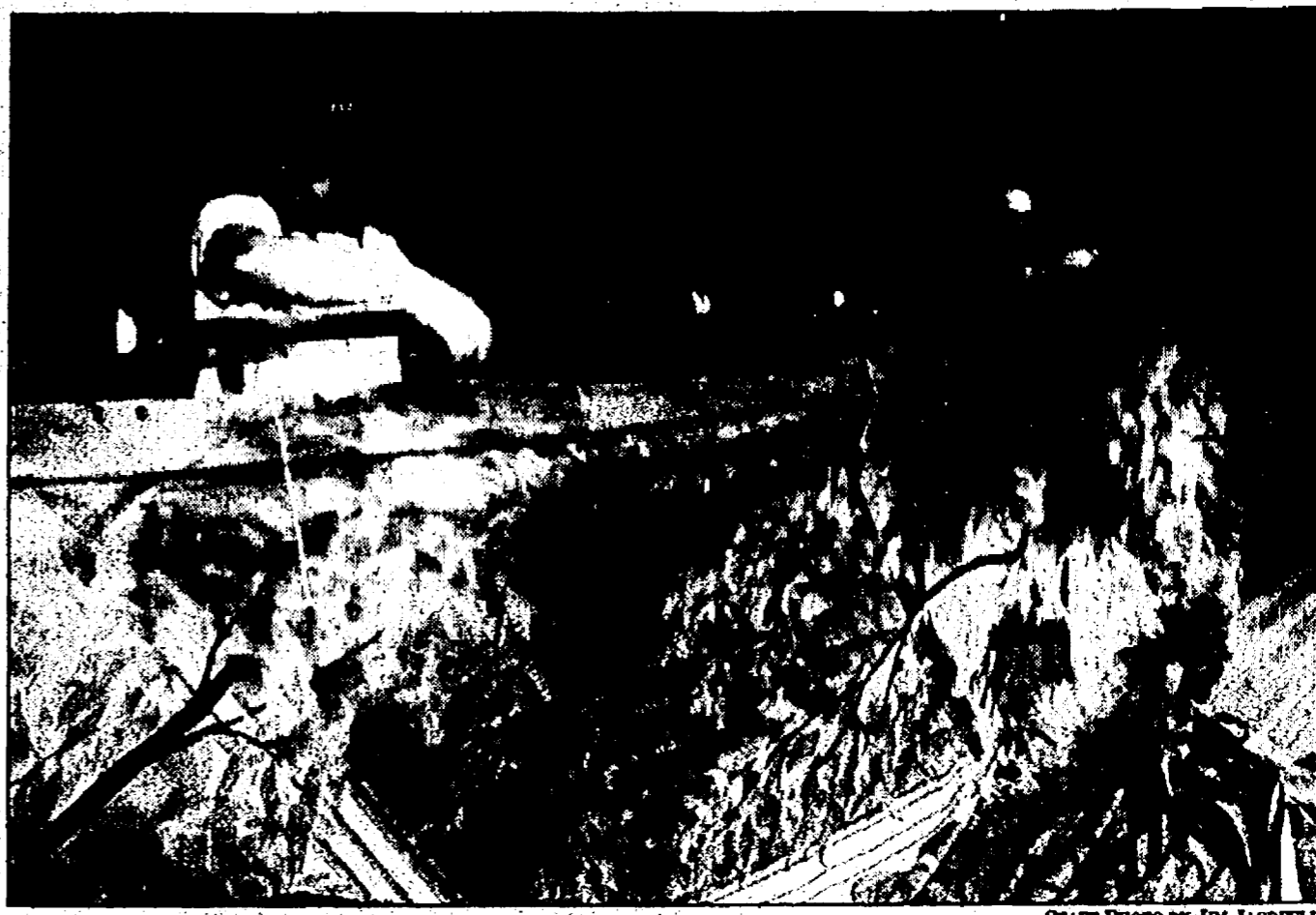
The market neither requires nor needs Ameritech's presence.

Ameritech is into home phones, business phones, car phones, cell phones and pagers.

It also is fighting a lawsuit by bail bond companies angry at paying for Yellow Pages ads when Ameritech no longer puts directories in pay phone booths, where most people who need bail bonds call from.

What southeastern Michigan needs is a good, local telephone company that will do its core business well. It doesn't need the catch-me-if-you-can tactics of Ameritech's army of lawyers and lobbyists.

They're all stars



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDELD

Team work: The recent performances of "The Music Man" by the Westland All-Stars Youth Drama Troupe were a group effort. Here parents help build the set for the show at Stockmeyer Auditorium at Wayne Memorial.

LETTERS

Bond affects values

I have been a resident of the Wayne-Westland Community School District for 36 years and have always supported the efforts of the school district which is responsible for the education of our children, and I will continue to do so by voting for the bond proposal on Feb. 17.

I urge the rest of the community to get out and vote for the bond, for it not only affects the parents who have children in school but also impacts the resale value of our homes and how attractive this community appears to "outsiders" thinking of locating here.

Virginia Kienman
 Westland

We owe it to our children

On Feb. 17, the Wayne-Westland Board of Education will be asking voters in the community to approve a \$108 million school bond. The bond money will be used to greatly improve the facilities within the district and improve the district's ability to provide our children with an education that will prepare them for the challenges they will encounter.

Since Proposal A passed the Wayne-Westland School District has been financially challenged. In the wake of Proposal A our Board of Education, school administration, and district employees have met this challenge through careful planning and hard decisions. The decision to redistrict a few years ago was difficult, but necessary. The district employees have supported the financially troubled schools by taking modest or forgoing pay increases. The bond represents another in a series of carefully planned initiatives designed to allow the district to maintain and improve its ability to offer quality education to our students in a safe and friendly environment.

The facilities in the district are in desperate need of improvement and repair. When you take a walk through the buildings, it doesn't take long to notice the worn equipment, leaking roofs, peeling paint, taped carpet, buckling gym floors, and unusable athletic tracks and tennis courts. Our buildings were not constructed with the electrical demands of electric typewriters, television sets, tape recorders, video cassette recorders or computers in mind. Most of our buildings are over 35 years old.

Proposal A provides for minimal operating

income, it does not provide for the major repairs and facility improvements that are needed in our buildings. The school district's only option to raise the money necessary for improvements of this magnitude is through a bond.

Our board, administration and staff have done their part. They have made the hard decisions and kept the schools serving the needs of our children and our community under adverse conditions. It is now up to the parents and other community members to show that they are concerned with the quality of their schools and that they understand the value of an outstanding school system. After all, the value of our schools is a significant part of the value of our community. We support the bond. We want our schools to be the best they can be. We want our children to have the best possible experiences while they are in school. We want them to have access to the latest that technology has to offer. We hope the community will choose this bond issue to form a new beginning, a trusting relationship between board members, administrators, parents, community leaders and all residents. We owe it to our children to pass this bond issue!

Terry and Karen White
 Westland

Vote for bond issue

I am a 1963 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and lifelong resident of the Wayne-Westland School District. I would like to express my opinion on the upcoming bond issue.

For the past three years, I have been doing volunteer work at Wayne Memorial. The facilities in the school district are basically the same as we had 35 years ago and just like a home, there is constant upkeep, repairs and renovations.

Kids are our greatest resource. They are the future of our communities, state and country. I think we can show our children that we care about their future by voting in favor of the bond issue on Feb. 17. By voting Yes, we let the students know that we are concerned about them.

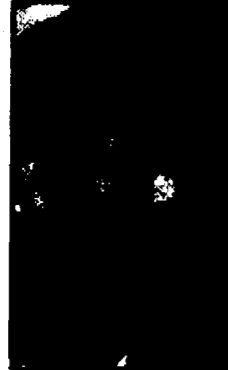
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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What did you think of Westland's first celebration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.?

We asked this question following King activities Monday at the Westland public library.



"It has been a long struggle, but it has been worth it."
 Pat Durant
 Wayne



"I think it was very good. The whole program was good."
 Frederick Curry
 Westland



"It was very inspirational. They should do it every year."
 Jennifer Curtis
 Westland



"I thought it was good. I liked the whole program."
 Ashley Guess
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POINTS OF VIEW

Question of road jurisdiction hampers 'reform'

Legislation adopted last summer increasing the gasoline tax and implementing other infrastructure "reform" left unresolved the issue of changes in the jurisdictional control of roads.

Road funding and jurisdiction are currently governed by Public Act 51, which is set to expire later this year. Under PA 51, the state controls 11 percent of all lane miles, but receives 89 percent of the available funding. Counties control 72 percent of all lane miles, but only receive 39 percent of the available funding. Municipalities control the remaining 17 percent of all lane miles and receive 22 percent of the available funding. The implications of jurisdictional changes in how

roads are constructed, maintained and paid for should be of great concern to all Michigan residents as well.

Unfortunately, this process is not off to a good start. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has proposed criteria by which the state will assume control of routes which serve a high-level economic purpose. By definition, most of these roads have already been improved to an "all-season" standard. MDOT's plan would consequently result in counties and municipalities losing a disproportionate share of their funding and, at the same time, assuming more responsibility for roads that are in greater need of repair.



COMMISSIONER KAY BEARD

Casting a further shadow on this process is the fact that MDOT shared proposed revisions with local elected officials selectively or, in some cases, not at all.

MDOT's actions suggest they are

more interested in gaining a greater share of the financial pie, rather than more closely matching road jurisdiction with appropriate levels of funding.

Major changes in jurisdiction should, instead, be preceded by a comprehensive needs assessment of all Michigan's roads and bridges so that the revision result in a better integrated system.

Legislation enacting jurisdictional transfers should address specific financial formulas for any transfers, repayment of investments and debts incurred for any roads transferred, agreements regarding tort liability indemnification and specific plans for maintenance and improvements of

Road funding and jurisdiction are currently governed by Public Act 51, which is set to expire later this year.

any transferred roads. Without solutions that reconcile jurisdiction of roads with appropriate funding, our infrastructure problems will persist despite all of the "reform." Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard represents the 12th District, which includes Garden City, Westland and Inkster. A Democrat, Beard is vice chairwoman of the commission and serves as vice chairwoman of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Answers during tax season aren't easy to supply

Reader asks: "You write about these 24 state tax cuts. Where are they?"

Short answer: In your wallet.

Medium-sized answer: Five will take effect in 1998. You won't see them until you file your 1998 income tax return. Some may not apply to you at all. Those include:

- An increase in the exemption on your personal income tax from \$2,500 to \$2,800 per person.

- An additional \$600 personal exemption for each child up to age 6 and \$300 for each child age 7-12.

- An increase in the college tuition tax credit to 8 percent of tuition, to a maximum of \$375 provided the college limits its tuition increase to the rate of consumer price index (CPI) inflation.

- For senior citizens, an increase in the deduction of interest, dividends and capital gains from \$3,500 to \$7,500 on a single return; on a joint return, from \$7,000 to \$15,000.

- No more intangibles tax. It produced around \$120 million annually

on income from stocks and bonds and was widely considered "double taxation."

Those tax cuts will reduce the Department of Treasury's intake by \$224 million a year.

Gov. John Engler boasts of cutting taxes a total of 24 times. The revenue cost is \$2 billion a year. That's about 12 percent below what revenues would have been. The state still takes in \$17.2 billion (estimated for fiscal 1998).

Here's the list since 1991, the Engler years, as supplied last week by the Treasury Department:

- Property tax: frozen temporarily; permanent cut from Proposal A, including both rate cuts and assessment caps.

- Single business tax: filing threshold raised; lower SBT alternative tax passed; filing threshold raised a second time; alternative tax rate cut; overall SBT rate cut; some factors removed from SBT base; apportionment formula changed; SBT small business credit added.



TIM RICHARD

One can argue that the boom in northern Michigan real estate is due, in some part, to people who don't transfer their permanent residences to the Sun Belt.

- Inheritance tax: repealed.
- Unemployment comp tax: cut.
- Income tax: rates cut, pension exemption increased, personal exemp-

tion increased, college tuition credit passed and then increased.

Many working folks won't see many of the tax cuts if they don't have kids in college, don't own stocks, don't hire others, don't die and bequeath property, and so on.

Most intriguing to me was the inheritance tax cut. Engler talked about that back in 1985, when he was a state senator. The idea was to compete with Florida's zero tax to keep people in Michigan, where they would underpin northern rural economies with their purchases of homes, visits to restaurants, hospital stays, and purchases from local stores.

One can argue that the boom in northern Michigan real estate is due, in some part, to people who don't transfer their permanent residences to the Sun Belt.

Most complex answer: Some revenues have gone up.

- Sales tax rate up 2 percent to 6 percent.
- Cigarette taxes up astronomical-

- Some voted property taxes are up - public transit, school construction and renovation, school technology.
- Fuel tax: up 4 cents a gallon.
- Fees. Those are a sore point. Engler doesn't figure the fee increases for college tuition, vehicle licenses, occupational licenses, state park entries, *ad nauseum*.

Engler and Republicans argue that the reduced cost of government has made Michigan more attractive to "job providers," as the chamber of commerce calls bosses, to the point that we have an unemployment rate below 4 percent. Democrats argue the credit goes to President Clinton's handling of the national economy.

Take your pick. But next time, please ask an easier question.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

Public transportation victim of competing interests

Public transportation in Michigan, the home of the automobile, has always had a tough time making (ahem) a go of it.

Back in the 1920s, the City of Detroit ran the DSR (Department of Street Railways) in the city and for a few miles out into the suburbs.

There's strong evidence that General Motors in the 1930s actively connived to squash public mass transit in the Detroit area. The thought, evidently, was that people who could get to work on streetcars wouldn't be good customers for cars.

In the 1950s and 1960s, transit needs of the booming suburbs were served by a patchwork of private bus companies - Bee Lines, Martin, Great Lakes and so forth. But the service routes were unconnected, the equipment shabby and, given the car-buying ambitions of most customers, profits were thin.

But the fact remained. People without cars absolutely need public transit to get to and from work.

So in the mid-1960s, Gov. George Romney and the Legislature created SEMTA (Southeastern Michigan Transit Authority), a seven-county body that was supposed to develop plans for a coordinated public transit system, including rapid rail transit, to serve the entire region.

Hopes of merging Detroit's system, by then called D-DOT, with the suburban system crashed. SEMTA was chronically under-funded, while D-DOT was supported by city general fund revenues.

Finally, in the mid-1980s, the region's Big Four - Detroit's Mayor Coleman Young, Oakland County Executive Dan Murphy, Wayne Executive William Lucas and the chair of the Macomb County board - decided to create a suburban transit system, designated SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority - Rapid Transit). The idea was to let Detroit operate its own system and fit it together with inter-suburban routes served by SMART.

Eventually, under the leadership of Wayne County Deputy Executive Mike Duggan, voters agreed to a one-third mill tax support for SMART. The taxes were collected for the third and last time in December bills. Counties will need to renew them in 1998 to keep SMART going.

So when D-DOT last week decided it would no longer run buses outside the city and, therefore, shut down 14 suburban bus routes, the decision was just one more in a long, sad and



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tangled history. SMART officials say they have no plans to duplicate the canceled routes.

Workers without cars, mostly living in Detroit, are now unable to get to and from their jobs in the suburbs at shopping malls such as Twelve Oaks in Novi and in office corridors such as along Big Beaver in Troy.

At the Montgomery Ward store in Livonia's Wonderland shopping center, manager Phil Hanson said: "The whole mall is feeling this. I have employees with 30 years of service who will now have a very hard time getting to work."

Suburban job recruiters, already facing the tightest labor market in generations, will now find it even tougher to find qualified workers.

"Transportation is the 'to' in 'Welfare to Work,'" says D-DOT director Al Martin. "Our economy is moving away from a manufacturing economy to a service economy. These service positions don't pay as high as some manufacturing jobs. Many of these workers cannot afford an auto."

In the complicated mix of money (remember the SMART millage up for renewal), an election year (politicians love to squeal against taxes), turf (suburban communities versus Detroit) and history, it's hard to pin down just who's at fault.

The only hope I have in this sad and outrageous situation is that people will finally get so fed up with poor public transit as to realize that everybody is better off with one integrated system and sit down to put it together.

If you believe that, I've got a nice big bridge I can sell you. Cheap.)

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Cardiac Rehab to host banquet at Dearborn Inn

Each year the Cardiac Rehabilitation Department sponsors a banquet in honor of cardiac patients. The Cardiac Rehab Staff of Garden City Hospital is hosting a banquet for patients, family members and friends, Friday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m.

This is a celebration to applaud the persistent dedica-

tion and accomplishment of cardiac patients.

Please RSVP by Feb. 6 to secure a reservation. Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

The banquet will be held at The Dearborn Inn, Dearborn on Oakwood Boulevard. The cost is \$25 per person or \$45 for two.

Prices include dinner and dessert buffet, entry into door prize drawing, one raffle ticket (additional tickets may be purchased), and dancing music provided by the Henry Ford Community College Orchestra.

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JACQUE MARTIN DOWNS

Positives, negatives and Charlie

In December, a very close colleague of mine happened to be at the health club one Sunday morning, beginning his regular workout routine which he did three or four days a week. Without warning, he keeled over and suddenly died of a massive heart attack.

The community in which he lived was heartbroken. The ripple of sadness blanketed the town as everyone was touched by it. Orange ribbons went up all over the downtown to commemorate him.

Why would a 48-year-old man's death weigh so heavily on so many?

First, all of us were shocked because he was in such good health. It smacked everyone like a brick as we pondered our mortality. Second, the attitude that Charlie had about life was just short of saint-like. I'm not sure I have ever met a more positive, grateful person.

When he talked about his wife and children, you were drawn in by the immeasurable love he had for them. When he shared stories about his friends and his neighbors, his church and his youth group, you knew he valued their friendship. When he spoke of the students he dealt with as the student assistance counselor in the high school, you knew he saw the best in every one of them and desperately wanted them to live up to their potential.

Whenever I personally met with him to write grants, talk about prevention projects or parenting talks we could collaborate on, he always left saying, "Keep up the good work, you're doing a great job."

Always so positive

Several times, we had the opportunity to go to Milan prison and talk with the inmates about substance abuse and the family. He was always so positive and encouraging with the young men. He gave them hope that things *could* change when they leave prison and their lives could truly turn around.

We always walked out with an entourage of men at our heels, asking Charlie if they could help him when they get out, by speaking to kids. His final line, as we slammed the car door and drove out the gates was always, "They're really great guys." I just cannot imagine too many people driving out of a prison with that kind of attitude.

Author Pete McWilliams wrote a book titled, "You Can't Afford the Luxury of a Negative Thought," which he claims is "for everyone afflicted with one of the primary diseases of our time: negative thinking." McWilliams asserts that he is a certified *negaholic*. "I don't just see a glass that's half full and call it half empty. I see a glass that's completely full and worry that someone's going to tip it over."

Too many of us are negative, catty, critical human beings. I especially see it in a great number of adolescents. Their behaviors are brash and acted out through sex, substances, reckless driving or by being disrespectful. I am saddened by their apparent lack of regard for themselves or others.

They seem neither grateful nor positive about their lives. They abandon tomorrow for the instant gratification of today. I'm referring to those kids who really have little to fuss about except that their parents are "not with it" or they can't have everything in life they want. I distinguish them from young people who come from destructive, chaotic homes where surviving means taking care of No. 1 because nobody else is going to do it.

Hard to understand

Charlie was distraught by the actions of negative people, including some teens. It was so hard for him to understand why the negaholics didn't seem to be grateful for their lives, why they appeared to be self-destruct

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Deadly inhalants become popular recreational drug

Lined with vacant, run-down buildings and vagrants, the outskirts of downtown Detroit is the last place you'd expect to see a slew of Generation X-ers standing in the bitter cold at 2:30 a.m.

Well-groomed "twentysomethings" dressed in black suits or long gowns, baseball hats and T-shirts, or baggy skateboarder clothes all wait in line to enter a brightly lit art gallery which serves as an after-hours club.

All of them are braving the cold to purchase black balloons filled with nitrous oxide, also known as N2O or "laughing gas," one of many frequently abused inhalants.

As the clock ticks past 3 a.m. and the club is still dark, a dentist from the east side passes out his business cards to those who might need a quick fix of nitrous during the week.

When the club's cashier/bouncer opens the doors, the crowd makes a beeline for the back of the club where a bespectacled red-haired woman sells the balloons for \$5 each.

The crowd represents various segments of society - body builders who otherwise worship their bodies, college-aged women begging for marijuana, working-class men and women, drug addicts and professional night clubbers.

They toast each other with the balloons and chide those who are unwilling to try it. Sucking nitrous out of the balloon, much like one would take a hit of helium, leaves them with a quick feeling of euphoria.

Inhalant abuse

Nitrous oxide is a colorless gas containing nitrogen which is used as an anesthetic, most commonly in dentistry, and in aerosols. It was first prepared in the late 1770s by Joseph Priestley, an English clergyman/scientist who also created the first carbonated beverage.

Ironically, it was originally used as a recreational drug. During his research, Humphry Davy (1778-1829) observed that nitrous oxide relieved headaches and toothaches. He didn't study that any further, because he was using it "to entertain the young men of quality who visited the Pneumatic

Institute" where he worked, according to U.S. Food and Drug Administration literature. Davy coined nitrous oxide "laughing gas."

Its anesthetic uses were recognized during a Dec. 10, 1844, lecture by "scientist" Gardner Quincy Colton who prepared nitrous oxide and encouraged members of the audience to inhale the gas. A listener, Horace Wells, noticed that a young man was unaware he had injured his leg while under the influence of nitrous oxide. The following day, Colton gave Wells nitrous oxide before a fellow dentist extracted a tooth. When Wells woke up, he said he didn't feel any pain.

Besides anesthesia, nitrous oxide also is used in the dairy industry as a mixing and foaming agent because it is non-flammable and bacteriostatic (stops bacteria from growing) and leaves no taste or odor; in auto racing to speed engines, and in diving to prepare divers for nitrous-like effects.

Nitrous oxide also is easily accessible. It comes in a metal cylinder, balloons or a whipped cream aerosol spray can. It is primarily abused by children in the age range of 10-14, according to Virginia Dowson, an adolescent therapist at the Livonia Counseling Center.

"Inhalants are more for the younger set because they're legal," she said. "They can get them from places like a Home Depot. (Besides nitrous oxide) the other one that's really big right now is the Dust Off for computers."

Statistics from the year 1991, the most recent figures, show that 14.2 percent of eighth-graders have used inhalants, Dowson said. The percentage goes down as children grow older. Only 9.1 percent of 12th-graders are users.

In 1996, she said, she saw a lot of children "in the 14 age range" using nitrous oxide.

"They were also using marijuana; it coincides really well with marijuana; marijuana being somewhat of a depressant," she said. "The nitrous oxide increases the hype that you get off the high."

Ivy Kupec, a spokeswoman for the FDA, said there are two main side effects of using nitrous oxide. It acts as a bone marrow depressant which could interfere with the immune system after repeated use. (An anesthesiologist on staff at the FDA describes "repeated use" as "more than once.") Nitrous oxide also interferes with the absorption of vitamin B-12, causing irreversible brain damage.

It can also suffocate the user.

"If people use 100 percent nitrous oxide, like if

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It's no laughing matter

STORIES BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

Detecting abuse

According to Virginia Dowson, an adolescent therapist at the Livonia Counseling Center, inhalant abuse can be hard to identify.

"Many people don't bring their kids in; they're afraid we'll identify further problems," she said.

Some of the symptoms as problems in school, memory loss and fatigue. When parents suspect their children may be abusing inhalants, Dowson has them go through a sensory evaluation.

Dowson quizzes parents about suspicious smells around the home - is it sweet, sour, a dry type of odor, is it wet? Does it smell like nail polish, perfume, air freshener, gasoline, rubbing alcohol?

"With inhalants, breath is the biggest giveaway."

The worst inhalant addictions she has seen are kids using household cements, rubber glues, paint thinner and paint.

"This one adolescent smelled like paint constantly," she said. "He said it was from art class during school. The truth was the kid was huffing all day at school."

Another parent said that her son was suffering from memory problems, nausea and fatigue. She thought he was ill. Dowson responded, "No, he's stoned."

The Partnership for a Drug-Free America lists other signs of inhalant abuse - red, glassy or watery eyes, slow, thick slurred speech, disorientation, general drunken appearance, complaints of headaches, staggering gait and lack of coordination, inflamed nose, nose-bleeds and rashes around the nose and mouth; loss of appetite and if cans of aerosol whipped cream won't foam or your air conditioner doesn't work.

Judging shows: a reflection of her love of cats

Grandmother figure: Canton Township resident Rachel Anger, with her Maine Coon named Perry Ellis, feels like a grandmother who has the grandchildren for the weekend when she judges cats at cat shows.



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BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

In describing her job as a cat show judge, Rachel Anger compares herself to a grandmother.

"I get them for the weekend. I hug and kiss them and I send them home to mom. If I had the means and the space, I'd have 100 cats. This is my way of doing this."

The Canton Township resident will once again play grandmother this weekend to more than 350 pedigreed cats and kittens as well as household pets at the Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers Inc. show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 24-25, at the Dearborn Civic Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children with all the proceeds going to the Michigan Humane Society. The two-year alliance between the two organizations has brought in more than \$1,300 in donations to the MHS.

The organization is also sponsoring a cat show on Saturday, July 11, at Edgar Ice Arena, 33841 Lyndon, Livonia. Proceeds from that show will go to another animal welfare group.

For more information about the shows, call Judy McDaniels at (248) 681-4863.

Anger, formerly of Farmington Hills, has scrutinized cats since 1993, but her love of cats surpasses that.

Growing up in Midland, Anger was forbidden to have cats. Like most children, however, she found a loophole.

"We were not allowed cats; we were dog people," she said. "We got around that by giving my mom a kitten for Mother's Day. We told her, 'It's not polite to turn down a gift, so you have to keep this cat.'"

Perky, a black random-bred cat with a little white locket on her chest, found her way into the hearts of her family.

Anger began her cat-showing career by attending local shows with her pets. At that time, the events were few and far between.

"Twenty years ago there were far fewer shows than there are now," said Anger, who works during the day as a paralegal. "Now every weekend there is a show within a three- or four-hour drive and sometimes there's several to pick from."

"On any given weekend in the country there could be up to 15 CFA shows."

The more she learned about cats, the more she

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Cat show from page B1

became interested in becoming a judge. Organizations such as the Cat Fanciers Association require their judges to be knowledgeable in all cat breeds. The best way to do that, she decided, was to live with different breeds. Anger has worked with Siamese and Persian cats.

The breed she has worked with the most is the Maine Coon. It's the largest breed of pedigree cat, and males can weigh up to about 20 pounds.

"They're also a very comfortable cat to look at," she added. "There's no extremes except for its size."

When she applied for a judge position, Anger was required to show her history of exhibiting, show producing and involvement in the CFA. The CFA officers and directors look over all the applicants' materials and vote on the judges.

"Actually, by the time you apply to be a judge, even though the officers and directors are from all over the country, they know who you are," Anger explained. "They want to have

judges who have a real strong moral character because it would be so easy to say, 'That's my friend's cat; I want to give her a win.' That's not how it goes, though."

Each cat begins with 100 points, some of which are deducted if the cat doesn't measure up to the standard for his or her breed. The points are allocated to the different features of the cat that are most important to that breed. One breed may give 40 points to the coat. In another cat, it may only be worth five to 10 points.

Judges look for "nice healthy animals. A cat that you can tell is well cared for and well-loved."

"Once we see a cat that has those things, we start to apply the standard," Anger said. "We put the cat on the table. We observe it from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail and everything in between. We really give it the once over."

Then there's something special over and above that, the show presence. There are no points for it and it's never really addressed

■ 'There are some judges if you go to a show and watch, they really have a natural rapport with the animals. That's how I hope people view me, too. I want to make it a really enjoyable experience for the cats.'

Rachel Anger
—Cat show judge

anywhere, according to Anger.

"One particular cat will do something, he or she will look at me like 'Aren't I beautiful? Aren't I just the most wonderful cat? You should give me the Best Cat rosette,'" she added. "Every once in awhile there's a cat that's just so spectacular it just makes you want to give it the Best Cat rosette."

At the Dearborn show, there will be six rings or judges. The club determines how many rings there will be, and each ring will have a judge. Generally there are four, six or eight rings, and each ring is like a separate show.

"If I were to enter my cat into a six-ring show, there would be

six different judgments," Anger explained. "It's different than dog shows. People who show dogs, they may travel all that way and as soon as they lose they go home. With cats, you can always get another opinion."

Household cats are welcome at the Dearborn show although they cannot be declawed and they have to be spayed or neutered, if they are older than 8 months.

"They can't win a title, but the judge will go through and handle them," Anger said. "The winners get a rosette and a trophy just like a pedigree."

Nationwide organization
The Midwest Persian Tabby

Fanciers Inc. is one of the hundreds of groups under the Cat Fanciers Association's umbrella. CFA is the oldest pure-bred registry and is "pretty strict" in its beliefs. For a new breed "they really, really give it a once over."

"There's a lot going on in the genetic pools," Anger explained. "In 1981, there was a cat that was a curl-eared cat. The ear was flipped right over and the tips of the ear curled backward. It's a natural thing that you couldn't straighten out, if you wanted to. They went through all the necessary channels and now they have championship status."

Cats' gene pools change every year. An example is an ocicat that was developed by a woman from the Detroit area named Virginia Daly who put a Siamese and an Abyssinian together in hopes of getting an Abyssinian-pointed cat.

"What she got was a first generation of all these cats who had dramatic spotting patterns," Anger said. "It is a rather attractive cat, a beautiful breed."

However, other organizations like the International Cat Association are more progressive in their thinking. The TICA supports individuality, "so if they wanted to breed a short-legged, folded-eared, curly haired cat, they can do that," said Anger who prefers the traditional way of thinking.

"My judging philosophy is this: Here you have this animal that God created. He didn't created it to get bathed and blow-dried, to travel in a car, to handle it and to look at it," she said. "He created it for us to love. They go so far beyond what they were put here for. The least I can do for them is give them an honest, educated judging and respect them for what they've gone through to get there."

"There are some judges if you go to a show and watch, they really have a natural rapport with the animals. That's how I hope people view me, too. I want to make it a really enjoyable experience for the cats."

Suzuki wins spot on ATA board **Sensors** from page B1

When the American Translators Association was done counting votes at its annual meeting earlier this month, Izumi Suzuki was in as a member of its Board of Directors.

Suzuki was one of three members elected to the board at the meeting, held in San Francisco. ATA is the largest national association of language professionals in the world with some 6,500 members.

Suzuki's achievement is another step in her young and distinguished language career. She is partner and owner of Suzuki, Meyers & Associates Ltd., which specializes in Japanese business communications.

She also is president of the Michigan Translators/Inter-

preters Network, chairwoman of the English-to-Japanese Subcommittee of the ATA Accreditation Committee and assistant administrator of the ATA Japanese Language Division.

Suzuki is accredited as a translator by ATA "in both directions" of Japanese interface and is licensed in Japan as an interpreter.

In addition to her professional work, she serves on the executive committee of the Greater Windsor/Detroit Japan-America Society and is a member of the board of the Friends of Asian Art of the Detroit Institute of Art.

Married, she and husband Steve have two children. They live in Novi.



Izumi Suzuki

ing when they had so much to live for. He would have given them a magic elixir, if he could have, that would give them a positive outlook. No one could deny he had gratitude to the max.

A month or two before his death, the city honored him with the Citizen of the Year Award, which was a complete surprise to him. He shared with me that he immediately went up to his mother's apartment and shared the award with her, because after all, she was the one who made him who he was.

Later, he said to me, "Ya know, this award makes everyone look good: the school district, my Kiwanis group, the SADD chapter that I sponsor, the youth group at the church and all of my friends ... everyone wins."

And for sure, all of us were the winners for knowing Charlie Stilec, a truly positive, grateful human being. As one of my friends said later, "Maybe Charlie's death will help us think about being a little nicer to each other."

And to that I would add, and

maybe a little more grateful.

If you have a question or comment for Jacque Martin Downs, a special projects coordinator for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and private therapist, write her at the Observer News-Papers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

AAUW holds card party

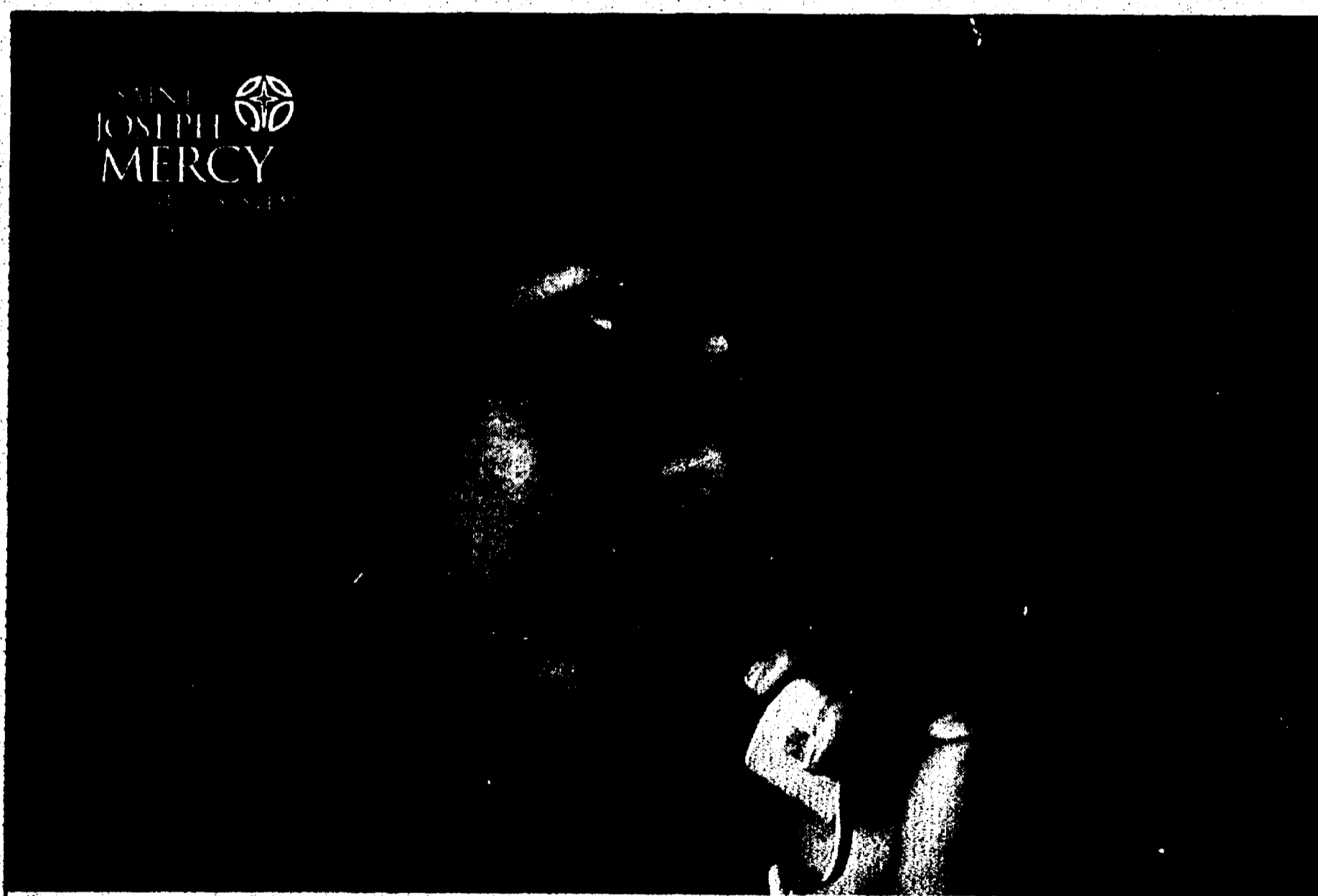
The Livonia Branch of the American Association of University Women will host a card party at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30.

The party will be held at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

In addition to card games, there will be door prizes and refreshments will be served.

Tickets cost \$6 and are available by calling Judy at (313) 691-0652.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Hennes-Decker

Robert and Leslie Hennes of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Susanne, to Todd Edward Decker, the son of James and Karen Decker of Grosse Pointe.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University. She is a third-year medical school student at Wayne State University and plans to graduate in 1999.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Mattawan High School and a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan. He also is a third-year medical school student at Wayne State University and plans to graduate in 1999.



A March wedding is planned at St. Thomas A'Becket Church in Canton.

Dood-Weller

Pete and Carol Dood of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Louise, to Jason Kenneth Weller, the son of Ken and Fran Weller of Stanton, formerly of Canton.

The bride-to-be, a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, is pursuing a degree in elementary education at Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Phoenix Office Furnishings.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is employed as an account executive at Phoenix Office Furnishings.

A June wedding is planned at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.



Kazaleh-Gheen

Johny and Nawal Kazaleh of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Grace J., to Christian Michael Gheen, the son of Donald and Grace Gheen of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree. She is employed as a technical recruiter for Livernois Engineering.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree and a 1994 graduate of Central Michigan University with a master's degree. He is employed as an investment officer for First Chicago NBD.



A March wedding is planned at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Westland.

Bleganski-Benning

Robert Michael Bleganski and Jamie Lynn Benning were married on Aug. 30 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville by the Rev. Jim Kean.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Benning of Canton. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bleganski of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in office automation. She is employed at E.D.S. in Troy as an information analyst.

The groom is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in marketing and management. He is employed at E.D.S. in Troy as a business analyst.

The bride asked Sheila Benning to serve as her maid of honor with Donna Gill, Debbie Donegan, Kim Lubig and Wendy Marcero as bridesmaids. Rebecca Benning and Shannon Donegan were the flowergirls, and Melissa Walstrom was the vocalist. Jeffrey Marcero served as best



man with Robert Benning, William Carroll, James Megyesi and Michael Millar as groomsmen. Tom Boxrud, Scott Reaume and Jon Schultz were the ushers. Ryne Gill was the ringbearer. The couple received guests at the Burton Manor in Livonia before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls. They are making their home in Novi.

Gallagher-Woloch

Marcy Lynn Woloch and Colin Michael Gallagher were married June 14, 1997, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Livonia, by the Rev. Thomas P. Eggebeen.

The bride is the daughter of David and Linda Woloch of Livonia. The groom is the son of Thomas and Gloria Gallagher of Livonia.

The bride is 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1996 graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in education. She is employed as a middle school teacher for the South Lyon School District.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree. He is employed as a staff accountant for Price Waterhouse, LLP, in Bloomfield Hills.

The bride asked Jennifer Britton to serve as her matron of honor with bridesmaids Lisa Hessler, Julie Feldman and Kerry Veal.



Britt Gallagher served as best man with groomsmen Mark Woloch, Jeff King, Christian Cicchella, Bill Durham and Scott Bowser.

The newlyweds received guests at Fox Hills Country Club before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico. They are making their home in Livonia.

Dell-Strauch

Wendy Therese Strauch and Christopher Michael Dell were married in a garden wedding at the Stafford's Bayview Inn in Petosky on Sept. 27. The Rev. David Behling performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Bonnie and Ray Bihary and John and Debbie Strauch, all of Livonia. The groom is the son of Jean and Michael Dell of Petosky.

The bride is a graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is a U.S. Navy corpsman, stationed at Cherry Point, N.C.

The groom is a graduate of Pellston High School. He serves in the U.S. Marine Corps at Camp LeJeune, N.C.

The bride asked Lori Byrd Spring to serve as maid of honor with bridesmaid Heather Golembuski.

The groom asked Eric Dell to serve as best man with usher Rich Johnson.



The newlyweds received guests at the Bayview Inn. They are making their home in Emerald Isle, N.C.

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Virginia Nicoll, Michigan state president of OWL and a volunteer Medicare counselor for the Area Agency on Aging 1-B, will discuss the Medicare options available from fee-for-service to managed care.

Nicoll also will distribute copies of AAA 1-B's comparison of all Medicare HMOs as well as OWL's Mother's Day Report on Managed Care.

The meeting, open to the public, will be at the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty Street. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Nicoll at (248) 474-3094.

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they stole a tank from a dentist office, it is very likely to asphyxiate them," Kupec said. "It's not something that we can process in our lungs like oxygen. When dentists use it, they mix it with oxygen."

Partnership for a Drug-Free America lists other "negative effects" as headaches, muscle weakness, abdominal pain, severe mood swings, violent behavior, liver, lung and kidney damage, dangerous chemical imbalances in the body, hepatitis or brain damage from long-term use, weight loss, seizure, coma and death.

Dowson said that memory loss can begin after one or two "huffs" of nitrous oxide.

The high lasts approximately a minute, but some residual effects may last up to several minutes. One user explained that "within seconds, a light tingling can be felt which seems to increase in frequency. The sensation is much as if waves were traveling up your body or as if you were twisting and spinning."

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taken. Open eyes reveal some sort of tunnel vision, with regions of disorientation about the outside. Slowly the throbbing subsides."

The person added that at other times he feels paranoid and disoriented.

Another user at the after-hours club said he hears the same song each time he inhales nitrous oxide and said the use of nitrous oxide "is not as bad as the other drugs."

Dowson disagreed. "In essence it's a poison. Your body in no way produces this substance," she said. "What they don't realize is the stuff at the dentist office has oxygen in it, so as not to cause damage. Still, some have numbness in their fingers and feet when they leave the dentist office."

The Toxic Chemical Act 119 of 1967 defines a chemical agent as "any substance containing a toxic chemical or organic solvent or

both, having the property of releasing toxic vapors. The term includes, but is not limited to, glue, acetone, toluene, carbon tetrachloride, hydrocarbons and hydrocarbon derivatives."

Given that, Michigan Penal Code 762.272 reads "No person shall, for the purpose of causing a condition of intoxication, euphoria, excitement, exhilaration, stupefaction or dulling of the senses or nervous system, intentionally smell or inhale the fumes of any chemical agent or intentionally drink, eat or otherwise introduce any chemical agent into his respiratory or circulatory system."

Those violating the act are guilty of a misdemeanor; however, enforcement of the law can be tough.

"Because the inhalant is so short-lived in the system, generally speaking an officer has to witness a person using that," said Trooper Jerry King of Western Wayne Criminal Investigations,

Western Wayne Narcotics, with the Michigan State Police. "A lot of that stuff (inhalants) - gas, glue - it's not illegal to possess. Having said that, a lot of townships may introduce legislation, like the 'beeper law' where it makes it illegal for kids to possess nitrous oxide or glue."

He added that inhalants may affect a person's ability to drive so an officer can pull over a person for suspected drunken driving. Although inhalants may not show up in a blood test, a person can be charged.

The Western Wayne Narcotics bureau doesn't deal much with the problem, however, because "we investigate and deal mostly with dealers, mostly focusing on large amounts of marijuana and cocaine."

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano said that his agency has arrested no one for using nitrous oxide.

The legality of it doesn't seem to bother those who have come together at the art gallery. Patrons laugh and joke with each other, and drink alcoholic beverages brought into the building.

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Applications are being accepted for the spring craft show Saturday, March 7, at Schoolcraft Col-

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LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Crafters are wanted for the Livonia Churchill High School PTSA spring arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 8900 Newburg Road, Livonia. For more information,

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LIVONIA FRANKLIN
The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. More than 175 crafters will be featured. Admission will be \$1 for those older than 5 years of age. No strollers will be permitted, however, people in wheelchairs will be admitted at 9:30 a.m.

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LIVONIA STEVENSON
Crafters are needed for the Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club's Spring Spectacular craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Spaces - 10 feet by 10 feet or 5 feet by 16 feet - cost \$50. Limited electricity is available at no additional cost, and chairs (no tables) are available upon request. For an application or more information, call (734) 464-1041 or (248) 478-2395.

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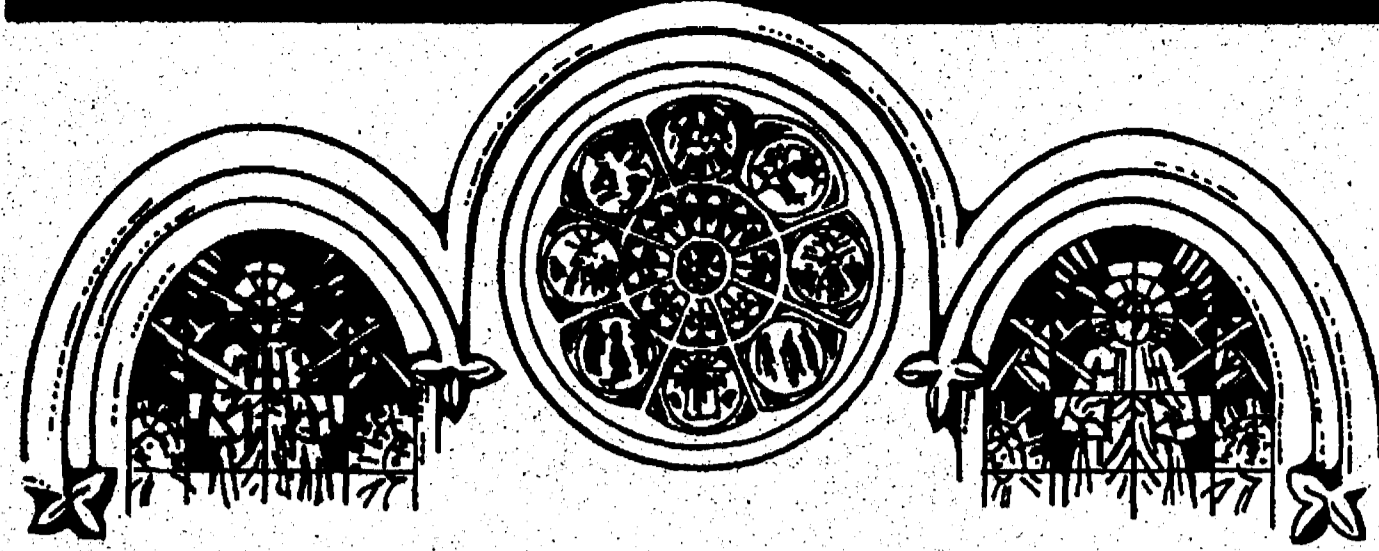
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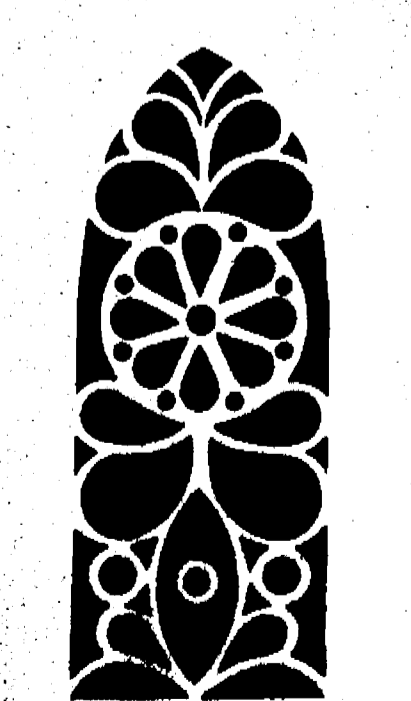
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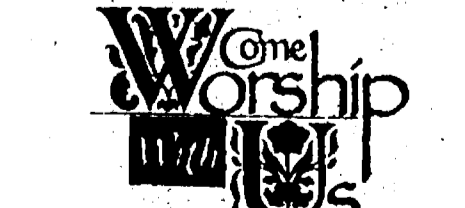
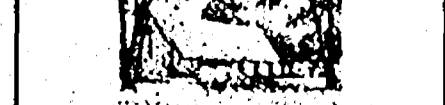
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RELIGION CALENDAR

Listings for the Religion Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

DOVE AWARDS The Rev. Dr. Mark Jensen, senior pastor at the North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills, Msgr. F. Gerald Martin, editor of The Michigan Catholic, and Rabbi Norman Roman of Temple Kol Ami in West Bloomfield will be honored at the 1998 Dove Award Dinner 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield, according to The Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies.

The Dove Award, established in 1994, recognizes outstanding religious leaders from the Jewish and Christian communities who exemplify the building of bridges between the two faiths.

This year we are honoring three individual clergy who have grasped the vision and made it real in their churches and synagogues," said the Rev. Dr. James Lyons, founder and executive director of the institute. "They not only have talked the talk, but they have walked the walk."

All three have been actively involved in the work of the institute, have invited different institute programs into their religious institutions and have been clear supportive friends."

SINGLE POINT Single Point Ministries' next installment of "Talk It Over" program will feature Linda Limbers Mitchell speaking about "Goal Setting" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, in Knox Hall. Indoor volleyball is offered at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Knox Hall. A \$1 donation is suggested to help maintain the equipment. For more information, call (734)

422-1854.

SUNDAY LESSONS "Unity in the Community" will be the lesson at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, 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.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. The topic will be "Christian Science and marriage and family life" on Jan. 25, "Does Christian Science do anything about the world's problems?" on Feb. 1, "What would a Christian Scientist do if he were in a serious accident?" on Feb. 8, "Why are you Christian Scientists always talking about healing?" on Feb. 15 and "How do Christian Scientists deal with financial concerns?" on Feb. 22.

"The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

DIVORCECARE 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.

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.

EXERCISE FUN The Merriman Road Baptist Church Fitness Bunch meets

8:15-7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The program consists of low-impact light aerobics, perfect for toning and shaping muscles. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-0472.

REDFORD CLERGY The Redford Clergy Association will have its monthly meeting Tuesday, Jan. 27, in the R.C.D. Center of Presbyterian Village of Redford, 17383 Garfield. Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m., followed by the meeting. Reservations can be made by calling Alexandra at (313) 541-6487.

SISTERHOOD The Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Following the meeting, there will be a guest speaker, Louis Schneider. The topic will be "Jewish Achievements." Guests are invited. Refreshments will be served.

ANNUAL CARD PARTY St. Richard's Women's Guild will have its annual card party at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, in the church social hall, 35851 Cherry Hill Road, Westland. Sloppy Joes, salad, beverage and dessert will be served. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the door, from a Guild member, or by calling Jan at (734) 721-5353.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization for divorced and separated Christians, will have a Together Dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Divine Providence Catholic Church, Nine Mile Road between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads. The charge will be \$8, including refreshments. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325. The group also meets on Sun-

days 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,

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CYO teens collect school kits for Africa

Catholic Youth Organization teens will collect health kits and school kits for elementary youth in Africa during their 16th annual youth conference at the Westin Hotel in Detroit Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 24-25.

Participants will bring more than 3,000 canvas bag kits, containing items like towels, combs, toothpaste, paper, scissors and pencils.

The bag is designed to also be a school bag for the children in Africa.

Workshops also are scheduled to discuss major issues such as

poverty, racism, drug abuse, relationships and peer pressure. The G.R.A.C.E. Theatre Company and CYO youth will present an original youth-inspired play, "Jesus in the Hood." The bilingual modernization of the life of Jesus Christ is a unique blend of inner city life and biblical story. The conference is completely planned and organized by teenagers from the CYO Youth Council, a leadership development group. In its 16th year, the conference has attracted more

than 12,000 teenagers since 1981.

CYO is a nonprofit human service agency serving the tri-county area of Southeastern Michigan since 1933, providing recreational, social, leadership, neighborhood development and innovative alternative activities for youth, adults and communities.

For more information about the conference, call Barbara Urbiel, director of program and public affairs, at (313) 963-9768.

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Holiday Inn hosts toy soldier show

Toy soldier and figure collectors will be headed for the Livonia Holiday Inn Sunday, Jan. 25, for the second annual Michigan Toy Soldier and Figure Show.

The show will feature more than 50 dealers from around the world, selling new and antique historical figures and toy soldiers. The show also will feature displays of old toy soldiers and hand-painted historical figures.

The show will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the hotel, Six Mile Road at I-275. Admission will be \$4, with children under age 12 free.

Interest in toy soldiers has increased this year with Christie's Auction of the Malcolm Forbes collection in December in New York and London.

The collection brought record prices and a gross of more than \$1 million and reports on the auction in the Wall Street Journal and New York Times also served to heighten interest in toy soldier collecting.

There are six major toy soldier

shows each year that typical, those shows feature old and new toy soldiers, historical miniatures and vehicles, civilian figures, history related books, prints, videos and memorabilia.

For more information, call the show sponsor, Michigan Toy Soldier and Figure Co. in Royal Oak, at (248) 686-1022.

Mothers Club holds social reunion

Calling all "CC Moms" ... past and present.

The Catholic Central Mothers Club will have their first annual social reunion Tuesday, Feb. 3, at Catholic Central High School, 14200 Breakfast, Redford.

The get-together will start with a social hour at 5:30 p.m.,

featuring wine, punch and hors d'oeuvres, guest speaker Denise Jenkins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner, "A Light Fare," at 7:30 p.m.

A CBS radio talk show host and comedian, Jenkins is an alumnus mother. Her son was a member of the Class of 1991.

Her topic will be "Soaring from the Empty Nest and/or Defying the Effects of Gravity."

Tickets cost \$15 each. Pre-paid reservations are required and can be made through Thursday, Jan. 29.

Send a check, payable to the

Catholic Central Mothers Club, to Vicki Turowski, 17441 Ellen, Livonia 48154. Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number and son's class.

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CLARIFICATION

An article that ran in last Thursday's Observer newspapers mistakenly indicated that Richard Chelekis of the Wayne County Department of Information Processing received a meritorious service award. He did not receive that award.

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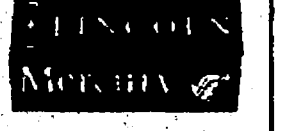
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Ocelot All-America

Schoolcraft College's Lisa Tolstedt, a freshman from Northville, was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association's All-America team.



Lisa Tolstedt All-American

The Lady Ocelots' leading scorer and most valuable player, the midfielder also served as a team captain.

The Ocelots finished 6-8-1 before being ousted in the Meramec (N.J.) in the NJCAA District G semifinals, 2-1 in double-overtime.

"Lisa's on-field leadership and assertive play were recognized by opposing teams and coaches in her selection," said Bill Tolstedt, her coach and father.

Other SC players honored by their teammates were Lisa DeShano (Livonia Franklin) as the top offensive player, and Dianna Dean and Anne Hokett (Franklin) as the top defensive players.

Collegiate notes

Michigan State University freshman pole vaulter Paul Terek (Livonia Franklin) set an indoor meet record in his varsity debut Saturday by clearing 16 feet, 9 1/4 inches Jan. 17 at the MSU Invitational.

Terek snapped a 30-year-old mark of 16-4 set by Roland Carter in 1968. Terek led a trio of Spartan freshmen who finished 1-2-3 at the meet.

Last June, Terek broke a state meet record for all classes by clearing 16-6 in the Class A finals.

"Paul is a very talented young man," MSU coach Darroll Gatson said. "We knew he had the talent to break the record — he was one of the top pole vaulters in the nation out of high school."

"It's only the beginning — he's going to jump higher."

Michigan State University freshman goalie Joe Blackburn (Livonia Churchill) earned his second win in his third start of the hockey season Friday as the host Spartans downed Alaska-Fairbanks, 6-1.

Blackburn stopped 15 shots and allowed just one goal in 51 minutes of playing time. He made several strong saves, including a short-handed breakaway for the Nanooks in the final period which earned him a standing ovation from the crowd.

The back-up to starter Chad Alban, Blackburn currently owns a 2-1 record (with his only loss a 1-0 defeat against Bowling Green), a 1.41 goals-against average and a .929 save percentage.

Army senior goaltender Daryl Chamberlain (Livonia Stevenson) made 14 of 15 saves in a 9-1 collegiate hockey win Jan. 10 over Villanova (Pa.). Chamberlain, who recorded his 48th career win, is just two behind Ron Chisholm (1962) for second place on Army's all-time list.

DSC skaters exhibition

Detroit Skating Club Presents an Exhibition of Champions, featuring U.S. National Championships Pairs bronzes medalists Danielle and Steve Hartsell of Westland, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday in Bloomfield Hills.

The event features Olympic, National and Sectional skaters.

Six of the 13-member USA Olympic skating team train at DSC.

All proceeds go back into club programs that benefit all skaters.

For more information, call Johnny Johns or Kathy Cook of Detroit Skating Club at (248) 332-3000.

District puck qualifier

The Livonia Hockey Association Pee Wee Penguins, sporting a 9-1-1 record, have qualified for the district tournament next month in Birmingham.

Members of the Penguins, who also finished runner-up to the Arbor Dominos in the Southgate Holiday Tournament with a 3-1 record, include: Steve Robinson, Lee Hoen, Wes Brehm, Tommy Wilson, Tom Johns, Matt Wisel, Jessie Seigmiller, Kevin Harkins, Andrew Hinkle, Paul Cote, Tim Day, Jeff Hollandsworth, Jason Kokonos and Mike Dugan.

Coaches include Kevin Gentry, Rick Leirstein, Matt Leirstein and Bob Hoen. The manager is Pam Dugan. The team is sponsored by Mr. B's Farms of Novi and Jostens.



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Block party: Livonia Ladywood's Mary Lu Hemme (right photo) and Jenny Lachapelle (top photo) each show their prowess at the net during Tuesday's Catholic League Central Division volleyball match against Farmington Hills Mercy. Ladywood has lost just one Catholic League match in six years.



The dominators

Ladywood topples rival Mercy again

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Ladywood athletic administration may want to consider hiring an interior decorator for the lobby outside of its gym soon.

The trophy case, packed with volleyball trophies from the school's storied success, may need an addition built on.

The Blazers took another step Tuesday to winning its seventh straight Catholic League title and claiming yet another trophy with a 15-10, 15-4 sweep over Farmington Hills Mercy.

Ladywood, now 28-5 overall and 7-0 in the league, demonstrated why it is the team to beat in the conference — a position Ed Moeller dreams about for the Marlins.

The first-year Mercy coach knows what it takes to emulate the Blazers.

"We're a very young team and we have to learn how to win," said Moeller, whose team slipped to 2-2 in the league.

"My goal is to make this a program like Ladywood's," he added. "We know the steps we have to take and we know that it will take a lot of determination and intensity. We're probably still a couple years away."

In the first game Tuesday, the Blazers quickly took command behind the serving of Katie Brogan. Ladywood jumped out to a 6-0 lead, but the Marlins wouldn't fold.

Back-to-back kills by Mary Gignac and Kaitlyn Jarzembowski got Mercy on the board. The Blazers were quick to flex their muscles, however, as

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Jenny Lachapelle and Mary Lu Hemme were able to spark a Ladywood rally which extended the lead to 9-3.

The Marlins were able to get the serve back and took advantage. With Erin Fitzgerald serving, Mercy reeled off four straight points — two coming on Gignac kills.

After the teams traded side-outs, Mercy took a 10-9 lead after a block and kill by Krista Kelly.

Ladywood called a timeout and quickly regrouped. Behind the powerful hitting of senior Sarah Poglits and junior Jenny Young, the Blazers put away Mercy with six unanswered points.

"Mercy was serving extremely tough and we had to make some adjustments with our service reception," Ladywood coach Tom Teeters said.

"We were trying to run a faster offense to set up single blockers," Teeters said. "I thought Mary Lu was doing a great job with the slide to set up some of those single blockers."

Young collected five of her six kills in the first game. Poglits, who was the team's leading hitter with a .857 average, also had six kills.

Young and Tracy DeWitt added four digs apiece for the Blazers. Lachapelle led the team with three digs, while Natalie Rozell served two aces and Brogan had 15 service receptions.

The second game was all Ladywood as the Blazers took command by build-

ing a quick 9-1 lead. Teeters inserted the second string who were able to put the game away.

The turning point of the second game was Ladywood's first point when Hemme made the dig of the night to set up a monster spike by Poglits.

"I'm happy with how we're playing as a team now, but there are some adjustments we still have to make," Teeter said.

One of those adjustments is in service reception where Teeters has switched the pattern with Hemme and Lachapelle. Changes to what lineup is on the floor at given times still need to be determined by Teeters.

It was a good-bad night for Moeller, who thought his team let down in the second game.

"We're stressing being scrappy, being competitive and leaving nothing on the floor," Moeller said. "I was pleased with our intensity in the first game, but we have to learn that you have to sustain that intensity and determination."

"We just don't have the horses they have. I thought we were flat in the second game and lost the eye of the tiger."

Leading the way for Mercy was Gignac with five kills; Kelly added four.

Krista (Kelly) was a big factor in the middle up front for us early but we stopped getting her the ball," Moeller said. "I thought our setters — Amy Miller and Shayla O'Mara — played great and Erin (Fitzgerald) played outstanding defense."

Shamrocks skate by Trenton, 3-2

PREP HOCKEY

said CC coach Gordie St. John. "Trenton's a very good team, certainly one of the strongest teams we've played."

The Shamrocks are 6-1-2 overall, 5-0-2 in the Michigan Metro Hockey Association. Trenton is 8-2 overall.

CC led 1-0 after one period and 2-1 through two.

Trenton tied the score at 2-2 only 42 seconds into the third period when Brian Hancock scored a power play goal, assisted by Kurt Garza and Derek Nykiel on the power play.

The Shamrocks scored the game winner at 6:21 of the third period when Eric Hawkins banged in a shot from the slot. Chris Morelli started the rush and passed the puck to Keith Rowe,

who found Hawkins in front of Trenton netminder K.C. Begemen.

"It was a nice pass, right out to him," St. John said. "Hawkins just beat him in front of the net and beat the goaltender. It was a beautiful play, a picture play."

Sophomore Ben Dunne, making his second straight start in net for the Shamrocks, withstood a late rally by the Trojans, who pulled Begemen for an extra attacker.

"Trenton rang some off our goal post, we had a couple opportunities on their end," St. John said.

Dunne sat out last semester after transferring. He stopped 24 shots. CC had 31 shots at Trenton's net.

"He's going to be very good," St. John said. "He's an honor student and this

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Triggerman Wallace lifts Pats to win vs. Spartans

BY BRAD EMMONS
STAFF WRITER

Eddie Wallace was an under-study last year on the Livonia Franklin boys basketball team.

But after growing a couple of inches during the off-season, coupled with hard work, the senior guard is taking stage in a lead role.

Wallace popped in a career-high 26 points to lift the Patriots to a 55-39 victory Tuesday at Livonia Stevenson.

Senior forward Jay Fontaine added 11 points for the Patriots and Dustin Kuras contributed eight.

Stevenson's top scorer was Mike Blazaitis with 12.

The win evened Franklin's overall record at 4-4, while Stevenson falls to 0-7.

Wallace, who moves well without the ball, knocked down nine of 11 shots from the field, including a pair of three-pointers. He also hit six of nine free throws.

"I'd say Eddie's been a pleasant surprise, but he's always been a gym rat and he's played a lot, always trying to improve his game," Franklin coach Dan Robinson said.

Wallace grew from 5 feet, 8 inches to 5-11 between his junior and senior years, which certainly has helped.

He has been Franklin's leading scorer in four of the eight games.

"I played a lot of basketball and I hit the gyms hard, wherever I'd could find a place to play, usually up at Schoolcraft (Community College)," Wallace said. "I went to a couple of summer camps and my dad (Ed) helped me in the backyard. He's about 6-3. I practiced hard at being stronger inside."

Wallace scored in a variety of ways.

He tallied nine points, including a rebound basket and two free throws, during the decisive fourth quarter as Franklin outscored the Spartans, 14-6.

"I'll take it inside when I have the chance, but if I have the shot outside, I'll shoot it," Wallace said. "Our post players set nice some picks for me both high and low, give them credit."

"And Nick (Mongeau) can play either position at guard. He does a good job at both. He does a good job of getting guys the ball."

Stevenson led 5-0 at the outset, but trailed 30-15 at intermission. The Spartans' downfall was five of 21 shooting from the field and 18 turnovers.

The Spartans played their best basketball in the third period, hitting eight of 13 shots from field. They narrowed the gap to 41-33 at the end of three quarters when sophomore point-guard Keshay McChristian beat the buzzer with a short jumper.

The fourth quarter, however, wasn't as kind as Stevenson went without a field goal until 15 seconds were left. Paul Bauer ended the drought by hitting a three-pointer.

"We're pressing a bit right now," Stevenson second-year coach Tim Newman said. "They want to win so badly, but sometimes they take too much upon themselves individually and don't stay with the game plan."

"Right now we're looking for five kids that will stick together and play hard. Tonight we didn't do enough offensively to make a run at them."

Newman, however, remained optimistic despite the loss.

"It's frustrating for the kids, too, because they don't want to be 0-7," he said. "But the kids are still working hard and they don't give up."

For the game, Stevenson shot 33 percent (14 of 42) and made seven of 11 free throws.

"We haven't shot the ball well enough to beat anybody yet," Newman said. "We're getting shots, but the shots aren't going

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday, Jan. 23
 Clarenceville at G.P. Liggett, 7 p.m.
 Luth. Wald at Luth. North, 7 p.m.
 Belleville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Southgate at Garden City, 7 p.m.
 Redford Union at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
 Annapolis at Thurston, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Salem at Farmington, 7 p.m.
 Harrison at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
 Franklin at Canton, 7:30 p.m.
 N. Farm. at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.
 Brother Rice at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
 Notre Dame at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
 Mt. Carmel at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.
 Roeper at Ply. Christian, 7:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley vs. Franklin Road at Marshall Jr. High, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 24
 Luth. Wald at Hamtramck, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Jan. 22
 Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 23
 Ply. Whalers at London, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 24
 Ply. Whalers vs. London at Computar Arena, 7:30 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Thursday, Jan. 22
 Redford CC at Riv. Richard, 8 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. Redford Union at Redford Ice Arena, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 23
 Churchill vs. Franklin at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24
 Redford CC vs. A.A. Pioneer at Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 7:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at Dearborn, 8 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 24
 Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
 Madonna at O.L. St. Mary's, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Thursday, Jan. 22
 Madonna at Siena Heights, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 23
 (UM-Dearborn Classic)
 Madonna vs. Central St., 6 p.m.
 UM-Dearborn vs. Indiana Tech, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 24
 Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
 (UM-Dearborn Classic)
 Madonna vs. Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.
 UM-Dearborn vs. Central St., 3 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Jan. 22
 Huron Valley vs. Warren Zoe at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.
 St. Agatha at Benedictine, 7 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Luth. N. West, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 23
 W. Wayne at Agape, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 24
 East Kentwood Tournament, TBA.
 Saginaw Valley Tournament, TBA.
 TBA — times to be announced.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Twin towers star for C'ville

The Berry sisters, the 6-foot tandem of Michelle and Melissa, combined for 11 kills Saturday and two solo blocks as Livonia Clarenceville pounded out a 15-4, 15-10 Metro Conference volleyball win at Harper Woods Lutheran East.

Clarenceville is now 9-5-1 overall and 2-0 in the Metro. Jackie Kibilko, who as a defensive standout with 22 digs, continued her fine all-around play with some well-place hits.

Setter Christina Skrela had 13 assists, while Joanna Skrela was the team's top server with three aces. Kristin Jaber and Agnieszka Palarz added two and one ace, respectively.

"The talent is there, we just have to develop that attitude to perfect our performance," Clarenceville coach Alisha Love said.

Chargers block North
 Livonia Churchill opened Western Lakes Activities Association play with a 15-8, 15-13 win Monday over visiting North Farmington.

Right-side hitter Jessica Sherman had four kills in the second game to help propel Churchill back from a 13-8 deficit.

Setter Jessica MacKay also served four points during the rally.

Jenny Laidlaw, Lauren Ruprecht, Lisa Fabirkiewicz and Luba Steca each registered three kills in the first game as the Chargers improved to 4-4-4 overall.

Blazers runner-up
 Livonia Ladywood had a very good weekend tournament at Comstock — except for Portage Central.

Portage Central defeated Ladywood twice Saturday to put the Blazers in second place in the tournament.

Ladywood defeated Kalamazoo Loy Norrix (15-4, 15-6), Vicksburg (15-12, 15-6) and Hanover-Horton (15-9, 15-7) before running into Portage Central the first time.

The Mustangs defeated the Blazers, 16-14, 8-15, 15-10.

Ladywood rebounded to trim Loy Norrix (15-7, 15-3) and Hanover-Horton (15-1, 15-9) to earn a rematch with Portage Central in the tournament finals.

The Mustangs won again, losing the first game, 15-8, before taking the next two by 15-10 counts. The Blazers are now 25-5.

Jenny Young had 68 of Ladywood's 171 kills in the tournament while Sarah Poglits had 45 with only six errors.

Poglits had 13 of her team's 44 service aces in the tournament while Katie Brogan and MaryLu Hemme each had 67 service receptions.

Poglits had 232 sets while Jenny Lachapelle had 44 digs, Hemme 39, Brogan 35, and Young 34.

ROUNDUP

Stevenson breezes
 Livonia Stevenson drilled Walled Lake Western, 15-1, 15-6, Monday to improve to 21-3-1 overall and win its third Western Lakes Activities Association game in as many tries.

Kale LeBlanc led the visiting Spartans with six kills and Stephanie Dulz added five. Lindsey Pfeifer had three kills, served three aces and had eight digs.

Kristi Copi also had three kills, as did Irena Bicankova, who seven assists. Sarah Witrock had nine assists and Becky Peterson had three digs.

Saturday at the Wyane Invitational, Stevenson won three matches before losing to Battle Creek Central in the semifinals, 15-1, 8-15, 15-13.

"Against Battle Creek Central we got caught sleeping," coach Kelly Graham of Stevenson said. "We were playing that way all day long."

"We were blown away the first game then we woke up. We led in the third game but our serve receive killed us."

The Spartans defeated Belleville (15-1, 15-4), Dearborn Edsel Ford (15-6, 15-11), Westland John Glenn (15-2, 15-9) and Dearborn Heights Crestwood (15-3, 15-2) before running into the Bearcats in the finals.

Dulz had 31 kills, nine aces and five solo blocks in the tournament. LeBlanc had 27 kills and eight solo blocks.

Pfeifer had 18 kills and served seven aces, making good on all but one of her 40 serves. Witrock had 31 assists and missed only four of 46 serves.

Bicankova recorded 21 assists, had 16 kills and served six aces while Copi had 23 digs and Peterson was 14-for-16 on serves with two aces.

Rocks oust Patriots
 For the second time in just four days, Livonia Franklin had to contend with state-ranked Plymouth Salem.

The Patriots put up a better fight, but lost Saturday to the host Rocks in the semifinals of the Salem Invitational, 15-9, 15-7.

Franklin is now 8-5-4 overall. Salem went on to win the tournament with a victory over Novi in the finals.

"It was by far our best team effort of the year," Franklin coach Ann Hutchins said of the Salem match. "We just need a higher level of performance throughout the day. We needed to play harder against Novi."

In pool play, Franklin finished 2-1-1, defeating Farmington Hills Harrison (15-11, 15-4), Farmington (15-2, 15-2), splitting with Plymouth Canton (10-15, 15-9); and losing to Novi (13-15, 14-16).

Brooke Hensman was Franklin's top attacker on the day with 23 kills. She also had nine blocks.

Other top performers included Andrea Kmet, who had 14 kills, 16 blocks and 43 digs; Tera Morrill, 15 kills and 16 aces; Sarah Gush, 15 kills and 28 digs; setter Lyndsay Sopko, 43 assists and five blocks; setter Lindsay Duprey, 20 assists and five aces.

Senior Jamie Wensing also gave Franklin a lift with eight-for-eight serving and six digs against Salem.

Wayne stops Tractors
 Middle hitters Beth Molitor and Kristin Kehrer stood out Monday for Wayne Memorial in a 15-4, 15-9 Mega Conference-White Division victory over visiting Dearborn Fordson.

Wayne is 4-6-3 overall and 2-1 in the Mega-White.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL REPORT

Fighting Crusaders snap 13-game losing skid, 71-57

A plodding first half was replaced by a high energy second, enabling Madonna University's men's basketball team to end its 13-game losing streak with a 71-57 triumph over the host Concordia College Cardinals Saturday.

Madonna improved to 2-17 overall, 1-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Concordia slipped to 4-18 overall, 0-3 in the league.

Three Crusaders combined for the bulk of the points for the Crusaders, as they overcame a 14-point first-half deficit to pull to within six (29-23) by halftime.

Mark Hayes led Madonna with 19 points and five assists. Jason Maschke (from Livonia Franklin) added 15 points, and Chad Putnam (Redford Thurston) scored 10. Led by Narvin Russaw's nine, the Crusaders had a 38-29 advantage in rebounding.

Concordia got 21 points and five assists from Kareem Hairston, and 11 points and 13 rebounds from Joe Jones.

SCHOOLCRAFT 111, WAYNE COUNTY CC 75: Four Ocelots reached double figures in scoring Saturday to lead Schoolcraft College to an easy victory over visiting Wayne County Community College.

MEN'S ROUNDUP

SC Improved to 17-3 overall, 8-0 in the Eastern Conference.

Wayne County is 1-13 overall, 1-3 in the conference.

The Ocelots' Kevin Melson worked his way inside to score 35 points and grab 13 rebounds. Derek McKelvey added 29 points, including five three-pointers, while Emeka Okwonko and Dan Gomez contributed 15 points apiece.

Pete Males (Garden City) chipped in with eight points and seven assists.

Wayne was led by Benny Theriot's 23 points. Brandon Phillips contributed 19.

SC led at the half, but only by a 42-40 margin.

Better second-half rebounding, thanks in large part to Gomez (he hauled down eight boards) and getting out to push the ball up the floor helped the Ocelots outscore Wayne 69-35 over the last 20 minutes. Okwonko chipped in with seven rebounds and eight assists.

Mott CC's loss to Henry Ford CC Saturday, combined with SC's win, means the Ocelots are unbeaten and atop the conference standings. They play Mott at 3 p.m. Saturday at home.

Concordia puts up tough fight, but Madonna earns 65-63 win

For the first 36 minutes of Saturday's women's basketball game between visiting Madonna University and Concordia College, it was a struggle.

But it was nothing compared to the last three minutes, which saw the Lady Crusaders almost blow a nine-point lead before Chris Dietrich's layup at the buzzer saved them, 65-63.

The win pushed Madonna to 12-6 overall, 3-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Concordia is 10-8 overall, 0-3 in the WHAC.

The Lady Crusaders led 54-52 with seven minutes left, but a 9-2 run over the next four minutes gave them their biggest lead of the game.

With 3:02 remaining, Katie Cushman's three-pointer put Madonna ahead, 63-54. No problem from then on, right?

Wrong. The ceiling started to give way until, with nine seconds

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left, Concordia's Kristy Bilbie knocked down two free throws to tie it at 63-61. Amy Wilson had two baskets and Beth Arends nailed a three-pointer in the 9-0 Cardinal run.

Fortunately, the Crusaders still had time, and they still had Dietrich, who was named WHAC player of the week for her two-game performance. She scored a team-best 17 points against Concordia, with five rebounds and four steals.

On a night when Madonna leading scorer Katie Cushman's shooting touch was missing (she was 1-for-10 and was held to five points), other Crusaders had to step up — and, led by Dietrich, they did.

Dawn Pelc totaled 13 points and grabbed a team-high nine rebounds, Mary Murray scored

11 and Angie Negri collected 10 points and dished out six assists.

Concordia was paced by Bilbie's 21 points, 11 rebounds and seven blocked shots; Wilson's 17 points; and Arends' 15 points and four assists.

Turnovers proved to be the difference in the game. Madonna made 12 while forcing Concordia into making 20.

NOTES: Dietrich, a sophomore guard from Newport, garnered the WHAC weekly honors after averaging 16.5 points and five rebounds a game in Madonna's wins over Spring Arbor and Concordia last week. Dietrich is second among the Crusaders (to Cushman) and sixth in the WHAC in scoring with a 13.9 average.

Schoolcraft College's women's team ran its Eastern Conference record to 5-1 with a forfeit win over Wayne County CC Saturday. The Lady Ocelots are 9-7 overall.

Unbeaten Milford nips Chargers

Livonia Churchill came within a whisker of posting an upset win Tuesday, but Milford's Justin Williams sank a pair of free throws with eight seconds remaining to lift the host Redskins to a 45-43 non-league boys basketball triumph.

The Chargers (2-6 overall) tied the game at 43 with about 40 seconds left on the clock.

Milford (8-0) ran its offense patiently and hoped for a Churchill breakdown.

Churchill hung tough until Williams took the ball and drove the lane with the clock running out. The Chargers were called for a blocking foul, which sent Williams to the free throw line.

Churchill had a chance to tie the game back up, but failed to get a good shot in the final eight seconds.

Coach Rick Austin said it was a tough defeat to take, but his team is playing good basketball.

"Things are coming along for us," he commented. "We're maturing. It's just a matter of time before we put it together."

George Kithas scored 14 points to lead Churchill. Justin Jakes had 10 points, and Corey Cook added six.

Milford was led by Ted Falkner's nine points.

In other games Tuesday:

JOHN GLENN 74, HOWELL 50: Playing at home, Westland John Glenn took its fourth straight victory in a non-conference game with the Highlanders.

The Rockets (5-3) fell behind 13-11 after one quarter, but rallied in the second to take a 24-20 halftime lead. Glenn made the game a rout in the fourth quarter by outscoring Howell (4-3) by 15.

Junior guard Stephan Lawson scored 17 points to lead Glenn. Ty Haygood finished with 16 points and Eric Jones added 11.

Junior center Eric Keppen had 20 points for Howell, while Eric Walters added 16.

WAYNE 63, DEARBORN 56: The Zebras moved above the .500 mark by taking a tough win over Dearborn at home Tuesday night.

Ahead 27-25 at halftime, Wayne appeared to put the

BOYS BASKETBALL

game out of reach in the third quarter by adding 12 points to its lead. Dearborn (6-3) rallied in the final frame, but fell short by seven.

Wayne (5-4) was paced by senior guard Reddick Borkins, who finished with 14 points. Shane Nowak scored 13 and Brian Williams added 11 points.

For Dearborn, Jason Herrick led the way with 17 points. Colin Wilkinson and Colin O'Donnell each had 11 points.

LUTHERAN EAST 68, CLARENCEVILLE 65: Albert Deljosevic fell one second short of leading Livonia Clarenceville to another victory and setting a career-high total Tuesday.

But Deljosevic's three-pointer swished through just after the buzzer went off, as visiting Harper Woods Lutheran East escaped with the win.

Deljosevic matched his career-high of 32 points, but it wasn't enough as the Trojans received the Metro Conference loss.

Deljosevic followed his 22-point performance in Friday's 55-44 victory over Macomb Lutheran North with one of his most productive performances of his career.

Justin Villanueva also had a strong game, netting 23 points and grabbing 12 rebounds.

The Trojans enjoyed their biggest lead of the game at 32-27 at halftime, but were trailing by one entering the fourth quarter.

Junior guard Dorian Crawford's 22 points led East (5-6 overall, 4-3 in the league).

The Trojans slipped to 3-4 overall and 1-4 in the Metro.

MT. CARMEL 59, HURON VALLEY 47: Senior forward Enrique Cerda poured in 19 points and senior guard Jason Cox added 17 on Tuesday, leading host Wyandotte Mount Carmel (4-4 overall) to the non-league victory over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-7 overall).

Jeremy Zahn scored 12 points in a losing cause.

Pats prevail from page C1

down." Meanwhile, Franklin connected on 20 of 42 attempts from the floor (47.6 percent). They were only slightly better at the free throw line — 15 of 29 (51.7 percent).

Franklin's top returning scorer from a year ago, Nick Mongeau, played a steady floor game, but was limited to an uncharacteristic two points.

"Nick gets us into our offense, but we need to get

him more shots because he's our best shooter," Robinson said. "Of all the players on our team, he understands the most what needs to be done."

"But offensively we need a lot more coordinated movement."

Wallace, however, was Franklin's saving grace on this night and was good enough to get the Patriots a win, which was considered a non-leaguer despite being in the Western Lakes.

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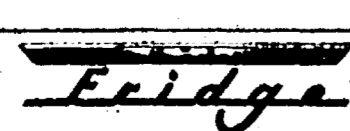
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Speed to burn at Salem meet

The Rock Invitational boys swim meet showcased five state-ranked teams Saturday at Plymouth Salem High School and the competitors didn't disappoint the stop watches.

Ann Arbor Pioneer came away with the team title with 299 points followed by Plymouth Salem (248.5), Livonia Stevenson (186), Plymouth Canton (143), Birmingham Groves (139.5) and Birmingham Seaholm (130).

Team depth was a big factor in the final outcome as four heats in each of the 12 events were scored.

And the A Heats featured some eye-opening clockings.

"A lot of these times would already place at the state meet," Stevenson coach Doug Buckler said. "It was a good day."

Ray Cubberly led Pioneer with firsts in the 200-yard freestyle (1:44.82) and 500 freestyle (4:42.36). At last year's state Class A meet, Cubberly was third in both events with times of 1:42.65 and 4:37.42, respec-

tively. Diver Andrew Sivulka, a state runner-up a year ago, won with a total of 462.95 points.

Seaholm's Bill Sargent clocked a 46.93 in the 100 freestyle and a 53.08 in the 100 backstroke. Last year in the state finals, Sargent finished fifth in the 50 freestyle (21.56) and third in the 100 backstroke (51.48).

Teammate David Wilson captured the 200 individual medley (1:58.85) and 100 backstroke (1:00.24). He was eighth last year in the 200 IM (1:57.57) and 100 breaststroke (1:00.04).

Stevenson's lone A Heat winner was Steve Domin in the 100 butterfly (53.36), bettering last year's 10th place finish time of 53.45 at the state meet.

Groves' Joel Wallace took the 50 freestyle in 22.04. He was sixth in Class A a year ago in 21.82.

In Heat B, Stevenson had two winners — Mark Sgriccia in the 100 butterfly (54.51) and Mike Malik in the 200 IM (2:09.04). See statistical summary.

Rockets finish 4th

Westland John Glenn took fourth out of eight teams in the Saturday's Walled Lake Invitational held at Western High School.

South Lyon took the team title with 295 points followed by Berkley (250), Walled Lake (234), Glenn (187), Adrian (146), Livonia Franklin (139), Dearborn Edsel Ford (79) and Ferndale (47).

Glenn senior Ryan Zoumaris won a pair of events — 50 freestyle (23.79) and 100 breaststroke (1:04.65). Teammate James McPartlin, a junior, added a first in the 100 butterfly (56.64) and a second in the 200 IM (2:07.44).

Diver Jeff Phillips was third (208.85 points).

Franklin's top finisher was Jody Gomez in the 100 breaststroke, who took a second in 1:05.69. Teammate Chris Supplee added a third in the 100 freestyle (54.83).

ROCK INVITATIONAL & DUAL BOYS SWIM MEET RESULTS

Following is a list of Outstanding boys' and girls' swimmers and their times. Check the box report for more details. O'Neers by calling (313) 586-5245 or e-mailing the information to (313) 581-7279.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 1:40.62
Plymouth Salem 1:43.04
Plymouth Canton 1:44.82
North Farmington 1:48.23
Farmington Harrison 1:50.27

200 FREESTYLE

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:45.45
Nick Corden (Salem) 1:49.39
Ryan Mackline (Redford CC) 1:52.66
Jason Musson (Canton) 1:53.36
Brent Mellis (Salem) 1:53.37
Pete Boeler (Farmington) 1:54.50
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 1:55.18
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:56.24
Ryan Zoumaris (John Glenn) 1:57.03
Rob Sheroda (Churchill) 1:58.95

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.73
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 2:01.67
Brandon Mellis (Salem) 2:05.73
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:06.18
Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:07.36
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:07.44
Nick Corden (Salem) 2:07.49
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:09.04
Brian Mertens (Salem) 2:11.51
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:11.92

50 FREESTYLE

Steve Domin (Stevenson) 22.11
Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.55
Jacob Varty (Stevenson) 23.21
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 23.29
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 23.36
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 23.70
Ryan Zoumaris (John Glenn) 23.79
Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 23.83
Matt Walker (Harrison) 24.00
Bill Randall (Churchill) 24.26

DIVING

Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 232.35
Chris Cameron (Salem) 223.00
John Lowry (Farmington) 221.0
Jeff Phillips (John Glenn) 220.35
J.T. Svoke (Harrison) 218.40
Mike Behvitch (Salem) 189.40
Dave Sutton (Redford Union) 183.60
Mike Dzinkowski (Franklin) 172.10
Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 156.00
Mike Mattis (Redford CC) 152.85

100 BUTTERFLY

Steve Domin (Stevenson) 53.36
Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 54.51
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 55.34
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 55.58
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 56.54

100 FREESTYLE

Paul Porec (Salem) 56.86
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 56.96
Steve Domin (Salem) 56.96
Mike Mattis (Redford CC) 58.45
Tim Buchanan (Stevenson) 59.34

100 BACKSTROKE

Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 55.23
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 56.03
Nick Corden (Salem) 56.17
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 56.61
Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 57.23
Brandon Reeder (Canton) 58.74
Aaron Hopper (Farmington) 58.85
Joah Dury (Harrison) 58.91
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 59.39

100 BREASTSTROKE

Ryan Zoumaris (John Glenn) 1:04.05
Matt Walker (Harrison) 1:04.77
Joey Gomez (Franklin) 1:04.87
Matt Heiss (Canton) 1:06.27
Paul Connolly (Redford CC) 1:07.00
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:07.31
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:07.82
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:08.15
Jason Reberchik (Salem) 1:08.60
Paul Garabelli (Redford CC) 1:09.08

400-FREESTYLE RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 3:21.07
Plymouth Salem 3:23.52
Redford Catholic Central 3:30.09
North Farmington 3:33.32
Plymouth Canton 3:34.18

Plymouth Whalers win twice

OHL HOCKEY

Three first-period goals propelled the Plymouth Whalers Sunday along the road they now find themselves — heading toward closure.

Those three early goals, two by Julian Smith, were enough to carry the Whalers to a 4-2 victory over the visiting Windsor Spitfires. Combined with Saturday's 5-0 shutout of Sudbury, the Whalers improved to 24-14-3 in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division, good for 51 points and third place.

That placing could change in a hurry. One thing the Whalers trail the rest of the league in is game's played. London, which leads the West with 57 points, has also played three more games than Plymouth. Second-place Sarnia (52 points) has played four more games.

In Sunday's win over Windsor, Plymouth scored three times in the first in a five-minute span. Kevin Holdridge sandwiched a goal between the two by Smith, his second a short-handed marker.

Andrew Taylor capped the Whaler scoring with a goal early in the final period. Robert Esche made 27 stops in goal for Plymouth.

Windsor fell to the bottom of the West with a 15-29-1 record.

The Whalers didn't start quite as quickly Saturday against Sudbury at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. Paul Mara's power-play goal late in the first period allowed them to leave the ice leading 1-0.

Yuri Babenko made it 2-0 early in the second period; Babenko also had two assists in the game. Smith and Nick Teslios also scored in the second period, increasing the Whaler lead to 4-0.

Eric Gooldy netted a goal in the third period to end the scoring. David Legwand picked up a pair of assists for Detroit.

ROCK INVITATIONAL & DUAL BOYS SWIM MEET RESULTS

ROCK INVITATIONAL BOYS SWIM MEET

Jan. 17 at Plymouth Salem

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 299 points; 2. Plymouth Salem, 248.5; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 186; 4. Plymouth Canton, 143; 5. Birmingham Groves, 139.5; 6. Birmingham Seaholm, 130.

A HEAT INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Groves, 1:39.29; 2. Seaholm, 1:39.68; 3. Stevenson (Joe Bublitz, Keith Falk, Mark Sgriccia, Steve Domin), 1:40.62.

200 freestyle: 1. Ray Cubberly (AAP), 1:44.82; 2. Keith Falk (LS), 1:45.45; 3. Tim Buchanan (PS), 1:50.3.

200 individual medley: 1. Dave Wilson (BS), 1:58.85; 2. Brent Mellis (PS), 2:05.34; 3. Ben Callam (AAP), 2:05.7.

50 freestyle: 1. Joel Wallace (BG), 22.04; 2. Steve Domin (LS), 22.11; 3. Leis Drake (AAP), 22.27.

Diving: 1. Andrew Sivulka (AAP), 462.95 points (11 dives); 2. Chris Cameron (PS), 323.55; 3. Aaron Waldman (BG), 268.15.

100 butterfly: 1. Steve Domin (LS), 53.36; 2. Jm Kanak (BG), 55.01; 3. Tim Buchanan (PS), 55.37.

100 freestyle: 1. Bill Sargent (BS), 46.93; 2. Joel Wallace (BG), 47.89; 3. Nick Corden (PS), 48.47.

500 freestyle: 1. Ray Cubberly (AAP), 4:42.36; 2. Brian Mertens (PS), 5:07.99; 3. Mike Malik (LS), 5:13.05.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Seaholm, 1:29.98; 2. Salem, 1:30.48; 3. Groves, 1:30.84.

100 backstroke: 1. Bill Sargent (BS), 53.08; 2. Joe Bublitz (LS), 57.31; 3. Nick Corden (PS), 57.55.

100 breaststroke: 1. Dave Wilson (BS), 1:00.24; 2. Jlm Kanak (BG), 1:02.91; 3. Matt Heiss (PC), 1:07.13.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer, 3:17.57; 2. Salem (Andy Locke, Nick Corden, Tim Buchanan, Brent Mellis), 3:20.98; 3. Stevenson (Steve Domin, Joe Bublitz, Mark Sgriccia, Keith Falk), 3:21.07.

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Jan. 20 at Dexter

200-yard medley relay: Stevenson (Joe Bublitz, Kevin Van Tiem, Mark Sgriccia, Jacob Varty), 1:44.36; **200 individual medley:** Keith Falk (LS), 2:02.49; **50 freestyle:** Steve Domin (LS), 22.69; **100 butterfly:** Sgriccia (LS), 54.64; **100 freestyle:** Domin (LS),

50.71; **500 freestyle:** Falk (LS), 4:52.66; **200 freestyle relay:** Stevenson (Domin, Varty, Falk, Pat Rodeymer), 1:34.36; **100 backstroke:** Bublitz (LS), 56.61; **400 freestyle relay:** Stevenson (Domin, Bublitz, Sgriccia, Falk), 3:29.75.

Stevenson's overall dual meet record: 3-0.

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 82 HARPER WOODS NOTRE DAME 20

Jan. 20 at Farm. Hills Mercy

200 medley relay: Redford CC (Nick Sosnowski, Paul Connolly, Matt Tobkin, John LaRussa), 1:47.72; **200 freestyle:** Matt Baran (CO), 1:52.31; **200 individual medley:** Ed Lesnau (CC), 2:23.32; **50 freestyle:** LaRussa (RCC), 25.21; **100 butterfly:** Mike Ginger (CC), 1:06.44; **500 freestyle:** Matt Miller (CC), 5:29.37; **200 freestyle relay:** Redford CC (Nick Sosnowski, Paul Garabelli, John LaRussa, Erik Ruselowski), 1:41.07; **100 breaststroke:** Dennis Sugrue (CC), 1:09.17; **400 freestyle relay:** Redford CC (Nick Sosnowski, Josh Markou, Erik Ruselowski, Paul Garabelli), 3:37.64.

CC's record: 2-1 overall, 1-0 in the Catholic League Central Division.

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SUBURBAN HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY STANDINGS

SUBURBAN HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (as of Jan. 17)

SOUTH DIVISION: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 9-0-0/18; 2. Livonia Churchill, 5-1-2; 3. (tie) Dearborn, 3-2-1; Walled Lake Central, 3-3-1; 5. (tie) Livonia Franklin, 2-3-1; Walled Lake Western, 2-5-1; 7. Northville, 2-7-0/4; 8. Redford Union, 1-7-0.

Overall records: Stevenson, 10-3-1; Churchill, 7-3-3; Dearborn, 6-5-1; Franklin, 6-4-1; Western, 7-6-1; Northville, 5-6-0; Central, 5-7-2; RU, 3-11-0.

Leading scorers: 1. Darin Fawkes (Stevenson), 6 goals-11 assists/17 points; 2. Ryan Sinks

(Stevenson), 8-8/16; 3. Jeff Lang (Stevenson), 8-7-15; 4. (tie) Matt York (Dearborn), 9-5/14; John May (Stevenson), 8-6/14; 6. Justin Robinson (Western), 8-5/13; 7. (tie) John Savickis (Dearborn), 6-6/12; Brandon Martola (Churchill), 5-7/12; Mike Walsh (Stevenson), 4-8/12; 10. (tie) Willie Wilson (Stevenson), 6-5/11; Bill Marshall (Stevenson), 4-7/11.

Leading goalies: 1. Chris McComb (Stevenson), 7 goals against/1.1 average; 2. Greg Siwka (Churchill), 13/2.26; 3. Justin Yanalunas (Central), 19/2.48; 4. Rex Trott (Western), 19/3.27; 5. Don Strauch (Northville), 18/3.38; 6. Matt

Raschke (Dearborn), 21/3.50; 7. Phil Brady 16/3.56; 8. Mike O'Keefe (RU), 26/3.89.

NORTH DIVISION: 1. (tie) Royal Oak and Clarkston, 7-1-0/14 each; 3. Birmingham, 6-1-0/12; 4. Waterford Mott, 5-4-0/10; 5. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 4-3-1/9; 6. Waterford Kettering, 3-7-1/7; 7. Troy, 3-4-0/6; 8. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 2-5-0/4; 9. Southfield, 0-8-0/0.

Overall records: Royal Oak, 9-1-0; Clarkston, 7-2-1; Birmingham, 7-5; Troy, 6-4-1; Andover, 6-6-1; Mott, 6-7-1; Lahser, 3-7-0; Kettering, 3-9-2; Southfield, 0-9-0.

GARDEN CITY NOVICE WRESTLING MEET RESULTS

GARDEN CITY NOVICE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT
Jan. 17 at Garden City

SOPHOMORE TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Walled Lake Western, 147.5; 2. Melvindale, 124; 3. Garden City, 119; 4. Novi, 103; 5. John Glenn, 90; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 85.5; 7. Annapolis, 85; 8. Farmington, 75; 9. Plymouth Salem, 73; 10. Northville, 69; 11. Churchill, 64.5; 12. Trenton, 62; 13. Walled Lake Central, 44; 14. Redford Thurston, 39; 15. Berkley, 33; 16. Wayne Memorial, 30; 17. Livonia Franklin, 28; 18. Belleville, 24; 19. Dearborn Fordson, 19; 20. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 18; 21. North Farmington, 16; 22. Grosse Ile, 15; 23. Dearborn Divine Child, 13; 24. Dearborn, 6; 25. Birmingham Brother Rice, 3.5; 26. Monroe Jefferson, 3; 27. (tie) Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Plymouth Canton and Redford Union, 0 each.

(WLW), 18-1; third: Dan Miller (Mel) p. Greg Eizens (PS), 2:21; fourth: Nick Powell (GC) p. Steve Brown (LC), 2:17.

152: Joe Weatherly (WLW) dec. J.D. Ziarkowski (WLC), 13-3; third: Eric Greene (PS) p. Ambrose Steffey (Tren), 1:15; fourth: Kelly Davis (Ann) p. Mark Ostach (Farm), 2:15.

160: Mike Redley (LS) dec. Eric Toska (LF), 6-5 (overtime); third: McGuckin (Novi) won by injury default over Eric Swanson (WLW); fourth: Dan Blaharski (Bell) dec. John Rekoumis (NV), 6-2.

171: Ben Lukas (Farm) p. Josh Parkey (Novi), 2:06; third: Waleed Haddad (LS) p. Ryan Main (RT), 2:57; fourth: Ryan Ratway (UG) pinned Bryan Tran (NV), 2:49.

189: Matt Martinez (Mel) p. Carl Primmore (Farm), 4:15; third: Dickason (GI) dec. Scott McIsaac (GI); fourth: Kyle Domagala (Farm) p. Tom Endlein (WLW), 2:24.

218: Tharp (JG) p. Rutherford (WLW), 0:54; third: Metes (Ann) p. Fingerfoot (BerK), 2:40; fourth: Harper (DC) p. Thomas (WR), 3:28.

MVP: W. Munassar, 112 (Melvindale).

225: Lee (Bell) dec. Stead (Novi), 4-2 (overtime); third: Stagle (Tren) p. Nomura (RT), 1:00; fourth: Fedorovich (Novi) p. Bacon (MJ), 4:05.

238: Zelenka (GC) p. McKinnon (NV), 2:32; third: Kaufman (Novi) dec. Casey Semland (GC), 1:14; fourth: Curtis Jones (MJ) dec. Chris Wolfgang (JG), 3-2.

240: S. Simola (Bell) dec. A. Kharbush (LS), 6-0; third: K. Zajak (GI) p. B. Rupp (LF), 4:20; fourth: J. Pawlak (Farm) p. J. Stegall (NV), 4:15.

248: Jaroslewski (Tren) p. Hotvedt (Ann), 1:10; third: Reiter (WLW) pinned Utvin (RT), 1:30; fourth: Tim Gaston (LS) dec. Dave Crook (MJ), 6-6 (overtime).

252: Jacob Wilkenson (Bell) p. Craig Medos (GC), 2:32; third: Matt Cassatt (RU) p. Pat Clark (WLC), 1:29; fourth: George Blabik (RT) p. Greg Gabriela (JG), 3-0.

260: Kelly (RU) dec. Shihaden (GI), 4-0; third: Anolich (NV) p. Kalanik (Ann), 4:29; fourth: Naem (Dear) dec. Carr (NV), 6-2.

173: Nick Sloan (Novi) p. Brandon Kaploe (NF), 1:15; third: Rob Wimp (RU) p. Dan White (Tren), 1:25; fourth: Joe Rumbley (NV) p. Mike Narnet (Novi), 4:21.

189: Jason Johnson (Bell) p. Ed Sawicky (Tren), 1:20; third: Leo Alvarez (GC) dec. Brandon Bueter (NV), 6-3; fourth: Cas Wada (Novi) p. Matt Storni (Don), 2:39.

218: Rays (PS) p. Hodge (Ann), 0:21; third: Childress (MJ) p. Tranchida (Farm), 1:28; fourth: Robert Moreau (LS) dec. Martin Altounian (LC), 21-5.

MVP: S. Mahabir, 103 (Annapolis).

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

275 pounds: Moore (Novi) pinned Thaji (Ford), 1:58; third place: Amen (Ford) p. Thaji (Ford), 0:15; fifth place: Lindsay (WLC) p. Ochmanek (DC), 3:45.

103: Pat Sayn (GC) decisioned Josh Gunterman (LS), 6-0; third: Brent Frey (Novi) dec. Ronnie Thompson (PS), 15-7; fifth: Elstone (LC) dec. Carter (NV), 5-3.

112: Munassar (Mel) p. Kassabri (WM), 1:11; third: Zoccolli (GC) defeated Purden (JG) on injury default; fourth: Lee (WLW) p. McClellan (WM), 1:20.

119: Berry (Mel) dec. Albrecht (JG), 5-2; third: Redmond (Tren) dec. Reed (GC), 8-2; fourth: Wales (Ann) p. Jasko (WLW), 4:20.

125: Jimmy Burnett (Mel) dec. Ben Ekoia (BerK), 13-3; third: Lorin Lubin (NF) dec. Eric McMichael (JG), 11-6; fifth: Tom Stimmel (NV) dec. Dendinos (PS), 2:1.

130: Ryan Atwood (GC) p. Will Orr (Tren), 3:18; third: C. Rasch (WLW) dec. Jadallah (Ford), 11-10; fifth: Scott Taylor (NV) p. Robert Barksdale (Novi), 3:33.

135: Mike Falzon (LS) dec. Jeff Usher (RT), 4-1; third: Ryan Downing (NV) won by default over Chris Jones (PS); fifth: Tom Mahon (Farm) dec. Pat Flingi (Dbn), 6-4.

140: Josh Fee (GC) dec. J. Atchley (Ann), 11-0; third: M. Luschas (Novi) p. J. Meston (Bell), 3:45; fifth: N. Lincoln (WLW) p. R. Cannon (LC), 0:26.

145: Mike Carter (LC) dec. Justin Aldea

FRESHMAN TEAM STANDINGS:

1. Belleville, 141 points; 2. Trenton, 134; 3. Novi, 118; 4. Garden City, 91; 5. Grosse Ile, 83; 6. Redford Union, 81; 7. Walled Lake Western, 75; 8. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 73; 9. Northville, 65; 10. Livonia Stevenson, 59; 11. Farmington, 56; 12. Redford Thurston, 48; 13. Plymouth Salem, 42; 14. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 35; 15. Livonia Franklin, 30; 16. Monroe Jefferson, 28; 17. Dearborn Fordson, 26; 18. North Farmington, 22; 19. Dearborn Divine Child, 20; 20. Berkley, 19; 21. Plymouth Canton, 17; 22. Dearborn, 13; 23. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 11; 24. Westland John Glenn, 10; 25. Melvindale, 6; 26. Livonia Churchill, 2; 27. Walled Lake Central, 2; 28. Birmingham Brother Rice, 1; 29. Wayne Memorial, 0.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

275: Jeremy Jagusch (Fordson) p. Brandon Garrison (WR), 1:23; third: Tony Henry (WLW) p. Bartel (PS), 1:12; fifth: James Halmaniak (MJ) p. Jacob Riley (Mel), 0:50.

103 (A): S. Mahabir (Ann) p. T. Marg (Tr), 0:50; third: M. Goy (RT) p. S. McCormick (BerK), 3:04; fifth: S. Massey (GC) p. R.

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kid's had two hot games. "On any given night there are a lot of goalies that can be the best in the state. What you got to look at is consistency at the end of the season. You just don't know yet."

The Shamrocks took a 2-0 lead before the game was halfway old. Tony Keshishian scored the Shamrocks' first goal with assists to David Moss and Hawkins at 13:44 of the first period. The lead grew to 2-0 when Ian Devlin scored on the power play, assisted by Rowe and Moss at 4:27 of the second period.

Trenton got on the scoreboard when Nate Schmoekel scored at 9:19 of the second period, assisted by Alec Lesco and Pat Maloney.

CHURCHILL 4, REDFORD UNION 0: On Saturday, Livonia Churchill goaltender Greg Siwka turned away 14 shots to post the shutout as the Chargers downed host Redford Union in a game played at Redford Ice Arena.

At 2:56 of the second period, Tom Sherman scored what proved to be the game-winner from Jason Turri and Sean Szostak.

"Our fourth line has really come through when called upon," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "Sherman was a kid who came out of the Livonia house league who we thought had potential to develop.

"He's worked hard in practice and even though his ice time has been limited, he's scored some big goals for us. The same goes for Turri. He just shows up every day, works hard and tries to improve."

Churchill scored three times in the final period — Brandon Martola, a short-handed goal at 0:20; Matt Grant at 11:51; Anton Sutovsky at 12:19.

Ed Rossetto assisted on all three goals. Martola and Chuck Leight also had assists.

Churchill is now 5-1-2 in the South Division of the Suburban High School Hockey League and 7-3-3 overall. RU drops to 1-7-0 and 3-11.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS WESTLAND

UPCOMING EVENTS

SURPLUS FOOD
The city of Westland will have its surplus food program at the Dorsey Community Center on the following date and times: Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norwayne and Oak Village: between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. All other residents excluding Precinct 28: between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers may call their building manager for their day of distribution. The food distributed for January will be rice crisp cereal, figs, corn, tomato juice and a bonus item. For information, call Dorsey Center's hotline at 695-0366.

CARD PARTY
St. Richard's Women's Guild Annual Card Party will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at St. Richard's Social Hall, 35851 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, a quarter mile west of Wayne Road. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the door, from a Guild member or call Jan at (734) 721-5353. Refreshments will include Sloppy Joes, salad, beverages and dessert.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT
St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland will sponsor a Las Vegas Night from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Admission is \$3; parking is free. A 50/50 drawing will be held every hour. Beer, food and refreshments will be available at a nominal charge.

ANIMAL ADOPTIONS
The Dearborn Animal Shelter will be having a showcase of pets noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Super Pets store at 34420 Ford Road in Westland. Several dogs and possibly some cats desperately in need of homes will be brought in for viewing. Actual adoptions will be done at the shelter. For information, call the shelter at (313) 943-2697.

VALENTINE'S PARTY
The Westland Jaycees will host a Valentine's Day Party 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at Bova VFW Hall. Singles and couples welcome. Jaycees and non-Jaycees welcome. \$5 entry. RSVP by Feb. 12. Tracy Chovanec, (734) 844-7770.

RAFFLE AND BANQUET
The Notre Dame Council Knights of Columbus in Wayne will hold its second annual raffle and banquet Wednesday, Feb. 18. First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$500. Tickets are \$100 each, for an additional \$20 two people may attend on one ticket. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Includes dinner, open bar and raffle. For information, call (734) 728-3020.

AT THE LIBRARY

BOOK DISCUSSION
The book discussion group meets 7-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the community meeting room of the William P. Faust 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: 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."

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. 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) 328-6123. 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.

WESTLAND CENTER

LADIES' DAY
Westland Shopping Center is hosting a "Super Bowl Ladies' Day" on Sunday, Jan. 25. Women can pick up coupons at entrances good at participating stores. Linda Lee from WYCD-99.5 FM, Young Country Radio, will make an appearance from 3-5 p.m. Women can also enter to win a \$500 shopping spree and other prizes.

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) 328-7222. Games will include Red Pin and 10-pin No Tap. Sponsorship of a team for \$150 includes bowling, two drinks, buffet dinner, trophies and prizes.

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

GARFIELD COOPERATIVE
Garfield Cooperative Preschool will hold its open house from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at Cass Elementary School, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and east of Wayne Road. Programs for children 18 months to 5 years. For more information, call (734) 462-0136.

MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE
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.

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

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is ongoing from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (313) 595-2660 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
Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road in Livonia, has openings in the



Candidate for governor

Campaign trail: Larry Owen, a 1998 Democratic candidate for governor, will speak to the Westland Democratic Club at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the Westland Historical, Cultural and Community Meeting House, 37025 Marquette, one block east of Newburgh. Owen has a background in business, public service and education. Owen worked to create the Michigan Education Trust - the nation's first prepaid college tuition program. Owen also served as chair of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees. In the Milliken administration, Owen worked on the Michigan Mental Health Code.

nia, 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

SIGN LANGUAGE
Sign language classes began on Wednesday, Jan. 21, for four eight-week sessions at the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center). Classes are free to Westland Seniors. Non-resident seniors are to make checks payable to treasurer, City of Westland, for \$10. Those people under 60 make

checks payable to Deaf, Hearing & Speech Center for \$50. Book fee is \$15 for all participants. For more information, call the Friendship Center at (734) 722-7632.

TRAVEL GROUP
The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for 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, pinochle, 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.

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.

SMOKELESS BINGO
"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, at St. 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 Carolon 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.

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) 729-7680.

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, 36261 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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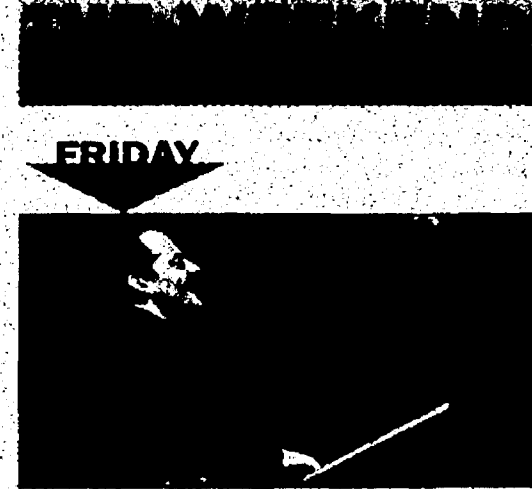
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FRIDAY
Jeff Haas trio with Marvin Kahn presents an evening of jazz classics and original music 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Borders Books & Music in Birmingham, 34300 Woodward, (248) 203-0005.



SATURDAY
Hilary Hernandez and Danielle Paccione are featured in "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," a Pontiac Theatre IV presentation, 7:30 p.m. at Pontiac Northern High School, (248) 681-6215.



SUNDAY
Lisa Bucchi, Melissa Lardo and Jerod Fish in The Rising Stars production of "The Crucible," noon at Andover High School in Bloomfield Hills, (248) 433-0885.



Hot Tix: See Big Bird and his pals in Sesame Street Live's "1-2-3... Imagine!" through Sunday, Feb. 1 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (248) 433-1515 to charge tickets, or (313) 983-6611 for more information.



Prolific: Elmore "Dutch" Leonard is the author of 34 novels, many of which have been made into films. His latest, "Cuba Libre," an historical novel, arrives in bookstores this week.

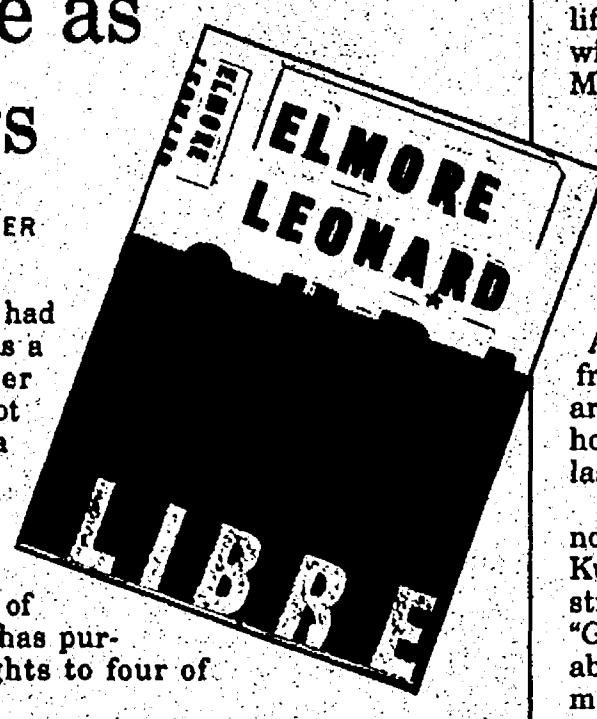
Dutch's Treat

Elmore Leonard as memorable as his characters

BY FRANK PROVENZANO • STAFF WRITER

It's a cold, rainy afternoon, and the familiar bearded man with a scholar's inquisitive expression sits behind an IBM electric typewriter. He could be off writing anywhere in the world, from the sunny south of France to the sultry South Pacific. But he's content suffering amid the drizzle, brisk winds and sub-freezing chill of another ornery Michigan January. Why? "All my stuff is here," said Elmore "Dutch" Leonard of Bloomfield Village, whose deadpan response resembles his laconic prose. Ironically, it seems like Dutch is everywhere. Detroit. Miami. LA. And now, with his latest book, "Cuba Libre," he's marching up and around San Juan Hill at the turn of the 20th century, on the eve of the Spanish American War. For years, Leonard and writers of the crime genre

like Ed McBain have had legions of readers. As a teenager, filmmaker Quentin Tarantino got caught stealing a copy of Leonard's "The Switch." An incident that Leonard clearly covets as a high form of flattery. (Tarantino has purchased the film rights to four of Leonard's novels.) While crime fiction has been around since the days of Dostoevsky and Dickens, Leonard's genius for distilling dialogue and drawing vivid portraits of



Please see TREAT, E2



Contemporary comedy: John Travolta stars as Chili Palmer, a Miami loan shark who goes to Los Angeles to collect on a gambling debt and winds up in the movie business in "Get Shorty."

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Halley's Comet inspires actor

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

In 1986, Halley's Comet made another sweep near Earth, as it does every 76 years. Actor John Amos had gone out to take a look when he happened upon an elderly gentleman and his multi-generation family staring into the sky. That image was an inspiration. "I began to imagine what it was like to live when he did and that he saw the comet as a child. I had a beginning and an end and decided I'd go and see if I could write a middle," Amos said. The result is "Halley's Comet," a one-man performance in which Amos plays an elderly man looking back over his life and this century in a conversation with the comet. The play comes to the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit Jan. 28 to Feb. 1. "It has been a rewarding experience, the way it has been received here and abroad. There seems to be a common chord, people like to hear about olden days and about the values of those days," Amos said, in telephone interview from upstate New York, where he had arrived after being delayed several hours in Virginia by the heavy snowfall last week. Amos, best known for his Emmy-nominated performance as the adult Kunte Kinte in "Roots" and as the strong father in the situation comedy "Good Times," has put his own concerns about declining values in his performance as the nameless 87-year-old man. "He has a dialogue with the comet," Amos said, slipping into the old man's voice, "Comet, we used to have something called an extended family and you had a right to chatise a child ... you put a hand on a child today and you're in trouble with the police and the FBI." He's confused about what happened to those old values and why they're not applied today. Amos said he has combined humor and drama. The play begins as the old man is on his front porch, running late for his appointment with the comet he last saw when he was an 11-year-old boy. He's been married three times and buried two wives. He's also buried three sons in war and a daughter in the civil rights struggles of the '60s. Amos started with a one-act play in 1989 and then expanded to the present two-act, two-hour presentation. He has performed the play throughout the United States and around the world. He is currently on a tour through the beginning of April.

Please see COMET, E2



John Amos: Actor and playwright

COLLEGE THEATER

Students present dramas that passed the test of time

Modern drama: Kelly Komlen of Livonia poses for the last portrait of "The Jewish Wife," one of three Bertolt Brecht one act plays showing in Wayne State University's Studio Theatre.



BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER
In intimate studio theaters, students at Oakland and Wayne State Universities are presenting plays by 20th century storytellers whose works share a sense of place and humanity. Opening tonight is Oakland University's telling of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," and at Wayne State, three one-act plays by Bertolt Brecht - "The Jewish Wife," "The Informer," and "The Elephant Calf." Wilder's "Our Town" is Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, in the early 1900s. Brecht wrote about Nazi Germany during the 1930s while Adolph Hitler was developing his "Final Solution." "We're trying to help our students become better storytellers," said Karen Sheridan, associate professor



Drama: George Gibbs (Matthew Hammond) is smitten with Emily Webb (Keri Dennis) in the Pulitzer Prize winning play "Our Town," to be presented at Oakland University's Studio Theatre.

of theater, who is directing "Our Town" at Oakland University. "I think more and more this age of computers, e-mail, and phones stands in the way of that person-to-person communication. We need to find a balance, or we could lose our souls. It's important to stay in touch with words and how they sound and not just how they look on screen." **Oakland University** Wilder said "Our Town" (which opened at the McCarter Theatre in Princeton, N.J. on Jan. 22, 1938) was an attempt to find value beyond all price for the smallest events of our daily life. "I think it's a beautiful story," said Sheridan. The play is part of the university's Festival of Arts saluting the 20th century, which continues

Please see STUDENTS, E2

On Stage
Oakland University Department of Music, Theatre and Dance
"OUR TOWN" by Thornton Wilder
Thursday, Jan. 22, through Sunday, Feb. 1
Studio Theatre, Varner Hall, Oakland University, Rochester
Performances:
• 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24
• 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25
• 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31
• 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1
Student matinees 10 a.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 27-28
Tickets: \$10 general admission, \$8 senior citizens, \$5 students, call (248) 370-3013. Tickets also available one hour before performance time at the Studio Theatre Box Office.
Wayne State University Studio Theatre
"THE JEWISH WIFE" • "THE INFORMER" • "THE ELEPHANT CALF"
Three one-act plays by Bertolt Brecht
Thursday, Jan. 22, through Sunday, Feb. 1, downstairs at the Hilberly Theatre (corner of Cass and Hancock), Detroit
Performances:
• 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24 and Jan. 29-31
• 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1.
Tickets: \$7 general admission; \$5 senior citizens and WSU staff, Alumni Association members, and students. Call (313) 577-2972.

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low-life loan-sharks, mobsters, bounty hunters and hustlers littering the American landscape has attracted a wider audience.

Definitely hip

The critical body of Leonard's 34 novels include "Out of Sight," "Riding the Rap," "Get Shorty," "City Primeval," "Stick," "LaBrava," "Swag," "The Hunted" and "52 Pick-Up."

Since Leonard wrote his first novel, "The Bounty Hunters" in 1953, 28 of his books have been either optioned to movie studios or made into movies.

For years, however, the film versions of Leonard's novels got panned ("Stick" with Burt Reynolds). But that's changing as his deadpan characters are being treated with a three-dimensional edge.

The breakout 1995 hit, "Get Shorty," starred John Travolta, Danny DeVito, Renee Russo and Gene Hackman. With the success of "Get Shorty," moviegoers were treated to the hilarious serious-

ness of Chili Palmer (Travolta), a vacant soul who is delightfully entertaining.

In "Jackie Brown," currently in theaters, Tarantino modified the plot, changed the lead character and augmented the dialogue of "Rum Punch."

"The dialogue starts out as mine, but Quentin elaborates on it. When you put (the story) in his hands, there's going to be more of him than me in it. I think with us, there's a natural partnership."

After four decades as a novelist and screenwriter, all the recent attention from readers, publishers, Hollywood producers and literary critics just isn't to honor Leonard's longevity or prolific output.

Leonard has seemingly crossed over from a crime genre writer into the mainstream melting pot of American popular culture.

"He's the person to whom every other crime writer is compared," said Jackie Farber, Leonard's longtime editor at Delacorte Press. "He mines the sights and sounds of a scene and is extremely careful about point

of view."

In the mid 1980s, according to Farber, with the publishing of "LaBrava" and "Glitz," Leonard began attracting favorable critical reviews in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Review of Books*, among other prestigious publications.

Admirers are as diverse as high schoolers, cutting-edge filmmakers and conservative ideologue George Will, who sent Leonard 40 copies of "Out of Sight" to inscribe for his friends.

High-brow critics now know what chic crime readers have long realized: Dutch is definitely hip.

On Friday, the state of Michigan proclaimed "Elmore Leonard Day." Leonard was on hand at Borders in downtown Birmingham to commemorate the honor by kicking off a nine-city book-signing tour that'll take him from New York to LA, where he'll read from his new book in the trendy Viper Room.

In the LA club owned by actor Johnny Depp, Leonard is scheduled to also introduce the Stone Coyotes, an underground band

that has found a way into the much-awaited sequel to "Get Shorty."

"I'm on page 170-something," said Leonard, sitting at a desk in his spacious living room. From his vantage point, Leonard looks through the French doors and onto a sprawling yard that includes a tennis court and swimming pool.

The sequel was undertaken because of his interest in resurrecting Chili Palmer and the prodding of MGM top executive Frank Mancuso and Travolta.

"Chili Palmer is in the music business," said Leonard. In "Get Shorty," the mobster Palmer concludes that the film business is not too different from his regular line of work.

"I ran the idea past my researcher and Travolta, and they loved it," he said.

But before Travolta reprises the role, it's likely that Universal will produce "Cuba Libre." The screen adaptation is in the

hands of " Fargo " directors, Joel and Ethan Coen.

Mainstream Hollywood has finally caught on to the wry appeal of Leonard's stories. In the words of British novelist Martin Amis - a wicked wit not known to dish praise - Leonard is as American as jazz.

In a glowing review of "Riding the Rap" in *The New York Times Book Review*, Amis observed: "(Leonard) understands the post-modern world of wised-up rabble and zero authenticity."

Leonard's America is seen through the eyes of an array of empty souls whose common interest is greed and a fast-track to the American dream of ostentatious wealth. A place where souls are as substantive as a quarter pounder with cheese.

"I spend as much time with the bad guys as the good guys," said Leonard, who relies on a researcher. "There's a morality in the books, a gray area where there's room to rationalize. There

aren't any moral absolutes." Delacorte, Dell and Avon Books will rerelease Leonard's novels and short stories in hard and soft cover as an increasing number of readers discover his body of work.

"I like to set up a character and see what happens to him. I write to discover," said Leonard. "When I get into a scene I think, 'What's the purpose of the scene and 'Whose point of view is it being told? Then, I listen for the characters' sound.'"

As 72, some authors might look closer to home for perspective. Perhaps compose a narrative that takes a metaphysical look at life.

"If I got philosophical about life, I'd laugh at myself," said Leonard. "I know what I can and can't do. I learned that early on."

"That's really what it's all about."

Never underestimate a deadpan with perfect delivery.

Comet from page E1

"It has been one of the most gratifying experiences I've had and that includes 'Roots.' That was wonderful, but this is more personal, dealing with experiences I've shared."

"Halley's Comet" is dedicated to the memory of the late Alex Haley, author of the best-selling book "Roots" on which the phenomenally successful TV miniseries was based. Amos said no one connected with the project, including producer David Wolper, ever imagined the impact it would have.

"A year after it was shown, the late Midge Sinclair, who played my wife (we dance over the broom in the slave wedding), and I were in Spain for the 'Roots' debut there. They took us to a restaurant in Toledo and across from us were some visitors from Japan," he said. "After we had finished our meal of several courses, they gave us a standing ovation. Midge and I looked at each other and we wept. That got the message home to us about the impact that series had."

Amos called Haley a quiet, unobtrusive man who none-the-less had an aura about him of "a man at peace with himself."

Though "Halley's Comet" is Amos' first play, he actually began his career as a writer. He was a copy writer for an adver-

tising firm when he began contributing skits to the Los Angeles comedy show "Loman and Barkley."

Comedy writing led to comedy acting.

He had a role in one of television's acclaimed classics as Gordy the weatherman on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." He said that show was an example of a strong ensemble of dedicated actors and writers who never pandered to the lowest common denominator.

But he is better known, perhaps, for his work as the father in Norman Lear's "Good Times."

"Good Times" was a bitter-sweet experience for me. I got to play a patriarchal head of a family - there had never been a black family with both parents. ... It provided me with a great opportunity, but also a great challenge. Having been raised in a black family and as the father of one, I figured I knew more about it than our writers. It was a bone of contention when they killed off my character."

Amos said a lot of people think he quit the show. But, he said, he was actually dropped because of his vocal objections to the direction the show was taking, especially its emphasis on Jimmy Walker's flamboyant JJ rather than the other, more responsible

Halley's Comet

What: One-man drama written by and starring John Amos.

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children. He said today's comedies with a few exceptions don't measure up.

Amos recently gave up a position as administrator of New Jersey's Harm's Center to pursue his busy stage, movie and television projects. He is preparing to star in a movie, "Four," and is hoping to make a movie of "Halley's Comet" and develop it into a television series. In the meantime, he is developing a graphic novel and a CD Rom for high school students based on the play.

"It's a tough nut to crack, but so was the play," Amos said. "With God's blessing, it will happen."

Students from page E1

"Our Town" is very American, it's a very simple story that unfolds very gently," said Sheridan. "It's about family, love and life, and recognizing the value of life. It reminds us of our humanity. We're so busy living life that we don't appreciate how rich it is."

In "Our Town" the audience learns what was happening in Grover's Corners beginning May 7, 1901, from a narrator portrayed by Jennifer L. Smith of Auburn Hills. The play also features performances by Kimshelley Garner (Rochester Hills), Amanda Lange (Farmington Hills), Matt Omans (Oxford), Samuel Newman (West Bloomfield); Karey L. Hart (Walled

Lake), Scott Vance and Michael W. Ott of Rochester Hills.

Wayne State University

Randy Topper of Farmington Hills is Jewish and dyed his hair blond to look more German for "The Jewish Wife," one of two one-act plays by Brecht that he is appearing in at WSU's Studio Theatre.

In this play, Kelly Komlen of Livonia portrays his wife who is Jewish and getting ready to leave him and their comfortable German life. Her husband is a scientist who could be asked to work for the "master race."

"I've never read or done anything like Brecht," said Komlen. "You have to approach it from different angles. Brecht believed

that the actor's role is to be a storyteller. The majority of the training I've had was to get to know your character and become your character. But Brecht believed the actor having a lot of emotions would cause the audience to lose their focus of what the play is about."

Topper said he is emotionally drained after rehearsals. "It's a very personal subject matter," he said. "I lost family in the Holocaust. To detach myself from this character is very hard. You totally have to not think about it."

Brecht was a German Marxist with strong anti-fascist beliefs who left Nazi Germany in 1933. WSU is presenting these works to honor Brecht on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

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Singer takes strong approach to writing love songs



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The last time Boston pop singer Jen Trynin played the Detroit area, she was overcome with a feeling of sadness.

"Being a chick or being a guy in love is a big, big, big thing. Sometimes I think that girls sequester themselves away to this corner and all they feel comfortable showing is how they feel in relation to men."

Jen Trynin
singer/songwriter

"I was taking a walk that afternoon all over the place. It was kind of warm but not too hot. There was something incredibly striking about the city," Trynin said about the area surrounding St. Andrew's Hall and The Shelter in Detroit.

"It was somewhat desolate, but it had really beautiful architecture. I had a little bit of a sad feeling of a huge past in a city that hasn't really caught up in the present."

Trynin along with her drummer Steve Scully, bassist Josh Lattanzi and guitarist Cory Harding travels north of the city Wednesday, Jan. 28, to perform at the 7th House in Pontiac in support of her sophomore effort "Gun Shy Trigger Happy" (Warner Bros.).

"When the words 'female singer/songwriter' appear with Trynin's name, it would seem as if she's another member of that genre crying and whining about love gone bad.

Trynin offers an alternative — a strong woman telling frank stories of a one-sided love affair in "I Don't Need You," of a relationship that wouldn't work out in "Bore Me," and of the cosmetic surgery in "Under the Knife."

"Being a chick or being a guy in love is a big, big, big thing. Sometimes I think that girls sequester themselves away to this corner and all they feel comfortable showing is how they feel in relation to men," Trynin explained.

"I love men. I love love. I love all of that stuff. It's fun. It's a

huge part of life."

She cited as an example her melancholy first single, "Get-away," which sounds as if it was written about a lover on the verge of leaving — "Don't lie don't tell me that we're leaving you could never go. Don't cry don't put your arms around me. I already know you got nowhere to go." Trynin had another subject in mind.

"I realize that people think it's about a person. I guess I knew that people would because of the way I wrote the song. The song's really about the month of February. It happened to be a long month that particular year. I was spacing out and I was wondering what it would be like if all the months were a person. What would it feel like to be February and be a month that everybody's sick of?"

The album closes with "Rang You and Ran" which harkens back to Trynin's childhood.

"I was feeling a certain way staring out the window. It was late at night. I don't know why I had this image in my head of being a little kid and ringing someone's doorbell and running away," she said.

"I was thinking about that and thinking about what it would take for an adult to do that. People would think it was very strange. It would take a lot of an adult to walk up to someone's doorbell and run."

For "Gun Shy Trigger Happy,"

Trynin took the recording process in a different direction than her debut "Cockamamie" (Warner Bros.).

"'Cockamamie' took a longer period of time. We did it spottily with a bunch of different people. Mike Denneen (the producer) and I were trying to make a record that sounded cohesive. We wanted to give it as much as a trio rock sound as we could get. We wanted to make it relatively consistent even though there were so many people who played on it," she explained via telephone Sunday from the Boston offices of her record company

Squint Records.

"With 'Gun Shy' it was the opposite. We decided we were going to use me, Ed (Valauskas) the bass player, Chris (Foley) the drum player, and Mike who played keyboards. Nobody else played on the record. We did it all within that room and with that group of people. We wanted to see how varied we could make it sound."

The result, she added, was a "much more loose and creative" album.

After a self-described "confusing and slow start" to touring, Trynin is looking forward to going back on the road.

"We did a few weeks opening for Paula Cole, which was really kind of cool in a way. I generally play electric guitar but they wanted me to play that part of tour acoustically. I wasn't very happy about it at the beginning but it ended up being fun. It became easier for me to do the whole acoustic thing. When I was younger I played like that a lot. But I'm extremely happy playing

my music in a more kind of rock way."

Jen Trynin performs Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$8 in advance. For more information, call (248) 335-8100 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>

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Speaking of Trynin, the local alternapop band Vudu Hippies will open for her at Bogart's in Cincinnati before leaving for Los Angeles to play a series of showcases. The Vudu Hippies schedule includes Monday, Feb. 9, at the notorious Viper Room, Tues-

day, Feb. 10, at The Mint, and Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Drag onfly, all of which are in Los Angeles. Fans can catch the Vudu Hippies before they leave at 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. For more information, call (248) 332-HOWL.

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"Peter Pan," starring Cathy Rigby, 1 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 (\$26.50-\$46.50); 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, and 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 (\$29-\$49). Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (248) 645-6866

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Fences," through Sunday, March 22, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347

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Tickets go on sale at 9 a.m. by phone, and at 10 a.m. at the box office and all Ticketmaster outlets, Friday, Jan. 23, for "Rent," which runs Wednesday, April 8-Sunday, May 31, at the theater. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 1 p.m. Thursday, April 9. \$24-\$60. (248) 645-6866/(313) 871-1132 (groups)

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A national tour of the musical comedy "Damn Yankees," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the center, 44575 Garfield Road (at Hall, M-59, and Garfield roads), Clinton Township. \$29, \$26 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(248) 645-6668

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WALK AND SQUAWK

Community Sings program in celebration of the six-week South Africa Residency, participants in an international program designed to create cross-cultural exchange through performance and arts education, of "Inhlanzi Ishehe Amanzi - As Fish Out of Water," a multilingual tapestry of diverse South African characters, images, observations and personal stories, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 29-31, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, Performance Network, Ann Arbor, and 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, and Saturday, Feb. 7, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Wayne State University's General Lectures Building, corner of Anthony Wayne Drive and Warren Avenue, Detroit. \$12 and \$15. (734) 668-0407

COLLEGE

WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE

"Flyin' West," the story of four African-American female pioneers who settled in the all-black town of Nicodemus, Kansas, by Pearl Cleage, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY

"Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 22-23; "Saturday, Sunday, Monday," by Eduardo de Filippo, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 29-30, at the theater, 4743 Case Ave., on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. \$10-17. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO THEATRE

"Three One Acts" including "The Jewish Wife," "The Informer," and "The Elephant Cal," by Bertolt Brecht, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24 and 29-31, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 25, and Feb. 1, at the theater below the Hilberry, 4743 Case Ave., on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE

"You Can't Take a Walk With Me," by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24 and 29-



Family show: Sesame Street Live's "1-2-3... Imagine!" invites audiences to join Big Bird, Bert and Ernie, and the rest of the gang as they explore their imaginations in a 90-minute musical extravaganza. Performances continue through Sunday, Feb. 1 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, call for show times. Tickets \$15, \$12 & \$9, (limited number of \$22.50 VIP seats also available). Call (248) 433-1615 to charge tickets, (313) 983-6611 for more information, or (313) 596-3211, for 24-hour information on accessible seating and special needs. The Observer & Eccentric is co-sponsoring a book swap with WYCD - Young Country, before the 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 performance. Bring a used children's book, that's in good condition, and receive a free "Sesame Street" Golden Book. Limit one book per child. The book swap will begin in the lobby of the Fox Theatre at 6 p.m. Books will be donated to a local literacy program.

31, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, and Feb. 1, at the theater, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. (734) 971-AACT

AVON PLAYERS

"Dial 'M' for Murder," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24, at the theater on Tenken Road (1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road) Rochester Hills. \$11, discounts for students, senior citizens and groups for Thursday performances. (248) 608-9077

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"Sly Fox," a comedy by Larry Gelbart, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, at the theater, 21730 Madison (off Monroe, between Outer Drive and Van Born), Dearborn. \$10, \$8 for students younger than age 18 for the Sunday show only. (313) 561-TKTS

ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE OF CRANBROOK

"Sylvia," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24 and 30-31, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, West Bloomfield. \$12, \$10 seniors and students. (248) 644-0527

VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Rehearsal for Murder," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$12 adults, \$10 students. (248) 644-2075

JACKSONSON PRODUCTIONS DINNER THEATRE

"The Retirement Murders," an audience participation murder mystery comedy, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays through March 7, Fiorelli's Restaurant, 28125 E. Huron River Dr., Fiat Rock. \$28 in advance, \$33 at the door, includes dinner, show, tax and tip. Non-smoking dinner theater. (734) 782-1431

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

CAPITOL THEATRE

"Charlotte's Web," a musical production based on the classic children's novel, with music by the composer of "Annie," 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, in the theater's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. \$8, \$7 children. (519) 253-9065 or capitol@mail.net or http://www.mnal.net/~capitol

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

PuppetArt puppet theater performs "Close the Window - A Chelm Law," an adaptation of the I.B. Singer folk tale "The First Shlemiel," 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at the center, 47 Williams St., Pontiac. \$5, \$3 children under age 8. (248) 333-7849

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Aladdin," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 24-25, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. (248) 349-8110

PONTIAC THEATRE IV

"Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," adaptation by Tim Kelly, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24 and 30-31, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Pontiac Northern High School. \$7, \$6

seniors/students. (248) 681-6215

RISING STARS

"The Crucible," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 21-23, and noon Saturday, Jan. 24, at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$3. (248) 433-0885

SPECIAL EVENTS

PEABO BRYSON

Star of the Detroit Opera House's "Porgy and Bess" signs autographs noon Tuesday, Jan. 27, Harmony Union, Renaissance Center, 200 Tower, lower level, Detroit. (313) 567-7810

DETROIT BOAT SHOW

"Charity Launch," 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Cobo Center, Detroit. \$150 benefactors, \$100 patrons, benefits the Lighthouse of Oakland County, Vista Maria in Wayne County, and Turning Point in Macomb County; The 40th annual Detroit Boat Show featuring more than 300 boat dealers and marine businesses, 1,000 boats of all types and sizes, more than 100 manufacturers, and a Squalus Live Shark Show with a 9,000 gallon saltwater tank, divers with huge circling sharks and an antique and classic boat exhibit. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 8, Cobo Center, Detroit. Noon to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m. Sundays, 3-10 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. \$8 adults, free for children ages 12 and younger with an adult, free for seniors ages 62 and older on Monday. (800) 932-2628 (benefit)/(800) 224-3008 (show)

"GREAT AMERICAN TRAIN SHOW"

Featuring operating model railroads and more than 10,000 trains on display and for sale, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 24-25, Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr. (I-96 and Novi Road), Novi. \$5, free for children ages 12 and younger accompanied by an adult. (630) 834-0652

"MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. VARIETY SHOW"

Featuring song, dance, prose, movement and interpretations as students, staff, faculty and friends of the University of Michigan pay tribute to King, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Leonardo's in Pierpont Commons, University of Michigan north campus, 1201 Bonisteel Blvd., Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-7544

MICHIGAN TOY SOLDIER AND FIGURE SHOW

Featuring more than 50 dealers from around the world selling new and antique historical figures and toy soldiers, displays of old toy soldiers and hand-painted historical figures, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Holiday Inn Livonia West, 17123 N. Laurel Park Dr., Livonia. \$4, free for children ages 12 and younger. (248) 586-1022

HOWEST PERSIAN TABBY FANCY SHOW

Featuring more than 350 pedigreed cats and kittens as well as classic household pets, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 24-25, Dearborn Civic Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. \$5, \$4 seniors, \$3 children, proceeds benefit the Michigan Humane Society. Free parking. (248) 681-4863

PONTIAC SILVERDOME CAMPER, TRAVEL AND RV SHOW

3-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 22, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Pontiac Silverdome. \$6, \$3 children ages 5 and younger. Discount coupons available at Marathon gas stations, and Elles Brothers restaurants. (248) 456-1600

RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Livonia Elks Hall, 31117 Plymouth Road (one block east of Merriman Road, one mile south of I-96), Livonia. \$3. (248) 546-4527

SPRING HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

Featuring 300 exhibitors, "Garlic Guru" Tom Reed, WXYT personalities, demonstrations on decorating, home repair, remodeling, and a daily treasure chest contest, 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 29-30, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr. (I-96 and Novi Road), Novi. \$6 adults, \$4 seniors; \$3 children 6-12, and free for children ages 6 and younger. \$9 family tickets for two adults and accompanying children available at Farmer Jack. (248) 737-4478

BENEFITS

"FOR THE LOVE OF THE ARTS"

Auction benefiting Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit and the educational outreach activities of the Dance Theatre of Harlem Detroit Residency featuring airline tickets, hotel packages, a helicopter ride, dinner/theatre packages; original artwork and sports memorabilia, 5:30-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, Intermezzo Ristorante in Detroit's Harmonie Park. \$50 Includes a petit buffet, wine, entertainment and the chance to bid. Auction kicks off the Dance Theatre of Harlem Detroit Residency which includes school assemblies, lecture demonstrations, beginner classes and pre-professional classes runs Jan. 26-Feb. 13, and performances Feb. 18-22 at the Music Hall. (313) 962-4303

"HEARTS FOR THE ARTS '98"

A benefit dinner and celebrity art auction presented by the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and the Heart Care Program of the University of Michigan Health System, 6:30 p.m. champagne reception and silent auction, 7:30 p.m. dinner Friday, Feb. 13, Crown Plaza, Ann Arbor. Last year's auction included contributions by artists and celebrities such as Chris Roberts Antleau, John Travolta, Lloyd Carr, Steve Yzerman, George Bush, Matthew Hoffmann, Billy Joel and Dr. Michael DeBakey. \$75. (734) 994-4801

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR

"Hearts and Voices for the Homeless" concert with members of Michigan Opera Theatre chorus and Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, to benefit Doorstep Homeless Shelter, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at First Presbyterian Church, 529 Hendrie Blvd., Royal Oak. (313) 341-3466

STAGECRAFTERS FOURTH ANNUAL GALA

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$50 includes \$35 tax-deductible donation, complimentary valet parking, a

silent auction, a champagne reception, taste fest featuring food from more than 20 Royal Oak restaurants, caterers and bakeries, door prizes, music by John Lauter on the restored 1928 Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ, souvenir programs, photographs and gift bags, and the final dress rehearsal of the upcoming Stephen Sondheim musical comedy "Company." (248) 541-6430

SWING TIME '98

Fanclub Foundation for the Arts present their annual Fantravaganza including a taste of Detroit's finest restaurants including Excalibur and Sweet Lorraine's (gourmet food and wine), music by Imperial Swing Band and Pema Worldbeat Orchestra, silent auction and Art Gallery and Sale, to benefit Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre Understudies, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association Summer Art Camp, and Michigan Opera Theatre's Community Programs, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Guardian Building, 500 Griswold, Detroit. Attire from the 20s, 30s and 40s encouraged but not required. There will be a professional Swing dance instructor 9-10 p.m. \$50, \$150 patron tickets (includes private party). (248) 988-0-FAN for tickets, (248) 559-1645 event information.

CLASSICAL

AMERICAN STRING QUARTET

"Beethoven the Contemporary," 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With conductor Neeme Jarvi and violinist Mark Lubotsky performing "Shango Memory" by Wilson, "Violin Concerto" by Arensky, "Phantasie for violin and orchestra" by Schumann/Kreisler, and "Serenade for Strings in C major, Op. 48" by Tchaikovsky, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 22-23, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. \$13-\$60; With conductor Neeme Jarvi and soprano Kathleen Battle performing "Symphony No. 48 in C Major" by Haydn, and "Daphnis and Chloe, Suite No. 2" by Ravel, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 576-5111

WILLIAM KANENGISER

Classical guitarist and member of the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25 rows 1-2, \$15 rows 3-5, and \$10 general seating. All ages. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Music recital featuring mezzo-soprano Barbara Wiltzie, accompanied by pianist Linette Popoff-Park, features works from Bach to Barber, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Kresge Hall on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Admission by donation to the music scholarship fund. (734) 432-5709

OKLAND PONTIAC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A cabaret pops concert with singer/performing artist Derek Hood, dinner and dancing to follow concert, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 (social hour begins at 6:45 p.m.), at the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks Road, Troy. \$45, proceeds to benefit the orchestra. (248) 334-6024

"SUPER (BOWL) CLASSICS"

Featuring the Arianna String Quartet performing Schubert's "Death and the Maiden" quartet and Mozart G Minor Piano Quartet and classics for woodwinds, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25 rows 1-2, \$15 rows 3-5, and \$10 general seating. benefits KCH Capital Campaign House Fund. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch

TOKYO STRING QUARTET

Performs Mozart's "String Quartet in D minor, K. 421," Webern's "Five Movements for String Quartet, Op. 5," and Tchaikovsky's "String Quartet No. 3 in e-flat minor, Op. 30," 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$22-38. All ages. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

U-M CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Performs "Mozart Birthday Concert," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 764-0594

WINDSOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"No Frills Friday," 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30; "Classics III: Rachmaninov Third Piano Concerto," 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. West, Windsor. (800) 387-9181 or http://www.city.windsor.on.ca/cleary

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE

Auditions for "To Kill a Mockingbird," 2-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 24-25, at the theater, 315 Fisher Road (one block off Jefferson Avenue between Cadieux and Moross roads), Grosse Pointe. Show dates March 10-22. Scripts available from Chris Kaiser (313) 881-8040

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Open auditions for singers (male voices especially needed, particularly tenors but female voices also needed) by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road

(west of Sheldon Roads). (734) 455-4080

"RENT"

Producers for the show hold open auditions 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway (at Madison Avenue, on Grand Circus Park), Detroit. The call is for Equity and non-Equity men and women of all ethnicities in their early to mid 20s. The casting directors are looking for real rock 'n' roll, R&B and gospel singers. Those auditioning should bring photo and resume, two rock/pop songs, 16 bars each - absolutely no musical theater songs. "Rent" performances begin Wednesday, April 8, at the Fisher Theatre. (248) 540-0660

STAGECRAFTERS

Auditions for "Lend Me a Tenor," by Ken Ludwig, 6:30 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Feb. 1-2, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak. Roles available for four men and four women. Those auditioning for the roles of Max, Tito and the Bellhop must "sing reasonably well" and should be prepared to sing a portion of "Dio, che nell' alma infondere" from Verdi's "Don Carlo" or the famous aria from "The Barber of Seville." An audiotape is on reserve at the lower level of the Royal Oak Public Library. Showdates are weekends March 20-29 and April 3-5. Script cut. Is available for a three-day check out from the theater office. (248) 541-4832

VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for "Bye Bye Birdie," a musical comedy, 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 26-27, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut (east of Woodward Avenue, two blocks south of Maple Road), Birmingham. Auditions must be prepared to sing and dance. Performances April 22-26 and 29-30, and May 1-3 and 6-9. (248) 258-2812 or http://members.aol.com/GrouchH0841/Birdie.html

JAZZ

PAUL ABLER TRIO

7-11 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (guitar/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

MARCUS BELGRAVE

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free, complimentary sushi. All ages. (248) 549-7700

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD

10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Royal Oak Brewery, 210 E. Third St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 652-1600/(248) 544-1141

GARY BLUMER TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

JAMES CARTER QUARTET

With Cyrus Chestnut Trio, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-3700

CHARLIE GABRIEL

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free, complimentary sushi. All ages. (248) 549-7700

JEFF HAAS TRIO

7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 203-0005

LEROEY JENKINS

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road (south of Ford Road), Dearborn. \$15. All ages. (Jazz violinist/new music composer) (248) 548-9888/(810) 775-4770

PHIL KAPUT TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Jan. 24, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Center Street), Royal Oak. Free, 25-cent surcharge on drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (248) 548-1400

CARY KOCHER/PAUL KELLER QUARTET

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

KATHY KOSINS

7:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays in January, Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 549-7700

SHEILA LANDIS

With her quartet and special guest Wendell Harrison, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Oakland Community College's Wallace Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Cover charge. All ages; With Rick Matile and Wendell Harrison, 8 p.m. to midnight Sunday, Jan. 25, BoMac's, 281 Grand Street, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older; With her trio, 7-11 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; With her trio, 7-9

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MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With trumpeter Marcus Belgrave, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, and with vibist Cary Kocher, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington. \$5 cover waived with dinner. (248) 474-4800

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY
9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (jazz/pop) (248) 852-0550

PATTI RICHARDS
With Jeff Kressler Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21+ and older. (734) 662-8310

RUBBERBAND TIMMY
Featuring James Page, formerly of Brothers From Another Planet, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (funky jazz trio) (313) 833-6873, gold_dollar@mindless.com or http://members.tripod.com/~gold_dollar

GARY SCHUNK TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

LARRY SMITH
7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

PAUL VORNHAGEN
7:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays in January, Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 549-7700

JUDGE MYRON "MIKE" WAHLS TRIO
With bassist Marlon Haydon and drummer George Davidson, celebrate the release of CD "You be the Judge," 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12 for rows 1-5, \$9 general seating. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch

STEVE WOOD
7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 22, and Jan. 29, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

WORLD MUSIC

BRAVE OLD WORLD
8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. ("Klezmer supergroup") (734) 761-1451

"FESTIVAL OF EUROPE"
Featuring the Silver Tower Renaissance Dancers, a metro-Detroit-based ensemble who will perform European dances of the Renaissance era, Maria Mikheyenko, a soprano who accompanies herself on guitar and performs Russian songs, and Plymouth storyteller Debra Christian who will tell stories about her European travels, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, U-Club, first floor of the Michigan Union, 530 S. State St., University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor. \$7, \$5 for students and seniors with ID, \$3 kids ages 6-12, and free for children ages 5 and younger. (734) 763-3202

IMMUNITY
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Woody's Diner, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 543-6911

"REGGAE FUN BLAST"
With O.C. Roberts and the Samaritans, Universal Xpression, Jo Nab, Clement Gordon, Immunity, and emcee Michael Julian from WDET, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12, benefits the Lockhart Children's Fund. 18 and older. (reggae) (248) 544-3030

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

DENNIS CYPORAN BAND
7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (bluegrass) (248) 203-0005

LISA HUNTER BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Xhedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road (west of Woodward Ave.), Ferndale. Free. All ages. (248) 399-3946

JAN KRIST
10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 861-8101

CHARLIE MOSBROOK
8-10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

MUSTARD'S RETREAT
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451

ONCE UPON AN ACCORDION
Featuring Daniel Thonon, Chris Parkinson and John Whelan, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main

St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451

JIM PERKINS AND THE WREN BAND
With Jim Bertin and George Garcia, also known as "George and Me," 8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, St. William parish hall, Walled Lake. \$7.50, \$15 family, \$5 students, refreshments included. (248) 363-3542/(248) 669-1449

RFD BOYS
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$9, \$8 members; students, seniors. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451

DANCE

AMERICAN POLISH CULTURAL CENTER
Ballroom dancing with music by Ted Koltowicz and his "Sparks of Fire" Orchestra, 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the center, 2975 E. Maple Road (at Dequindre Road), Troy. \$4. Doors open at 2 p.m. (248) 689-3636

CONTEMPORARY BALLET THEATRE
The Farmington Hills-based ballet presents "Cinderella" 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Clarenceville High School auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road (south of Eight Mile Road), Livonia. \$10. (248) 477-3830

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
"Dances of EarthSkyWater" presented by Eastern Michigan University's dance department, and includes performance by the Tree Town Singers, a Native American drum group who sings in traditional Great Lakes style, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Quirk Theatre on campus, Ypsilanti. \$8, \$5 students/seniors and children younger than age 12. (734) 487-1221

ROCKY ROAD ADVANCED CONTRA-ENGLISH DANCE
7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. All dances taught. Previous experience and partners not required. \$4. (734) 663-0744/(734) 662-5158

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
"A Communion of the Spirits: African-American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories" exhibits featuring 175 photographs of varying sizes, a selection of the surveyed quilts, interpretive panels, and a limited amount of other artwork related to the quilters, through Sunday, June 7. The exhibit features area quilters and celebrity quilters such as Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Faith Ringgold, Sonia Sanchez and Alice Walker. "The Life and Times of Paul Robeson" exhibition featuring records, photographs and paintings on loan from private citizens and from the collection of the MAAH, runs Saturday, Jan. 31-Tuesday, June 30, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush Street), Detroit. Museum hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. Open seven days a week during Black History Month, February. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children aged 12 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS AND BLUE SUIT
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 644-4800

AFTERTASTE
With Blindfold, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Mosquito Club, 28949 Joy Road, Westland. Cover charge. All ages. (hardcore) (734) 513-8688

BAKED POTATO
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (734) 485-5050

BANTAM ROOSTER
With The Blowtots, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (raunchy rock) (313) 833-6873, gold_dollar@mindless.com or http://members.tripod.com/~gold_dollar

JOHNNY BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

GEORGE BEDARD AND THE KING-PINS
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 996-8555

BUGS BEDDOV BAND
9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23-Saturday, Jan. 24, Blue Goose, 28911 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 298-0590

BILHMAN BROTHERS
10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (R&B) (248) 349-9110/(810) 731-1750/(248) 543-4300

BIZER BROTHERS
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays in January, Pages, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. 21 and older. (248) 477-0099

BLUE RAYS
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734)

REMEMBERING DOWNTOWN HUDSON'S
exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December 1998, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays (indefinitely), and 3:15 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 24 and 31, and Sundays, Jan. 25, and Feb. 1; "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays (indefinitely), 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 24 and 31, and Sundays, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1; "Tropical Rainforest," 1:15 p.m. Saturdays Jan. 24 and 31, and Sundays Jan. 25 and Feb. 1; "Sharks," 2:15 p.m. Saturdays Jan. 24 and 31; and "Destiny in Space," 2:15 p.m. Sundays Jan. 25, and Feb. 1; at the museum, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit. Special \$4.75 admission through Sunday, Feb. 1, includes one IMAX Dome film, an interactive science demonstration, the Cyberspace Safari Exhibit Lab and a laser light show. \$2.50 each additional IMAX film: After Sunday, Feb. 1, \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or http://www.sciencecenter.org

COMEDY

HOLLY HOTEL
Steve Sabo and Tammy Pescatelli, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24; Mark Knopp and Jeff Margrette, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 29-31, at the hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. 8:30 p.m. shows non smoking. (248) 634-0000

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
John Joseph, John Barillaro and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24 (\$14); Mike Veneman, Todd McCune and Jim Hamm, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 29-31 (\$10), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays (free), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays (new talent night/improv). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Jackson Perdue, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package); Wendy Liebman, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31 (\$12, \$25.95 dinner show package), and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Jeff Shaw, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 (\$7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24 (\$10); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 (\$4); Cathy Ladman, voted "Best Female Stand-Up" at the 1992 American Comedy Awards, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

SOUPY SALES
With Bill Barr, 7 p.m. dinner with 8:30 p.m. show Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, Polo Fields Golf and Country Club, 5200 Polo Fields Dr. (off Zeeb Road, 1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$60 includes choice of soup or salad, petite filet mignon with berrisaise sauce, herbal veloute chicken breast, non-alcoholic beverages or one glass of wine, tax, gratuity, and show. Vegetarian entree available upon request. (734) 998-1555 or (248) 645-6666

SECOND CITY
"Generation X-Files" through Sunday, Feb. 8, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50). The cast performs a free improvisational comedy set after Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday shows, and the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays. The show's title is reflective of current cultural trends, not necessarily the show's content. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

451-1213

BLUE RODEO
8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. West, Windsor. \$29.50 (Canadian) includes GST. All ages. (800) 387-9181

BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (248) 644-4800

BOOGIEMEN
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Carriage House's Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

BRIDGE
9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24, and Thursday, Jan. 29, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

THE CIVILIANS
10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 731-1750

COAL CHAMBER
With Day in the Life, 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (hard rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

COMMON
With his live band A Black Girl Named Becky, and special guests X-Ecutloners, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (R&B) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

COR
With No. 6 and the Prisoners, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

JAMES COTTON QUARTET
8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (blues) (734) 761-1800

DANNY COX
8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Royal Oak Brewery, 210 E. Third St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 544-1141

DJ COQUIE
Hosts a Latino benefit for Hurricane Pauline relief, 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (salsa/disco) (734) 996-8555

DELTA 72
With Bantam Rooster and The Gol, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (punk/soul) (313) 833-POOL

THE DEVILS
8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (pop) (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com

DOC
With 10 Pound Train, Ballhog and Concrete Impact, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. \$3. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

STEVE EARLE
With Buddy and Judy Miller, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (roots rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

PRISCILLA EDERLE
8-10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (pop) (734) 668-1838

GLEN EDDIE
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH
Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8. 19 and older. (Deadhead) (734) 996-8555

SCOTT FAB
With Dorothy and Fat Amy, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 996-8555

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, Woody's, 208 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (248) 543-6911

THE FOUR ACES
With The Inkspots, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road (at M-59), Clinton Township. \$23, \$21 students and seniors. All ages. (pop) (810) 286-2141

STEWART FRANCKE
With Coco Love Alcorn and Susan Calloway, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. All ages. (pop) (734) 761-1800

FREE BEER
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

GARFIELD BLUES BAND
10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

GOVERNMENT HONEY
9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

HIS NAME IS ALIVE
With Denise James, and Gilchrist, Oaks and Nash, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (ethereal pop) (313) 833-6873, gold_dollar@mindless.com or http://members.tripod.com/~gold_dollar

LONG JOHN HUNTER
10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922

JILL JACK
10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older. (roots rock) (248) 543-4300/(248) 652-1600

JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION
9 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 28-29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 360-7450

JAMPACT
Featuring Charles Martin, 9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

KILLER FLAMINGOS
9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (R&B/pop) (248) 543-4300

MIKE KING
10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 861-8101

KNEE DEEP SHAG
With Heavy Weather, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (funk) (734) 996-8555

JOHN D. LAMB
8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, 1820 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 584-4242/(248) 349-7038

THE LOOK
10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110/(248) 360-7450

LOOSE COUNTY ROAD COMMIS-SION
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

MASCHINA
With Five Horse Johnson, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 996-8555

MACHINE HOUSE
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-3650

EDWIN MCCAIN
With Thanks to Gravity, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. (pop rock) (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com

JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

MEDICINE HAT
10 p.m.-2 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, and Friday, Jan. 30-Saturday, Jan. 31, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Free (Wednesday), \$3 (Friday-Saturday). (rock) (313) 533-4477

MR. FREEDOM X
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

MORSEL
Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guests Miss Bliss and Roundhead, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

MUDPUFFY
9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, as part of a book-signing party for "MusicHound Blues" with editor Gary Graff, and contributor/Observer & Eccentric music reporter Christina Fuoco, at Borders Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. Free. All ages; 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan.

Steve and Rocky's ready to 'wow' diners

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

When two high-profile chefs become partners and open a new restaurant, dining expectations run high.

"We're out to beat diners' expectations," chef/owner/partner Rocky Rachwitz of the new Steve and Rocky's stated confidently.

Rocky and his partner Chef Steve Allen opened the doors of Steve & Rocky's Monday at 4 p.m. for dinner. In short order, they plan to be open for lunch. If you'd like to be among the first, phone next week to inquire when mid-day service will start.

Chef Rocky's reputation developed during his over 17 years with the C.A. Muer Corporation, owner of popular seafood eateries, not only in Michigan, but as far south as Florida. In 1992, Rachwitz opened Rocky's in Northville and in 1995, Rocky's in Brighton.

Chef Steve Allen was among the fortunate to have trained in an apprentice program with legendary and now retired Chef Milos Cihelka at the Golden Mushroom in Southfield. He

succeeded his mentor and spent 15 years working culinary magic at the Golden Mushroom until he left in June to devote his time to the new venture Steve & Rocky's, a total renovation of the former Fuddrucker's fast-food burger operation at the south end of the Novi Town Center.

Heading the team of servers, who trained and tested them, is general manager Joe Crowell, formerly of Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant.

"The team of servers is ready to impress and beat the expectations of diners," Crowell said. "They know the reputation that precedes here and they're ready to 'wow' diners."

The bar is both striking and handsome with its wooden top. Rea has worked in "little heart-felt touches of Steve" such as the stained-glass windows above the wine cellar.

Rocky readily admits that the menu is nearly "all Steve." And Steve describes it as "not overly contrived and concentrating on flavors." An example is a 9-oz Filet Mignon with a deep, rich Burgundy sauce and creamy smashed new potatoes,

Steve & Rocky's
Where: 43150 Grand River Avenue, Novi (248) 374-0888.
Hours: Dinner Monday-Thursday 4-10 p.m., Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m., Sunday 1-8 p.m.
Soon, lunch Monday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inquire about start up.
Menu: Serious food with a seafood emphasis in a colorful, casual atmosphere. Raw bar and tapas bar.
Cost: Starters \$3.25-9. Main courses and specials average \$16.
Reservations: Accepted.
Credit cards: All majors accepted.

caramelized onions, braised portabella mushrooms and vegetable garnish \$21. But in seafood, in addition to broiled scrod, Great Lakes whitefish sauté, salmon, perch, gulf shrimp and lobster fettuccine or grilled yellowfin tuna steak, there's Bouillabaisse with gulf shrimp, mussels, clams, sea bass, salmon

and Maine lobster!
Grilled vegetable cake or potato dumplings with wild mushrooms and asparagus offer meatless options. For those not in the mood for seafood, there's lightly smoked roast range chicken in herb sauce, roasted duck or pan-seared spice-rubbed veal chop.

Many restaurants have wine and/or beer samplers. At Steve & Rocky's, it's a soup sampler with about a 3-oz tasting of each of three soups. Colorful cups come in their own ceramic server. Put this together with a tasting of tapas and have a feast.

Sampling wine at Steve and Rocky's will be a treat. The list of high-profile producers, mainly California, is smartly organized by varietal and intensity (light body or full-bodied). Eighteen wines by the glass offer an opportunity to taste many of the 100 wines.

With the goal of beating diners' expectations in mind, we offer the caution for those among the first to try Steve & Rocky's. This is a 240-seat eatery employing 75 to 80 people including a staff of 20-25 cooks. It takes a



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Ready to impress: Rocky Rachwitz (left) and his partner Chef Steve Allen at the newly opened Steve & Rocky's. The chefs say they're out to beat diners' expectations.

few weeks for a team to become a seamless whole. Diner patience will be most appreciated by this enthusiastic crew spearheaded by the superbly talented Steve and Rocky.

What is music? Try these examples of different styles

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

What is music? Defining music is as futile as any attempt to define art or beauty.

This I do know: we've seen a whole lot of beautiful art and heard some wonderful music on *Backstage Pass* on Detroit Public Television. And on tonight's show, we're juxtaposing musical acts so radically different from one another, it gets you wondering how one small word, "music," can possibly encompass all of their sounds.

To start us off, Nkenge Zola hosts Ann Arbor's Walk & Squawk Performance Project. Walk & Squawk is accustomed to tweaking definitions. For lack of a precise term their work gets lumped into the catch-all category of "performance art." They use sound and silence, body movement and stillness in ways that expand the definition of theater.

Their current show results from a couple of swapped residences. Walk & Squawk was invited to be artists in residence at the University of Natal in South Africa. There, Walk & Squawk artistic director Erika Block worked with 11 performers to develop the show "Inhlanzi Ishelwe Amanzi," literally meaning "the water dries up around the fish," of the English equivalent, "As Fish Out of Water." The

show caused quite a stir in the charged climate of South Africa, where the expression of personal experiences constitutes a political statement.

Now, those students from South Africa are in Michigan for a six week residency that includes workshops, performances, community sings and discussion. Tonight, they'll join us in the Detroit Public Television studio to treat us to an a cappella rendering of some traditional South African music, and Zola will discuss the residency with Ms. Block.

From traditional sounds of

South Africa, we'll turn to the traditional "old style" blues of the Mississippi Delta - with a Detroit flavor. Uncle Jessie White moved from the cotton fields of Mississippi to Detroit more than 30 years ago. In 1991 as the age of 70, Uncle Jessie released his first CD, title "Uncle Jessie White and the 29th Street Band." The band's name recounts

Uncle Jessie's house on 29th Street in Detroit, where he hosted visiting blues men - including names like John Lee Hooker and Muddy Waters - for house parties and jam sessions. The disc is the work of Royal Oak's Blues Factory, and in an important documentation of a unique Detroit voice. From Delta Blues we switch gears to classical music. A

pared-down version of the Rackham Symphony Choir will join us in the studio to promote their "Hearts and Voices for the Homeless" concert Jan. 23 at the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak. The concert will benefit Doorstep Homeless Shelter.

Our own Dave Wagner will host Suzanne Acton, music director of Rackham and Chorus Mas-

ter of MOT, plus 30 singers from the 85-member choir. They'll perform a selection from their benefit program, which itself will cover music from opera to Broadway. This will be the largest group we've ever hosted in our studio, and we can't wait! That's on *Backstage Pass* on Detroit Public Television, tonight at midnight, repeated 7:30 p.m. Friday.

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