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Flooding problems swamp residents



A growing number of Westland homeowners are becoming increasingly angry with an administration and council that they believe have ignored their flooding problems.

Jon Reno fears he will die and leave his wife, Carolyn, to face basement flooding problems he blames on the city of Westland. "I've got heart problems, cancer problems and high-blood

pressure," Reno, 63, said Monday afternoon, standing in his basement.

"My wife's in good health, and she's got a long life," he said. "I can't have her getting swamped

out of here and forced out of here."

Reno and several of his neighbors on Parkwood east of Merriam suffered basement flooding during a Feb. 17 rainstorm, but he said the problem has plagued his house since 1985.

Reno said the city should use some of the tax dollars he and other homeowners pay to

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Water woes: Jon Reno stands by the place where the city pumps out water to help alleviate basement flooding on Parkwood. He says the city needs to buy more pumps and respond faster to problems.

Birthday celebration



A good read: Channel 50 weekend weather person Leslie Lobue reads, "The Cat in the Hat" by Dr. Seuss. She is reading to second- and fifth-graders at Nankin Mills Elementary School in Westland.

Listening: Sarah Machowicz and Stephanie Knight listen to state Rep. Eileen DeHart read "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss.



Pupils, teachers let loose on birthday of Dr. Seuss

There were cats in hats all over the place.

On Monday, students and staff at Nankin Mills Elementary School in Westland donned outfits of their favorite Dr. Seuss characters in honor of the children's author's birthday. The all-school read-in also marked Read Across America.

With painted or glued-on whiskers, long black socks for tails

and the trademark tall, striped hats, students and staff alike paid homage to the title character of Seuss' "Cat in the Hat."

The school was dressed up as well, with the halls lined with drawings of Dr. Seuss characters.

Other characters were represented in costume, including Thing One and Thing Two. Kyle Springstead, a

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Council urged to give voters say on pensions

Westland voters should be allowed to decide whether Westland City Council members should receive pensions, a resident declared Monday.

"Let the people decide this issue about whether you people should get pensions," taxpayer Mike Kelly told the seven-member council.

"And don't give me a bunch of hogwash about we're going to study it," he added. "Let the people decide."

Kelly, rather than pension critics oppose a system that allows part-time council members to qualify for retirement pensions as high as \$49,000.

■ 'And don't give me a bunch of hogwash about we're going to study it.'

Mike Kelly
Westland resident

His call for a ballot question drew support Monday from only two of seven council members.

Councilmen Glenn Anderson and Richard LeBlanc said they would support a ballot proposal, although

LeBlanc said the council should have the courage to decide the issue.

Anderson and LeBlanc have previously suggested eliminating pensions for part-time council members, but they haven't won support from their colleagues.

A move to eliminate pensions wouldn't affect current council members — some of whom say they don't believe they should wipe out pensions for future elected officials.

Sandra Cicirelli, council president, said Monday that any ballot proposal for eliminating pensions might have to

be worded as a city charter revision.

Kelly's remarks revived an issue that exploded earlier this year with Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin defending his pension. He is expected to receive about \$49,000 if he retires when his current two-year term expires Dec. 31, 1999 — and more if he is re-elected.

In mid-January, Cicirelli appointed a three-member council committee to study possible pension alternatives and to report its findings to the full council.

As of Monday, committee chairman/Councilman Charles Picker-

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Official paper

Westland residents who read the city's legal advertisements will need to turn to the Westland Observer, rather than Michigan Community Newspapers, following a Westland City Council vote on Monday. The seven-member council unanimously named the Observer the city's official newspaper for printing legal ads.

Eagle Scout

Michael J. Anderson, 16, of Westland recently has been awarded the Boy Scout Eagle Medal. He is a member of Dearborn Troop 1148. Anderson, the son

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of Karen Beleski and Steve Anderson, is a student at Livonia Franklin High School. For his Eagle service project, he coordinated a volunteer program to assist the Dearborn Historical Museum's Rendezvous on the Rouge event, a three-day encampment of French and Indian War re-enactors on the banks of the Rouge River.

His hobbies include paint ball and contact sports. He plans to work toward a career in firefighting.

Master Contractor Award

A Westland company has received the 1998 Firestone Master Contractor Award, given to Firestone's top licensed commercial roofing contractors. Advanced Commercial Corp. of Westland has been named a winner for the fifth year, Firestone announced in a press release.

The award recognizes Advanced Commercial Corp. for its "commitment to providing consistent, quality installations of Firestone roofing systems during 1997," Firestone announced. The winning company is located at 1055 Manufacturers Drive.

Representative reads: Billy Amato and Lindsey Roy listen to "Green Eggs and Ham" as read by state Rep. Eileen DeHart at Nankin Mills Elementary School in Westland.



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kindergartner, proclaimed that there were two Thing Ones and one Thing Two in his class.

Reading buddies made the doctor's stories come alive for kindergartners and sixth-graders alike.

"One of the most fun things you can do in your life is read," state Rep. Eileen DeHart of Westland told a group of kindergartners and sixth-graders in Audrey Pleasant's classroom.

She urged them to ask an adult if they have trouble while they are reading.

"Have you ever eaten green eggs and ham in a tree?" DeHart, who read "Green Eggs and Ham," asked the students, who all replied "no."

"No, I haven't either," she said.

Other readers included Leslie Lobue, a weather reporter at TV Channel 50, who read "The Cat in the Hat."

"Hop on Pop," "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" and "There's a Wocket in My Pocket" were among the other Seuss books featured.

After the readings, students gathered at an assembly for songs and a performance by the Franklin Players. Later, students had a birthday treat in their classrooms.

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ing hadn't scheduled a meeting, although he has said he hopes to resolve the issue by April.

However, Pickering on Monday did ask his council colleagues LeBlanc and Justine Barns - who serve on the pension committee - to notify City Clerk Diane Fritz of times they could meet to discuss the issue. Fritz, in turn, will try to arrange the session.

Former Personnel Director Kent Herbert has said Pickering stands to receive a pension of about \$32,000 for time he has already served.

Pension critics oppose a pension system that gives full-time pension credit to part-time council members - if they ever held a full-time city job.

Among current council members, the system particularly benefits Pickering and Griffin. Both formerly served as mayors, and Pickering also worked full time for the parks and recreation department.

Most council members have never held full-time city jobs; they qualify for pensions typically less than \$3,000.

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address flooding that occurs when sewers become overloaded. But he said Mayor Robert Thomas won't even return his telephone calls.

"Westland is a terrible place to live," Reno, a grandfather of 13, said. "It is not the place to be - not this section, anyway. It's the place to stay away from."

Reno and a growing number of Westland homeowners are becoming increasingly angry with a city administration and council that they believe have ignored their problems. At least 125 homes across Westland suffered basement flooding Feb. 17.

During a Westland City Council meeting Monday night, some homeowners threatened to retaliate by ousting city officials when they come up for re-election.

"I believe at election time we need to clear this board and get somebody who knows what they're doing," Rahn Street resident Cecil Benton said.

During the latest flooding, he said, "I stood and watched raw sewage come up through my bathroom floor."

"You people should be impeached," Somerset resident Carol Boettger told the council.

Boettger's house has been surrounded by water, and she said indoor flooding has left mold and fungus that are making her sick.

Council concern

Some council members also are angry, and they blamed administration officials for failing to schedule a study session months ago to discuss flooding problems.

"It has been sat on basically for six months, and nothing has happened," Councilman Glenn Anderson said, suggesting the council act if the administration won't.

Councilman Charles Pickering called the delay "a travesty."

Mayor Robert Thomas was reportedly sick and didn't attend Monday's meeting. But Richard Dittmar, public services director, cited several developments:

■ Four more city pumps have been bought to free overloaded sewers of water during rain storms, bringing the total number of pumps to 10.

■ City officials are studying a possible relief sewer along Meriman that would connect with a county interceptor, possibly moving water out of the city faster.

■ City officials are seeking talks with the county to discuss sewer flooding problems that also have affected other communities.

■ A study session between administration officials and Westland City Council members will be scheduled the week of April 20, although a specific date hasn't been decided.

"We should have had a meeting months ago," Pickering said. Anita Gronas, who lives on Wildwood, said she was discouraged to learn from the city that she is responsible for correcting problems with sewer lines that go from her house, under the

street to the municipal system on the other side.

"By ordinance that is correct," Dittmar said Monday, although he added later that the city tries to share some of the costs for sewer problems.

Gronas said she has received estimates as high as \$5,000 for waterproofing her basement.

"At this point I want to sell my house and move out of the city that I was once proud of," she said.

Development factor

Some residents questioned whether new development is overloading the sewer system. Some critics Monday opposed a new Wildwood Manor subdivision proposed for the old Wilson School site on Wildwood - a project that the council postponed for further study.

"When you keep developing in low-lying areas, more and more people are going to be flooded," resident Vickie Maple told the council.

Some residents said their property assessments continue to climb despite flooding that makes it impossible for them to sell their homes. Assessor James Elrod suggested they appeal their assessments to the city's Board of Review.

Jill Runkle, city purchasing agent, said homeowners can take pictures of flooding damage and fill out claim forms with the city, although she said "we do not believe at this time that it is our fault."

To get a form, call 467-3204 or pick one up at City Hall on Ford Road between Wayne and Newburgh.

Council watcher Dorothy Smith, who lives on Julius, said she has suffered basement flooding for 42 years.

"I'm trying to figure out what do we pay taxes for - (city) salaries and benefits?" she asked Monday.

"You're going crazy," she told the council. "The balloon's going to burst ... We pay enough taxes here, but you don't direct them in the proper route."

Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin suggested cutting other spending areas in the city's next budget to begin to address sewer problems.

Councilman Pickering said he won't support Mayor Thomas' proposal for a new city complex on Central City Parkway because the city needs to address more pressing problems such as flooding. He and many residents have dismissed administration claims that recent flooding was "an act of God."

The latest flooding came one year after raw sewage flooded more than 400 north-end houses - flooding blamed on a 6-foot sewer pipe being improperly sealed.

The city still faces lawsuit claims from dozens of homeowners who suffered damages last year. City officials have said the latest flooding shouldn't be compared to the 1997 sewer backup.

Westland police officers, passenger hurt in wreck

Three people, including two Westland police officers, were injured in a two-car collision on Ford Road in Garden City early Saturday.

The patrol car was traveling east on Ford and passed through a yellow flashing light at Harrison, said Garden City Police Deputy Chief Michael Bertha.

A pick-up truck driven by a Garden City woman was traveling south on Harrison, which has red flashing lights, then came through the intersection striking the patrol car at the left rear quarter.

The Westland officers were taking a prisoner to the youth home when the accident occurred. The impact sent the patrol car into a spin causing it to hit a pole and a tree in the easement.

Westland Police Deputy Chief Daniel Pfannes identified the injured officers as Steven Bachand and Joseph Abdella.

Both officers were taken to Garden City Hospital - Abdella

for a concussion and Bachand for a mild concussion and torn ligaments in his shoulder, Pfannes said.

Abdella has been a Westland officer only four months; Bachand for seven years. Both were treated and released after a few hours.

"They're doing very well," Pfannes said, but neither has returned to work because they remain under medical treatment and have to return for follow-up visits.

The prisoner, a 15-year old Garden City girl, suffered facial lacerations in the accident and was admitted to Garden City Hospital. All three injured people were treated at the scene by Garden City Fire Rescue. The other driver was not injured.

"This is still under investigation. It doesn't appear that alcohol was a factor," said Bertha.

The Michigan State Police investigated the accident and will be submitting a report along with Garden City's report.

Skating workshops set

The Westland Figure Skating Club is planning a "Skate with the Team" precision workshop. The workshop will teach the correct holds, footwork, and technical maneuvers need to skate on a precision team. The workshops

will be held on March 11, 18 and 25 at the Westland Sports Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood in Westland. Forms are available at the arena concession stand. Call (734) 729-4560 for information.

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PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission at the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Thursday, March 26, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of hearing and considering all comments of all persons interested in or concerned with the following:

06-98-004 Park Recreation District (PR)
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- Arcola Park (currently zoned R-1, One Family Residential)
- City Park (currently zoned C-1, Local Business)
- Florence Park (currently zoned R-1, One Family Residential)
- Helen Park (currently zoned R-1, One Family Residential)
- Kiwanis Park (currently zoned R-1, One Family Residential)
- Marquette Park (currently zoned R-1, One Family Residential)
- Manor Park Soccer Complex (currently zoned M-1, Light Industrial)
- Moeller Field (currently zoned R-1, One Family Residential and M-1, Light Industrial)

All persons interested in the above are hereby invited to this Public Hearing and be heard.

STEVEN J. SMITH
Interim City Clerk-Treasurer

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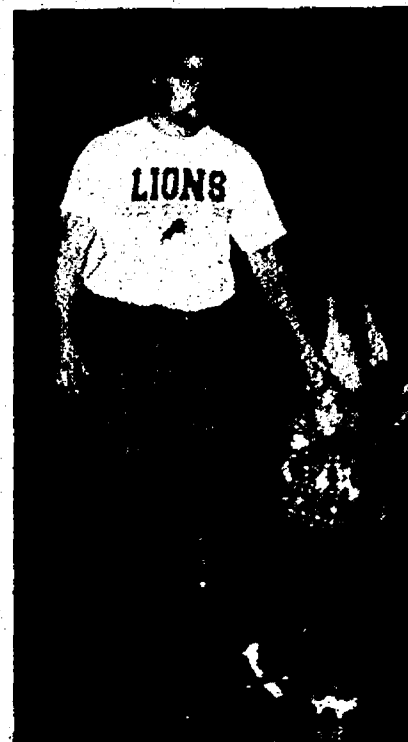
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Skating along: Above, a group of Girl Scouts swoops by the photographer. At left, Brett Moore provides the guiding support for Brett Moore Jr.



Together: Scott Sparks and Allissa Sparks, 3, skate at the family skating party at Skateland West recently.

Scouts and skates team up at party

Girl Scouts and their families took to the rink for some family roller skating recently.

More than 500 skaters turned out on a recent evening at Skateland West in Westland.

And more than 1,800 items such as cleaning supplies, kitchen items and children's supplies were collected to benefit the First Step Domestic Violence Shelter in Westland.

This is the second year for the Family Skating Party, according to Diane Browning, service unit manager for the north service

unit, which includes troops from Edison, P.D. Graham, Patchin, Wildwood, Cadet troop 218 and Senior troop 512. Also included this year were scouts from the east service unit, including Kettering, Hamilton and Elliott elementaries. The scouts went out on the rink and did a ceremony on Girl Scout Thinking Day, when scouts think about Girl Scouts around the world.

"Everyone had a really good time. It is nice to see all the families together," Browning said.



Adjustments: Brandi Suhayda, 8, adjusts her helmet.

Man charged with arson in girlfriend's car fire

A Westland man is charged with arson after starting a fire in his girlfriend's car while she was driving him home early Saturday, a police report said.

No one was seriously injured during the 12:15 a.m. incident, but the woman's 1989 Chrysler was destroyed, police said.

Michael Joseph Mujadin, 35, is expected to learn whether he will face trial when he appears in Westland 18th District Court for a preliminary hearing March 12.

He could face four years in prison if convicted of starting the fire.

Judge Gail McKnight arraigned Mujadin on an arson charge Monday and ordered him jailed in lieu of a \$50,000 cash bond.

According to a police report, a 33-year-old Westland woman was driving her boyfriend home when he pulled a bottle filled with flammable liquid from a coat pocket and splashed it on the dash area, setting it afire with a cigarette lighter.

The woman stopped the car on Bayview near Wildwood, jumped from the vehicle and ran to a nearby house to ask a resident to phone Westland police, the report said.

The suspect fled the scene only to be arrested later. He contended that he didn't start the fire and that he didn't intend to hurt anyone, the

CRIME WATCH

report said.

The incident occurred after the suspect allegedly made earlier threats against his girlfriend's daughter, police said. That argument prompted the woman to drive the man home, police said.

Vehicle break-in

A Westland woman reported that her 1998 Mercury station wagon was broken into about 11:30 p.m. last Thursday in the 32500 block of Hivley, near Cherry Hill and Venoy.

She told police that a \$300 cellular phone and a \$175 camera were taken. The victim told police that someone broke out a passenger-side window to get to the items.

Wallet stolen

A Plymouth woman reported that her wallet containing \$35, credit cards and a phone card, among other items, was stolen from a diaper bag she had placed in a shopping cart at Toys R Us at Warren and Wayne roads. The victim confronted a possible suspect but backed down when the suspect became verbally abusive, police said.

OBITUARIES

JOSEPHINE A. STEIGER

Visitation for Josephine Steiger, 83, of Westland was Feb. 27 in Uht Funeral Home with private burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mrs. Steiger died Feb. 26 in Dearborn. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: son, Dexter; daughters, Martha Rue and Toni Crespo; sisters, Lillian Joseph and Esther Kamalay; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

JEFFERY L. MARTIN

The family of Jeffery Martin, 38, of Brighton will receive friends 3-6 p.m. Sunday, March 8, in the V.F.W. Hall, 10590 E. Grand River, Brighton. Arrangements were previously made by Shelters Funeral Home, Pinckney.

Mr. Martin, who died Feb. 25 in Brighton, was born in Garden City. He was self-employed as a locksmith.

Surviving are: wife, Tracey; daughter, Jamie; parents, LeRoy and Janette Martin of Westland;

and sister, Vickie Martin of Westland.

R. DOUGLAS LACOMPTÉ

Funeral services for R. Douglas LaCompte, 75, of Southfield were March 2 in Brightmoor Tabernacle Church, Southfield, with burial at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley. Officiating was the Rev. Calvin C. Batz from Brightmoor Tabernacle Church.

Mr. LaCompte, who died Feb. 27 in his Southfield residence, was born in Cliffside Park, N.J. He lived in Southfield 51 1/2 years. He was a former resident of Detroit. He worked production control for Chrysler (Highland Park), retiring after 41 years. He attended Northwestern High School. Mr. LaCompte was a member of Brightmoor Tabernacle Church. He served with the Army during World War II. He collected and fixed antique clocks, and enjoyed photography.

Surviving are: wife of 51 1/2 years, Frances; sons, Ray of Hawks, Mich., and Randy of Farmington Hills; daughters, Linda Latham of Westland,

Pamala Latham of Illinois, Cheryl Cecotti of Texas and Jody Reich of Westland; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be sent to Brightmoor Tabernacle Church, 26555 Franklin Road, Southfield 48034, or Hospice of Southeast Michigan, 18250 Northland Drive, Suite 212, Southfield 48075-5200.

RONALD YOUNGBLOOD

Funeral services for Ronald Youngblood, 50, of Ypsilanti were Wednesday, March 4, at Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Ray Haselhuhn officiating.

Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mr. Youngblood, who died March 1, was a machine operator. He served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include: wife, Sharon Youngblood; sons, Ronald Joshua and Ryan Jacob; stepsons, James Owen Francis and Jeffery Lee Francis; mother, Jewel of Westland; and three grandchildren.

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Library Program

The library has ordered 15 new periodical titles for 1998. These will increase the number of periodicals the library receives to 350. The periodical section and reading room are located on the east side of the library behind the Reference Desk.

Web Site of the Week

<http://www.mel.lib.mi.us/business/autoenter>
The Automotive Information Center provides all things automotive: history, industry, statistics, repair and maintenance information, labor and safety.

Programs for Adults

• 7 p.m. Monday, March 16
Adult book discussion group
The adult book discussion group will discuss Laurie King's "The Bookkeeper's Apprentice" in Community Meeting Room A. Paperback copies are now available. Call to reserve a copy.

• 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17
St. Patrick's Day
Wear your green and come to the library to join the fun. The evening celebration will include Irish story-

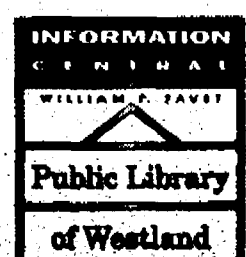
telling, traditional music and refreshments in the Community Meeting Room. Pre-registration required. Sponsored by the Library Pub.

Programs for Children

- 7 p.m. Monday, March 16
Storytime
This family storytime includes stories, books, movement activities, and more that will help the family share a love of reading. No registration required.
- 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17
Toddler Tales
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Preschool Time
Children's Activity Room
- 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 18
Toddler Tales
Community Meeting Room
Preschool Time
Children's Activity Room
- 10 a.m. Saturday, March 21
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Student attends leader conference

Joshua Spohr of Westland, a student at Wayne Memorial High School, has been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C., this week.

The conference is a leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Spohr will be among 350 national scholars attending the conference.

The theme of the National Young Leaders Conference is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Spohr will have the chance to interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

Highlights of the program include welcoming remarks from

the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and a panel discussion with journalists at the National Press Club. The scholars will visit foreign embassies and receive policy briefings from senior government officials.

Students will also participate in leadership skill-building activities including "If I Were President," a role-playing exercise in responding to an international crisis.

The conference ends with a "Model Congress," in which scholars assume the roles of U.S. representatives by debating, amending and voting on proposed legislation dealing with juvenile justice.

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The Conference will begin with the pre-musical at Bailey Cathedral, (7045 Curtis in Detroit) on Monday, March 9, 1998, at 8:00 pm with Minister of Music, Bro. Ronald J. Kelly and the Music Staff in charge. Special musical guest is Ms Vickie Winans.

The Conference officially opens on Tuesday, at 1:00 pm preceded by noon time prayer. The services, unless otherwise noted, will be held at Anderson Memorial Church of God in Christ, 17860 Jos Campau, Detroit, MI. The theme of the Conference is "The Lord Will Provide", taken from 1 Kings 17:15. The opening address will be given by Bishop C. L. Anderson, Jr., presiding Bishop of the Great Lakes Jurisdiction. Institute Hour will be held on Wednesday and Thursday at noon conducted by Eldere Clifford Dunlap. The conference will also feature principal speakers each night at 7:30 pm.

Friday, March 13, 1998, 12:00 noon, is Women's Day with Mother Merle R. Cranford, Supervisor of Women, in charge. A special anointing and healing service will be held on Friday evening conducted by Bishop C. L. Anderson, Jr., and pastor James Taylor. Saturday's night guest speaker is Bishop Robert Woodward, Jurisdictional Prelate, Texas, Southeast #1. This Saturday evening service will be held at Bailey Cathedral.

On Sunday, March 15, 1998, the 32nd Annual Conference will be held at Bailey Cathedral, (045 Curtis in Detroit), where Bishop C.L. Anderson, Jr. will deliver the Spring Conference message at the 3:00 PM Mass Meeting service. The 32nd Spring Conference will officially conclude at the end of this service.

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Resident questions wetland 'trade-offs'

Bill Craig, a Livonia resident who regularly attends meetings of the Wayne County Commission's Committee on Environment, Drains and Sewers, said he opposes a wetlands preservation fund's use in the hands of Wayne County.

"The biggest flaw is (the county) using parks property," Craig said. "It's trading one habitat for another."

Craig believes the county could "trade" a baseball diamond - to be developed as new wetlands - for an old established wetland to be revamped as a buildable site, paved and used for development.

Craig is also active on an advisory council overseeing the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan to clean the river and is active with the Friends of the Rouge, but he said he was critical of this wetlands program "as a citizen."

"It's a risky business," Craig said. "It's banking. There is a risk involved; even with the best technology and all the experience and education in creating wetlands, it's still a man-made project and it might not succeed."

Some of the plants and animals lost in one area of wetlands turned into development may

■ **'It's trading one habitat for another.'**

Bill Craig
—Livonia resident

not thrive or survive in a new wetland area, Craig said. "Maybe plants won't grow there, maybe soils won't support (wetlands)."

"It ends up being on the high end of biology and hydrology. It's trading a Cadillac for an Escort with 150,000 miles on it."

Craig was asked whether he believed Crosswinds Marsh, a county wetlands mitigation project and nature preserve that opened last year, was a success story. "Not yet." The cattails, fish and storks have the makings of a lasting wetlands, but they need to "fit together" with the ecosystem, soils and hydrology of the preserve by standing the test of time, Craig said.

"That's why it takes five years to achieve a level of success. It might be 10 years."

Crosswinds will need intensive monitoring to help ensure that the program is a success there, Craig said.

Wetlands control Commission examines proposed fund

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara wants to start a fund to help preserve wetlands near the Rouge River, to aid in improving water quality and acquire lands for recreational activities.

McNamara and Cameron Priebe, assistant county executive and director of Wayne County's Department of Public Services, submitted to county commissioners a proposed resolution and a draft copy of a proposal to be sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Commissioners have sent the proposals to the commission's Committee on Environment, Drains and Sewers for study. It may be discussed at the committee's next meeting,

tentatively scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 10.

Funds for wetlands

Under the program, the wetlands fund or "bank" will generate mitigation credits that the county can use or sell to the developer "to offset in advance the unavoidable loss of wetlands."

Revenues from the sale of the credits will be used by the county, in part, to purchase or otherwise acquire land for the creation and maintenance of public parks. That money would be placed in the wetlands preservation fund and reported to the MDEQ by Wayne County.

The MDEQ must issue a permit for any wetland construction.

The county would use those proceeds to first repay costs of construction and then reimburse the county for operating and maintenance costs of the wetlands.

"The remainder of the funds will be used as determined by the Board of Directors to acquire upland properties for public parks, for economic development activities to benefit the citizens of Wayne County and the surrounding areas, and to finance the further expansion of the mitigation banking program," according to the county's draft proposal.

Under the proposed county resolution, a board of seven to 11 members would manage the fund. The resolution also allows the board to accept

donations of land to be included in the bank; they may select properties currently owned by the county or acquired by the county to be included in the bank.

Commissioners react

County commissioners have questions about the proposal because the fund will be managed by seven county officials - directors of public services, environment and jobs and economic development, chief financial officer, a representative chosen by the county executive, a county commissioner and parks division officer.

For the most part, commissioners want to see more information before voting on

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Judge sues to stop court reorganization

An Oakland County circuit judge has filed a lawsuit against the state of Michigan challenging the constitutionality of the reorganization of Wayne County's court system, following a similar legal argument in a lawsuit filed last year.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Richard Kuhn, his attorney Larry Bunting and two registered Wayne County voters filed the complaint Feb. 23 in U.S. District Court, challenging a 1996 law that abolished Detroit Recorder's Court and transferred 29 Recorder's Court judges to the Circuit Court.

The merger and reorganization approved by state lawmakers forces the removal of divorce and child custody cases from the circuit court docket, and removal of juvenile delin-

quency cases from Probate Court. A new family division in Wayne County Circuit Court was created to handle divorce, child custody and juvenile delinquent cases.

But Kuhn, a delegate to the 1961 state constitutional convention, challenged the state law and has requested an injunction. "For the Legislature to appoint someone from recorder's to circuit court is a violation of the constitution," Kuhn said. "The only other means of filling a vacancy under the Michigan constitution is the appointment by the governor and by election."

"We have the separation of powers," Kuhn said. "People want their judges to be elected, Kuhn said, adding that nowhere in Article 6 of the Constitution does it say anything about the Legislature appointing circuit judges. Last year state lawmakers passed the provision governing the court reorganization without a constitutional amendment, and a vote from Michigan's electorate."

Judge Richard Kuhn
—Oakland County Circuit Court

"It's a legislative fiat," Kuhn said. "They were so hell-bent to do something about it, they just violated the Consti-

tution. It's plain and simple." Wayne County Chief Circuit Judge Michael Sapala, who is overseeing the court reorganization, would only say the lawsuit was "wholly without merit." A motion is expected to be filed next week by the office of the state attorney general calling for the judge to expedite the case.

U.S. District Judge Averil Cohn will hear the case.

A similar case has been filed with the Michigan Court of Appeals. A ruling in that case is expected at anytime, Sapala said.

In that case, Wayne County Circuit Judge Robert Colombo Jr. denied Kuhn's request in September 1997 for an injunction and sided with the defendants because Kuhn "lacked legal capacity to sue."

SC trustees to review architectural firms for Waterman project

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees expects to select on Wednesday, March 25, an architectural/food service consultant team to design the expanded Waterman Center.

A study session is set for Sunday, March 22, to discuss the bids, previous projects completed by the teams and references.

Trustees spent Saturday interviewing the three teams for 40 minutes each. Once they completed the interviews, they wanted more information, so they advised Butch Raby, Schoolcraft's vice president of business services, to check on references and previous work completed by the architects and food consulting firms.

Last Wednesday, Raby told trustees he would check on the last couple construction projects. "We will actually check with the clients, that these projects finish on time," Raby said.

Originally Raby contacted about 15 firms, then narrowed that field to three firms, each with a food service consultant.

BEI Associates/Stephens Bangs, DiClemente-Siegel Engineering Inc./T.Kenneth Rohlfing and Ghafari Associates/E.F. Whitney were the final three teams. Bids for the teams range from \$430,000 to \$650,000.

Raby believes the center may cost about \$10 million.

Civil rights warriors

Fraser, others honored for activism by Detroit Urban League

Douglas Fraser, a former UAW president, will be among four people honored as "Distinguished Warriors" for their civil rights activism at a salute sponsored by the Detroit Urban League on Thursday, March 19, in the Westin Hotel, Detroit.

Fraser, a Northville Township resident, will be honored for his work as a member of the United Auto Workers International Executive Board and UAW president. Fraser was instrumental in bringing about changes in the workplace to improve conditions for union and non-union workers in the United States.

Other honorees include: ■ Sidney Barthwell, a registered pharmacist who established the largest chain of African American-owned drug stores in the United States. He also established the Wayne State University School of Pharmacy endowed scholarship fund for minority students.

■ U.S. Court of Appeals

Judge Damon Keith, a member of the federal judiciary since 1977, has defended the constitutional and civil rights of people throughout his career.

■ Morris Gleicher (posthumously), the former president of the Metropolitan Detroit branch of the American Civil Liberties Union. Gleicher was an organizer and officer of Michigan Friends of the South, an interracial body that supported and encouraged financial personal election assistance to register and protect citizens who wanted to secure their 15th Amendment right to vote.

More than 1,300 people are expected to attend the Detroit Urban League's 1998 "Salute to Distinguished Warriors" dinner, which is the organization's largest fund-raiser.

Since 1980, the Detroit Urban League has recognized the contributions of more than 100 individuals who have devoted most of their adult lives to the struggle for human



Doug Fraser



Morris Gleicher



Sidney Barthwell



Damon Keith

and civil rights. "The mission of the Detroit Urban League is to enable African Americans and other persons of color to achieve their greatest potential," said Detroit Urban League president N. Charles Anderson. "The lifelong contributions of our honorees have earned

them the designation of 'Distinguished Warriors.'"

Chairing the 1998 dinner is John Rakolta, chairman and CEO of Walbridge Aldinger, a Detroit-based company. "The Detroit Urban League serves more than 40,000 clients annually with more than 20 specialized programs; this dinner sup-

ports the programs," said Rakolta.

"I am very excited about the event and look forward to striving to reach its \$200,000 fund-raising goal."

The Detroit Urban League's "Salute to Distinguished Warriors" dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Renaissance Ball-

room of the Westin Hotel. Tickets for the dinner are \$100 per person; a portion of the contribution is tax-deductible.

For additional ticket information, call the Detroit Urban League at (313) 832-4600, Ext. 29, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

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Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, opposes it in its current form, because he believes it undermines local control.

"Notice all of these persons (directors of public services, environment, and jobs and economic development and chief financial office, plus a representative of the county executive, county commission and parks division) are already appointees of the county executive except

the one county commission representative. And, all are potentially non-elected, and therefore, potentially less than accountable to the public appointments."

Patterson also wondered why money was earmarked for recreation. "Why shouldn't these be targeted to the stormwater watershed problem that is being fought out in federal court?" he asked.

Commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Edward Plawewski Sr., D-Dear-

born Heights, who also represents Redford Township and a part of Livonia, want to review the ordinance before commenting on it.

"I want to hear why the county has to do it," McCotter said. Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, was out of town at a conference on Monday, but an aide said she has concerns about the proposal.

Schoolcraft's open house is March 22

Schoolcraft College is planning an open house from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 22.

Participants can tour the campus and explore the range of programs available to persons of all ages. As the community resource for lifelong learning, the College's various divisions will present information for graduating high school seniors, for adults who have not attended college or have some college but have not completed a degree, for those seeking personal enrichment

classes and for parents interested in summer enrichment courses for their children.

Visitors may drop in anytime between noon and 3 p.m., take guided tours of the campus and talk with current Schoolcraft students. Prospective students can learn about admissions, financial aid, career planning, tutoring, student activities and athletics, weekend college and distance learning, and Continuing Education Services.

The event includes free infor-

mational materials, and faculty members will answer questions and give hands-on demonstrations to acquaint visitors with their degree programs. Public Safety will display the police, fire and EMT vehicles; Culinary Arts will have a table display; Computer Assisted Drafting will demonstrate software; and Continuing Education Services will have material on its Talented and Gifted Program for children.

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Gubernatorial candidate wants salary cap

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

One of the first things Edward T. Hamilton wants to do when he is elected governor is keep his own salary from getting too high.

Seeking legislation to cap the governor's salary at \$90,000 is just one of many things Hamilton, a Troy resident and 1998 Democratic gubernatorial hopeful, wants to do if he is elected governor Nov. 3.

"I want to put our state government on a kosher diet — no more pork," Hamilton said Tuesday, while addressing the Westland Democratic Club.

Hamilton, 55, is a new vehicle and new product launch manager for the Chrysler Corp. He was part of the original team that launched the company's first minivans in the late 1970s. He

also is an executive committee member of the Oakland County Democratic Party.

He is married to Silvia, and has two children, Adam, 15, and Krystle, 13. He has lived in Troy for more than 20 years.

He said he wants to apply the cost-cutting strategies he's learned in his 20-plus years experience at Chrysler to make state government more efficient.

He hopes to accomplish that by eliminating the state employees' profit sharing plan unless they eliminate billions of dollars in taxpayers' money wasted annually and by instituting a prison industry to help pay for the state's prisons, the state's second-highest budget item. A prison industry also would help

prisoners develop valuable work skills, he said.

"My theme is to push for a low-cost, high-quality compassionate government," Hamilton said.

Hamilton says he is the only conservative Democratic candidate in the governor's race — and represents a choice voters need.

"I consider myself part of the new Democratic coalition," under the new Democratic majority sweeping the country. The new Democrats are "more modern, more pragmatic and less dogmatic," Hamilton said.

"I believe in hard work and family first," he said, though "we're a vanishing breed."

Hamilton claims to be the only

high-profile Democratic candidate who supports term limits, something he says is vital to keeping fresh voices in government.

"Too many legislators think it takes 20 years to learn how to be a good legislator," Hamilton said. "It doesn't take 20 years."

Unlike many of his Democratic brethren, Hamilton opposes increasing gas taxes, as well as many other taxes.

Running for office was a logical step for Hamilton, who said he was inspired to take part in politics after volunteering as a youth in a John F. Kennedy election campaign.

"Running for office is the highest form of citizenship," Hamilton said.

His most recent bid for public office was in 1996 for Oakland County executive. Though winner L. Brooks Patterson out-

spent him by a 100-to-1 margin, Hamilton garnered 200,000 votes — more votes than Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer received in the 1997 election.

This time around, his main Democratic competitor, Larry Owen, has backing by the UAW and the Michigan Education Association, the state's teachers' union. Hamilton isn't scared by Owen's big money, though. A recent Detroit News poll shows him to be in a "statistical dead heat" with Owen, he said.

The first chance Michigan voters will have to pick their governor is in the Aug. 4 primary election. To date, Democrats who have filed in the gubernatorial race are Hamilton, Owen and Doug Ross.

Republican incumbent Gov. John Engler also has announced his re-election bid.



Edward Hamilton

Miss Michigan appears at scholarship dinner auction

Miss Michigan 1997, Kimberly Stec of Rochester, will make a special appearance at Madonna University's 10th annual "Around the World Scholarship Dinner Auction."

The auction begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 24 at Burton Manor in Livonia.

Items up for bid include Northwest Airlines tickets to Hawaii and other destinations throughout the continental United States; a seven-day Caribbean cruise; vacations spots in Baden Baden, Germany; and seven days in a villa at the Orange Tree Golf and Country

Club in Orlando, Fla.

Numerous collectibles up for bid include a replica of the Olympic Torch and pins; signed sports memorabilia from the Red Wings, Tiger Woods, Ted Williams and Ted Lindsay and a wide selection of new and retired Beanie Babies.

A 1998 Cadillac Catera from Don Massey will be awarded in a raffle. Only 750 raffle tickets will be sold at \$200 each.

General admission ticket price is \$65 and includes dinner, open bar and the live and silent auction. Gold Inner Circle Seating tickets are \$100 and allow spe-

cial seating near the center stage.

For more information call (734) 432-5588 or 432-5421. Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

Parenting exposition scheduled for Saturday

A parenting exposition, complete with demonstrations, brochures and speakers, will be held 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 7, in the Atrium (first floor) of the Wayne County Building.

Open to the public at no charge, the event is sponsored by Wayne County Commissioner Jewel Ware, D-Detroit. Commissioner Ware also introduced a proclamation declaring March as "Parenting Awareness Month" in the county.

"We're all so busy now and we've got to make time for our children. We need advice and tips on how we can give our children quality time and the guidance to make them tomorrow's leaders," Ware said.

Several service agencies and vendors will be speaking and distributing information throughout the program. Refreshments also will be served.

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Local host families are needed for summer exchange students

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is seeking local host families for boys and girls from Scandinavia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Japan, Thailand, Mexico, Brazil, China, Taiwan, the Newly Independent States of the Soviet Union, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, 15 to 18 years of age, coming to this area for the upcoming high school year.

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Students are sponsored by ASSE, a non-profit, public benefit organization, founded by the Swedish Ministry of Education.

The exchange students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins and return at the end of the school year. Each ASSE student is fully insured, brings his or her own personal spending money and expects to bear his or her share of household responsibilities, and included in normal family activities and lifestyles.

The students and screened and qualified by ASSE. Families may select the youngster of their choice from extensive student applications, family photos and biographical essays. Students and families are encouraged to begin corresponding before a student's arrival.

ASSE is also seeking local high schools students to become ASSE exchange students abroad.

Students should be between 15 and 18 years old and interested in living with a host family, attending school and learning about the lands and people of the countries mentioned above, with the exception of the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union.

Students should have a good academic record and a desire to experience another culture and language through living with a warm and giving volunteer family. Academic year and shorter term summer vacation programs are available.

Those interested in obtaining more information about becoming a host family or becoming an exchange student should contact ASSE's local representative, Jessica Stauffer, at (734) 459-7646 or call 1-800-736-1760.

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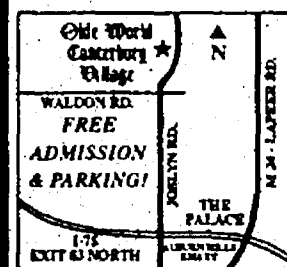
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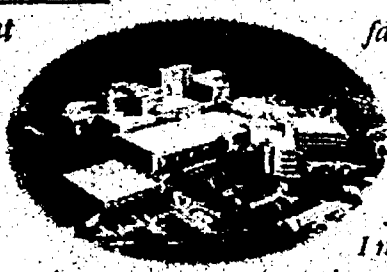
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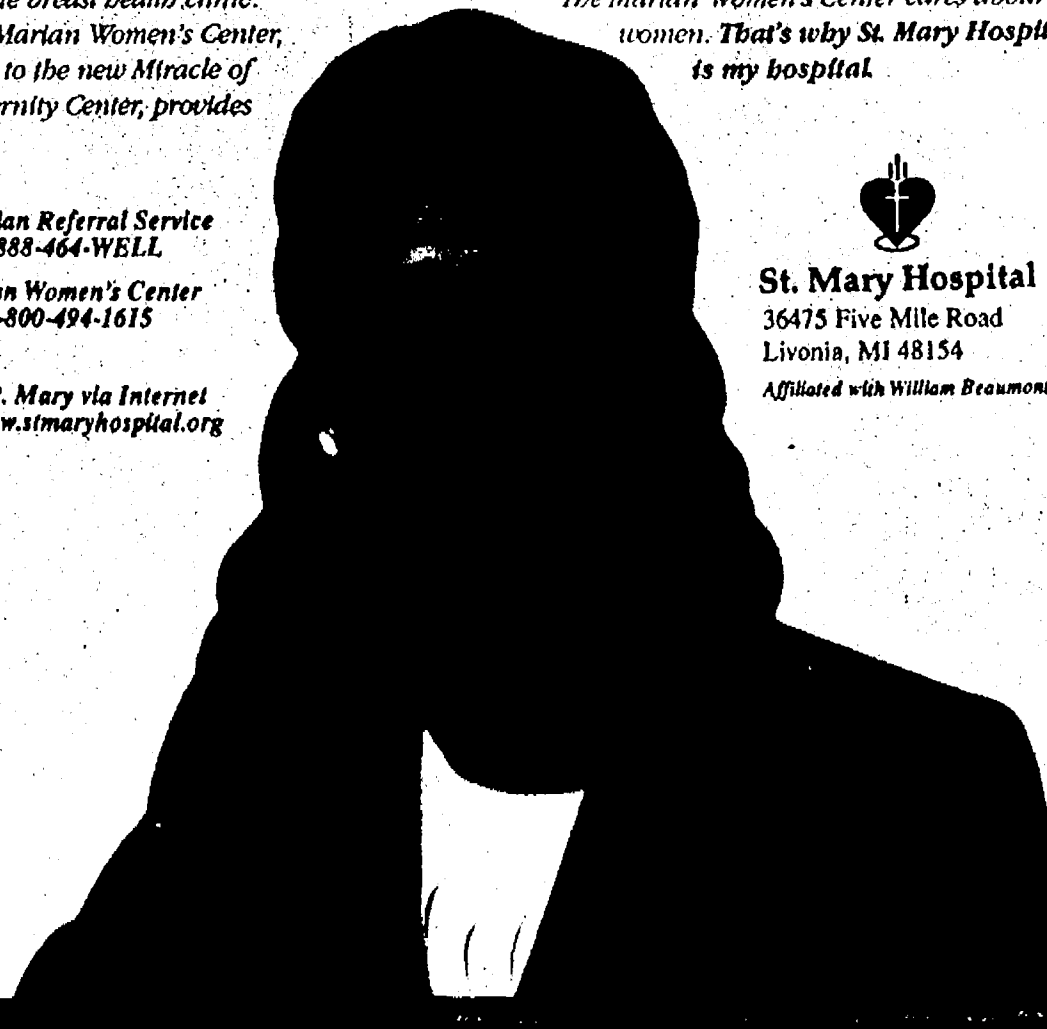
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Scale down SBT, business urges panel

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Don't junk the single business tax. Just scale it down so Michigan is competitive with other states.

That's what small business owners told the House Tax Policy Committee in a public

hearing earlier this year in Southfield.

"The message is that the tax is too high," said committee chair Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti. "There's talk of going to a corporate income tax. But that would require a 16-20 percent rate (to raise the same \$2 bil-

lion plus in revenue).

"Perhaps the SBT is too high. We're grabbing so much now, we'd scare the heck out of everybody (by replacing SBT with a corporate income tax)," said Profit.

"It's still a barrier to growth," said Dan Nemus, a

certified public accountant in Bingham Farms representing the Small Business Association of Michigan. "Firms have a strong incentive to suppress sales and earnings."

Nemus urged the panel to eliminate health care expenses

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HomeTown VP wraps up lively newspaper career

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

His turning point came when he was a 26-year-old Chicago cab driver sitting in a Halsted Street bar with a pal. The pal advised John Reddy to go to college.

"I'll be 30 by the time I get out!" Reddy objected.

"You're going to be 30 anyway," said the friend, and that settled it.

"I went down to the University of Illinois at Navy Pier. I majored in journalism," Reddy recalled. "Why? I had a difficult time expressing my opinion and communicating with people. I truly enjoyed knowledgeable and stimulating people. I would have to offer them something of interest in return."

At 30, married and with one child, Reddy earned a U-I degree and got a job on the Sterling (Ill.) Daily Gazette. The one-time Navy carpenter and cab driver had launched his career in people-oriented journalism.

The working part of his career will end March 31 when he retires at 65 as vice president for editorial of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this and more than 60 other weekly and semi-weekly newspapers in Michigan, Ohio and northern Kentucky. He'll spend the month of March breaking in his successor, Jeanne Towar.

Why readers griped

Reddy wanted to make a difference. Many agree he has.

"I used to get the bulldog edition of the Chicago Tribune. People always bitched about papers," he said.

"Many Republicans thought that flaming young liberals were running the (suburban) papers. My view was that anyone has a right to have a position fairly and well represented."

Rich Perlberg, now general manager of the HomeTown Newspapers headquartered in Howell, was among many who



John Reddy

absorbed Reddy's message.

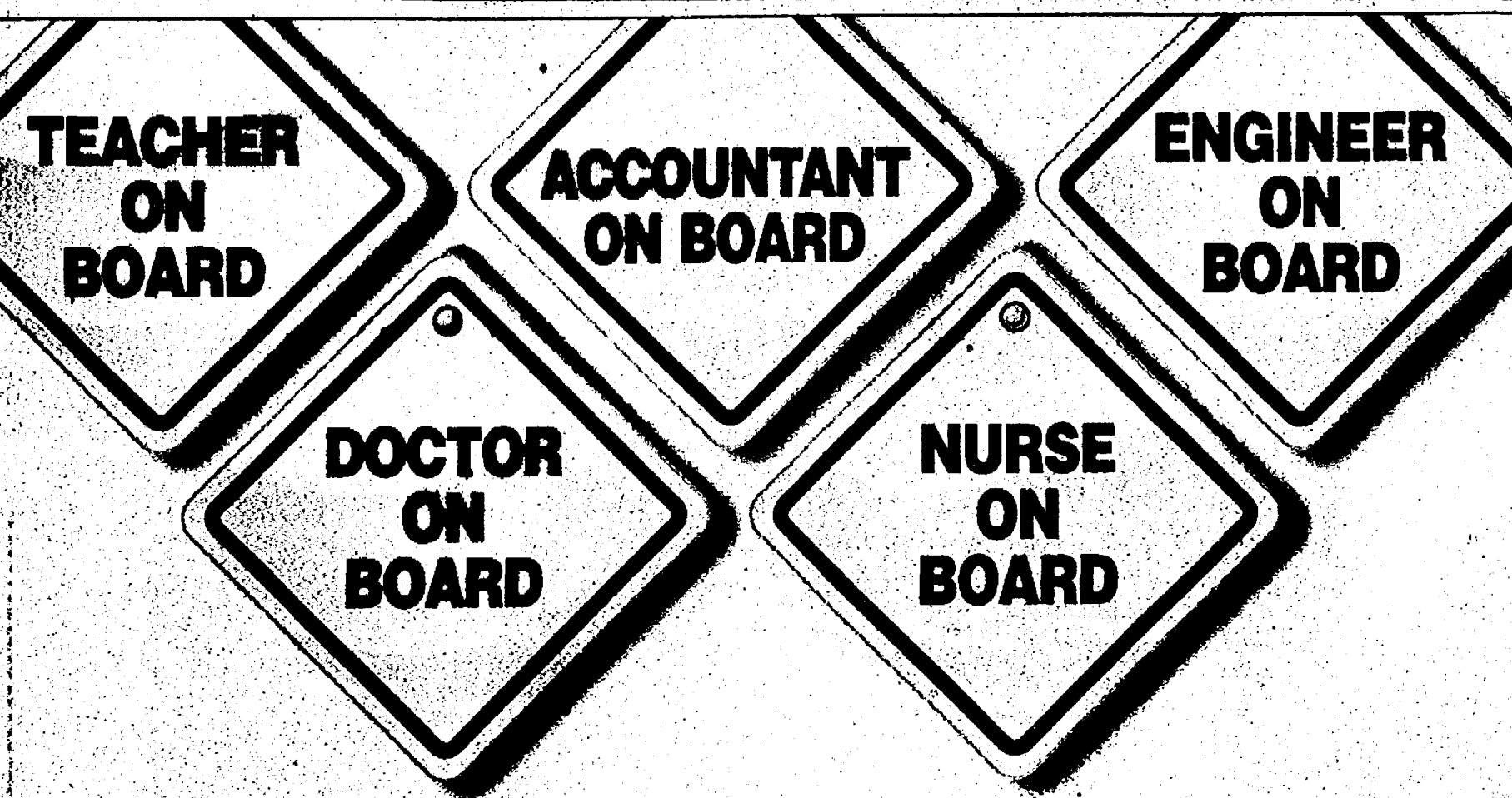
"There is one overriding dogma of John's," said Perlberg. "When someone is upset about our news coverage or editorial position of a particular issue, we should be able to ask, 'Was your position fairly and accurately reported in the paper?'"

"If we are doing our jobs, the answer has to be 'yes.' And most fair-minded people, even if they disagree with our overall coverage, will eventually concede that we have done our job if we have hit that standard," Perlberg said.

Next, Reddy became a community editor in Palatine, Ill., for Paddock newspapers in the northwestern Chicago suburbs, then moved to the Chicago Sun-Times' suburban and city desks. He was impressed by the fact that the woman who interviewed him for the job had helped make journalism — and film — history by spotting a cleaning woman's classified ad that said "Call Northside 777." The paper's investigation freed an innocent man from prison.

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the Birmingham Eccentric). By then I had changed my mind about looking for a new job, but Hank said, 'Don't say no until you come over and look.'

"Joan (his wife) encouraged me. We drove over here with four kids and looked. There was a sense of community here."

"That was the time of the fair housing ordinance fight (following the 1967 Detroit riot). I told him he had to support the fair housing ordinance or I wouldn't come. Hank was very supportive of the editorial department and of me as an editor."

"I was managing editor. We created the Troy edition, then West Bloomfield, Rochester and Southfield. I was managing editor while all that went on."

"Then Hank bought paper in Cincinnati and needed someone to run it. I was there from 1972 to '75," he said.

Reddy deprecates his own work as a general manager, but others don't. HomeTown's Perlberg recalls how Reddy stepped in as manager of that group of six weeklies after Rolie Peterson's sudden death on Christmas Eve of 1989.

"Rolie's death was traumatic," Perlberg said. "John walked into a shell-shocked division and provided the leadership and guidance necessary to keep operations stable."

"He wisely let those with experience lead the way when appropriate, but he was far from a caretaker GM. He implemented marketing strategies and directed operations. Then he helped the new GM during a 90-day transition period and gracefully stepped aside."

But that's getting ahead of the saga.

Heading the merger

In 1975 Reddy was brought back from Cincinnati to be executive editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, formed a year earlier by the merger of Hogan's Eccentric group with Phil Power's Observer group.

"When John was in charge," said board chair Power, "the company's newspapers won more state and national awards for editorial excellence than any other group of community newspaper in the country."

Reddy likes to tell reporters — young and old — to observe peo-

ple browsing in a bookstore. "If they see dialogue, they'll read it. If they see long, gray paragraphs of prose, they'll skip it or put it down. Dialogue is people." The moral: Use direct quotes to tell a good news story.

Another lesson is to make use of graphics — charts, pictures and graphs that tell the "what" of a story. "That frees up the writer to explain the why and how and the implications."

While media critics often deplore USA Today as "McPaper," Reddy praises it for use of charts. "Charts were slow to come into newspapers because no one is driving it. It takes senior management and well-trained young professionals to drive it."

So part of the business is listening to people.

More than boosters

And part is building communities.

"We're building communities, not as blind boosters (a 19th century term used on papers that flacked for real estate interests), because they suffer from failed credibility."

"There's an implied social contract. We have to fulfill our readers' expectations," he said, only hinting at the heck an editor will catch if he or she fails to display changes in the trash pickup schedule on page 1 or the rites of passage such as marriages and deaths.

The reward: "They (readers) will give you license to talk about the prickly things that disturb their consciences and make them uncomfortable. The single most important distinguishing characteristic is its editorial page and its editorial voice."

Oh, and a good paper should be "predictably unpredictable."

At O&E Reddy moved up the ladder to general manager (1977-82) and corporate vice president for editorial (since 1982), with fill-in stints, as Perlberg noted, managing various divisions.

Reddy is blunt about the sometime adversarial role of editorial and advertising people within newspapers.

"There are not enough good editorial people in senior management. The reason is that they refuse to learn anything about

management. The only way you can have a free press is to have an economically sound press."

"There's a really a strong need for senior management to have an advocate for the editorial department. It's easier for them (management) to remember that if it's personified in their midst."

"I'm not sure how well I did, but at least they had to look at me before they walked all over the editorial department."

Power is sure Reddy did well. "He used the position as a bully pulpit from which to preach the special role and notable successes of community journalism."

"We will miss his constant wise counsel and his unfailing attention to making our craft as community journalists better," Power said.

A playwright?

And soon retirement.

"I saw a couple of people retire, and they were like fish out of water. That's not going to happen to me," vowed Reddy, relating how he arose at 4 that morning to practice on the piano (Albeniz and Chopin).

"Joan has always wanted to go on an archeological dig. I can sit and do water colors while she does that."

"My goal is to write some plays. It's an extension of (a reporter's use) of quotes. There needs to be a chemistry between the playwright, the director and actors. You have to construct it so they (director and actors) have some ownership in a way that won't distort it."

So far he has written three vignettes, but details must wait until opening night.

There was something he failed to appreciate as an 18-year-old in the Navy that he has been correcting — foreign travel. This year he and Joan will see the cave art in Spain.

After studying Spanish in high school and French in college, he is working on Chinese. "I'm listening to tapes. If anybody wants to help me talk Chinese, I'd be glad to hear from them," he said.

It's more than just knowing the words. It's understanding how other people think because, said Reddy:

"I truly enjoy knowledgeable and stimulating people."

SBT from page A10

from the SBT base. "Taxing the health care benefit is bad public policy and bad tax policy."

Nemus also asked that the threshold for paying SBT be raised from the current \$250,000 to \$500,000 of business earnings. "And a simplified form would help," he added.

Profit appeared to like that idea, noting that 66 percent of those who pay SBT produce less than 1 percent of its revenue. "A whole lot of effort for so little return makes no sense," the chairman said.

Raise threshold

"Small business is the economic engine of growth," said Linda Jolicœur, a member of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce. "Many small businesses are above the \$250,000 threshold. A more appropriate method for small business is profit."

"SBT is the closest thing to a value-added tax," said Harvey Bronstein, who teaches small business courses at Oakland Community College. "No other state has a VAT, nor does the

federal government."

"It's a stable source of revenue, but it has disadvantages. If you hire someone or give them a raise, you have to pay added SBT. The biggest negative is that you can be taxed at a significant amount in a year after you've lost money in the previous years."

"And it's unfair to small and medium Michigan businesses that operate in Ohio and Indiana."

SBT, passed in 1975, replaced eight other taxes, including the corporate income tax, corporate franchise fee, savings and loan tax, and domestic insurance company tax. It taxes 2.3 percent of a business' value added — basically payroll and earnings. There's also an alternative profits tax of 2 percent a business can elect to pay.

But because of SBT's complexity, many small businesses must hire an accountant, who must figure the firm's tax two ways — at the employer's expense, said Harry D. Pevos, a Southfield CPA.

Pevos, representing the

Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, called for updating some of SBT's provisions to account for inflation.

Burden lighter

Charles Owens, Lansing spokesman for the 23,000-member National Federation of Independent Business, praised lawmakers for recent years' steps to lighten the SBT burden to 4 percent rates," Owens said.

"In the past, our polls showed 'Yes, repeal it.' Now it's a guarded 'Be careful what you get.' They (NFIB members) want a look at what replaces it. There are a lot of mixed signals in the small business community."

Democrat Profit praised Republican Gov. John Engler on the SBT issue. "This governor has been very good in saying we don't have to raise revenue to match spending. This governor has been very good to taxpayers."

"But we're still not in great shape. We're still third or fourth highest in the country on the business tax burden."

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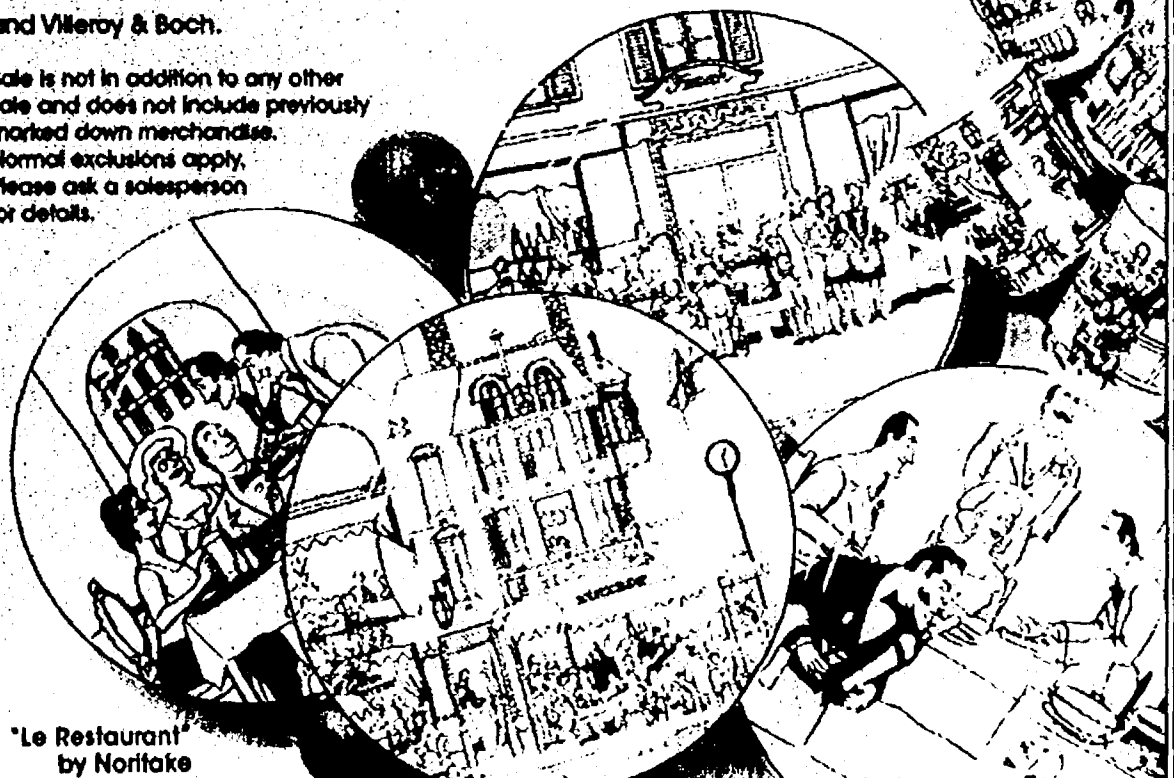
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THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1998

City's future Westland needs clear plan

So far this year, proposed city projects are popping up like plants in spring in Westland. A proposed new city hall and recreation center, and a plan to spruce up aging commercial corridors along Ford and south Wayne roads, are some of the projects under discussion.

While we don't want to prune anyone's plans to improve the city, we do want to urge caution in pursuing all these projects at once unless there is clear direction for the city. We also urge the city to first attend to problems, such as basement flooding from sewers, that leave longtime citizens pleading for help.

Under a proposed extension of an existing Tax Increment Finance Authority district, a plan is being discussed to build a new city hall and an upscale recreation center. Those plans could also include a district court and a new police station as part of a new city government complex.

It's too early to say whether the use of TIFA money for a city hall and a recreation center or other city projects is a good or a bad idea, but new buildings may not improve the city's image if problems such as basement flooding begin to drive longtime residents out.

Also, the proposal could involve moving city buildings to another site in the city, leaving the current city hall site for other purposes. If this move is made, we hope there are concrete plans for the current city hall and Bailey recreation sites. As for the idea of building a new courthouse and a new police station, there are many factors to consider including cost and the need to have those two buildings located near each other.

Meanwhile, the DDA plan to make

improvements along the three-mile stretch of Ford Road and the southern strip of Wayne Road from Ford to Glenwood could include landscaping, low-rise brick walls, banners, new signs, trees and street lights.

Flood victims are sure to question all these new plans when the city hasn't even found ways to keep sewer water out of basements during heavy rains. The city may need to rethink its priorities.

While these commercial areas need attention, it also leaves us wondering how the DDA plans will fit in with the commercial corridors that aren't in that district. Will one part of the city begin to feel like a separate entity from nearby commercial corridors in the city such as Westland Shopping Center? Is there any way to bring some unity to other commercial corridors in the city?

We are also left wondering where plans to upgrade fire stations and other public safety issues fit in with the city's plans. We realize special taxing districts are set up to pay for certain areas and projects and can't be used in other areas. But is any planning on the horizon for Westland's public safety improvements?

It's refreshing to see that so many seeds for improvement are being planted in Westland. With planning and cooperation all these plans can come together in a way that will enhance the city.

We just hope our city officials are taking a look at the big picture. If they ignore the problems of neighborhoods, they may face a population loss that will leave fewer people to enjoy the new Westland.

With no winter we can't spring

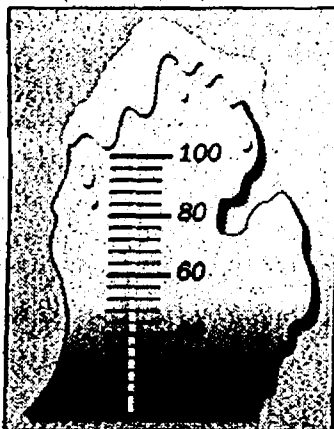
Snow blowers are sitting unused in western Wayne County garages next to snow shovels, skis, snowshoes, all gathering dust for the lack of use during our disturbingly warm winter.

Blame it on El Nino, a term coined by Peruvian fishermen to describe a change in ocean circulation off the coastline that leads to poor fishing.

While the Peruvians have had some fishless days, the warm, wet weather in the Midwest has made us forget what winter in Michigan usually means. Gone are the bone-chilling temperatures, north winds out of Hudson Bay and snow up to our knees.

Some may be enjoying the balmy March. But others are waiting for the other snow-storm to drop.

Michigan residents proudly endure our winters, trudging through snowdrifts in our boots and four-wheel drive vehicles. We even turn winter into a sport. Anglers trudge onto windswept lakes, snowmobilers race along two-track roads, skiers schuss down hills, and snowshoers walk quiet back-country land-



scapes.

Turning suffering through winter into a sport is almost a spiritual experience for us Michigan residents. It builds character. We're not wimps like those folks in Atlanta who think a winter storm is 2 inches of snow.

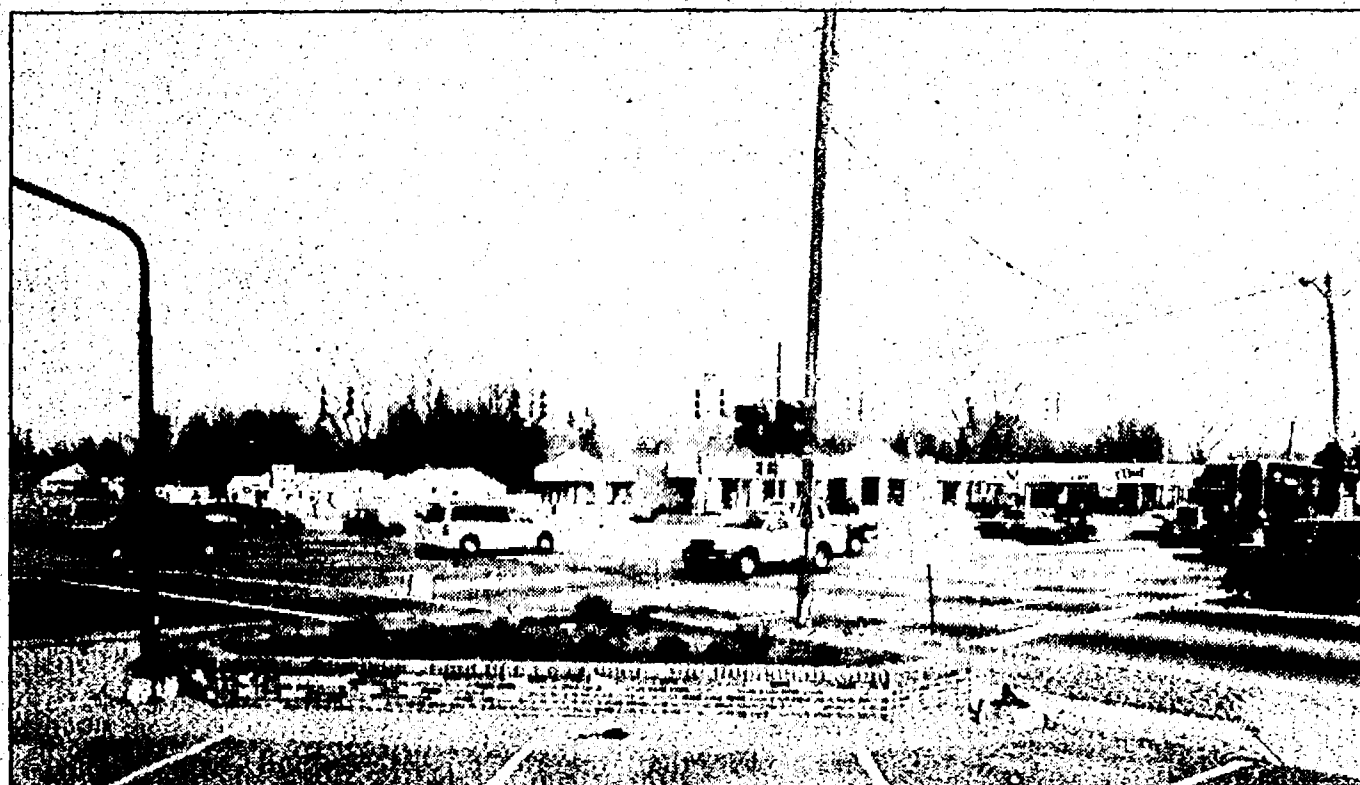
That's why a mild winter produces some guilt in us. We're supposed to be suffering during January and February. We should be staring at the ice and snow building up on the roof and worrying it's doing some damage. Instead, we're washing our cars outside with the hose.

It's just not right. We all know this. We're going to pay for this, we know it in our hearts. Winter will arrive, finally, in April and will last through June. It'll warm up for a few days in July, we'll plant a few flowers and they'll freeze solid in August.

We've got a few weeks yet to have a winter. Bring on the snow, and some cold weather. It'll help us get rid of our guilt. Only then after some true winter suffering can we fully enjoy spring when it arrives.

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City spruce-up



DDA project: The intersection of Ford and Wayne roads in Westland is part of the area the Downtown Development Authority plans to spruce up in the city.

LETTERS

Governor's visit success

Thanks to our director, Sylvia (Kozorosky-Wiacek), and her staff, the visit of our Gov. John Engler, and Sen. Loren Bennett, was a great accomplishment for our senior citizens and our city of Westland. Engler seemed impressed and answered many questions, even staying overtime.

The luncheon put on by Bennett and his staff was great. Looks like our city is getting popular with our President Bill Clinton and Engler, and the many visits of Bennett.

Bennett's assistant, Bill Case, attends our Commission on Aging meetings and we appreciate Bill. A big thank you to all who in any way helped to make this possible.

Betty Savage
Westland

Special place

After reading your article about the family of Dane Jardine who keeps finding items placed on the grave gone or destroyed, I just had to pass on my way of dealing with this type of problem.

I set up a corner of my yard with a favorite flower, token of special feelings and a bench of some sort. This way, I can visit whenever I feel the need without the concern of what mess I will find once I arrive at the cemetery.

I have shared this suggestion with many friends and they feel it a blessing.

If you feel it may give the family some peace, please pass this suggestion on to them.

Lafern E. Porter
Westland

Thanks for your support

On behalf of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education, administration, students and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep sense of gratitude to the residents of this community who supported our Feb. 17 bond issue.

Your continued support will provide our students with the educational opportunities they deserve and a learning atmosphere necessary to increase achievement. The long-term impact of this successful bond issue will allow the district to effectively upgrade our educational programs and enhance our entire school community. The amount of pride this community has in our students and schools is clearly evident, and your role as citizens is extremely important to the Wayne-Westland team.

Please be assured that I am looking for:

ward to working with you and providing the very best for our students and community. I am hopeful that you will continue to share in my excitement and enthusiasm about the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

As a community, you have entrusted us with your children and now the resources to improve our schools. Since assuming the superintendency and during the many bond presentations, I pledged to you that my administrative team and I will deliver on the promises made. I personally will direct all my energies and abilities toward continuing to enhance the reputation and quality of education of this fine district. Working together we can provide the very best possible educational programs for all students within the Wayne-Westland Community School District.

Greg Baracy
Wayne-Westland schools
superintendent

Wrongheaded policies

Bill Clinton's socialist policies are much more damaging and much more to be feared than his naughty, nasty miscreant behavior. He wants taxpayers to pay for the child care two non-stay-at-home parents would like to have on the cheap. When mom and dad want a higher standard of living and suggest their neighbors pay for their children's keep, we have more than a right to say "no." We should insist that one parent stays home or they pay in full for any care given their offspring.

When Clinton maintains that allowing 55- to 62-year-old seniors to be included in the Medicare program will not add one dime to the deficit, all he is saying is that the programmers of such legislation will get to the trough before the other pig-barrelers. The deficit is determined by subtracting revenues from total expenditures. No one expense or expenditure accounts for the deficit.

Neil Goodbred
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Caitlin Melosko
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Peggy's journey toward death shows true courage

BY DAVID BEVINGTON
GUEST COLUMNIST

If you want someone to change the topic quickly, just talk about death. But there are some people who are positive even about this subject. One of them is a resident of Angela Hospice, Peggy. The story you are about to read concerns her.

Peggy was born in New Jersey, but her parents moved to the Detroit area when her father needed employment. What better place for a tool and die worker?

Peggy grew up in Michigan. She did secretarial work in various offices of Tamaroff Buick. When asked about her admission to the care unit of Angela Hospice, she said, "I left Tamaroff Buick on Friday and entered Angela Hospice on Monday." Peggy has been a patient in the unit for more than seven weeks.

When probed about her favorite activities, Peggy said she enjoyed photography, making porcelain dolls and

collecting anything that related to Disney. Her room was filled with Disney memorabilia. Things have been thinning out a bit, though, since she has been giving things away.

Some people think of the services offered by hospice as a "last-ditch effort." Frankly, they wait too long to get the services provided because they don't understand the benefits that are available, including pain management, medication, nursing care and spiritual care.

Peggy didn't wait. She entered Angela Hospice Care Center with a positive attitude and a big smile on her face. She thought of life, not death. Her positive attitude and her affirmation of life have helped her cope with her impending death.

When asked about the care she received, she said without hesitation, "It felt like home the first night." It had not been easy for her to deal with her deteriorating physical condition. She shared her anxiety prior to her

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admission to the hospice program. How did she deal with her feelings? She talked freely to staff and friends.

"What about the staff?" I asked Peggy. She said she was impressed with the positive attitude of those who cared for her. Both physical and spiritual care had been offered. Her needs were being met. An example was her lack of appetite. The staff asked her what foods she really enjoyed, then made those foods available.

Peggy remarked that hospice was different from staying in a hospital. In hospice, she received care according to her needs.

As chaplain, I know how despondent and frightened some patients become at the prospect of their death. The unknown terrifies them. "Are you frightened, Peggy?" I asked her. "Not really," she replied. "I've enjoyed life ... and I am so grateful that I have



David Bevington and Peggy
been free of pain." Pain management is one of the "plus" factors of hospice care.

Peggy has done many of the things people put off until retirement. She has traveled to Paris and Japan to visit the Disney facilities. She has studied Japanese. She has blessed the lives of her friends. Her years of employment brought satisfaction.

Getting back to her feelings, I said, "Peggy, how did you react when you were told you were terminally ill?"

She said that at first she could not deal with her feelings. She withdrew into herself. She was angry, and she did not share her problems with anyone.

A fringe benefit of hospice was the freedom to visit with her friends, and the opportunity to share her feelings with a caring staff.

My final question was, "What impresses you about this care unit?" Without hesitation she said, "I have complete comfort here." In a nutshell she shared the philosophy of the hospice program, to help persons face their death, to die in dignity, free of pain, to die in the presence of someone who cares ... not alone or in pain, but in the best of circumstances.

If you are in a situation where you need this kind of help, give Angela Hospice a call at (734) 464-7810.

David Bevington is a chaplain with Angela Hospice in Livonia. Margaret (Peggy) Mensch died on Feb. 5, following about two months in hospice.

State tax cuts: There's more to them than meets the eye

In an election year, we can expect a governor's budget to be as much a political document as a spending plan. The journalist, however, is under no obligation to make a case for or against incumbent Republican John M. Engler. So here are some random reflections:

■ Engler may indeed beat Democrat Jim Blanchard's job creation record by year's end. Blanchard boasted 600,000 new jobs during his tenure (1983-90). Engler, after seven years, boasted 550,000, and his economic outlook predicts 51,000 more jobs during calendar 1998. That would add up to 601,000 new jobs on his watch.

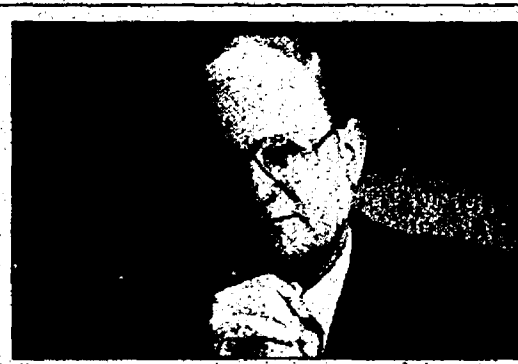
■ Headline on Engler's news release: "FY 99 Budget Reflects Twin Goals of Tax Relief and Spending Priorities." He now counts 25 tax cuts, including some that you won't see until 1999 and one you won't see until

2000 that hasn't been enacted yet. "Tax burden continues to tumble," says the text in Chapter A.

Meanwhile, the fine type in Chapter O gives us the other side of the coin. "Oil and gas regulatory fee increase. Wetlands permitting fee increase. Air quality fees - eliminate sunset. Court fee fund ... Diesel tax increase," the last with this footnote: "FY 98 initiative not yet enacted; passage built into budget assumptions for FY 99."

Sorry, there's no detail about how much new revenue he expects to collect from the fee hikes and diesel fuel tax hike. Just don't be fooled about the tax-cut talk when there are many, many fees that are still governmental revenue.

■ Big winner in Engler's budget, as many media have pointed out, is the Department of Corrections, up 4.2



TIM RICHARD

percent to \$1.45 billion. Prison population is 42,000, and the governor expects to expand it by 5,420, or 13 percent, in just four years.

Engler's message concentrates on locking 'em up and throwing away the key: "Now is no time to retreat. If you're serious about getting tough on violent criminals, then you'd better get serious about building the prisons to lock them away," said he.

His data: In 1989, we put away 51 percent of prisoners for violent felonies for an average of 7.2 years. Today, 60 percent are being committed for crimes of violence, and the average sentence minimum sentence is 8.1 years.

Parole is harder to get. In 1991, under the civil service parole board system, inmates had a 54 percent chance of being released after their minimum sentence. Today, their chances have shrunk to 42 percent.

I looked in vain for any mention of English as a second language (Spanish-speaking inmates need this) or more job training (it's practically nonexistent). Remember, most of these guys and gals will be back on the streets at some time, even if Engler wins a third term.

■ State elected officials had little to applaud. Engler's budget proposes 0.5

percent for the executive office (his or his successor's), 0.5 for the Legislature and 0.4 for the judiciary. This is in an era where his economic forecasters see 2.3 percent inflation.

■ Overall, Engler's general fund is up 18.5 percent since fiscal 1992, the first one for which he was totally responsible, to \$8.77 billion.

■ Total state spending, which includes federal aid and non-discretionary funds like transportation and school aid, has soared more than 54 percent, from \$20.7 billion to \$32 billion. The transportation fund is fed by our new 4-cents-a-gallon fuel tax. The school fund is fed by our increased 6 percent sales tax.

Those tax cuts aren't all they seem, are they?

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The debate over our schools keeps taking fascinating twists and turns.

Released last week, the results from the most comprehensive and rigorous international comparison of performance in science and math revealed that American high school seniors score among the industrial world's worst. "This study has burst another myth," said Michigan State's William H. Schmidt, who coordinated the American part of the study. "Our best students in mathematics and science are simply not world class."

In January, the Detroit Free Press published an enormous series on the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) tests that have become the main basis for comparing student achievement between schools. Relying on complex regression analysis, the Free Press concluded that simply comparing numerical scores between districts was inherently unfair because other factors - the number of single parent households, unemployment, students eligible for free lunch and school per pupil revenue - had a big effect on the results.

Quite possibly in response, The Detroit News last month ran its own analysis of the effects MEAP test results of per pupil spending, hiring more teachers and raising teachers' salaries. The News concluded that the relationship was "minimal," observing that schools scoring "in the top half statewide on MEAP exams and HSPTs differed little from schools that scored in the lower half."

So a House Education subcommittee now holding hearings on the MEAP test has a lot to think about.

First question: Is the test as now designed a useful indicator of how our kids are doing in school?

Not entirely, says Ernest Bauer, a consultant for Oakland Schools, the countywide intermediate service agency. There appears to be a disconnect between the scores kids actually get on the MEAP and the scores required to get a "proficient" ranking.

"The latest fourth-grade reading results showed that just under 50 percent of the students were 'satisfactory,'" Bauer told the subcommittee. "Most educators and parents are amazed that the most common score in the state for those same fourth-grade students on the narrative reading test is 19 out of 20 possible."

Second question: Can the tests be improved? Sure.

When the Legislature passed laws last year on the MEAP, it agreed on a bunch of bipartisan improvements. Time to take the test, for example, was cut from 505 to 370 minutes in 1998. The hated labels of results - "proficient,"



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"novice" and "not yet novice" - will be scrapped. New labels, to be set by the State Board of Education next month, will appear on transcripts, not diplomas.

Fine-tuning is required. That's why the Legislature keeps holding hearings on testing.

Third question: Other than the State Board of Education, a few in the Legislature, many school people who administer and are evaluated by test results, does anybody care?

Despite concerns about form and content, test results are turning out to be pretty good indicators of how well students perform in their freshman year at college, according Bauer.

Art Ellis, state superintendent of public instruction, told the State Board last year that it will take up to five years for employers and college admissions officers to ask consistently to see MEAP scores on student transcripts. That sounds about right, given how slowly employers and colleges react to change.

The main point, however, is that students are for the first time being tested to measure what they learn in school. The tests are not perfect, but they are being improved. They are setting a *de facto* standard of achievement that eventually will be adopted by employers and higher education institutions.

This is the way we will improve our education system. Not by a silver bullet, but row by row, classroom by classroom, school by school.

Liberals can grumble that there are lots of factors other than school effectiveness that affect MEAP scores. Conservatives can complain there doesn't seem to be much correlation between the amount spent on schools and what kids learn. Educators can pick holes at any test design.

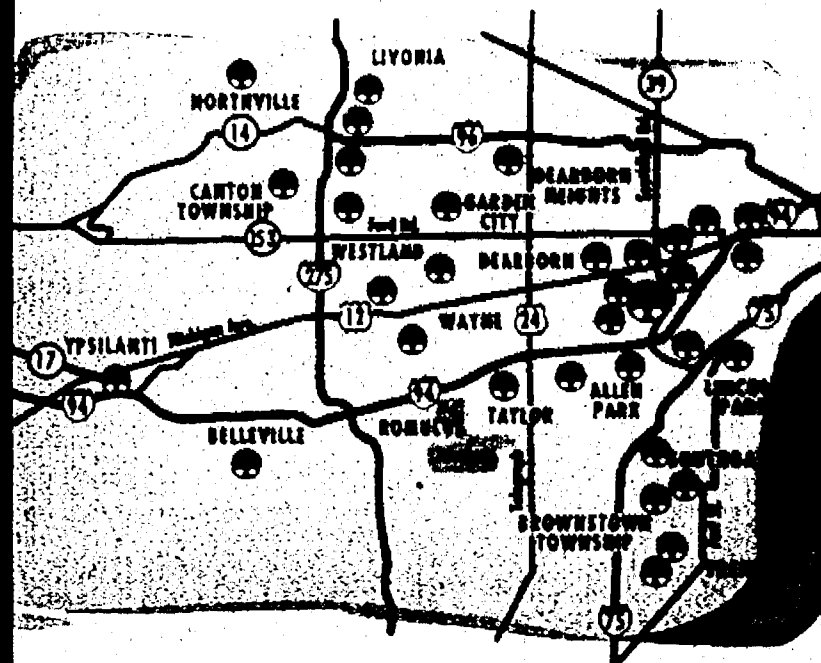
But at the end of the day, the idea of testing kids to see what they are learning is an idea whose time has come and is becoming solidly entrenched in the realities of our schools.

That is the good news coming out of the debate over schooling in Michigan.

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Dems chide CMU over report on charter schools

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Oleful Democrats said "I told you so" as the House Education Committee took up the auditor general's scathing report on how Central Michigan University weakly supervised its public school academies.

"It greatly concerns me," said Rep. James Agee, D-Muskegon, "that CMU claimed the attorney-client privilege 34 times (in holding back documents from the auditors). The people have a right to know. The attorney-client privilege is OK if there's pending litigation (lawsuits), but this is totally ridiculous."

Michael Mayhew of the auditor's staff said using the attorney-client privilege was rare.

Richard Stafford, the administrator who supervised the CMU audit, begged off answering what might be in the hidden papers because "we can't say what the documents contain if we did not see them."

Agee, a former school superintendent, asked about a reported

March 1997 meeting between CMU officials and Art Ellis, state superintendent of public instruction, to discuss the responsibilities of chartering bodies such as universities. "We don't know what happened. Nothing came of it," Agee complained.

The audit report said only that "there had not been any substantive issues resolved regarding oversight."

Public school academies (PSAs), commonly called "charter schools," were part of the 1994 school reform package. PSAs were pushed by Gov. John Engler, many legislative Republicans and conservative ideologues such as the Mackinac Center.

Most Democrats and some Republicans supported the bills only grudgingly, fearing they would be a tool for funneling state aid to former private and parochial schools. They also feared chartering authorities would fail to keep a close eye on the fledgling PSAs.

"Was CMU invited to this meeting?" asked Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester.

"A CMU representative responded, but then she left the job," replied committee chair Sharon Gire, D-Macomb County.

Affects classroom

Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, sought to defend PSAs by suggesting they were being judged by standards different from public schools. "The charter schools were fighting for survival against the whole public school establishment," said Cropsey, whose brother is headmaster of Noah Webster Academy, a school denied PSA status.

"It (the audit) didn't get to the heart of what students were learning," Cropsey said.

Two Democrats contradicted him.

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, pointed to audit findings that:

■ "The PSAs had not obtained criminal records checks for some employees. Also, eight PSAs did

not hire some staff as conditional employees pending the results of criminal records checks," as required by state law.

■ Eight PSAs employed individuals to teach who did not have certificates or permits to teach.

■ One PSA "had students with special education needs who had been attending the PS for more than one year without special education services being provided."

The audit said CMU needed to improve its monitoring of PSAs for "potential conflicts of interest" — such as being employed by the PSA or doing business with the PSA. CMU "had not timely identified potential conflicts of interest for nine board members."

Field reps missing

"Two PSA boards did not appoint an individual to post meeting dates as required by ... the Open Meetings Act," the audit went on. Seven of 10 failed to file all their board minutes,

the official records of board actions.

Asked how CMU officials responded to the auditors' criticisms, Stafford replied, "They took it seriously. They were quite concerned."

But Rep. Rose Bogardus, D-Davison, disagreed sharply. "Here's how CMU responded in a news release — 'it was about file cabinets, paperwork and documentation, not about performance of schools.' CMU is not taking it seriously," she said.

Brown was also bothered that 12 of 13 CMU field representatives did not report attending the required number of PSA board meetings. "Liaisons are a very good control device between management and production," said Brown. "From what I read, these people weren't doing their jobs. They weren't showing up."

Stafford replied that the issue for CMU was whether to use university employees or independent contractors as field reps. "It's a management prerogative

— whether to use centralized or decentralized reps," he said.

State Board left out

The elected State Board of Education was prohibited from issuing charters. So far, 68 of the 78 authorized charters have been issued by universities; 67 of the 68 were issued by universities whose boards were appointed by the governor.

In a 1997 executive order, Engler stripped the State Board of Education of supervisory authority over PSAs. State Board members are considering ways the department could oversee PSAs.

CMU has issued 40 of the 68 university-granted charters. Among nearby CMU-chartered PSAs are:

In suburban Wayne County — Academy of Detroit Westland, Thomas Gist Academy in Westland, Michigan Automotive Academy in Taylor, Summit Academy in Taylor.

Nature programs

County parks plan special events

Wayne County parks hosts a series of special events this month including programs for children and a special evening session on birds of prey.

On Wednesday mornings in March programs designed for children ages 3 and 4 will focus on various topics each week, such as animal homes and tracks, birds, reptiles, outdoor hikes and scavenger hunts. The program are held in the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

Crafts, games and stories ensure fun for all as children and parents explore the outdoor world. Participating chil-

dren should be dressed for the outdoors for a part of the program each week.

Parents are not required to stay, but are welcome to if they wish.

The program fee is \$20 for all four sessions.

On Friday, March 21 nature lovers are invited to spend an evening at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center to learn about night time birds of prey — the owls.

An indoor discussion is set for 7 p.m. in the nature center. Afterward, the group will drive to the Koppernick section of Holliday Forest and Wildlife Preserve in Canton

Township and engage some of the owls "in conversation." The program will end at about 9:30 p.m.

Fee is \$1 per participant and the program is best suited for ages 8 to adult.

Participants should dress appropriately for a night hike and can bring flashlights if they wish.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off of Hines Drive.

For information, contact the Nankin Mills center at (734) 261-1850.

Rivers will host tax forum

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will be sponsoring a public forum on "Tax Reform: For Better or Worse?" on Saturday, March 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the College Theater of the Literature, Arts and Sciences building at Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor.

Rivers has invited several

guest speakers to discuss proposed changes in the tax code, including the flat tax, the national sales tax and the constitutional issues surrounding taxation. Guest speakers include Professor Gary Wolfram of Hillsdale College, Professor Kyle D. Logue of the University of Michigan Law School, Howard Mason of Citizens for an Alternative

Tax System, and Donald Lubick, assistant secretary of the U.S. Treasury for Tax Policy.

There will be ample time for questions and comments from the audience after the discussion.

For information, contact Rivers' district offices in Ann Arbor (734) 741-4210 or Wayne (734) 722-1411.

Secretary of state mobile unit in Livonia

The mobile branch office of the Secretary of State will visit Livonia on Tuesday, March 17.

The branch office is scheduled to be at the Farmer Jack supermarket at 28107 Eight Mile from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to give branch office services to residents.

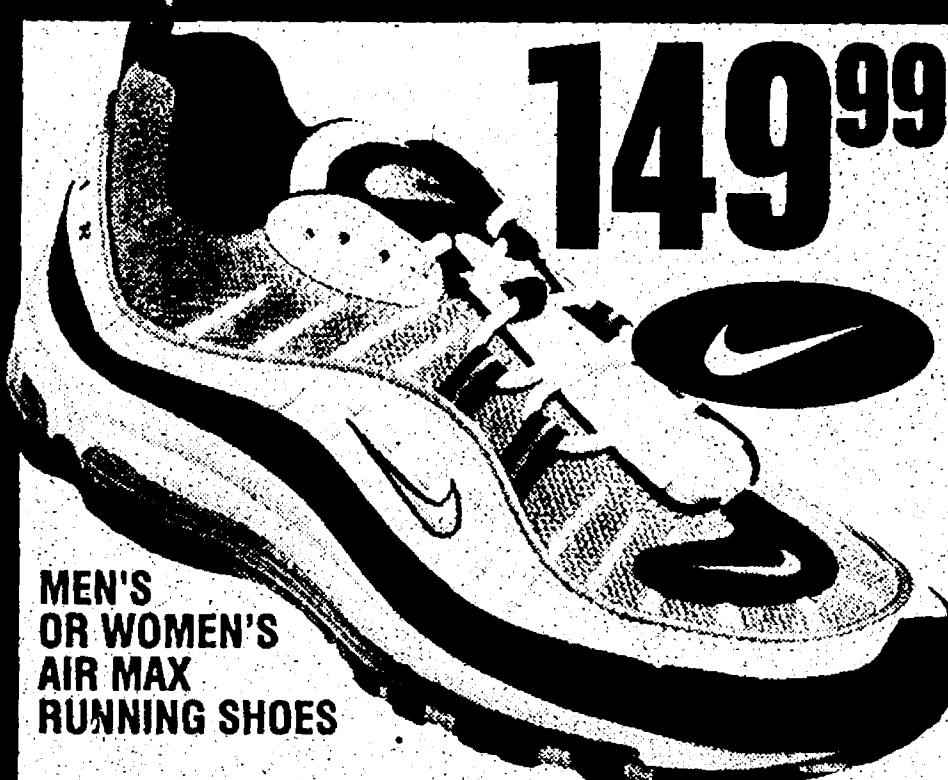
Those services include driver's

license renewal, change of address on licenses, plates and titles for vehicles, voter registration and information on becoming an organ and tissue donor.

"Customer service is the operative phase of my administration and the mobile branch office has been on the road providing full branch offices services to

residents across the state," said Candice Miller, secretary of state. "I am pleased the mobile branch office can be in Wayne."

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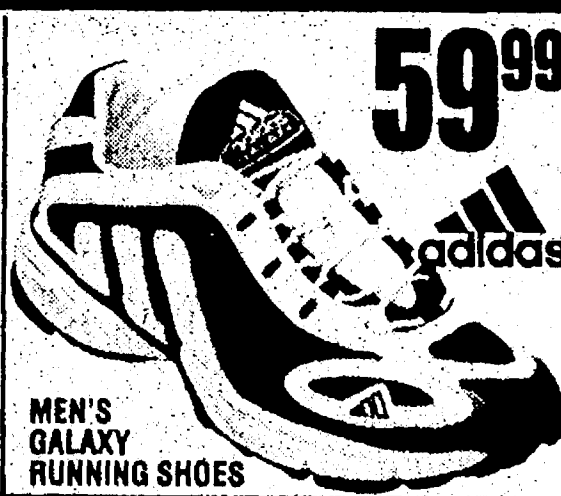
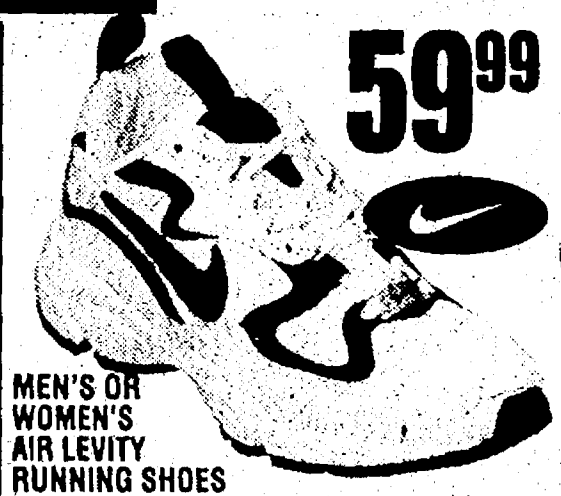
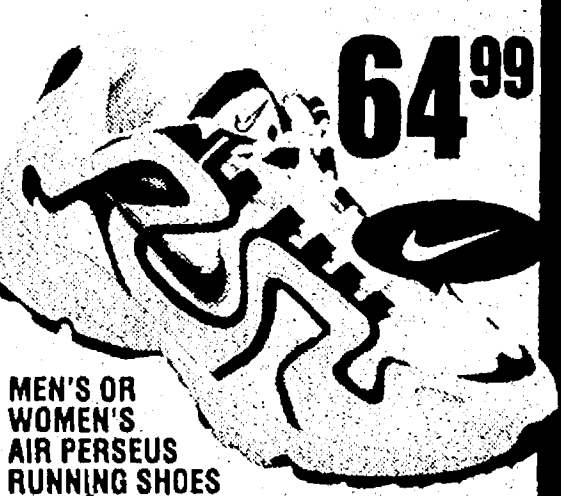
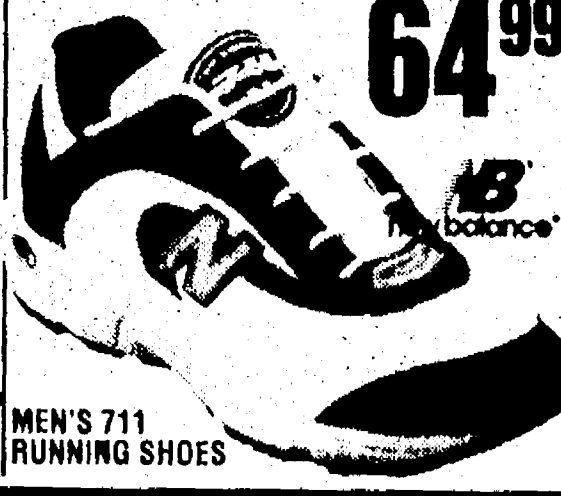
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How to build kids' positive relationships

Your two young children are in the family room arguing over the TV remote control and your angry teen is laying on her bunk bed pleading for her own "space." Does this sound familiar?

The challenge of building healthy sibling relationships in your home may seem daunting at times. But with a little advice, you can resolve some chronic sibling problems that seem incurable.

Here's a list of tips to help you encourage and develop positive sibling relationships in your own family:

Tip No. 1 - Don't share???

Allow children to have special items and space they do not have to share, as well as community property. Set up clear rules about respecting each other's boundaries and property to alleviate conflict and "forced" sharing.

With rules clearly established, your children may be more likely to share popular items willingly, without your intervening.

Tip No. 2 - Suggest chore time!

Assign activities that encourage cooperation. Believe it or not, household chores work well and teach responsibility. Other activities that help siblings bond include making a birthday breakfast for a parent, helping with yard work, baking cookies or putting away toys.

Recognize how well the activity went and tell your children that you're proud of the way they interacted together.

Tip No. 3 - Watch and wait.

Children need to practice resolving disagreements on their own. To begin this process, you may need to show children how to cool down and explain what they feel happened.

After siblings air their differences, help them brainstorm solutions or ways to avoid the problem from happening again. Eventually, children will be able to practice these skills on their own, and, much to your relief, you won't have to play "the judge."

Tip No. 4 - Call to order.

Regular family meetings allow children to air concerns and conflicts before resentment or hurt feelings build between siblings. Children can be responsible for setting up agendas or leading meetings. This is a great time to applaud achievements too.

Tip No. 5 - Celebrate individuality.

Children are sensitive to sibling differences, so it's important to appreciate and acknowledge each child's unique approach to life. "Fair" doesn't necessarily mean giving children the exact same clothes, toys or attention. Spend equal, but separate, periods of time alone with each child, dedicated to doing activities that he or she enjoys and that celebrate individual interests and strengths.

Tip No. 6 - Tag along?

To help older siblings feel less burdened and resentful of younger siblings, allow older children a choice in how and when they help with younger ones. Discuss the reasons why younger siblings want to tag along.

It's important that older children understand the younger sibling's admiration. Even when a new baby is brought home, point out how the baby watches and imitates older children.

Tip No. 7 - Have fun.

Have fun as a family. Take vacations together for a change of pace and to remove the distractions of home and friends. Allow children to take turns choosing your vacation destination, or where to go for family outings or dinner out.

Also, celebrate each other's accomplishments, big and small. Find ways to enjoy each other and express pride in your children. When children feel good about themselves, they can feel good about others.

Tip No. 8 - Pass out privileges!

Give your children privileges that involve cooperation. Allow them to walk to the corner store together

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Golden times

50 years later, he's still hooked on scouting

■ Fifty years after learning them, J. Kenneth Bourgon still follows the scouting rules - "trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent."

The lives that J. Kenneth Bourgon has influenced in the 50 years he's been in scouting could fill a small city. And as those boys mature, they recognize his selfless dedication.

For instance, Paul Flohr, a 17-year-old Livonia Stevenson High School senior, remains awed by Bourgon's devotion to scouting.

"He's a man who cares about many and does all that he can to bring out the best in people," Flohr said. "Most people really appreciate all the time he donates to help out everybody."

Bourgon has made a similar impact on adults.

He's a very inspirational person, according to Bill McCarley, assistant scoutmaster and Eagle Scout coordinator for Troop 782.

"Someone said at a dinner that was held in his honor recently that he not only inspires boys, but inspires the leaders," McCarley said. "He's nurturing and he has a set of rules and guidelines and tenets set out by Boy Scouts that dictate how he operates the scout group."

In fact, Bourgon lives his life by those same rules, to be "trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent," McCarley said.

While Bourgon has been scoutmaster for Troop 782 out of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livonia, there have been an amazing 150 scouts who have reached Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouting. Only 2 percent of scouts in the country become Eagle Scout. Bourgon, 59, defers some of the credit.

"We have lots and lots of adults who are willing to donate their time and expertise to provide a program that has captured the kids' interest," he said. "They stay because there are always fun things to do. That's what makes a great program, the people who are around me."

Starting young

Bourgon's own experience with scouting began when he was age 9 and a member of Livonia's first Cub Scout Pack RG1, which stood for



An Inspiration: Involved with Boy Troop 782 since 1970, J. Kenneth Bourgon's legacy of leadership is being continued through a scouting fund established in his name at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livonia.

Rosedale Gardens. His family moved to Livonia from Detroit in 1945 and except for his time at the University of Notre Dame, Bourgon has lived his life in the city ever since.

Livonia was a rural community during the 1940s, and there really weren't any organized activities young people could do. And like now, scouting offered opportunities.

"In those days there were 7,000 people in Livonia," he said. "It's what kids I hung around with did. There was absolutely nothing to do. By joining scouts, you went camping and sometimes that meant being by a lake and you could go swimming. And that was great fun."

"There was no place in Livonia, other than gravel pits to go swimming."

As a Boy Scout, Bourgon earned his Eagle Scout rank and went on to work at a Boy Scout summer camp for 12 years.

"I wanted to be a teacher and I

thought that would help me working with kids," Bourgon explained.

That dream came true, too. He worked as a teacher at Livonia's Bentley and Franklin High Schools and went on to become director of student activities at Franklin. He became assistant principal at Franklin and Churchill High Schools and currently at Stevenson High.

"My wife (Ellen) and I decided that there really wasn't a better place to live when I got out of college," he said. "We raised five youngsters in Livonia and they all graduated from Stevenson."

Even while he was in college, Bourgon worked as scoutmaster of a Boy Scout troop in South Bend. Back in Michigan he began working with Troop 782 in 1970.

Many experiences

His residence may have remained the same, but his passport and travel experience was always changing.

He's taken his troop to Europe and tries to provide the scouts with as many opportunities as possible.

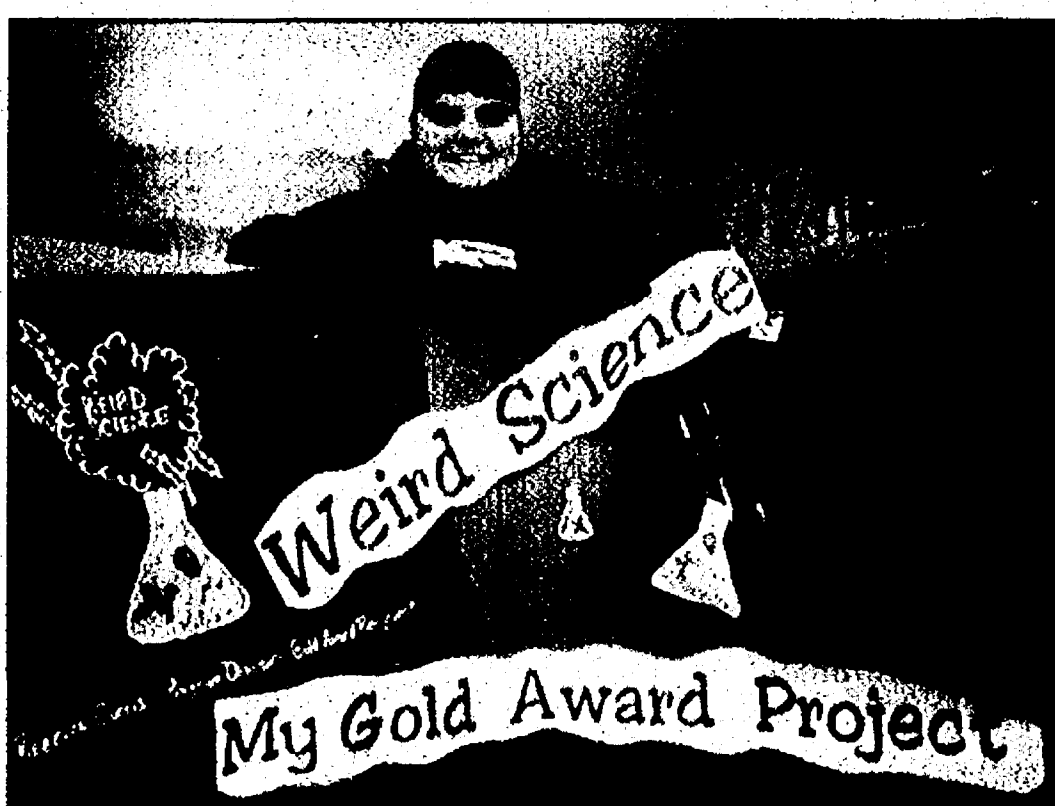
"For my three boys in Boy Scouting, it meant they got to have worthwhile relationships with a whole group of other men in addition to me and I thought that was worthwhile," Bourgon said. "The kids got to travel all over the United States. They learned all kinds of things about leadership and flying, white water rafting, snorkeling, sailing, canoeing and backpacking in New Mexico."

"We take some kind of trip like that every spring - New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Nashville and Huntsville, Ala."

Even though his children are no longer in the troop, Bourgon continues to donate his time and energy. Last summer, his troop took 70 boys and fathers to New Mexico.

"Sometimes, it's every bit as wonderful for the fathers as the boys," he

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Good camping: It wasn't quite weird science, but the Wayne-Westland Day Camp Becca Curtis (left) organized for her Gold Award project let Junior Scouts and Brownies earn different badges. Tommi-Jean Mason kept a scrapbook of her project, a Bible day camp she organized for her church, Westland Christian Union.



Day camps become award-winning projects

Two local girls are poised to receive the highest honor bestowed by Girl Scouting.

Huron Valley Girl Scout Council members Becca Curtis, a John Glenn High School senior, and Tommi-Jean Mason, a 1997 John Glenn graduate, will find out if they earned Gold Awards during a ceremony May 11 at Washtenaw Community College.

The Gold Award is the highest award given to girls in Girl Scouting.

"It is the equivalent of the Boy Scouts' Eagle Award; it represents the highest achievement that a girl can reach as a Girl Scout," Charlotte F. Luttrell, HVSC's public relations manager. "This is a culmination of all their years of Girl Scouting. The

Gold Award project must be a significant community service project that reaches out beyond the Girl Scout circle."

Curtis and Mason, both of whom finished their projects in the summer of 1997, are called candidates for the Gold Award until their reports are completed and accepted by the Gold Award committee. The volunteers review the project and decide whether or not they will receive the awards.

Similar projects

For her project, Mason, a freshman studying music education at North Central Michigan University in Petoskey, designed a day camp for

youngsters at her church, Westland Christian Union Church. The Bible day camp ran from July 28 to Aug. 1, but she began planning it in October 1996.

"My church hasn't had a day camp in many, many years," Mason said. "It was a lot more work than I expected at first. When the actual project came and all the kids came, it was exciting."

During her Bible camp, Mason concentrated on science projects teaching kids how to make a "tornado in a bottle," as well as crafts like making cement patio blocks using pizza boxes as a mold, and designing picture frames.

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Gold Award from page B1

In the back yard of her parents' home are colorful cement patio blocks made by neighbors and relatives. As a token of appreciation, the students at the Bible camp gave Mason a scrapbook of their experiences.

Curtis' project was similar. She organized the Wayne-Westland Day Camp, which hosted about 260 girls in July in Central City Park. Themed "Weird Science," the camp allowed girls participating in Junior Girl

Scouts and Brownies to earn badges.

"It didn't always fit into the theme," Curtis added.

Brownies, for example, learned about bike safety while the Junior Girl Scouts learned about fingerprinting.

Set to graduate in June, Curtis is a band member, president of the Ecology Club, and a member of the student council, SADD and D.A.R.E. at her school.

She helped build the playscape

in Central City Park and has aided with food and blood drives.

Recently, she was accepted to the People to People Student Ambassador Program set up by President Dwight D. Eisenhower as a way to help students learn about different cultures. She will travel to the England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales this summer. The group may also visit Princess Diana's gravesite.

"One of the things I'm looking forward to are home stays," she

said. "We stay with a family for three days and see how they live on a daily basis. We get to see their traditions and the type of food that they eat."

"Just seeing how another family lives in another country sounds really cool."

In order to go, Curtis needs to raise \$4,000 by April. She is seeking sponsors and donors. Those interested in helping can call her at (734) 595-6011.

Both girls were inspired by

their mothers to become Girl Scouts. Mason helped her mother, Gloria, who was a Girl Scout for two years, an adult co-leader for 14 years and a service unit manager, with her troops. The elder Mason organized Girl Scout troops at Kettering, Elliott and Hamilton elementary schools.

Curtis' mother, Judy, is a former director of day camps.

"I saw what my mom had done," she said. "I knew that this

is what I always wanted to do. I knew what went on during day camp."

During the award ceremony, Mason explained, she and the other Gold Award candidates will stand up and discuss their projects.

Through her community project, Mason "really learned how to communicate with other people. At first, I wasn't getting my points across correctly. Toward the end of the week, I really pulled everything together."

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 38251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-1279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

ST. MEL'S
St. Mel's Catholic Church will have its spring arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 7 at the church, 7508 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. In addition to crafts, food and beverages will be available. There also will be a special crafters raffle. For more information, call Debbie at (313) 281-6881.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Schoolcraft College will have its spring arts and crafts show 9:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 7 in the Physical Education Building on campus at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. There will be more than 150 crafters and hourly raffle prizes and refreshments will be available. Admission will be \$1.50 for adults and children 12 years and older, 50 cents for children ages 5-11 and free for children under age 5. For more information, call (734) 462-4417.

MEMORIAL PTA
The Memorial Elementary School PTA will have its 11th annual craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 7 at the school, 30001 Marquette, between Middle Belt and Henry Ruff roads, Garden City. For more information, call Darlene at (734) 425-4221.

ST. SABINA

St. Sabina School's Parents Activities Club will have a spring craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 14 at the school, Ann Arbor Trail, east of Inkster Road. An 8-foot table or space costs \$27.50, the 6-foot table or space is \$25. For more information, call Jane Palmer at (313) 953-5914.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Crafters are wanted for the Livonia Churchill High School PTSA juried spring arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 8900 Newburg Road, Livonia. Admission will be \$1; strollers and wheelchairs welcomed. For more information, call Diane at (734) 422-4507 or Garrett at (734) 464-7425.

ST. DAMIAN'S
St. Damian's Church will have a

collector's sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the church, 29891 Joy Road, Westland. Admission will be \$1, children under age 12 free. Table space, costing \$25, is available. Proceeds will benefit Christian Service. For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

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.

DEARBORN HIGH
The Dearborn High School Year-

book Staff and Class of 1998 is sponsoring a spring arts and crafts extravaganza 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 19501 Outer Dr. Admission will be \$1. Spaces are still available. For more information, call (313) 562-2677 or (313) 561-0158.

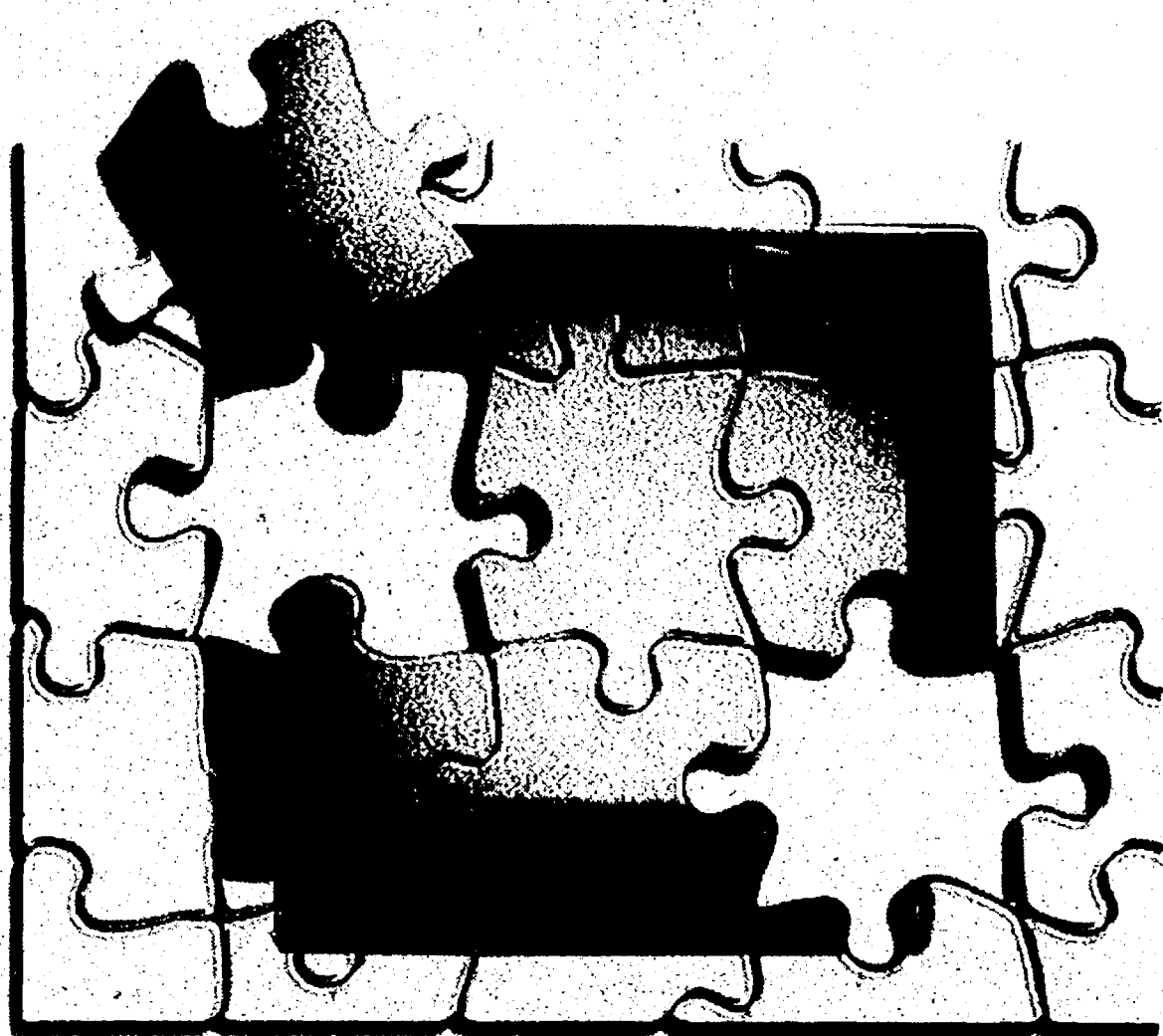
PRCVA SYRENA
The PRCVA Syrena Parents club will have a holiday craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the Dearborn Heights Canfield Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly. Table reservations can be made by calling (313) 383-1821 or (313) 563-1761.

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Crafters are needed for the Livonia Stevenson High School

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CLARENCEVILLE
The Athletic Booster Club of Clarenceville High School will have "A Touch of Spring" craft boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. There will be more than 150 crafters, raffle and snack bar. Admission will be \$2.

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(when age-appropriate), but not alone. Or allow them to open up a new board game, as long as they'll learn the rules together.

Tip No. 9 - Play games.

Design activities for your children that educate them about cooperation. Disguised as fun games, team activities involve everyone creating a piece of one project. For example, each sibling draws a section of landscape that contributes to a panorama drawing to be mounted on the wall.

Assign tasks based on individual talents and strengths. Discuss with your children how their different approaches made a unique whole.

Tip No. 10 - Model teamwork.

Children observe and emulate how you interact with your spouse, partner, friends and relatives. Remember that you, as the parent, are their first and most influential teacher. By

treating others with respect and kindness and by resolving conflicts peacefully, you are giving them the tools to do the same with one another.

Tip No. 11 - Last but not least, catch 'em in the act!

Catch your children being good to each other. Recognize it and applaud it! Your attention and admiration is the greatest reward.

Jeri Lea Lentini works as an outreach therapist with children and parents at Safe Stay Crisis Nursery & Family Respite Care Center, a short-term residential and crisis program for children. The Westland-based program also provides home-based counseling services for children.

Jacque Martin-Downs and Jack Gladden are on hiatus, so The Observer Newspapers and Youth Living Centers can present a four-part educational series as part of Parenting Awareness Month.

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said. "It gives them an opportunity to do things with their sons that they would never get to do otherwise. We have an aviation merit badge coming up next month and part of that includes a plane ride."

Longevity seems to run in the troop.

"I have some assistant scoutmasters who have been with me 15 and 18 years, and their kids are long gone and they stay with me, because they enjoy doing things with the kids and other adults who are involved," Bourgon said.

Bourgon is forever planning new excursions. In February, 50 scouts from his troop went to Washington, D.C., for five days.

"I look for new things to do continuously," he added.

And the legacy continues. The J. Kenneth Bourgon Scouting Fund was recently established to promote the goals of scouting under his direction and leadership.

For more information about the fund, contact Bill McCauley at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard Road, Livonia 48154.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 26, 1998

CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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02-98-008 **Applicant: Stephen Erickson RUP98-008**
Solicitation of public comments on the Special Use Permit for a new church and multipurpose building at 33102, 33126, and 33145 Cherry Hill.

All persons interested in the above are hereby invited to this Public Hearing and be heard.

STEVEN J. SMITH
Interim City Clerk-Treasurer

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02-98-011 **Applicant: Kohnstamm Associates, Inc. R297-009**
Solicitation of public comments on the rezoning request to rezone approximately 35 acres from C-1 to C-3, located at 111 Middlebelt.

All persons interested in the above are hereby invited to this Public Hearing and be heard.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Cortese-Petzak

William and Pamela Cortese of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Jo, to Jeffery Allen Petzak, the son of Ronald and Carol Petzak of Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in special education and a master's degree in early childhood education. She is employed as a special education teacher at the Detroit Public Schools' Early Intervention Diagnostic Center.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Ludington Senior High School and Saginaw Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. He is pursuing a master's degree in educational leadership at Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as a fifth grade teacher at Logan Elementary School in Ann Arbor.



School in Ann Arbor.

A May wedding is planned at Martha-Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village, Dearborn.

Paquin-Peltier

Ronald and Bette Paquin of South Lyon announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Jane, to Andre Francis Peltier, the son of Gary and Marianne Peltier of Canton.

The bride-to-be attends Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a cashier at Whole Foods Market of Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is graduating from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as an assistant dairy buyer at Whole Foods Market in Ann Arbor.

A May wedding is planned at Summit on the Park in Canton.



Klapper-Murphy

Scott and Peggy Klapper of Saline announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi Ann, to Jamie Lee Murphy, the son of Patrick and Mary Murphy of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Saline High School and expects to graduate from Eastern Michigan University in June 2000 with a dual major in special education and mathematics. She is employed at Pearl Vision.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland. He is doing his internship at Henry Ford Hospital in cardiac rehabilitation and expects to graduate in April from EMU with a degree in sports medicine. He also works for Ray and Jan's concession stand at Home Depot in Canton.



An August 1999 wedding is planned in Saline.

Pearse-Barlow

Robert and Donna Pearse of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn Michelle, to Mark Steven Barlow, the son of Robert Barlow and Ann Maria of Florida and Jean Barlow of Tucson, Ariz.

The bride-to-be is a first-second-grade teacher for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Her fiancé is a manager at the Ernest and Young management consulting practice.

A July wedding is planned at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.



Carter-Greening

William and June Carter of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Ellen, to Charles Anthony Greening, the son of Charles and Juliana Greening of West Bloomfield.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree and Oakland University with a master's degree.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University and Wayne State University, where he received his master's degree in business administration.



A spring wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Knight-Alland

Judith and Joseph Tompkins of Plymouth and Douglas and Bonnie Knight of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann Knight, to Timothy George Alland, the son of Ken and Sheila Alland of Waterford.

The bride-to-be is employed at American Community Mutual Insurance and Unique Dreams Studio.

Her fiancé is employed at Honeywell.

A May wedding is planned at First Baptist Church of Plymouth.



Foltz-Gehringer

Jeanine Foltz of Ann Arbor and Don Gehringer of Northville have announced their engagement.

The bride-to-be is employed as a teacher by the Westwood Community School District.

Her fiancé, the son of Marguerite Gehringer of Livonia, is a printer at Gehringer Printing in Redford.

An April wedding is being planned.



West-Candela

Jim and Helen West of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Marie, to Vincent Emanuele Candela, the son of Vincenzo and Nancy Candela of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1968 graduate of Garden City High School. She is the manager of several Papa Romano's stores.

Her fiancé is a 1982 graduate of Northville High School and a 1987 graduate of Grand Valley State University with a degree in secondary education. He also is a 1992 graduate of Henry Ford Community College with an associate's degree in manufacturing technology. He is employed by Megatech Engineering in Warren as a prototype metal model maker.



An April wedding is planned at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville.

McLellan-Yule

Donald and Judith McLellan of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Beth, to Matthew John Yule, the son of John and Evelyn Yule, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree in behavioral science. She is employed as a human resource supervisor at a major automotive supplier.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed as a FEA engineer at CMI Tech Center Inc.

An October wedding is



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'Evening of Hope' attracts a crowd



Glittering success: Leukemia Research Life Inc.'s annual dinner-dance to benefit childhood cancer research proved to be a crowd pleaser once again, with supporters like Rob and Laurie Goldi of Farmington Hills (top photo at left) hoping to have the high bid on a Detroit Lions football jersey, signed by the honorary chair, Robert Porcher, for their son, Matthew, who has acute lymphocytic leukemia. On hand for the banquet, held at Laurel Manor in Livonia, Porcher (top photo at right) took time to sign a Lions hat for Lisa Robert of Livonia and a miniature helmet for Marcos Torres of Southfield. Lori and Paul Baird of Livonia (bottom photo at right) took a close look at a vase at the silent auction at the LRL fundraiser. Away from the silent auction, Bob Maciasz of Commerce Township, (bottom photo at left) Mark Roberts of Livonia, Chris Upshur of Oxford and Rich Frizzell shared a few laughs before dinner was served.



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store.

According to Mason, Stroh's malt syrup was sold for baking only, but it was next to all the stuff needed to make beer. And a combination of raw alcohol, juniper berries and glycerin, rolled around on the floor to "age," produced homemade gin.

"You could get liquor delivered to your door, or buy a shoot for 15 cents out of car when you got off work," he said. "Speak-easies

could be found in law offices, restaurants and farmhouses. The police knew about them but didn't close them down unless they were near a church or school, served bad food or had a fight."

In 1923, the government sent the State Police into Hamtramck to raid more than 400 ice cream parlors of which only seven actually served ice cream. And 19 fraternities also were closed per-

manently during Prohibition at the University of Michigan.

By the mid-1920s, it was apparent the noble experiment had failed, but Prohibition continued until May 10, 1933. That day, "Julius Stroh poured the

first glass of legal beer at the American Legion convention in Detroit.

"By the end of the day, the Legionnaires had consumed 900 barrels and 500 cases of Stroh's beer," Mason said.

Livonia Town Hall will close out its 1997-98 season on Wednesday, March 18, with an musical interlude provided by members of the Livonia Symphony, conducted and interpreted by Volodymyr Scheski.

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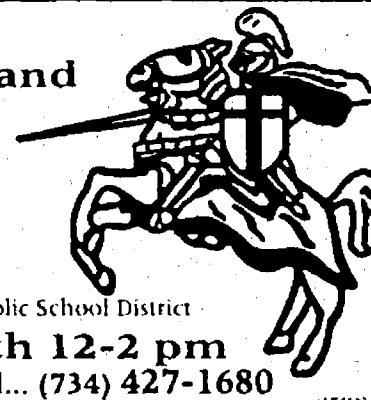
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RELIGION NEWS

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

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, east of Merriman Road, Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5, with "Help for the Family in Grief/Depression and Grief," presented by the Rev. Kurt Stutz. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

MILLENNIUM PRESENTATION

St. Raphael Parish, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City, is hosting two millennium presentations. Rev. Dave West will discuss "What it Means to Church People" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5, while Sister Betty Flaherty will talk about "What the Millennium Means to the Church" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24. Both talks will be held at the church. For more information, call (734) 427-1533.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Lola Valley United Methodist Church in Redford is celebrating "World Day of Prayer" with a program entitled "Who is My Neighbor?" at 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 6, at the church, 16175 Delaware, east of Inkster Road and north of Five Mile Road. Babysitting is available by reservation only. Call Dorothy Saksa at (313) 535-3247 by March 2 to reserve a spot. Those attending the program should bring hygiene products. For more information about the program, call (313) 255-6330.

LENTEN DINNERS

The Senior Youth for Christ at St. Matthew Lutheran Church are serving Lenten dinners 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays through

April 1 at the church, 5885 Venoy Road, Westland. Cost will be \$4 per person, \$12 for a family of four and \$3 for senior citizens. Proceeds will be used to help the youth finance their trip to the National Youth Gathering of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in Atlanta in July. There also will be Lenten worship services at 7 p.m. and 11 a.m. Thursdays. For more information, call (734) 422-0260.

St. Sabina Parish is having its Lenten fish fry 4-7 p.m. Fridays during Lent at the Activities Hall, 8147 Arnold, Dearborn Heights. Fish dinners cost \$5.50 for adults, \$5 for seniors over age 62 and \$3 for children under age 12. Shrimp dinners are \$6, baked fish \$6.50 and macaroni \$3. Pierogis are \$4.50 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. For more information, call (313) 561-1977.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, is hosting a "Crazy Hats Dance" at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, West Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. The \$8 charge includes refreshments.

The group's St. Patrick's Day Dance will be held at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth. The \$8 charge also includes refreshments. For information about both dances, call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

It also meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road (north of Six Mile Road), Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974 - for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinocle at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose.

BLOOD DRIVE

Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Red Cross blood drive 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the church,

Annual baby showers help pregnancy centers

Twenty-two crisis pregnancy center will be the beneficiaries of Right to Life-Lifespan baby showers being held throughout the area on Sunday, March 15.

Started nine years ago, the event continues Lifespan's tradition of caring for mothers and their babies, born and unborn.

People are invited to bring new or gently used baby and maternity items to one of 31 baby shower locations in the Detroit metropolitan area.

Locally, showers will be held 2-3:30 p.m. March 15 at Resurrection Church, 48755 Warren Road, Canton; Full Gospel Church, 291 E. Spring, Plymouth, and St. Valentine Church, 25881 Dow, Redford.

After church services (gift drop-off) will be held at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton; the Resurrection Room of St. Raphael Church, 5775 Merriman Road, Garden City; St. Genevieve Church, 29015 Jamison, Livonia; St. Maurice Church, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia; Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1062 Church St., Plymouth, and Life Warren Road Light and Life

Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. Among items needed are sleepers, T-shirts, socks, receiving blankets, crib sheets, cloth and disposable diapers (newborn and medium sizes), plastic pants, baby wipes, wash cloths and towels, teething rings, rattles, bottles, bibs, personal hygiene items for babies, cribs, portable cribs, bassinets, strollers, swings, car seats, high chairs, maternity items for mothers-to-be and cash donations.

Right to Life-Lifespan is a non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of vulnerable human life from conception to natural death. Established in 1970, it is the largest and oldest pro-life organization in southeastern Michigan, serving Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

For more information about the baby showers or Right to Life-Lifespan, call the Wayne West/Downriver Chapter office at (734) 422-6230. The office is at 27578 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Outreach Sunday" on March 22 and "Experience Pays" on March 29. For more information, call the church office at (734) 455-6022.

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 "How do you know there is a God?" on March 8.

"The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversa-

tional program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

OPEN HOUSES

St. Damian Catholic School will have an open house and registration noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the school, 28891 Joy Road, Westland. The school offers kindergarten through eighth grade education. For more information, call (734) 427-1680.

St. Agatha Grade School will have an open house 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the school 19800 Beech Daly Road, Redford. The school offers preschool through eighth grade classes. Parents should bring their children. For more information, call (313) 532-1940.

The open house for Little Lambs Christian Preschool will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon Road. Enrollment information for the 1998-1999 school year will be available.

Open registration will take place 1-6 p.m. March 16 for the hands-on, theme-based academic program that provides a Christ-centered foundation for the first school experience. For more information, call Shari at (734) 414-7792.

LENTEN PROGRAMS

Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have mid-week Lenten services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Pastor Gregory Gibbons will preach on the general theme of "Walk with Jesus." Each service will be followed by a fellowship time, featuring light refreshments. For more information, call the church at (313) 532-8655.

The Lenten series entitled "By My Hand? For My Sake!" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through April 1 at St. James Presbyterian Church's McCalmont Chapel, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. Each week there will be a different Biblical visitor. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730.

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church will serve a variety of

dinners each Wednesday during Lent. The dinners will be served 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. They will be followed by a worship service in the church, 9600 Leverne, north of West Chicago between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Redford. There will be a pre-service hymn at 6:45 p.m. The Lenten series is based on John 17 and the Lord's High Priestly Prayers. A free-will offering will be accepted for dinner. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-2424.

Newburg United Methodist Church is having Lenten dinners/programs Sunday evenings at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The pot luck dinner buffets (meat, coffee and milk provided at small cost) are at 5:30 p.m., with the programs at 6:30 p.m. The programs include "Roots and Wings" on March 15 and "Portrayal of Mary" by the Rev. Laurie Plate on March 29. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0149.

As part of its Lenten programs and meals, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will present a drama, "The Other 12 Disciples," at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, March 8, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. A chili luncheon will follow and participants are asked to bring a salad or dessert. Bread and beverage will be provided. Registration for lunch can be made through Friday, March 6, by calling the church office at (734) 422-6038. A nursery for children up to age 5 will be provided.

EXERCISE FUN

The Merriman Road Baptist Church Fitness Bunch meets 6:15-7 a.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.

GARAGE SALE

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will have a garage sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. In addition to used household items, fresh baked goods will be for sale.

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NEW VOICES

Craig and Daroy Lapan of Livonia announce the birth of **Nathan Grant** Dec. 12. Grandparents are Melvin and Dorothy Koliba of Brighton and Richard and Carol Lapan of St. Albans, Vt.

Jeremy Seth Roe and Elizabeth Ann McIntyre of Westland announce the birth of **Austin Alexander Roe** Dec. 12 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are David and Laurie Morton, Harold Roe and Debbie Ventimiglia, all of Westland.

John E. and Laura L. DeSmit of Garden City announce the birth of **Antoinette Joyce** Jan. 27 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a brother, Zachary E. Grandparents are Dr. Laurence W. Nagy of Plymouth and John E. DeSmit Sr. of West Branch.

Robert and Tonya Sayn of Westland announce the birth of **Christian John** Dec. 16 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Andrew, 9. Grandparents are Robert and Shirley Sayn of Westland and Henry Semeniuk of Wayne.

Dan and Patti Mullins of Columbia, Md., announce the birth of **Cuinn Ethan** Dec. 21 at Howard County Hospital in Columbia. He joins siblings, Kristin, 12, Katie, 9, and Connor, 3. Grandparents are Robert and Eleanor Mullins of Garden City and Bernard and Pat Clark of Harbor Springs.

Kevin and Ann-Marie McCarthy of Livonia announce the birth of **Spencer James Paul** Dec. 18 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Kyle Kopja, 6 1/2. Grandparents are Jack and Marilyn Kimble of Northville and Don and Sue Simonelli of Livonia.

Anthony and Theresa Raines of Redford announce the birth of **Dexter Von** Nov. 11. He joins a brother, Trevor. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dattilo and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Raines, all of Redford.

Joel S. Kuzich and Fairlena M. Jarrell of Redford announce the birth of **Lindsey Sue Kuzich** Dec. 19 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Tony and Linda Jarrell of West Branch and Joel and Sue Kuzich of Redford.

Wyatt and Julie Hazlett of Plymouth announce the birth of **Hayley Piper** Nov. 12 at St. John Hospital in Detroit. She joins a sister, Jessica, 4 and a brother, Andrew, 2. Grandparents are Judy Anderman of Harper Woods and the late William E. Anderman III, and Mary and Wyatt Hazlett Sr. of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are June and William E. Anderman Jr. of Grosse Pointe, Mary Lane of Port Huron, Robert and Florence Hazlett of Wolverine, Mich., and Ross and Viva Murdock of Canton.

Michael and Susan Sarten of Canton announce the birth of **Dakota Robert** Dec. 19 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Kenneth and Deborah Compagnoni of Garden City, and Virginia Sarten of Plymouth.

Kyle and Akiyo Fisher of Westland announce the birth of **Kira Joy** Jan. 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a sibling, Miyabi. Grandparents are William and Cheryl Fisher of Canton and Hideo and Kimiko Kitamura of Kyoto, Japan.

David and Christine Jenkins of Garden City announce the birth of **Brian Gabriel** Dec. 19 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Elizabeth Anne, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Bill Paton of Detroit, Peggy Mopes of Livonia, Justice Jenkins of Artemus, Ky., and Barbara Jenkins of Irvine, Ky.

Brian M. and Susan E. Smith-Edoff of Redford announce the birth of **Savannah Sarah Christine** Nov. 16 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Robert and Sarah Smith of Plymouth and Dennis and Mary Kay Edoff of Brighton, formerly of Plymouth.

Steven and Sally May of Garden City announce the birth of **Kendall Ashley** Dec. 19 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Delaina, 2. Grandparents are Fred and Joy May and George and Beverly Kelegian, all of Garden City.

Steven and Melissa Sambro of Plymouth announce the birth of **Chloe Gabrielle** Jan. 23 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins two sisters, Heather Ashley

Rice and Chelsea Megan Rice. Grandparents are Vito and Marvel Sambrone of Plymouth and Frank and Kay Howard of Belleville.

Patrick Fletcher and Becky Proctor of Flat Rock announce the birth of **Danielle Michelle Fletcher** Dec. 16 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Nancy Sedler of Redford and Sandy and Jerry Fletcher of Wayne.

Michael Wiater of Garden City and **Kristy Heuser** of Ply-

mouth announce the birth of **Kayla Marie Heuser** Dec. 16 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Lynn Heuser of Plymouth and Jack and Kim Wiater of Garden City.

Marty and Debbie Biek of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of **Jacob Alexander** Dec. 20 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins two brothers, Zachary, 6, and Adam, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Bruce Jeczen of Garden City and Jim and Rita Biek of Dearborn

Heights.

Vincent and Tracie Scovel of Garden City announce the birth of **Alison Mae** Dec. 22 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Audrey Rasmussen, Ken Rasmussen and Mary Scovel.

Timothy and Darlene Howell announce the birth of **Angelica Pearl** Dec. 22 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins two siblings, Dana, 4, and Kyle, 2. Grandparents are Charles and Carol How-

ell of Garden City and Barb and Jack Richards of Redford.

Raymond and Ronda Oatman of Plymouth announce the birth of **Raymond Hunter** Dec. 22 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins three sisters - Thyra, 16, Samantha, 6, and Chelsea, 20 months. Grandparents are Fred and Linda Gorlitz of Plymouth, Raymond H. Oatman of Dearborn Heights and Frank and Theresa Roberts of Delta, Colo.

Richard and Karen Franklin of Garden City

announce the birth of **Kayla Noel** Dec. 22 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Ryan James, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Mae Franklin of Garden City and Geri and David Weltch of Redford.

Andrew and Christie Staley of Garden City announce the birth of **Andrew Jay** Dec. 24 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Thomas and Dolores Staley and Jay and Bonnie Warner, all of Garden City.

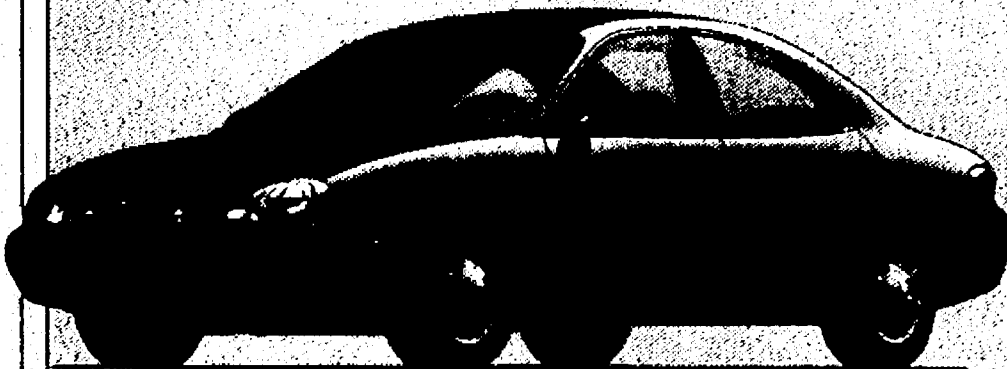
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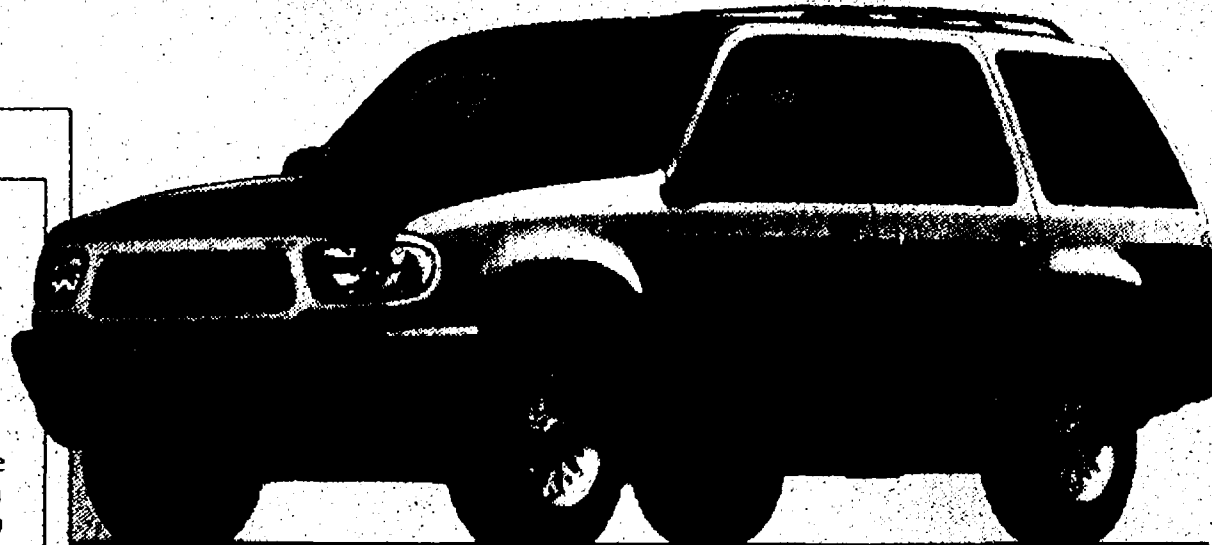
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CYO girls cage champs

The St. Genevieve Jaguars of Livonia won the West Division Catholic Youth Organization girls basketball title for fifth- and sixth-graders with a perfect 12-0 record.

Members of the Jaguars, who outscored their opponents, 334-100, include: Marisa DiPonio, Erin Lovell, Natalie O'Keefe, Lauren Michelson, Jennifer Montes, Jamie Rhodes, Christine Williams, Amber Willoughby, Julie Wooten, Nicole Zajac and Lauren Trosell.

The Jaguars, who also won the CYO sportsmanship award, are coached by Linda, Lou and Mark Willoughby, along with Marc Sargis.

Youth soccer champions

•The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Rockers, an under-11 team, recently captured first place during the second indoor session at SoccerZone in Novi.

Members of the Rockers, coached by Laura McDougall and Luke Lucero, include: Erik Anderson, Danny Armbruster, Kurt Bonser, Danny Garber, Ryan Graham, John Happ, Tony Housley, Sam Hoyt, Adrian Lucero, John Peitz, Danny Pepera, Jeff Pepera, Rich Simkow, Kenny Vella and Amber Willoughby. The team manager is Don McDougall.

•The '87 Brighton Eclipse was recently awarded first place in the Great Lake Soccer League's under-11 girls open competitive division after an appeal through the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association.

Members of the Eclipse, coached by Terry Giles and Bob Anderson include: Traci Anderson, Jill Andrews, Katherine Dzeiken, Tricia Giles, Natalie Grabowski, Jodi Helminen, Theresa Hebert, Nicole Hubbard, Taylor Huyik, Janel Kullonen, Chelsea Lewis, Rachael Mirto, Kristy Penner, Lauren Rentz, Jackie Switala and Britany Walsh.

•The Livonia Meteors girls under-10 soccer team completed a perfect 8-0 in the Red Division's second session at the Soccer Zone in Novi.

The Meteors had gone 7-0-1 in the league's first session.

Members of the team are: Christen Biskelonis, Ashley Calvin, Christina Curl, Kristin DiCello, Sara Dolmetsch, Wendy Hoots, Katherine Kelly, Erica Myrold, Jamie Radley, Jessica Theisen, Stephanie Thom, Lauren Trosell and Emma Wojtowicz.

The team was coached by Doug Calvin, with Bob Theisen assisting. Mike Trosell served as the team manager.

Bantam Leafs 2nd

The Livonia Hockey Association Bantam Leafs, sponsored by EJH Construction and McCally Tool, were runner-up to St. Clair Shores in the Sports Weekend End of Year Tournament.

The Leafs, coached by Glen Long, Mike Sartorius and Jason Bruce, reached the final by defeating teams from Mississauga, Ontario and Naperville, Ill.

Craig Lamontagne led the Leafs with five goals and three assists. Brandon Wallace added three goals and four assists, while Eric McNutt chipped in with four goals, raising his season total to 36 in 36 games. Steve Kolasinski also scored in the final game.

Ashley Zeni provided strong goaltending, while the defense was led by George Georvassilis, Mike Colangelo, Gus Nassar, Alex Williams and Andrew Hamee. Solid two-way play was provided by Steve Totten, Brandon Link, Mike O'Neill and Scott Boufford.

D.J. Marderosian, Nick Winter and Brian Nadeau were unavailable for the tournament. The Leafs are managed by John Lamontagne.

Collegiate note

•In indoor track, Army freshman Marjorie Brooks (Westland John Glenn) recently took a second in the 5,000-meter run at the West Point Invitational (Feb. 28) with a time of 18:30.

Brooks also finished third in the 5,000 (18:52) in a tri-meet against St. John's, Columbia and State University-New York and third in the Black Knight Quad (18:42).

On Feb. 14, Brooks went 10:47 in the 3,000 at the St. Valentine's Invitational in Boston and was 34th out of 65 runners in the 5,000 at the Boston University Terrier Classic (18:26).

Churchill riding high, 4-1

District triumph versus Stevenson ignites Chargers

PREP HOCKEY

The battle for hockey supremacy in Livonia started with an odd rendition of "Oh, Canada."

But whether it was Joe Louis Arena or Eddie Edgar Arena, Wednesday's Class A district championship game rendered an anthem that was music to the Churchill Chargers' ears.

Trailing 1-0 after one period, the Chargers came storming back for three unanswered goals and put the game away with another in the final period to oust Suburban High School Hockey League champion Livonia Stevenson from the state tournament, 4-1.

Churchill, which travels Saturday to Trenton for the regional final, is now 19-4-3 overall. (Game time is tentatively set for 7 p.m. at Trenton's Kennedy Arena).

Stevenson, meanwhile, bows out at 17-7-2 overall.

Playing before nearly 1,000 boisterous fans at Edgar, the Chargers gained the momentum and carried the action against the Spartans over the final two periods to claim the district crown.

The two teams split their regular season series, but this may have been a more potent Churchill team than the one that skated to a 5-4 win over the Spartans on Jan. 30.

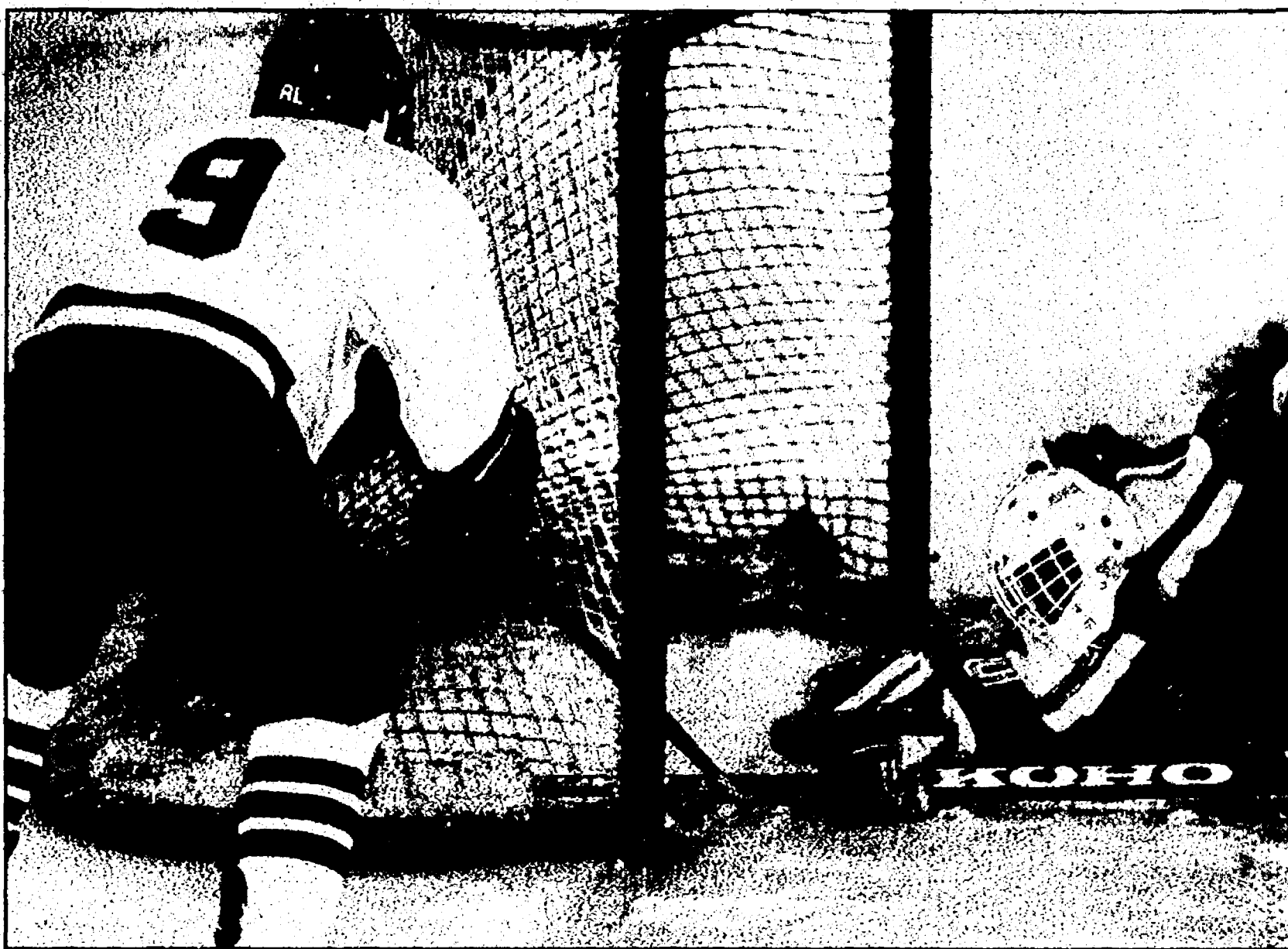
"We came out with a different forecheck than we used in the past," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "Everything was working in the first period, but we weren't converting their turnovers. In the first period we did not play our best."

Jeff Lang, cashing in on his own rebound, staked Stevenson to a 1-0 lead at 3:59 of the opening period.

"Stevenson was the league champ and we knew we had to pick it up to beat them," Hatley said. "We decided to freewheel with our forechecking and forget the 1-2-2."

Frank Furdero tied it for the Chargers just 36 seconds into the second period, burying a shot on the backside of Spartan starting goaltender Chris McComb. Defensemen Brandon Mar-toia and Matt Wysocki assisted.

Antti Kervinen then tallied what



Wrap-around goal: Livonia Churchill's Frank Furdero (left) sneaks the puck by Livonia Stevenson goaltender Chris McComb during second period action. The goal tied the game at 1-1. The Chargers went on to post a 4-1 win over Stevenson before nearly 1,000 fans at Edgar Arena.

proved to be the game-winner on an unassisted backhand at 1:38.

And less than two minutes later, Matt Grant scored on a four-on-four with Anton Sutovsky and Wysocki assisting to make it 3-1.

"They definitely took it to us the second period," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "They were dumping, chasing, forechecking and using the left wing lock — and we just didn't react to it."

"They were also out-muscling us and taking the puck wide on our defensemen. The first two goals we gave up were basically wrap-around plays."

Any chance of a Churchill letdown in the third period never materialized.

German exchange student Felix Jentzmik sealed Stevenson's fate with a goal at 5:12 from Furdero and Adam Krug.

"Our guys tried and we didn't give

up, but the puck just didn't seem to bounce our way," Harris said. "Churchill showed us how to play three consecutive periods. I hope they don't have a letdown. I hope a Livonia team goes as far as they can. I wish them well and I hope they get to Flint."

Both coaches changed goaltenders during the course of the game.

Churchill starter Greg Sliwka, who blanked University of Detroit-Jesuit in Friday's district semifinal, was lifted in favor of Dwaine Jones late in the first period.

"Greg just looked like he was fighting the puck a little bit, that's all," Hatley said. "I have a lot of confidence in both goaltenders. These two have given us the best goaltending that we've had here in the last five years."

Stevenson also made a switch when Matt McLeod came on for McComb early in the second.

Churchill outshot the Spartans, 34-

27. "Everybody picked it up when they needed to," Hatley said. "This has been our goal all along. Two years ago we got to the regional final (losing 4-0 to Trenton) and this is where we want to be."

"Winning the league is great, but it doesn't compare to the regional. We'd like to win the league, but Stevenson was just more consistent during the year."

Trenton, sporting a 22-3 overall record, has been ranked in the top five all season. The Trojans finished runner-up to Redford Catholic Central in last year's state championship final.

"We're going to give it all we got and take it one at a time," Hatley said. "The support from our school has been outstanding."

"The (big) crowd made us a little nervous early, but once we got it going, we were tremendous."

Glenn returns for WLAA title shot

Jones pops in 29 in victory

BOYS BASKETBALL

The nickname "E" rings out during the pre-game player introductions for Westland John Glenn sophomore point-guard Eric Jones.

And "E" also stands for errorless basketball, as the host Rockets made just five turnovers in a 69-59 Western Lakes Activities Association semifinal playoff victory over Walled Lake Central.

Glenn, now 13-6 overall, plays top seed Plymouth Salem, 16-3 overall, for the coveted WLAA title beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, at Livonia Churchill.

The third-seeded Rockets ironically were the only team to hand Salem a WLAA defeat. It will be Glenn's first appearance in the WLAA championship since 1996.

"We have a lot of respect for Salem's coaches and players, we're just happy to be in this situation again," Glenn assistant coach Todd DeLuca said. "We did a great job on both ends of the floor and we played smart basketball when we had to. And we were conscious of the fact that we didn't want to turn it over, especially at the end of the game."

Jones, in his best outing of the season, helped his team erase a 35-33 halftime deficit with 15 second-half points as the Rockets outscored the Vikings 36-24 in the second half.

"He's coming into his own and every game he's played this month he's gotten better," DeLuca said. "He's more disciplined as far as what he's doing on the floor. And it's a pleasure to watch."

Ty Haygood, a junior forward, added 10 points, while Stephen Lawson had eight. Jason Crofton and Yaku Moton each contributed seven.

Central, which falls to 9-10, got a team-high 24 points from senior guard Todd Negoshian. Cory Heitech contributed 16.

Central, shooting 14 of 24 from the floor in the first half, led by as many as seven

before Glenn made a late rush to pull within two on consecutive 'threes' by Crofton, Jones and Bill Foder.

Central took a 41-37 advantage with 4:24 remaining in the third quarter on a free throw by Negoshian.

Glenn, however, took the lead for keeps, 42-41, on a rebound basket by Haygood with 2:24 left remaining in the third.

Midway through the third quarter, Central coach Steve Emert went into a semi-defensive offense.

The Vikings, who were outscored 11-6, took just five field goal attempts during the eight-minute period. And to make matters worse, Negoshian went without a statistically recorded field goal attempt for almost a 10-minute stretch.

"We wanted to make it a short game," Emert said. "We didn't block them out on the boards. That was one thing that hurt us. That was key, along with our defensive execution."

Glenn took control in the final quarter, outscoring the Vikings, who had been sitting in a zone defense most of the night, 25-18.

The Rockets also made eight of 15 free throws during the final 2:33 to help seal the win.

"We had to foul them and they (Glenn) made the free throws, give them credit," Emert said.

Glenn, the quicker and more athletic team, played straight man-to-man defense for most of the night.

"We didn't put pressure on Central as a team," DeLuca said. "But we wanted Negoshian to work hard bringing the ball up and I thought Reggie Spearmon did a great job on him."



Horizontal move: Westland John Glenn's Stephen Lawson (left) glides sideways to the hoop past the Vikings' Nick Hall.

WALL LAKE COUNTY BOYS' ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

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WALLED LAKE WESTERN: Danielle Wensing, Sr. OH, Livonia Franklin; Andrea Kmet, Soph. MH, Livonia Franklin.

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FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS:
1. Salem; 2. Stevenson; 3. W.L. Central; 4. Franklin; 5. Northville; 6. Churchhill; 7. Canton; 8. W.L. Western; 9. Harrison; 10. John Glenn; 11. N. Farmington; 12. Farmington.

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1. Salem; 2. Stevenson; 3. W.L. Central; 4. John Glenn; 5. N. Farmington; 6. Farmington.

WESTERN DIVISION STANDINGS:
1. Franklin; 2. Canton; 3. (tie) Churchhill and Northville; 5. W.L. Western; 6. Harrison.

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ALL-STATE TEAMS: Ashley Oels, Sr. OH, Northville; Amanda Abraham, Sr. OH, Plymouth Salem; Jenny Trott, Sr. OH, Plymouth Salem; Angie Sillmon, Jr. OH, Plymouth Salem; Becca Selders, Jr. OH, Plymouth Salem.

Salem shows WLAA dominance by beating Stevenson for crown

Plymouth Salem held serve Saturday in Western Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball tournament staged at Farmington Hills Harrison.

The Rocks, unbeaten during the 11-game WLAA schedule, pounded Livonia Stevenson in the championship match, 15-5, 15-4.

It was Salem's first WLAA crown since 1995.

Now 44-5-1 on the season entering Class A district tournament play, Salem went undefeated in pool play against Plymouth Canton, Livonia Churchhill and Farmington before defeating Livonia Franklin in a semifinal match, 15-8, 15-18.

In the other semifinal, defending champion Walled Lake Central was ousted by Stevenson, 15-13, 15-12.

"We didn't expect to see Stevenson, but we knew they were capable," Salem co-coach Allie Suffety said. "They seemed to be pretty spent after that match with Walled Lake Central. They were really flying around. Maybe they had dead legs when they faced us, but our kids played well when they had to."

Several different players contributed in Salem's tournament conquest.

Jenny Trott, bound for Central Michigan, recorded 28 kills, 38 digs and did not make an error in 43 attempts for the entire day.

Senior Amanda Abraham had 26 kills, 15 solo blocks, 10 block-assists and 18 digs, while junior

Angie Sillmon had 23 kills, nine solo blocks and seven assists, and 11 digs. Kelly Street chipped in with 21 kills.

Salem's setters also were effective.

The Rocks also received timely blocking from Andrea Pruett and Ellen Stemmer.

"We got 14 kills (combined) from their side and that's good for being primarily blockers," Salem co-coach Allie Suffety said. "The nice thing is that we get really good balance. And we're passing better. We're happy with the way they played."

Kari Flynn had 45 assists and 55 serves without an error, while Laine Sterling collected 30 assists and was 26-for-26 serving.

Sophomore Amanda Suder came off the bench to get 19 digs and seven aces.

Stevenson, the second place team during the regular season, won Pool B with a 5-1 record.

"We kind of got gassed out in the final," said Stevenson coach Kelly Graham, whose team is 34-10-4 overall. "We had to play three tough matches in a row — Walled Lake Western, Northville and Walled Lake Central. And by the time we got to the final, we got tired. We were too burned out to give Salem a competitive match."

Junior Stephanie Dulz was Stevenson's top attacker on the

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(all Saturday, March 7, unless noted)

CLASS A
Friday, March 6, at LIVONIA LADYWOOD
First round: (A) Livonia Ladywood vs. (B) Detroit Redford, 5 p.m.
Semifinals: Livonia Stevenson vs. Livonia Franklin, 6 p.m.; Redford Union vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.
Championship final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 14, at Plymouth Salem, vs. Hazel Park district champion.)

at YPSILANTI LINCOLN
First round: (A) Wayne Memorial vs. (B) Belleville, 9 a.m.
Semifinals: Westland John Glenn vs. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 10:30 a.m.; Garden City vs. A-B winner, noon.
Championship final: 1:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 14, at Temperance Bedford, vs. Dearborn district champion.)

at NOVI
First round: (A) Novi vs. (B) Livonia Churchhill, 10 a.m.
Semifinals: Plymouth Salem vs. Plymouth Canton, 10 a.m.; Northville vs. A-B winner, 11:20 a.m.
Championship final: 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal Saturday, March 14, at Plymouth Salem, vs. Berkley district champion.)

at BERKLEY
First round: (A) Detroit Henry Ford vs. (B) Southfield, 9 a.m.
Semifinals: Farmington Hills Mercy vs. Berkley, 10:30 a.m.; Southfield-Lathrup vs. A-B winner, 10:30 a.m.
Championship final: noon (Winner advances to the regional semifinal Saturday, March 14, at Plymouth Salem, vs. the Hazel Park district champion.)

at FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON
First round: (A) Farmington vs. (B) North Farmington, 10 a.m.
Semifinals: Farmington Hills Harrison vs. Walled Lake Central, 11 a.m.; Walled Lake Western vs. A-B winner, 11 a.m.
Championship final: 12:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal Saturday, March 14, at Lapeer East vs. Lake Orion district champion.)

CLASS B
at DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD
Quarterfinals: (A) Dearborn Heights Annapolis vs. (B) Dearborn Heights Crestwood vs. (C) Dearborn Heights Crestwood vs. (D) Dearborn Divine Child (D), 10:30 a.m.
Semifinals: Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs. A-B winner, noon; Detroit Renaissance vs. C-D winner, 1:30 p.m.
Championship final: 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal Saturday, March 14, at Gibraltar Carlson, vs. Riverview district champion.)

CLASS C
at PONTIAC NOTRE DAME PREP
Semifinals: Royal Oak Shrine vs. Southfield Christian, 10 a.m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 11:30 a.m.
Championship final: 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 14, at New Haven, vs. Grosse Pointe

Trojans ousted by runner-up Lutheran Westland

All good things do come to an end, but Alicia Love was hoping it didn't come to end so abruptly.

After winning the Metro Conference tournament five of the last six years, Livonia Clarenceville earned the right to be considered a favorite entering Saturday's conference tourney at Macomb Lutheran North.

But Love, the Trojans seventh-year coach, watched as her team was dismissed from competition early at Lutheran North.

Lutheran Westland made quick work of Clarenceville, ousting the defending champs 15-10, 15-0. In the regular season, the Trojans beat the Westland 15-0, 15-7.

"They just didn't come to play," said a disappointed Love.

Lutheran North, which cruised through the regular season undefeated, won the tournament by beating Westland in the final 15-2, 15-4.

The Trojans finished 6-2 in the league, good for a second place tie with Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett.

"When you're on top, everybody wants a piece of you," Love added. "I guess Lutheran Westland just wanted it more than us."

Westland, which finished sixth in the conference during the regular season, advanced to the finals after beating Liggett in 15-8, 15-2.

"The whole team woke up and played very well," Westland coach Joan Ollinger said.

Ollinger noted that several Westland players stood out, including junior Anna Schwacke with her hitting, junior Rebekah Hoffmeier with her middle hitting and blocking, and senior Sarah Hoffmeier with her setting.

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Catholic Central rips Redford Union, 8-0

Redford Catholic Central won a Class A hockey district Wednesday night with an 8-0 victory over Redford Union in the championship game at Plymouth's Compuware Sports Arena.

The Shamrocks scored two goals in both the first and second periods and added four more in the third.

The win sends CC into regional play where it will meet Grosse Pointe South at 2 p.m. Saturday, also at Compuware.

The Shamrocks beat the Blue Devils, their Michigan Metro Hockey League rival, 3-0 in a regular season game.

"They're one of the best teams in the state, certainly one of the quickest I've seen and we've played Compuware," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "We beat them 3-0 but it could have been either way."

Using his lineup liberally, St. John received two goals and an assist from sophomore forward David Moss. Dan Morrell, Dave Turner, Todd Bentley, Brandon Kaleniecki, Joe Beaudoin and Pat

Shamrocks pass key test against Royal Oak

A Berger and pizza — a winning combination for Detroit Catholic Central's hockey team.

CC senior winger Greg Berger scored his first hat trick of the season on Monday night in the Shamrocks' 7-5 Class A district semifinal victory over Royal Oak Unified at Plymouth's Compuware Sports Arena.

Berger finished with three goals and one assist and linemate Jason Tardif had one goal and three assists, earning them some pizza as promised from another team member.

The win put the Shamrocks in district final (played last night). In the other semifinal Monday, Redford Union skated to a 10-0 win over Southfield Unified.

"We've been together (as linemates) two years," Berger said. "They don't separate us. We click when we need it."

"He usually sets me up for goals," said Tardif, not complaining about the change in roles.

Royal Oak, a combination of Kimball and Dondero high schools, gave the Shamrocks a scare, leading 4-3 after two unanswered goals late in the second period.

The Shamrocks took the lead for good, however, scoring a pair of goals 1:06 into the third period

with both teams playing four aside.

The Shamrocks tied the score 4-4 when Tardif intercepted a Royal Oak pass deep in the Knights zone, leading to Berger's second goal only 16 seconds into the third period.

The Shamrocks gained the lead for good on the same shift when winger Matt Van Heest skated past a Royal Oak defenseman and backhanded a shot past Casanta with 13:54 remaining.

The lead grew to 6-4 when Berger finished his hat trick, getting assists from Van Heest and Tardif, with 7:01 remaining. Royal Oak cut the deficit to 6-5 with a goal by Kevin Ayers and only 1:44 remaining before an empty net goal by Tardif in the last minute ended the scoring.

CC winger Keith Rowe flicked the puck up the ice at a perfect pace, allowing Tardif to reach it before an icing call could be made.

Royal Oak finished 22-2-1 overall. The Knights' chances suffered in the third period when their top player, senior forward Nick Luxon, was ejected for a five-minute major penalty late in the second period.

Luxon had one goal and two assists and his line that includes Kevin Ayers and Scott Fueling.

Fuelling added one goal and two assists and Ayers had one goal and one assist.

Damien Lewis and Jeff Cluff had the other Royal Oak goals.

"A couple giveaways on one shift did us in," Royal Oak coach Jon Fox said. "When you play CC you don't worry about any one individual. They have four equal lines and your playing their style and coaching."

CC's depth showed early when senior forward Dan Morrell scored a goal assisted by Dave Turner and Berger at 10:26 of the first period to tie the score at 1-1. Rowe scored the remaining CC goal, assisted by Brad Holland.

Morrell has spent a good deal of time lately on coach Gordie St. John's taxi squad.

"Dan Morrell jumped in and scored and he hasn't played in a long time," St. John said, marveling at his conditioning.

Todd Bentley and Eric Hawkins also picked up assists for the Shamrocks. CC goaltender Rickey Marnon, coming off consecutive shutout victories over Birmingham Brother Rico, stopped 13 shots.

"They were as prepared as any team could be," St. John said. "We were darn fortunate to get out of the building with a win."

Ocelots ousted in semifinals

One of the most successful men's basketball seasons in Schoolcraft Community College history came to a screeching halt Tuesday as host Cincinnati State rallied from a nine-point halftime deficit to oust the Ocelots in the NCJAA-Region 12 semifinals, 92-87.

Quentin Smith scored 19 of his game-high 30 points in the second half as Cincinnati State improved to 22-9 overall.

Schoolcraft, which bowed out at 24-7 under first-year coach Carlos Briggs, got a team-high 25 points from Derek McKelvey and 22 from Kevin Melson.

•**SPRING ARBOR 81, MADONNA 66 (Women):** Pinpoint accuracy from the

COLLEGE HOOPS

perimeter was never a determining factor in Saturday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball tournament semifinal between Madonna University and host Spring Arbor.

The regular-season champion Cougars had only to concern themselves with a distance of about 15 feet and in.

Indeed, the Lady Crusaders had nine three-pointers to none for Spring Arbor, and yet it was an easy win for the Cougars, who advanced to the championship game with an 81-66 victory.

Madonna ends its season with an 18-13 record.

Shooting proficiency from the floor wasn't decisive in this game. Madonna made 25-of-62 (40.3 percent) to

27-of-63 for Spring Arbor (42.9 percent). The Crusaders offset Spring Arbor's slightly better shooting advantage by making 9-of-25 triples (36 percent); the Cougars were 0-for-1 on threes.

Rebounding, too, was dead-even (40-40). The difference came in turnovers — 26 for Madonna, 15 for the Cougars — and free-throw shooting (Madonna 7-of-15, 46.7 percent; Spring Arbor 27-of-38, 71.1 percent).

Three starters fouled out for the Crusaders: Chris Dietrich, Dawn Pelc and Angie Negri. No one had more than three fouls for Spring Arbor.

Dietrich finished with a game-high 21 points. Mary Murray added 14 points and eight rebounds, and Katie Cushman contributed 11 points, six boards and five assists.

Leading the Cougar attack was Courtney Thompson Jr. with 21 points and eight rebounds. Andrea VanderHorst had 19 points and nine boards.

LIVONIA SOFTBALL MEETINGS

Livonia Parks and Recreation will hold a meeting for interested softball teams on Wednesday, March 11, at the Civic Center Library meeting room.

Meeting times are as follows: men's, 7 p.m.; women's slow-pitch, 7:30 p.m.; coed, 8 p.m.; men's modified, 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

MEN'S SOFTBALL OPENINGS

Men's modified fastpitch softball teams are needed for Monday nights in Livonia (Class A and B) and Wednesday nights in Plymouth (Class A).

A managers meeting for new teams in Livonia will be at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Civic Center Library meeting room, 32775 Five Mile Road.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Call Gary Gray or Lyle Trudell of Livonia Parks and Recreation (before March 11) at (734) 466-2410.

For Plymouth information, call Tom Willette at (734) 455-6620.

■ Teams looking for pitchers should call Rick Williamson at (734) 642-0053.

RAMS NEED PITCHER

The Michigan Lake Area Rams 13-year-old Little Caesars travel baseball team is looking for an experienced pitcher to compete in a 50-60 game schedule, including five tournaments (two out of state).

The home field is the Canton Softball Center.

For more information about a tryout, call Kevin Wilkinson at (313) 274-5405 (home) or (313) 981-3000 (work).

KOUFAX BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for a Livonia-based Sandy Koufax-age (13-14) travel baseball team will be at 7:30 p.m. each Sunday, at the Sports Academy in Novi.

There are no residency requirements. For information call Bob Murray at (313) 853-8880 or Bill Rabe at (248) 474-2739.

CCYAA REGISTRATION

Baseball and softball registration for Garden City Youth Athletic Association T-Ball, baseball and softball registration will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at the Maplewood Community Center.

There are no residency requirements.

For more information call Ken Kibit at 513-8603 or Tony Gentile at 522-3642.

Chargers snap losing streak vs. North

Livonia Churchill broke its six-game losing streak by holding off North Farmington in a Western Lakes boys basketball game, 60-55.

The visiting Chargers put the game away when George Kithas stole a North inbound pass attempt, drove the length of the court and dunked it at the buzzer.

Churchill took the three-point lead with 30 seconds remaining after Lamar Smith hit a pair of free throws, Smith, who finished with nine points, converted all five of his foul shot attempts in the final quarter.

"We played very well defensively and made the adjustments to what North was doing in the first half," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "We played out those adjustments and pretty much shut them down in the second half defensively."

Erik Uhlinger paced Churchill (7-13) with 14 points. Corey Cook added 12.

North (11-8) received a game-high 17 points from Emir Medunjanin and 12 from Al Pennala.

"We turned the ball over too many times, played with no intensity and were not sharp," North coach Brian Swinehart said. "We'll have to pick it up and start playing like a team if we want to do anything in districts."

The Raiders led at halftime 30-28, thanks to five first-half three-pointers. The Chargers took the lead in the fourth quarter as they outscored North 16-10.

It was the second time Churchill defeated the Raiders this season. Earlier in the year, the Chargers used a half-court shot at the

BOYS BASKETBALL

buzzer to knock off North.

"There's just something about Churchill that makes us struggle," Swinehart said.

•**FRANKLIN 68, STEVENSON 41:** Livonia Stevenson's long season got even longer Tuesday as the Spartans were routed by their cross-town rivals.

The host Patriots (8-11) broke open a 34-26 half-time lead by outscoring the Spartans 18-6 in the third quarter.

Leading the way for Franklin was senior guard Nick Mongeau, who nailed four three-pointers in the first quarter. He finished with a game-high 18 points, in addition to three steals and three assists. Senior guard Brian Facione was one of seven Patriots with six points. Facione added six assists and two steals.

Brett Koch scored 12 points for the Spartans, who dropped to 0-19 overall.

The Patriots converted 20 of 26 free throws. Stevenson got to the line 13 times, and hit on six shots.

•**LIGGETT 81, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 75:** The Warriors couldn't play spoiler Tuesday as Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett won the outright Metro Conference championship.

Lutheran Westland led 58-53 entering the fourth quarter, but couldn't hold off the Knights as they outscored the Warriors 28-17.

Liggett won the game at the free throw line, where the Knights converted 11 of 16 shots in the fourth quarter and were 24 of 35 in the game. Westland made 11 of 15 of their free throws.

The Knights, who defeated Westland 85-75 early in the season, improved to 15-4 overall and 13-3 in

the conference.

The Warriors slipped to 7-12 overall and 6-10 in the league.

Brian Bruenton poured in 37 points to lead the Liggett attack. Joel Parrott netted 21.

Tom Habitz and Brad Woehleke scored 16 and 15 points, respectively, for the Warriors.

•**ANNAPOLIS 61, CLARENCEVILLE 57:** Dearborn Heights Annapolis got 16 points from junior forward Nate Beayers Tuesday to hold off host Livonia Clarenceville in a non-leaguer encounter.

The Trojans received 14 points apiece from senior forward Justin Villanueva and junior guard Albert Deljosevic. Scott Wilson added 10 points and Rick Murphy 10.

Annapolis improved to 13-6 overall, while Clarenceville dropped to 6-13.

•**FRANKLIN ROAD 83, HURON VALLEY 38:** Southfield Franklin Road Christian had little trouble with Westland Huron Valley Tuesday.

Josh Dubuc and Chris McIntosh scored 20 and 18 points, respectively, for Franklin Road (8-11 overall, 5-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference).

Tom Husby's eight points paced the Hawks (6-14 overall, 1-7 in the MIAC).

•**REDFORD CC 88, SOUTHEASTERN 69:** Senior center Chris Young scored 21 points, grabbed 20 rebounds and blocked four shots as Redford Catholic Central (15-4 overall) won a non-league game on Tuesday against visiting Detroit Southeastern.

Joining the Shamrocks in double figures were Joe Jonna with 18 points, Nick Moore with 13 and Don Slankster with 10.

Aaron Bell scored a game-high 31 for the Jungateers of the Public School League.

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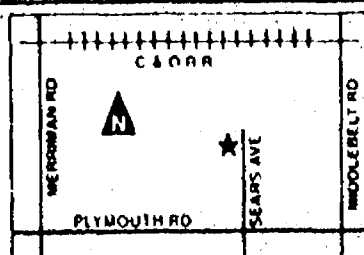
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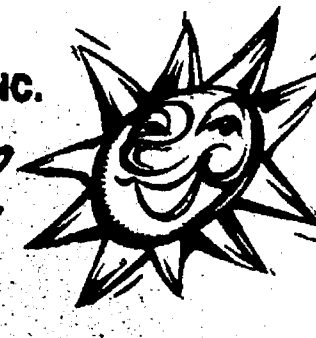
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Stevenson runner-up to Rocks in fast meet

Transforming a league swim meet, from fast to super-speed, can be accomplished by a couple of individuals, really. They set a couple of new records while winning a few events and onlookers figure, "Wow, it must be a fast year."

At the Western Lakes Activities Association boys swim championships last Saturday at Plymouth Salem, some records were set. And it was considered a fast meet.

But the reasons go a bit deeper than a couple of rare individuals who happen to be tearing up the

league.

"Our league always ranks as pretty fast," acknowledged Livonia Stevenson coach Doug Buckler. "But this was definitely a bit faster."

Getting such a proclamation from Buckler is no surprise. After all, his team is ranked among the state's top 10, a standing that's well-deserved. His Spartans swam extremely well Saturday, collecting four first-place finishes and setting one of the league's new records.

Getting such a proclamation from Buckler after his team finished second by 74 points, however, does say a bit more.

"I think we swam fantastic," Buckler said without hesitation. "I'm proud of my whole team."

The Stevenson coach knew it would take a super-human effort, and a few slip-ups by Plymouth Salem, for the Spartans

BOYS SWIMMING

to unseat the defending WLAA champs. And that didn't happen.

Stevenson swam extremely well. So did North Farmington and Plymouth Canton and Farmington Harrison, for that matter.

Problem was, Salem was equal to all challenges.

The Rocks racked up their sixth-straight league championship, scoring 504 points. Stevenson was next with 430, followed by North Farmington (360), Canton (351), Harrison (260), Northville (244), Farmington (200), Westland John Glenn (175), Livonia Franklin (158), Walled Lake (148) and Livonia Churchill (129).

"It was a fast meet," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "If

you weren't swimming well, you weren't getting in (to Saturday's finals).

"In every event, there was a real quality swim. It felt good winning that type of meet — there wasn't only a lot of quality at the top, but all the way through."

"This was not one you feel you have to apologize for. This was a good conference meet."

There were three double-winners in individual events and two records set. Steve Domin, from Stevenson, was responsible for one of the records. The senior won the 50-yard freestyle in 21.55, and lowered that record to 21.47 with his lead-off leg in the 200 free relay (former record, 21.7, in 1996 by Jeff Sieving of Northville).

Domin also captured the 100 butterfly (52.65).

The other double-winners were

Salem's Nick Corden, who finished first in the 200 (1:44.67) and 100 (47.64) freestyles, and Northville's Evan Whitbeck, who captured top honors in the 200 individual medley (1:57.57) and 100 breaststroke (1:01.47).

Other individual wins went to Stevenson's Keith Falk in the 500 free (4:50.50), North's Dan Gabriel in the 100 backstroke (54.15) and Walled Lake's Chris Gawronski in the one-meter diving (474.60 points).

The other new record of the meet belonged to Salem, which won both freestyle relays. The Rocks' Dan Kelly, Andrew Locke, Tim Buchanan and Corden finished first in the 200 free relay in 1:28.25, bettering the former mark of 1:29.09 set by Stevenson in 1992.

Jones, Brent Mellis, Buchanan and Corden also teamed to win the 400 free relay for Salem

(3:17.31), missing the WLAA record by less than .3 seconds.

Stevenson's Joe Boblitz, Mike Nemer, Mark Sgriccia and Domin were fastest in the 200 medley relay (1:39.93).

Coaches throughout the WLAA knew teams like North, Northville and Stevenson all had individual swimmers fast enough to challenge Salem's fastest in most events. What no other team had, however, was the Rocks' depth.

"We knew what we had to do," said Olson. "No other team had at least two qualifiers in every (individual) event. We had at least three (in the top 18) in every event."

There were also at least three state-meet qualifiers in each event, with five in several events and as many as six in one (the 100 back).

See WLAA meet results below.

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WLAA SWIM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Feb. 29-28 at Plymouth Salem

Team standings: 1. Plymouth Salem, 504 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 430; 3. North Farmington, 360; 4. Plymouth Canton, 351; 5. Farmington Harrison, 260; 6. Northville, 244; 7. Farmington, 200; 8. Westland John Glenn, 175; 9. Livonia Franklin, 158; 10. Walled Lake, 148; 11. Livonia Churchill, 129.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

200-yard medley relay

Championship heat — 1. Stevenson (Joe Boblitz, Mike Nemer, Mark Sgriccia, Steve Domin), 1:39.93; 2. Northville, 1:40.69; 3. N. Farmington, 1:41.78; 4. Canton, 1:42.46; 5. Salem, 1:42.95; 6. Farmington, 1:48.29.

Consolation heat — 7. Franklin, 1:48.05; 8. Harrison, 1:48.72; 9. Churchill, 1:53.20; 10. John Glenn, 1:59.28.

200-yard freestyle

Championship heat — 1. Nick Corden (PS), 1:44.67; 2. Keith Falk (LS), 1:44.73; 3. Justin Barringer (FH), 1:46.93; 4. Pete Bosler (F), 1:47.77; 5. Jason Musson (PC), 1:49.26; 6. Jim Gabriel (NF), 1:50.74.

Consolation heat — 7. Ryan Zoumaris (JG), 1:51.10; 8. Brandon Digla (NF), 1:51.94; 9. Brian Mertens (PS), 1:52.55; 10. Josh Duffy (FH), 1:52.76; 11. Mike Kilgore (PS), 1:54.89; 12. David Bosman (LF), 1:56.25.

Bonus consolation — 13. Justin Ketterer (LS), 1:55.03; 14. Jon Cook (PC), 1:55.22; 15. Dan Price (FH), 1:56.98; 16. Rob Sherada (LC), 1:57.15; 17. Steve Blossom (PC), 1:57.74; 18. Erik Koppin (LF), 1:58.67.

200-yard individual medley

Championship heat — 1. Evan Whitbeck (NV), 1:57.57; 2. Derek Zerber (WL), 2:00.12; 3. Tim Buchanan (PS), 2:02.92; 4. Joe Bublitz (LS), 2:03.29; 5. Brent Mellis (PS), 2:03.44; 6. James McPartlin (JG), 2:06.54.

Consolation heat — 7. Mike Malik (LS), 2:05.14; 8. Paul Perez (PS), 2:07.47; 9. Scott Whitbeck (NV), 2:09.00; 10. Aaron Reeder (PC), 2:09.54; 11. Matt Beuckeleare (F), 2:11.64; 12. Mike Dempsey (PC), 2:11.95.

Bonus consolation — 13. Mike Nemer (LS), 2:10.34; 14. Jody Gomez (LF), 2:10.75; 15. Devin Hopper (F), 2:11.86; 16. Rich Bengoa (WL), 2:12.54; 17. Craig Paske (NF), 2:12.71; 18. David Le (PC), 2:13.66.

50-yard freestyle

Championship heat — 1. Steve Domin (LS), 21.55; 2. Matt Zaid (NF), 21.88; 3. Jacob Varty (LS), 22.39; 4. Andrew Locke (PS), 22.61; 5. Don LeClair (PC), 23.00; 6. Matt Walker (FH), 23.36.

Consolation heat — 7. Kurtis Hornick (PC), 22.97; 8. Mark Wachsberg (NF), 23.00; 9. Dan Jones (PS), 23.17; 10. Bill Randall (LC), 23.18; 11. Dan Kelly (PS), 23.33; 12. Chris Supplee (LF), 23.43.

Bonus consolation — 13. (tie) Jason Rebarchik (PS), Brad Buckler (LS), 23.73; 15. Justin Hawkins (NF), 23.74; 16. Chad Williams (PC), 24.10; 17. Max Suttles (FH), 24.24; 18. Chris Gawronski (WL), 24.45.

One-meter diving

1. Chris Gawronski (WL), 474.60 points; 2. J.T. Svoke (FH), 383.20; 3. John Lowry (F), 370.95; 4. Jeff Phillips (JG), 361.85; 5. Chris Cameron (PS), 350.35; 6. Jerome Licata

(LC), 340.00; 7. Mike Belvitch (PS), 337.75; 8. Mike Dzikowski (LF), 335.30; 9. Joe Lebovic (NF), 297.05; 10. Chris Miller (PS), 293.60; 11. Justin Goodwin (NF), 292.35; 12. Mike McGhie (LS), 278.50; 13. Chris McFarland (JG), 277.85; 14. Jonathon Dozier (NV), 272.10; 15. Jim George (PC), 264.25; 16. John Getsler (WL), 255.80; 17. Jared Goldman (NF), 252.30; 18. Dan Basse (NV), 244.75.

100-yard butterfly

Championship heat — 1. Steve Domin (LS), 52.65; 2. Mark Sgriccia (LS), 54.09; 3. Rich Bengoa (WL), 54.21; 4. James McPartlin (JG), 54.67; 5. Tim Buchanan (PS), 54.88; 6. Steve Schwed (FH), 57.37.

Consolation heat — 7. Mike Dempsey (PC), 56.79; 8. Paul Perez (PS), 57.07; 9. Mark Wachsberg (NF), 58.03; 10. John Theisen (PC), 58.62; 11. Scott Whitbeck (NV), 59.29; 12. Chris Rands (NF), 59.86.

Bonus consolation — 13. Erik Koppin (LF), 59.80; 14. Jim McLenaghan (PS), 59.90; 15. David Whitbeck (NV), 1:00.08; 16. Kevin Crabill (PS), 1:00.15; 17. Kevin Grant (LC), 1:00.97; 18. Matt Schacht (PC), 1:01.97.

100-yard freestyle

Championship heat — 1. Nick Corden (PS), 47.64; 2. Jacob Varty (LS), 49.18; 3. Matt Zaid (NF), 49.29; 4. Pete Bosler (F), 49.42; 5. Brandon Digla (NF), 49.71; 6. Jason Musson (PC), 49.92.

Consolation heat — 7. Dan Gabriel (NF), 50.63; 8. Craig Sieving (NV), 50.67; 9. Dan Jones (PS), 50.83; 10. Don LeClair (PC), 51.07; 11. Bill Randall (LC), 51.33; 12. Chris Supplee (LF), 52.71.

Bonus consolation — 13. Jon Cook (PC), 51.78; 14. Dan Kelly (PS), 51.93; 15. Brian

McKay (PS), 52.74; 16. Charlie Corazza (LC), 52.92; 17. Brad Buckler (LS), 53.01; 18. Oz Pearlman (NF), 53.84.

500-yard freestyle

Championship heat — 1. Keith Falk (LS), 4:50.50; 2. Justin Barringer (FH), 4:51.46; 3. Brian Mertens (PS), 4:53.87; 4. Kurtis Hornick (PC), 5:08.06; 5. Mike Malik (LS), 5:11.04; 6. Justin Ketterer (LS), 5:14.82.

Consolation heat — 7. Steve Blossom (PC), 5:16.25; 8. Craig Paske (NF), 5:17.00; 9. Mike Kilgore (PS), 5:17.20; 10. Dan Price (FH), 5:18.70; 11. Jim McLenaghan (PS), 5:18.76; 12. Jim Peace (PS), 5:27.01.

Bonus consolation — 13. Bill Stewart (PC), 5:15.82; 14. Aaron Rycroft (NF), 5:16.76; 15. John Kern (NF), 5:22.29; 16. Pat Rodemeyer (LS), 5:27.90; 17. Andy Kee (PC), 5:31.43; 18. Loughlan Rycroft (NF), 5:37.67.

200-yard freestyle relay

Championship heat — 1. Salem (Dan Kelly, Andrew Locke, Tim Buchanan, Nick Corden), 1:28.25 (league record; old record, 1:29.09, Stevenson, 1992); 2. Stevenson, 1:29.14; 3. Canton, 1:31.90; 4. N. Farmington, 1:33.44; 5. Walled Lake, 1:33.82; 6. Harrison, 1:34.25.

Consolation heat — 7. John Glenn, 1:33.93; 8. Northville, 1:37.41; 9. Churchill, 1:38.69; 10. Franklin, 1:41.04; 11. Farmington, 1:42.24.

100-yard backstroke

Championship heat — 1. Dan Gabriel (NF), 54.15; 2. Craig Sieving (NV), 54.45; 3. Derek Zerber (WL), 54.67; 4. Devin Hopper (F), 56.35; 5. Mark Sgriccia (LS), 56.46; 6. Aaron Reeder (PC), 56.88.

Consolation heat — 7. Joe Boblitz (LS),

55.86; 8. Jim Gabriel (NF), 56.71; 9. Brent Mellis (PS), 56.77; 10. Josh Duffy (FH), 58.03; 11. Justin Allen (PC), 59.37; 12. Aaron Shelton (PS), 1:00.10.

100-yard breaststroke

Championship heat — 1. Evan Whitbeck (NV), 1:01.47; 2. Matt Walker (FH), 1:02.92; 3. Mark Kowalski (NV), 1:03.13; 4. Ryan Zoumaris (JG), 1:03.51; 5. Jody Gomez (LF), 1:04.00; 6. Matt Heiss (PC), 1:04.78.

Consolation heat — 7. Matt Beuckeleare (F), 1:04.62; 8. Andrew Locke (PS), 1:05.28; 9. David Hartman (F), 1:05.58; 10. David Bosman (LF), 1:05.85; 11. J.T. Svoke (FH), 1:06.09; 12. Jonathon Zaid (NF), 1:08.27.

Bonus consolation — 13. Mike Nemer (LS), 1:04.92; 14. Jason Rebarchik (PS), 1:07.35; 15. Ryan Scheidies (F), 1:07.53; 16. Kevin Crabill (PS), 1:07.71; 17. Rob Sherada (LC), 1:08.52; 18. Matt Schlanser (NV), 1:09.34.

400-yard freestyle relay

Championship heat — 1. Salem (Dan Jones, Brent Mellis, Tim Buchanan, Nick Corden), 3:17.31; 2. Stevenson, 3:17.84; 3. North Farmington, 3:19.84; 4. Canton, 3:23.57; 5. Northville, 3:26.83; 6. Harrison, 3:29.04.

Consolation heat — 7. Churchill, 3:29.31; 8. Westland John Glenn, 3:30.93; 9. Farmington, 3:35.10; 10. Franklin, 3:35.52; 11. Walled Lake, 3:40.37.

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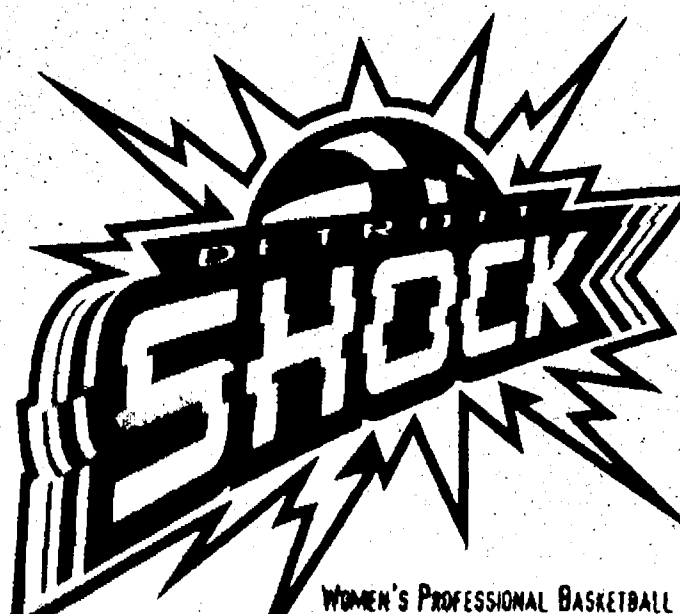
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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARATHON BINGO
Harris Kehrer Auxiliary
3923 at 1055 S. Wayne
Road is having a marathon
bingo from noon to 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 7. Doors
open at 10:30 a.m. All
money goes to the general
fund for the policeman and
firefighter recognition ban-
quet.

SHOWCASE OF PETS
The next Dearborn Animal
Shelter "Showcase of Pets"
will be held from noon to 3
p.m. on Saturday, March 7,
at the Super Petz store at
34420 Ford Road, just past
Venoy in Westland. Several
adoptable pets that are
waiting for homes will be
at the store. Call (734) 728-
0093 or (313) 943-2697.

ST. PATRICK'S BENEFIT
The sixth annual St.
Patrick's dinner-dance and
auction to benefit Commu-
nity Hospice and Home
Care Services of Westland
and Plymouth will be at 6
p.m. Saturday, March 7, at
St. Mary's Cultural Center
in Livonia. The event will
include dinner, dancing,
live Irish entertainment,
open bar, live and silent
auction. Auction items
include Red Wings, Lions
and Pistons items as well
as a Princess Di Beanie
Baby, and many retired
and new Beanie Babies.

WESTLAND WALKERS
Westland Walkers Club
will hold their monthly
meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 11, in
the lower level auditorium
of Westland Shopping Cen-
ter. The Westland Walkers
meet the second Wednes-
day of every month, except
during the summer
months. Westland Shop-
ping Center opens its doors
to walkers beginning at 7
a.m. through Arcade 2 (by
Olga's Kitchen). Mall walk-
ing ends at 10 a.m.

TOWN HALL MEETING
Westland Mayor Robert
Thomas is holding his first
Town Hall meeting of the
1998 calendar year at 7
p.m. on Thursday, March
12. The meeting is hosted
by Liberty Park, at 35700
Hunter Ave., between Cen-
tral City Parkway and
Wayne Road. Hunter is
between Ford and Warren
roads.

CAREER DISCOVERY
The Wayne Public Library
will present a career dis-
covery day at 10 a.m. Sat-
urday, March 14. Students
will learn the educational
requirements needed for
various jobs and people
considering a career
change will also get a
chance to explore career
options. Planned presen-
tations from real estate sales,
computer systems, bank-
ing, contracting and mili-
tary careers. The Wayne
Public Library is at 3737 S.
Wayne Road, Wayne. Call
(734) 721-7832 for informa-
tion.

COLLECTORS' SALE
St. Damian Collectors' sale
will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat-
urday, March 21, at 29891
Joy, Westland. Admission
is \$1; children under 12 are
admitted free. Table space
is available for \$25. (734)
421-6130. All proceeds go
to Christian service.

**COUNTRY WESTERN
JAMBOREE**
The Metro Wayne Demo-
cratic Club will present a
Country Western Jamboree
Saturday, April 25, at
Local 735 UAW Hall,
48055 Michigan Ave., one
mile west of Belleville Road
in Canton. Entertainment
by Sherman Arnold and
Interstate Band with trib-
ute to Elvis and other
guest stars. Cocktails are
at 6 p.m. with dinner at
7:30 p.m. and dancing 9

p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are
\$20 a person, \$35 a couple
and \$15 per retiree/senior
citizen. For ticket informa-
tion, call (734) 729-8681,
(734) 728-9737, (734) 282-
1841 or (734) 721-4710.

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 Recep-
tion Desk. Participants are
expected to have read the
books and to be prepared to
discuss them.
Upcoming books for discus-
sion include:
March 16 (Monday), 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 equiva-
lent of the traditional card
catalog. These training ses-
sions 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.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY
The Friends of the William
P. Faust Public Library
meet 7 p.m. the second
Tuesday of each month at
the library, 6123 Central
City Parkway. (734) 326-
6123. Meetings last about
one hour and are open to
the public. The Friends
also hold a Friends Shop
Book Sale during regular
library hours at the library.

CHAMBER EVENTS

JOBS AND CAREERS
The chamber's second
annual Jobs and Careers
Fair will be held from 10
a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday,
April 25, at the Westland
Shopping Center. Last
year's event drew more
than 2,000 job-seekers.
Member participation
choices include the basic
success deal for \$150, the
supporting deal for \$200
and the premium deal for
\$300. Call to reserve a
spot, (734) 326-7222. Last
year's program was a sell-
out.

MARCH MIXER
The mixer with the Livonia
Chamber of Commerce is
scheduled for 5-7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11, at
Joy Manor. Joy Manor is
the sponsor for this event
so there is no charge.
RSVP to the chamber office
at (734) 326-7222.

RECREATION

RECREATION AND FUN
A recreational get-together
for teens and adults who
are disabled will be the se-
cond Friday of each month
at the Westland Bailey
Center. (734) 722-7620.

FIGURE SKATING
The Westland Figure Skat-
ing Club has formed an
Adult Introductory Preci-
sion 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 (734) 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, West-
land. All skill levels play
just for fun. There is no
charge. Babysitting is pro-
vided. For information, call
(734) 722-3660.

SCHOOLS

OPEN HOUSE
St. Damian Catholic
School, 29891 Joy Road in
Westland, will host an
open house and registra-
tion from noon to 2 p.m.
Sunday, March 8, for
grades kindergarten
through eighth at the
school. Call (734) 427-1680.
MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE
McKinley Cooperative
Preschool, housed in Good
Shepherd Reformed
Church, Wayne Road at
Hunter, is holding open
registration. Morning and
afternoon classes are avail-
able. 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 West-
land. Call Michelle at (734)
421-6196.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
The Wayne-Westland Com-
munity School District has
ongoing registration for the
preschool programs at Stot-
tlemeyer Early Childhood
and Family Development
Center, on Marquette
between Wayne and Wild-
wood. Programs include an
Early Intervention Pro-
gram, 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 (734) 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, West-
land. (734) 728-3559.

YWCA READINESS
The YWCA of Western
Wayne County Early
Childhood School Read-
iness Program is available
to 4- and 5-year-old chil-
dren. The YWCA is at
26279 Michigan Ave.,
Inkster. (313) 561-4110.

CHARTER SCHOOL
The Academy of Detroit-
Westland, an
entrepreneurial and busi-
ness charter school, serves
kindergarten through sev-
enth grade. The school
emphasizes a basic educa-
tion with business and
entrepreneurial skills. The
school offers a foreign lan-
guage class, music and art,
a dress code and a compu-
ter lab with Internet. Call
(734) 722-1465 or (248)
569-7787.

LITTLE LAMBS

Pupils and pets



Kids love animals: Volunteers such as Dr. Jennifer Hynes of Westland, shown here at Randolph Elementary School in Livonia this week, bring their own pets into area classrooms as part of PETS (Pet Education Through Schools), part of the Pet-A-Pet program. Volunteers come from all walks of life including breeders, trainers, groomers and professionals from veterinary hospitals. Here, Randolph third-graders from the classrooms of teachers Kim Marlowe, Terri Prindle and Carol Robb enjoy the presentation as part of habitat study in science class. Hynes brought her parrot, Fletcher, and a ferret named Taz. She is a Westland resident who works at the Vetselect Dearborn Heights Animal Hospital for Dr. Claude Curry of Livonia.

Little Lambs Preschool, on
Farmington Road in Livonia,
is accepting registra-
tion for the 1998-99 school
year. Classes meet Mon-
day-Wednesday-Friday and
Tuesday-Thursday morn-
ings for 3- to 5-year-olds.
Little Lambs is a nonprofit,
nondiscriminatory
preschool. For informa-
tion, call (734) 421-0749.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE
Livonia Cooperative Nurs-
ery, a preschool at 9601 W.
Chicago, will host an open
house from 1-3 p.m. Sun-
day, March 22; 3- and 4-
year-olds welcome. For
information, call Susan,
(734) 422-6210.

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 Commu-
nity Center, 2300 Venoy,
Westland. The program is
for students ages 9 and
older in Wayne, Westland
and Romulus. It meets 4-
5:30 p.m. Wednesday and
Thursday. For information
on participating or volun-
teering, call Leau'Rette
Douglas, (734) 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. (734) 326-
1110. The museum is fea-
turing a display of ladies'
accessories including a col-
lection of 1950s' and 1960s'
winter hats, silver and gold
mesh, art deco and beaded
purses from the 1920s and
1930s and gloves and com-
pacts. Admission is free.

FRIENDS MEET
Friends of the Westland
Historical Museum meet 7
p.m. on the second Tues-
days of January, March,
May, July, September and
November at the Westland
Meeting House, 37091
Marquette between New-
burgh and Wayne roads.
Information, president Jim
Franklin, (734) 721-0136.
Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

GOLDEN AGERS
The Golden Agers Seniors
program will hold activities
in March at the Salvation
Army, Wayne-Westland
Corps, 2300 Venoy Road,
Westland. Golden Agers
meet with other seniors in
the community, receive
information and are a part
of a problem-solving senior
concern network, and enjoy
activities and travel. For
information, call
Leau'Rette Douglas at
(734) 722-3660.

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 resi-
dents, \$12.50 for non-resi-
dents. The group is offering
a trip to Holland, Mich., on
Wednesday, May 13, for
\$115, with all meals
included. Trip departs
promptly at 7 a.m. A conti-
nental breakfast will be
served on the bus. In Hol-
land, the group will see
tulips, shop, eat lunch and
attend the parade, then go
on to Saugatuck for dinner
and a boat cruise. Arrival
time back at the center is
about 11 p.m. Call the
Friendship Center for more
information, (734) 722-
7632.

CARD GROUP
The Friday Variety Card
Group at the Westland
Friendship Center meets at
2 p.m. Players enjoy
euchre, pinocle, bridge,
Uno, rummy and poker.
Light refreshments are
served. Call (734) 722-7632
for information or just
show up to play cards. The
Friendship Center is at
1119 N. Newburgh Road.

DYER CLUB
The Dyer Seniors' Center
Travel Club meets the first
and third Thursdays of
each month in the center,
on Marquette between
Wayne Road and New-
burgh.

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. (734) 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. (734) 728-
5010.

VOLUNTEERS

PET-A-PET
The Pet-A-Pet Club, which
offers pet visits to nursing
home residents, needs spe-
cial pets and people. Pets
undergo a slight screening
and need proof of shots to
participate. Local sites
include Camelot Hall Con-
valescent Center (Debbie
McDermott, 427-3791, 10
a.m. the second Saturday
of the month), Garden City
Rehab (Stacy Suida, (734)
422-2438, 3 p.m. the second
Thursday of the month)
and Roosevelt-McGrath
School (Lynn Eichbrecht,
(734) 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

DEMOS' BINGO
The Metro Wayne Demo-
cratic 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 Middle-
belt. Proceeds are used by
the club to sponsor Little
League baseball teams, the
Salvation Army, School for
the Blind. (734) 422-5025
or (734) 729-8681.

DEMOS' 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. (734) 421-1517.

BINGO AND SNACKS
The VFW Post 3323, West-
land, 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. (734) 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 Tow-
ers, Liberty Park, Presby-
terian Village and Carolon
Condos, etc., are eligible for
transportation to bingo if
they have a minimum of
five players. (734) 722-
7632.

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 open talk is
planned for 8:30-10:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11.
Hugh Hayes will be the
speaker. Everyone is wel-
come. Woody, (313) 706-
6824.

BEREAVEMENT SERIES
A six-week series to help
adults understand and
work through the grief pro-
cess after the death of a
loved one will be held 8:30-
8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March
10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7
and 14, at Community Hos-
pice and Home Care Ser-
vices, 32932 Warren Road,
Westland. Call Rebecca
Rouse, (734) 522-4244. Fee
is \$20.

CALENDAR FORM

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

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

Following is a list of Observerland boys best swimming times and diving scores. Opaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by calling (313) 963-2141 or faxing the information to (313) 961-7279.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

(state cut: 1:43.19)

Livonia Stevenson 1:39.93
North Farmington 1:41.47
Plymouth Canton 1:42.39
Plymouth Salem 1:42.95
Farmington 1:43.55

200 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 1:49.39)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:44.54
Nick Corden (Salem) 1:44.60
Pete Bosler (Farmington) 1:46.92
Justin Barringer (Harrison) 1:46.93
Steve Dornin (Stevenson) 1:48.51
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:48.97
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 1:49.11
Jason Musson (Canton) 1:49.26
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 1:50.74
Ryan Zoumbis (John Glenn) 1:51.10

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

(state cut: 2:04.19)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.73
Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 2:00.98
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 2:01.41
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 2:01.67
Brent Melis (Salem) 2:02.66
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:04.90
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:05.14
Steve Dornin (Stevenson) 2:05.49
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 2:07.32
Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:07.36

50 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 22.69)

Steve Dornin (Stevenson) 21.47
Matt Zeld (N. Farmington) 21.88
Nick Corden (Salem) 22.14
Jacob Varty (Stevenson) 22.39
Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.45
Don Leclair (Canton) 22.85
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 22.95
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 22.97
Matt Walker (Harrison) 22.98
Mark Wachberg (N. Farmington) 23.00

DIVING

John Lowry (Farmington) 269.85
Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 255.45
Chris Totten (Garden City) 250.55
Jeff Phillips (John Glenn) 242.95
J.T. Svoke (Harrison) 242.30
Mike Belvich (Salem) 231.90
Chris Cameron (Salem) 223.00
Dave Sutton (Redford Union) 205.15
Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 205.05
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 193.55

100 BUTTERFLY

(state cut: 55.69)

Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 52.39
Steve Dornin (Stevenson) 52.65
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 54.53
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 54.73
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 55.36

Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 55.66
Paul Perez (Salem) 56.34
Mike Dempsey (Canton) 56.79
Steve Schwed (Harrison) 57.31
Mark Wachberg (N. Farmington) 58.03

100 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 48.48)

Nick Corden (Salem) 47.64
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 48.67
Steve Dornin (Stevenson) 48.68
Jacob Varty (Stevenson) 48.98
Matt Zeld (N. Farmington) 49.14
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 49.25
Pete Bosler (Farmington) 49.27
Brandon Digie (N. Farmington) 49.71
Jason Musson (Canton) 49.92
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 50.00

500 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 4:57.39)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:48.79
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 4:49.30
Justin Barringer (Harrison) 4:51.46
Brian Meriens (Salem) 4:53.87
Steve Dornin (Stevenson) 4:57.05
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:02.28
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 5:03.41
Brent Melis (Salem) 5:03.43
Matt Barani (Redford CC) 5:05.58
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 5:05.84

200 FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 1:31.99)

Plymouth Salem 1:28.25
Livonia Stevenson 1:29.14
Plymouth Canton 1:31.59
Farmington Harrison 1:33.16
North Farmington 1:33.30

100 BACKSTROKE

(state cut: 58.69)

Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 54.12
Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 55.50
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 56.03
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 56.15
Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 56.16
Nick Corden (Salem) 56.17
Devin Hopper (Farmington) 56.35
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 56.71
Brent Melis (Salem) 56.77
Josh Duffy (Harrison) 58.03

100 BREASTSTROKE

(state cut: 1:03.19)

Matt Walker (Harrison) 1:02.85
Ryan Zoumbis (John Glenn) 1:03.26
Ryan Heiss (Canton) 1:03.55
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.94
Jody Gomez (Franklin) 1:04.00
Paul Connolly (Redford CC) 1:04.07
Matt Bauckelaere (Farmington) 1:04.23
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:04.92
Andrew Locke (Salem) 1:05.13
David Hartmann (Farmington) 1:05.58

400 FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 3:23.09)

Plymouth Salem 3:17.31
Livonia Stevenson 3:17.84
North Farmington 3:19.84
Plymouth Canton 3:23.44
Redford Catholic Central 3:24.69

Spartan ace Rocky Top-bound

Women's basketball has put the perennial power University of Tennessee in the national limelight.

And the Lady Volunteers soccer program, entering just its third varsity season, hopes some day to duplicate that success.

Earlier last month, Tennessee took a step in the right direction by signing one of Michigan's premier prep scorers in Livonia Stevenson All-Stater Allison Campbell.

Last season, Campbell scored a team-high 34 goals and added 13 assists as the Spartans won the state Class A title.

Campbell, who has 68 career goals, follows another Spartan to Knoxville — Holly Kimble, younger sister of Stevenson head coach Jim Kimble.

Holly, who played two seasons at Schoolcraft Community College before transferring, was a member of the Lady Volunteers' inaugural recruiting class. And

SOCCER

after completing her two years of eligibility, Kimble will likely return to school next fall and serve as a grad assistant.

"I like the fact that they give as much money to the women's athletes as they do for the men," Campbell said. "They treat the women athletes first class."

Campbell, who helped lead Stevenson to a 21-0-2 record last spring, visited the Tennessee campus Halloween weekend.

The All-Western Lakes Activities Association pick also considered Michigan, Northwestern and Penn State.

"I was going back and forth," said Campbell, who will most likely remain a forward. "The coach (Charlie McCabe) was a great guy. He used to be an assistant at North Carolina."

"It's a pretty place and you can play outdoors all year-round."



Allison Campbell

Last season, Tennessee just missed the Southeastern Conference playoffs by one game.

Campbell, who is considering sports medicine, also excels in the classroom, carrying a 3.89 grade-point average.

She began playing soccer at age 4, working her way through the Livonia YMCA club program. She was a member of the Region finalist Michigan Hawks (coached by Paul Dugan).

On Monday, tryouts began for the Spartans, who return all but three seniors off a team which allowed just one goal all season.

"We're going to have to defend our title and it will be tough," Campbell said.

WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, March 5
Inter-City at Claremontville, 7 p.m.
N.B. Huron at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Harrison, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Romulus at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Southwestern at Redford CC, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 6

Garden City at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Southgate, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Melvindale, 7 p.m.
W. Highland at Agape, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Taylor Baptist at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.
(WLA Playoffs at Churchill)
Farmington vs. W.L. Central, 8 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Salem, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 7

(Operation-Friendship Finale)
Bishop Borgess vs. Cass Tech at U-D's Callahan Hall, 2:30 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Friday, March 6
W. Highland at Agape, 6 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, March 5
Whalers at Sarnia, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 7

Whalers vs. South St. Marie at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 8
Whalers vs. South St. Marie at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.

Seder, Rogowski champs at Temperance Bedford

Six area wrestlers are headed to Battle Creek's Kellogg Center (March 13-14) for the Division I individual tournament.

Individual winners from last Saturday's regional meet at Temperance Bedford included Redford Catholic Central heavyweight Casey Rogowski and Livonia Stevenson 135-pounder Dan Seder.

Other state qualifiers included Stevenson's Katsuhiko Sueda (112), second; CC's Mitch Hancock (135), second; Wayne Memorial's William Laramie (heavyweight), third; and CC's John Abshire (189), fourth.

Meyer returns to state

Lutheran Westland's Matt Meyer is returning to the state's individual wrestling championships after finishing fourth at Saturday's Manch-

PREP WRESTLING

ester Regional.

Meyer, a senior heavyweight, also qualified last year with a fourth-place finish at regional. He then impressively took fourth at the state meet.

He qualified for the Division IV championship meet by winning two of four matches at Manchester. To improve on last year's feat, he'll have to make sure he never lets up on the mat, according to his coach Dennis Tuomi.

"He'll have to make sure he remains consistent and never stops wrestling," Tuomi said.

The Division IV state meet will take place, March 13-14, at University Arena in Kalamazoo.

INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL MAT RESULTS

DIVISION I INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL TOURNAMENT
Feb. 28 at Temperance Bedford

275 pounds: Casey Rogowski (Redford Catholic Central) pinned Charlie Hamblin (Plymouth Salem), 5:52; consolation: William Laramie (Wayne Memorial) p. Ted Bowersox (Northville), 4:51.

103: Eric Nowitzke (Monroe) p. John Mervyn (Plymouth Salem), 4:18; consolation: Matt Tarrow (Northville) decisioned Charlie Moreno (Wyandotte), 9-5.

112: Dan Jilg (Novi) dec. Katsuhiko Sueda (Livonia Stevenson), 4-3 in overtime; consolation: Ryan Nowitzke (Monroe) dec. Jim Brighton (Temperance Bedford), 7-1.

130: Rickey Torrence (Northville) dec. Justin Bronkema (Temperance Bedford), 10-1; consolation: Omar Rivera (Adrian) dec. Chadd Johnston (Temperance Bedford), 15-6.

125: Anant Saran (Northville) dec. Reggie Torrence (Northville), 8-0; consolation: Greg Stauffer (Saline) dec. Zack Brown (Temperance Bedford), 14-9.

130: Steve Dec (Temperance Bedford) dec. Dennis Pierzynowski (Southgate), 9-6; consolation: Casey Roberts (Temperance Bedford) dec. Adam Eisele (Saline), 7-0.

135: Dan Seder (Livonia Stevenson) dec. Mitch Hancock (Redford Catholic Central).

5-3 in overtime; consolation: Jeff Carpenter (Wyandotte) dec. Joe Barnabei (Bellefonte), 4-3.

140: Morgan Mullins (Bellefonte) dec. Brian Tibal (Temperance Bedford), 6-3; consolation: Mark Churella (Novi) dec. Dan Scappaticci (Northville), 7-0.

145: Jacob Chapman (Hazel Park) won by default over Steve Mitroka (Southgate); consolation: Steve Isabell (Temperance Bedford) dec. James Greene (Plymouth Salem), 3-2.

162: Rocky Renaud (Southgate) dec. James Evans (Dearborn Fordson), 3-1; consolation: Tom DeGrand (Saline) p. Ryan Ditty (Temperance Bedford), 2-20.

160: Aaron Greene (Wyandotte) dec. Anwar Crutchfield, 8-6; consolation: Chris Kirby (Ann Arbor Pioneer) dec. Beal Majed (Dearborn Fordson), 3-1.

171: Ryan Cox (Wyandotte) p. Brian Hinzman (Garden City), 2-47; consolation: Jeff Hooper (Temperance Bedford) dec. Andy Kalik (Novi), 11-5.

189: Teono Wilson (Plymouth Salem) p. Nate Piecha (Novi), 2-45; consolation: Charles Thompson (Romulus) dec. John Abshire (Redford Catholic Central), 4-2.

215: Leroy Johnson (Monroe) dec. Corey Andrews (Temperance Bedford), 6-4; consolation: Cinque Carter (Ann Arbor Huron) dec. Bryan Grider (Northville), 8-7.

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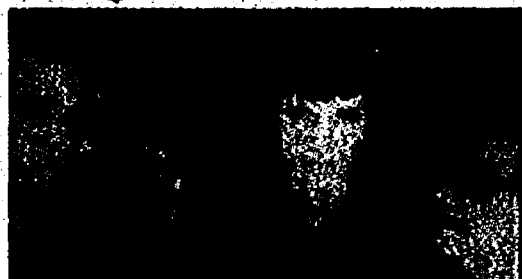
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SATURDAY



Metro Theater Company brings their "Stuff" to Youtheatre, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door, call (313) 963-2366.

SUNDAY



Local Celtic favorites Blackthorn will be appearing at the Concerts-in-the-Garden series, 3 p.m. at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Tickets \$8, call (248) 424-9041 to charge tickets, or (248) 424-9022 for information.



Hot Tix: Lots of breeds will be dog tired after competing in the 80th Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8 at Cobo Center, One Washington Boulevard, Detroit. Tickets \$9 adults, \$6 for children under 12 and senior citizens available at the door, or Ticketmaster. Family ticket also available. Call (248) 352-7469 for information.



Aiding program: Matt Watroba, an English teacher and advisor of the PCEP Perspective student newspaper at Plymouth Canton High School, will perform Friday, March 20, at the school's Little Theatre. The show benefits Plymouth-Canton's journalism program. Watroba, also the host of WDET's "Folks Like Us" program, plays a free show Friday, March 13, at Borders in Birmingham.

Musician returns to source of inspiration for CONCERT

Matt Watroba remembers the day vividly.

He was sitting in a classroom at Plymouth Canton High School in the mid-1970s when his English teacher played a Tom Paxton album to demonstrate satirical songs.

"Something about it really spoke to me. It was fun to listen to," Watroba said.

The folk legend proved inspirational to Watroba.

"It really wasn't long after that that I went to The Ark to perform. Ironically, I was kind of influenced in the very same room where I teach now," Watroba said.

The 1978 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School returned to the school in 1990 to teach English. In 1993, he became the advisor of the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools' newspaper, the PCEP Perspective.

Watroba has returned to his roots to pay his respects to those who inspired him. On Friday, March 20, his performance in the high school's Little Theatre will benefit the high schools' journalism program.

His debut CD, released in late 1997, honors the room that launched his folk-singing career. "Live at the Ark" is a collection of some of his favorite songs including "Miss the Mississippi" by

Who: Matt Watroba

What: Performs

When: 8 p.m. Friday, March 20

Where: The Little Theatre at Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, Canton.

Why: It's a benefit for the Journalism program at Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools.

How: Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. For more information, call Watroba at (734) 416-2922.

He also has two free Borders shows:

■ 8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 737-3980.

■ 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, at Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Call (248) 203-0005 for more information.

For information about Watroba's upcoming shows, write to him at P.O. Box 629, Hartland, Mich., 48353 or MattW41469@aol.com. He can also be reached at (810) 750-3420.

Jimmy Rodgers, "Handful of Songs" by Jerry Rasmussen, and "Home to Me is Anywhere You Are" and "Peace Will Come," both by Tom Paxton.

Watroba chose to release an album of cover songs because writing doesn't come easily to him.

"Writing for me takes a lot of time. I'm so busy that it doesn't leave a lot of time for me to write. Even if I started writing like crazy, I don't know if I'd record them."

"Plus, there's so many great songs. I'm happy to pass along those songs as well."

Besides teaching and performing, Watroba also hosts the radio show "Folks Like Us" from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays on radio station WDET (101.9 FM).

In planning the recording of his album, Watroba didn't set his sights on the Ann Arbor venue.

"I thought, 'This is it.' I'm going to go into the studio and record 12 to 14 of my favorite songs. Then it occurred to me, these songs were born and raised for me to sing live in front of an audience."

"It's a good decision I think. The audience on the CD is part of the band. These songs did come alive that night."

Ark patrons act as background singers on "My Sweet Wyoming Home" by Bill Staines whom Watroba considers "one of our country's best songwriters."

Besides the audience, the local folk singer Jan Krist joins Watroba on "The Bramble and the Rose," by Barbara Keith, and

Please see **CONCERT, E2**

Big band swings OU students

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Swing is on the upswing. From New York and Los Angeles dance clubs to college campuses, young people are listening to the music that reached its peak when their grandparents were young.

"The reason is you always have to return to melody," said trombonist Ron Kishuk. "In big band music you have questions and answers in the music, it's music that makes sense from beginning to the end and that winds up appealing to people. As baby boomers get older, they lean toward that music



Sax man: Marvin 'Doc' Holladay will lead an ensemble of Oakland University alums in a celebration of big band music.

and when young people get tired of the rhythms they start to listen to it, too."

Kishuk will lead the Oakland University Jazz Ensemble March 7 in a selection of theme songs from the Big Band era, followed by an Alumni Ensemble performing the big band charts of Thad Jones and Dizzy Gillespie under the direction of former OU jazz studies director, Marvin "Doc" Holladay.

Kishuk teaches music at OU and Wayne State University. He has played with some of the biggest names in jazz, including Gillespie, Freddy Hubbard and Mel Lewis.

Kishuk became involved in jazz in the late 1970s while a music student at Wayne State.

"It interested me more than other music. It wasn't just reading notes off a page," he said. "It was more fun, more challenging and harder to play than classical music."

Kishuk said that to play jazz you not only have to have command over your instrument but you have to be able to compose on your feet, handle

music theory while you play. He said he admires jazz trombonists like J.J. Johnson and Carl Fontana and trumpeters like Freddy Hubbard.

"I like any hard playing, aggressive players on the edge," Kishuk said.

The March 7 performance is part of the university's Celebrate the Century arts festival.

"We're going back to the '40s. We'll do the big band theme songs such as Glenn Miller's 'Moonlight Serenade,' Duke Ellington's 'Caravan,' Charlie

Please see **BIG BAND, E2**

THEATER

'Dreamgirls' actor plays dreamy uncle in Birmingham

BY JULIE YOLLES
SPECIAL WRITER

Michael Goddard's about to lead a more plush vagabond existence. A product of an Air Force family, Goddard's used to moving around - having already lived in nine places in his 30 years - not counting the 18 cities that he'll have set up temporary residence in within an eight-month period this year. Three days ago, he packed up his clothes, laptop and favorite body pillow in Cleveland and boarded the bus with the cast and crew of "Dreamgirls" and headed to Detroit for a three-week run of the Tony-Award winning musical at the Detroit Opera House.

But this time, Goddard won't be stay-

ing in a downtown hotel like his other castmates. Instead, he's campin' out at his big sister Julie Brettschneider's house in Birmingham, along with her husband, Brad and their two daughters, Blair, 9, and Lane, 6-1/2.

In between e-mailing messages to Goddard, including Blair's and Lane's Girl Scout cookie order form, Julie Brettschneider's been busily coordinating ticket sales for "Dreamgirls" with her friends - she's planning on seeing the show at least three times. One of Goddard's and Brettschneider's sisters will also be flying in from Tucson to catch the show. She'll be staying with the Brettschneiders, too.

Goddard's Detroit agenda is getting

Dreamgirls

What: Tony Award-winning musical based on the rise of Motown's Supremes.

Where: Detroit Opera House, downtown Detroit.

When: Through Sunday, March 22. 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, matinees 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

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pretty full. Brettschneider's got him lined up to speak at Quarten Elementary, Blair's and Lane's school. And, of course, there's delivering the 81 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies that Uncle Michael



sold by proxy to the ensemble, on behalf of his nieces. In between extra rehearsals to tweak and polish the show for an expected spring of '98 Broadway opening, Goddard has places to go and

things to buy, starting with lunch at Pronto's in Royal Oak, Greektown, the Ren Cen, shopping at Somerset and a cast dinner at the Brettschneiders.

Plus, a visit to the Motown Museum for sure. A logical choice, indeed, since "Dreamgirls" takes the audience on a musical behind-the-scenes journey of three young African American singers - The Dreamettes - in 1967 at the famed Apollo Theatre and follows their glitzy rise to stardom over a 10-year period, ultimately blossoming into The Dreams.

Though many are quick to point out that "Dreamgirls" is really the story of Diana Ross and the Supremes, "Dreamgirls" composer Henry Krieger has said

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Concert from page E1

Detroit bluesman Robert Jones helps out with "Amazing Grace/That Kind of Grace."

"They're two of the finest musicians I know. It was like good friends getting together and making music."

On the album, Watroba explains the background and the inspiration of the songs. Before going into "Miss the Mississippi,"

he explains it reminds him of his father and the late Gamble Rogers.

"My Sweet Wyoming Home," he jokes, reminds him of "the last time Gary and Neil and I got together back when we used to ride the rodeo in the 1930s up in Wyoming."

He delves into his personal life by revealing that the Tom Pax-

ton song "Home to Me is Anywhere You Are" was sung at his wedding to his high school sweetheart Kim.

"It was a really cool night. I've only been talking about doing it for 16 years," he said about the recording of "Live at The Ark."

Watroba explained that he is honored that he's been able to play The Ark since he was 15.

"In terms of folk music, it's the finest acoustic music room in the country. I feel really fortunate that I've been able to play there. People all over the country are dying to play there."

Since that day in high school, Watroba hasn't strayed from his folk sensibilities.

"What's kept me in folk music is it's shared music of our people.

The thing that makes folk music different (from other genres) is that it holds on to the tradition that brought it here. It doesn't seem to change like everything else."

During his career, Watroba has shared the stage with Tuck and Patti, Don McLean, to whom Watroba's voice has been compared, and Donovan.

"He surprised me mainly because I didn't know what to expect. He told me stories for the whole hour and a half between shows."

Watroba has had a successful career in teaching, radio and performing. But most importantly, he's opened for his hero, Paxton.

"That kind of stuff is just precious."

Big Band from page E1

Barnett's 'Skyliner.' We're trying to fit out of the realm of songs you always hear from those bands," Kischuk said.

Not every number will be played the way you might remember it, either, Kischuk said. The OU group will involve various ensemble, solo and vocal performances. He said some numbers, such as a rendition of Miller's "In the Mood," will follow

tradition while others will pursue new arrangements.

The student ensemble players will include beginners as well as advanced performers who play around the metro area.

The alumni band will be inviting back several name performers who studied at Oakland University. Holladay, who now lives in South Carolina, was director of OU's jazz studies program

from 1972 to 1988 and was a member of the Stan Kenton Orchestra.

Players coming back include Walt Szymanski on trumpet from New York; tenor saxophonist Scott Peterson from San Francisco; guitarist Steve Carryer, director of the jazz guitar program at Wayne State; tenor saxophonist Steve Wood; tuba player

Brad Felt; and percussionist Jerry LeDuff.

Kischuk points to the big bands of Toshiko Akiyoshi, Mel Lewis, Kenton and trombonist Dimitri Pagalidis as his favorites.

The big band sound has had cycles of popularity since its heyday in the '30s and '40s. More recent bands led by Thad Jones and Mel Lewis, Akiyoshi and

McCoy Tyner have taken new approaches to jazz in a large ensemble setting, which Kischuk said is necessary to keep the music alive.

"In Detroit you have big bands that can't get arrested and ... you have Top 40 bands that make \$5,000 a night. It's not so much economics as selling people that you can play other kinds of

music," Kischuk said. "Some people think, 'This is what a big band sounds like,' but bands can play other things. Certainly, that's what Thad Jones was trying to do with his big band."

On March 7, the vintage sounds of Glenn Miller and Duke Ellington and the newer sounds of Thad Jones will take center stage at Oakland University.

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Ridgedale Players presented a spirited 'Brigadoon'

BY HELEN ZUCKER
SPECIAL WRITER

The Ridgedale Players production of Lerner and Loewe's "Brigadoon" is spirited. Co-directed by Barbara Anne Gowans, Dan and Annette See and Susan Borin, the cast of 12, the female and male chorus and the tech staff manage to make this nostalgic musical stay afloat.

Kevin Branshaw shines as Harry Beaton, the unhappy lover of Jean MacLaren, Beaton, the son of a weaver who "canna" go to Edinburgh to make something of himself, who cannot leave the town of Brigadoon and who has nothing to live for is a square pet. Branshaw conveys a Hardy-esque sense of unearned

misfortune, of claustrophobia, especially in the forest scene where he is hunted by the well-intentioned menfolk and carelessly killed.

Megan Hughes is very fine as Fiona MacLaren, the girl who induces Tommy Albright to move from New York to Brigadoon. Hughes has great sweetness and she conveys it when singing "The Heather On the Hill," and "Almost Like Being in Love."

Bob Hagle as Tommy, the fickle lover from the Big Apple who learns to be true in Scotland, is decent, restless, earnest and believable. Tommy walks away from a good job, a girlfriend who's let him call off their wedding umpteen times and his best friend. Tommy is definitely not a

man for the nineties. Hagle does a good job with the moving lyric, "There But for You Go I."

Carl Jones as Jeff Douglas, the fashionably drunk best friend who carelessly kills Beaton and gets to leave his bottle in a Scottish forest, does a fine job. Jones handles his wisecracks well.

Rebecca Hyke as the sought-after Jean MacLaren is a graceful dancer. Daryl Ziegelman as Charlie Dalrymple, the lad who gets her (and Edinburgh), brings lots of zest to his role. Roger Nowland as Andrew MacLaren, father of the two lassies, has a great accent and a commanding manner of speech that seems true to 1722, the year "Brigadoon" takes place.

Tania Velinsky is lusty and

funny as the dairy seller who is half Gypsy, half Scot and 100 percent man-crazy. Michael Jerries looks the part of Mr. Lundie, the schoolteacher who explains the mystery of Brigadoon. Cheryl Adams does a solemn, graceful turn as Maggie, the sole mourner as Harry's funeral. Frank Gerace is a totally believable bartender. Jules DeWard does a great cameo as Jane.

Costumes by Doris Harmon and crew are good. The kilts are wonderful. The bagpipes before the wedding scene are the best thing about the production. The sword dance is effective, and sorting out the Scottish clan names is fun. The energy exhibited by the large numbers of people involved is awesome.



Musical: Bob Hagle, (left to right), John Farley (of Plymouth), and Megan Hughes in a scene from "Brigadoon."

Funny man producer meets star animator

BACKSTAGE
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Some weeks this is easier than others. Writing in this space has been one of my favorite outlets since we started Backstage Pass over a year ago now at Detroit Public Television. It gives me a chance to talk to all the great

segment hosts he have contributing in the various artistic disciplines. They're all top-notch professionals with real-world experience in their fields of expertise. They hail from respected places like WDET, Wayne State, the Detroit Institute of Arts and the like.

Then there's this week.

This week, I'm talking with Jimmy Rhoades.

Jimmy's a tough interview. He's ostensibly one of the show's producers. Ask him what that means and he gives vague answers like, "I sometimes roll around in a big pile of press

releases while my voice mail fills up." Then he laughs maniacally.

Jimmy's also an on-air contributor. "Why?" you ask. "What is his area of expertise?" Well, for 8-1/2 years Jimmy worked the road as a standup comedian (this is a self-reported description on his part). So when we have subject matter that we think might lend itself to a comedic touch, we send Jimmy to: a) incise and enhance said comedic offering, b) wring the comedy right out of the thing, leaving a sad, lifeless mess in its place, or c) it's a coin toss between a) and b).

Last week, he filled in for me on the air while I was out of town, and now he's contributing a report from the field. Is he behind the camera? In front of the camera? Apparently, he can't decide, caught in a Jekyll-and-Hyde-like duality that threatens to prevent him from even being a wholly actualized human being, or even from catching up on his filing.

So when we heard that Gallery Animato in Birmingham was bringing in cartoonist Paul Carlson for its exhibition of UPA Stu-

dio animation cels, we put Jimmy on the case. "When I was a kid, I wanted to be a cartoonist," Jimmy said, "and Paul Carlson is an example of why I should have done it. He's the nicest guy in the world, generous with his talent, and has absolutely loved his career."

And what a career he's had. Jimmy ran down his history. "Mr. Carlson wanted to be a cartoonist, so when he was 19 he moved to California hoping to get a job at Walt Disney Productions as an animator. They told him he had to have two years of college - he had none - so they turned him away. He told them, 'Call me if you have any openings.' Two months later he started out in the mail room. That was a great start because he delivered mail to everybody, Walt included. He expressed his interest in cartooning to some of the old animators and they took him under their wings."

"His credits at Disney include 'Sleeping Beauty,' '101 Dalmatians,' 'Lade and the Tramp' and 18 'How to Draw' books of Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy,

Pluto, Chip and Dale and Jiminy Cricket. He rose so high through the ranks that he was one of the few people who was cleared to sign Walt Disney's name to drawings."

"Mr. Carlson went up to UPA Pictures, who produced cartoons like Gay Purree, Dick Tracy and, of course, Mr. Magoo. He did a lot of work on Magoo, working in all phases of production, including the voice sessions with Jim Backus. He was the voice of Magoo and later played Thurston Howell III on 'Gilligan's Island.' Paul says that Backus was Magoo, that 50 percent of his lines were improvised."

"These animators never knew that these production cels would become collectibles. He says they threw most of the work away! He drew some characters for us, signed and dated them. He just loves to bring a smile to people's faces."

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FISHER THEATRE
"Stomp," through Sunday, March 8, Fisher Theatre, Fisher Building, Detroit. (248) 645-6666/(313) 872-1000

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE
"Taking Sides," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8, Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. \$13-\$23 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"What the Butler Saw," a comedy about a philandering psychiatrist who's chasing his would-be secretary while his wife has an affair with a hotel bellhop, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5 (\$22), 8 p.m. Friday, March 6 (\$26.50), 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7 (\$22 and \$32, respectively), 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 (\$22); at the theater in Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 377-3300

NATIONAL THEATRE OF THE DEAF
With Pilobolus Dance Theatre perform Ibsen's "Peer Gynt," 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8, Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$20. (248) 473-1888/(248) 473-1875 (TDD)

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY
"Julie Johnson," Wendy Hammond's poignant story of an uneducated young mother who seeks a better life for herself and her two children, through Saturday, March 14, at the theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5 (\$20), 8 p.m. Friday, March 6 (\$25), 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7 (\$25), 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8 (\$20), Tuesday, March 10, show cancelled, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 (\$20), 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12 (\$20), 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 (\$25), and 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14 (\$25). (734) 475-7902, group sales 475-5817

OPERA

NEW YORK CITY OPERA NATIONAL COMPANY
Donizetti's "Daughter of the Regiment," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 12-13, 2 p.m. 75-minute family show Saturday, March 14, and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$22-\$44. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE
"Anne of the Thousand Days, Maxwell Anderson's epic tale of the lives of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 12-14, Quirk Theatre on Eastern Michigan University campus, Ypsilanti. \$7 Thursday, \$12 Fridays and Saturdays, and \$10 Sunday matinee, \$2 discount for tickets purchased in advance. (734) 487-1221

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE
"Love Letters," a touching and often humorous play about a relationship between two people from childhood to middle age based on letters, a Skarga Society production of J.R. Gurney's play, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, at the college, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. \$7, \$4 students. (248) 683-0324

WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE
"Twelfth Night," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, March 6-7 and 13-14, 2 p.m. Sundays, March 8 and 15, 10 a.m. student matinee Tuesday, March 10, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 12-13; "Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck, 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave. on the Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE
"Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, 10 a.m. student matinee Tuesday, March 10, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 12-13; "Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck, 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave. on the Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO THEATRE
"Crimes of the Heart," by Beth Henley, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 5-7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the theater below the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATRE

ANN ARBOR OPERA THEATRE
"Big River," the adventures of Huckberry Finn, 8 a.m. Thursday-Saturdays, March 5-7, 12:14, and 2 p.m. Saturdays, March 7, 14 and Sundays, March 8, 15, at the theater, 2278 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$16 seniors/students. (734) 971-AACT

ARCA PLAYERS
"The Odd Couple," (Forness Version), 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, March 13-14; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8 and March 15; 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the playhouse, 1188 Thurston Road, Rochester. Tickets \$11, student, senior and group rates available at the playhouse and online performances. (248) 377-3300



Dog show: Owners wait for instructions during obedience competition at the Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8 at Cobo Center in Detroit. This year, the show has been expanded to two identical one-day shows for the first time ever. Admission is \$9 adults, \$6 for children under 12 and senior citizens. A family pass for two adults and three children is available for \$25. Tickets available at the door and Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 352-7469.

"Annie," the delightful musical about an orphan, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, March 13-14, 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 15 and 22 at Lahser High School auditorium on Lahser Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 433-0885

BURNS PARK PLAYERS
Celebrates its 15th year with "My Fair Lady," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Tappan Middle School Auditorium, 2251 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 994-3508

DEARBORN HEIGHTS CIVIC THEATRE
"The Carpenter," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, March 6-7 and 13-14, and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8 and 15, at the Berwyn Center, 26155 Richardson (three blocks west of Beech Daly, two blocks south of Warren Avenue), Dearborn. \$7, \$5 students and seniors. Group discounts available. (313) 277-7900

THE NOVI THEATRES
"Oliver!" the musical, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. (248) 347-0400

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
"The Wizard of Oz," Saturdays and Sundays through Saturday, April 11, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Noon lunch and 1 p.m. show Saturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show Sundays. \$7.50 includes lunch. (810) 662-8118

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RIDGEADE PLAYERS
"Brigadoon," Friday-Sunday, March 6-8, and Thursday-Sunday, March 12-15, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road (1/4 mile west of Livernois Road), Troy. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, and 3 p.m. Sundays. \$13, \$12 Thursday and Sundays for students and seniors, coffee and sandwich afterglow included. (248) 988-7049

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"A Delicate Balance," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, March 13-14 and 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0527

SRO PRODUCTIONS
"The Sunshine Boys," by Neil Simon, Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Friday-Sunday, March 20-22, and Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, Burgh Site, on Civic Center Dr., between Berg and Lahser roads, Southfield. (248) 827-0701

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE
"Around the House," featuring a variety of comedians, dancers, musicians ranging from alternative to folk, actors, storytellers and multi-media performers in a cabaret-style environment, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, March 6-7 and 13-14, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (at I-275), Livonia. \$7. (734) 464-6302

DINNER THEATRE

DETROIT'S NOLEEN-THE-WALL
"That Old Guy," five interactive comedy dinner theater, through June at the restaurant, 308 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course dinner of soup, bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage, Italian steak, vegetables and dessert, the show, tax and tip. "Beanie Baby Caper," a children's theater program about a boy who forms a group to swap Beanie Babies after becoming frustrated with standing in line waiting for new

Beans, Saturday, March 7, \$9.65 for children, \$11.65 for adults, includes the show, mini luncheon of soup, bread, salad, mosticelli, chicken legs, dessert, tax and tip. (248) 349-0522

JACKSON PRODUCTIONS DINNER THEATRE
"The Retirement Murders," an audience participation murder mystery comedy, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays through March 7, Fiorelli's Restaurant, 26125 E. Huron River Dr., Flat Rock. \$28 in advance, \$33 at the door, including dinner, show, tax and tip. Non-smoking dinner theater. (734) 782-1431

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"Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4, 18 and 25, and Sundays, March 8, 15, 22 and 29, and April 5, 19 and 26, and Monday-Friday, April 13-17, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Children ages 3 and younger will not be admitted. (248) 349-8110

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"The Wizard of Oz," Saturdays and Sundays, through Saturday, April 11, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Noon lunch and 1 p.m. show Saturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show Sundays. \$7.50 includes lunch.

YOUTH THEATRE
"Stuff" by Metro Theatre Company, as part of the Movin' Up Club Season for those ages 3-6, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$7. Children younger than 3 will not be admitted to the theater. (313) 963-2366

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"GREATER DETROIT SPORTSFISHING AND TRAVEL EXPO"
4-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 5-6, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 7,

and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 8, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$7.50, \$3.50 children ages 6-12, free for children ages 5 and younger. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacetent.com>

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"ROAD TO WRESTLEMANIA XIV"
8 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Cobo Hall, Detroit. \$12-\$22. All ages. (313) 983-6816/(313) 396-7902

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The Troy Public Library is offering the chance to win prizes for correctly guessing the Oscar winners; film critic Terry Lawson of the Detroit Free Press, Kurt Ell Mayry, president of the Motion Picture Institute of Michigan, and film critic John Monaghan of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will assist you in predicting the winners, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12 at the Troy Public Library, 510 West Big Beaver, east of I-75 in the Civic Center Complex. (248) 524-3538

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With mistress of ceremonies Diana Lewis from WXYZ-TV, and honorees Dr. Joseph S. Bassett of Bloomfield Hills and Jimmy Launce of Farmington Hills, 7 p.m. cocktails and 8 p.m. dinner Friday, March 6, Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood, Dearborn. \$200, benefits the association's education programs and research. (248) 557-9500, ext. 451

DINNER DANCE
Bishop Foley Knights of Columbus Council No. 2660 Dearborn is sponsoring a dinner dance to benefit religious vocations and to celebrate St. Patrick's Days, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15, dancing to Joe Vitale's Band 7-11 p.m., 15800 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. \$20. (734) 422-1072/(313) 565-3656

TASTE OF THE TOWN
The fourth annual fundraiser for Notre Dame Prep/Parish Academy includes 35 restaurants offering a variety of food samplings, a live and silent auction of more than 100 items, and entertainment, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7 at the San Marino Club, Troy. \$45. (248) 373-5371. Individuals interested in donating items to the auction, call (248) 373-8382/393-1998

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Presented by the Birmingham Musicals to benefit the scholarship and philanthropic programs, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14 in Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. \$25, \$15 students, \$35 patrons, \$50 benefactors. (248) 651-2318

FAMILY EVENTS

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CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE
"Crusade for Strings," 1 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Birmingham Community House, 360 S. Bates St., Birmingham. (248) 475-5978

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Pianists and five singers perform "Kennst du das Land - Songs of and Sacrifice," by Wolf, Ib, Schumann and Britten, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$7 general seating, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or <http://www.peus.com/kch>

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Classical pianist, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25 rows 1-5, \$15 rows 3-5, \$10 general seating. (734) 769-2999 or <http://www.peus.com/kch>

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With conductor Jerzy Semkow and violinist Emmanuelle Boisvert perform all-Mozart program, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 5-6, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7; With Conductor Yuri Temirkanov performs Elgar's "Enigma Variations" and Rachmaninoff's "Symphony No. 2," 8 p.m. Friday,

March 13, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Department of Music presents a performance of Johannes Brahms' "A German Requiem," performed by the EMU University Choir, EMU Festival Choir, First Presbyterian Church Choir of Ann Arbor and the EMU Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Kevin Miller, associate professor of music, soloists are faculty members Glenda Kirkland, soprano, and Donald Hartmann, bass-baritone, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 in Pease Auditorium, corner of West Cross Street and College Place in Ypsilanti. \$5, \$3 students/seniors, and available at the Quirk Box Office (734) 487-1221, or Pease Auditorium one hour before the performance.

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With conductor Volodymyr Schesliuk, perform music and songs from Broadway shows and light classics, at its annual cabaret concert, 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road (west of Inkster Road), Livonia. \$25, includes hot hors d'oeuvres. (734) 421-1111/484-2741

MARINERS' CHURCH OF DETROIT
Presents a series of organ concerts with Kenneth Sweetman and Kevin Bylsma playing the music of Bach, Brahms, Franck, and Pachelbel during Lent, 12:35 p.m. Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, visitors welcome to attend services at 12:10 p.m. and stay for the concerts at the church, 170 East Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking in Ford Auditorium Underground Garage entered in the median of Jefferson Avenue at the foot of Woodward Avenue. (313) 259-2206

MACOMB SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Presents "DanceKotica" featuring pianist Leszek Bartkiewicz and tap dancer Scott Johnson 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, M-59 and Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (810) 286-2222/(248) 645-6666

JEAN-YVES THIBAUDET
Pianist performs French Impressionist piano works, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$25 includes concert and pre-concert viewing of the art exhibit "Monet at Vetheuil: The Turning Point." (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

JEREMY VAN HOY
Trombonist performs 8 p.m. Monday, March 9, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$10 rows 1-5, \$7 general seating, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or <http://www.peus.com/kch>

POPS

PINO MARELLI
Sings International pop standards and originals in English, Italian and Spanish, 6 p.m. Tuesdays through March, Ardo's Grill N' Chill, 27900 Hoover Road, Warren. Free. All ages. (810) 682-0080

BOB MILNE
Plays ragtime 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15 at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, Five Mile east of Farmington, Livonia. Free. (734) 421-7238

AUDITIONS/WORKSHOPS

MUSIC THEATRE OF MICHIGAN
Presents an Audition Workshop with Broadway actor Daniel Cooney who will present many aspects of professional auditioning including "Acting Technique," "How to Connect

Emotionally With Your Work," and "Basic Vocal Technique," classes limited to 10 students per session, ages 15, and up only, 6-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, March 16-18, (\$45); auditions for talented singers ages 15 and up for "Broadway in Concert," 5-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 18-20. (734) 425-5782

PETER SPARLING & CO.
Auditions for two male dancers to join Peter Sparring's professional modern dance company, noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Dance Gallery Studio, 111 Third St. (off Huron Street), Ann Arbor. Audition is a modern class format. Dancers should bring a resume. Rehearsals begin in May for July 10 performance at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. (734) 747-8885

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS
Host workshop, Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. (313) 526-9432/(810) 573-4993

CHORAL

SONGS BUDDIE NEVER TAUGHT YOU
An interactive program of secular and Jewish songs presented by Judy and David, family entertainers from Toronto, program includes material from the newest release "Livin' in a Shoe," the album has recently been named by Child Magazine as one of the year's 10 best children's albums in North America and was recently nominated for the "JUNO" Award (Canada's version of the Grammy's), 4 p.m. Sunday, March 15 at the Jewish Community Center, 15110 West 10 Mile, Oak Park. \$4 adult members, \$3 child members, \$5 adult non-members, \$4 children non-members, and available at the center. (248) 967-4030/661-1000

SPEBSQSA CONCERT
The Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America annual show features the chapter's Renaissance Chorus, international medalist quartet Michigan Jake, 17-member ensemble Fanfare, and Sweet Adeline quartet Harmonix, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$12, \$10 seniors 62 and older, and full-time students. (313) 438-2384

ST. MARY'S CHURCH CHOIR FESTIVAL
The fifth annual festival features four participating choirs with a massed force of 50 singers, in addition to hymns in which the audience will be invited to join, there will be massed-choir music from the English Cathedral tradition, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the church, 646 Monroe, in Detroit (Greektown). Free. (313) 961-8711

JAZZ

PAUL ABLER
7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. ("acoustic gypsy jazz") (313) 861-8101

REGGIE BRAXTON
7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 5 and 12, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

JUDY COCHILL TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, March 6, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

KURT ELLING WITH THE LAURENCE HOBGOOD TRIO
9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 or <http://www.99music.com>

PAUL FINKBEINER TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 7, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (trumpet/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

DOUG HORN TRIO
7-11 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

INTRIGUE
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2088 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (contemporary jazz/top 40) (248) 852-0550

ISABELLA
8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

PHIL KELLY TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, March 13, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

SHEILA LANDIS
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (313) 861-8101/(248) 652-1600

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With guest vocalist Eric Brandon, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, and guest vibist Jack Brokensha, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Boteford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington. \$5 cover waived with dinner (5:30-8 p.m.) plus \$5 drink mini-

8 days a week

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LARRY NOZERO
7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

POIGNANT PLEOSTOMUS
9 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

LARRY RIVERS AND THE CLIMAX BAND
7-11 p.m. Friday, March 6, at the Michigan Fine Arts Competition's awards ceremony and exhibition opening at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. \$60 includes dinner and dancing. (248) 644-0866

GARY SCHUNK TRIO
7-11 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

PAUL VORNHAGEN
8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 7, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Center Street), Royal Oak. Free. 25-cent surcharge on drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (248) 546-1400

WORLD MUSIC

ALTAN
7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (Irish) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

BENIE MAN AND THE BLAZE BAND
With Tonto Metro and Little Kirk, 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (reggae/dancehall) (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com>

"CELTIC FIDDLE FESTIVAL"
With Kevin Burke, Johnny Cunningham and Christian LeMaitre, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

GREAT BIG SEA
8 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, in the Capitol Theatre's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. \$20, Canadian. All ages. (Celtic) (519) 253-8065 or capitol@mnsi.net or <http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol>

IMMUNITY
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 360-7450

MARY JANE LAMOND
Featured in Ashley MacIsaac's song "Sleeping Maggie," 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (Gaelic) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

LEAHY
8 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17.50 and \$19. All ages. (Celtic) (313) 961-5451

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

EDDIE ADCOCK AND RFD BOYS
8 p.m. Friday, March 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

ANN ARBOR COUNCIL FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE
Open Jam with string band musicians, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 662-3371

HEATHER BISHOP
Performs children's concert, 1 p.m. Sunday, March 8 (\$5), and an evening concert, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 8 (\$12.50). The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

JAN KRIST
With Sister Seed, Jill Jack, Mike King, David Folks and Danny Cox, 8:30 p.m. Monday, March 9, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Donations benefit women's shelters. 21 and older. (folk/pop) (248) 544-1141

TOM PAXTON
With Joel Mabius, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

DAVID POE
8-10 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (734) 668-1838

"SONGWRITERS CIRCLE"
With Charley Monterey, Janet Hailey and Jim Bertin, 8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Off-The-Wall Acoustic Coffeehouse at St. William parish hall, 531 Common, Walled Lake. \$5, \$10 family, \$3 student. (248) 624-1421

MATT WATROBA
Celebrates release of CD "Live at the Ark," with a performance, 8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages; 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 737-3980/(248) 203-0005

DANCE

FIRST SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE
Glen Morningstar calls to music by Aunt Lu and the Oakland County All-Stars, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/4 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 769-1052

ROCKY ROAD ADVANCED CONTRA-ENGLISH DANCE
Susan English calls to music by David West and Donna Baird, 7:30-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 862-5158

"SPRING FLING" DINNER/DANCE
6:30 p.m. dinner of meat balls, rosemary chicken, mostaccioli marinara, pasta alfredo, potatoes viviano, almond green beans, coffee, tea and chef's choice dessert, followed by 7:30 p.m. dancing Tuesday, March 10, Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$16.50. (313) 278-1019

COMEDY

BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB
Kirk Noland, Friday-Saturday, March 6-7; Jeff Simms ("Simbo the Magic Dude Man") and Jesse Lunde, Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Inside Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. Cover charge. (248) 628-6500

"COMEDY JAM"
8 p.m. Friday, March 6, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$18-\$40. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

JD'S MACOMB THEATRE
Comedy night with MaryAnn DeMoss and music by "The Acoustic Terminator" Ernie Douglas, 9 p.m. Monday, March 9, at the club, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 465-5154

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Randy Lubas, J.R. Remick and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, March 5 (free), and Friday-Saturday, March 6-7 (\$12); Third Level and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, March 12 (free), and Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 (\$10), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 8 p.m. Sundays for new talent/Third Level improv. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Gilbert Gottfried, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 (\$17.50, \$29.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Margaret Smith, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5 (\$9), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7 (\$12); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 (\$4); at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SOUPY SALES
7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$50 includes the show, and a seven-course, family-style Italian dinner. (248) 349-0522

SECOND CITY
"Down River Dance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$10), Thursdays (\$10) and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50), through spring, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

"BEHIND THE SCENES"
Formerly known as "Pubs and Clubs" provides adventures in dining and opens the doors to some of metro Detroit's landmarks, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit. \$50 Detroit Historical Society members, \$60 non-members. (313) 833-1405

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
"Five Dresses from the Collection of Diana, Princess of Wales," on display 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, March 10-15, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$10 adults, \$7 children ages 12 and younger, for "timed tickets" to the exhibit. Preview events Monday, March 9, include lectures by the owner of the collection, three preview teas at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and two champagne receptions at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$50 for the tea, \$125 for champagne reception. (248) 645-3361 or <http://www.cranbrook.edu> / (248) 645-6666

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store 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 showing indefinitely include: "Super-Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; and "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; at the museum, 5020 John R. (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$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) 877-8400 or <http://www.sciencedetroit.org>

HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREENFIELD VILLAGE
"Family Fun Month" featuring hands-on activities such as a family radio show where they can produce and perform a radio play, classic cartoons and/or serials as part of "Automobile in American Life" exhibit's drive-in theater, "Making Do and Having Fun" with puppet-making, shadow puppetry, cat's cradle and paper airplane-making, and "Take a Trip Down Memory Lane" treasure hunt, weekends throughout March at the complex, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard (at Village Road, just west of the Southfield Freeway, south of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn. \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors 62 and older, \$6.25 for kids ages 5-12, and free for children younger than 5 and members. Group rates available. Museum open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. (313) 271-1620

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 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 through 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. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children aged 12 and younger. (313) 494-5800

ROBERT JONES
10 p.m. Friday, March 6, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 332-HOWL

JILL JACK
8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (roots/rock) (248) 544-1141

JAMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION
9 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, March 11-12, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (9248) 360-7450

ROBERT JONES
10 p.m. Friday, March 6, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 332-HOWL

JUSTIN SANE
With Blindsided, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

MIKE KING BAND
8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. 10 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 544-1141/(248) 349-9110

SLEEPY LABEER
With Gino and the Lone Valley Boys, 8 p.m. Friday, March 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

JOHN D. LAMB
9:30 p.m. Friday, March 13-Saturday, March 14, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 349-7038

JOHNNY LANG
With G.B. Leighton, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$17.50 in advance. All ages. (blues) (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

LAVERLOS
With Drop, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

LIMP BIZKIT
With Clutch and Sevendust, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13.50 in advance. All ages. (punk/hard rock) (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Carriage House's Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

P.W. LONG'S REELFOOT
With The Plumb Bobs, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com>

THE LOOK
10 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 421-2250

LOVEMASTERS
With Q, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

MARCY PLAYGROUND
With Jolene, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8. All ages. (alternative rock/roots rock) (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

MASCHINA
With A Deuce, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

MEDICINE HAT
10 p.m.-2 a.m. Wednesdays in March, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

METAL MOM
With Exploding Zombies, Bones Garage, Harms Way, Grievance and Arius, 9 p.m. Friday, March 6, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$6. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

LEONARD MOON
10 p.m. Friday, March 6, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages; With Bonne Temps Roule, 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Captain Tony's, 30919 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. \$3, 21 and older. (R&B) (248) 652-1600/(248) 288-6388

MUDPUDDY
9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, as part of a Motor City Music Award Showcase at The Altic, 11687 Jos. Campau, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-0917/(313) 365-4194

GOV'T. MULE
7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND
10 p.m. Friday, March 6, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250/(248) 349-9110

CATCH 22
10 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

CHAIN REACTION
9 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-3650

CIRCUS MCGIRKUS
With Funktelligence, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

JAMES COTTON QUARTET
8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (blues) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

DANNY COX
7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, The Coffee Beanery, 307 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages; 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 650-3344/(248) 544-1141

CROCODILE
9 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-3650

DENIM SKY
9 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Scalici's Lounge, 6650 Allen Road, Allen Park. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 438-0029

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
With Heavy Weather, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

OLEN EDDIE BAND
9 p.m. Friday, March 6, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

8 OHM APPLE
With Knee Deep Shag, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7, 18 and older. (funk) (248) 544-3030

"ELVIS - THE CONCERT"
Featuring Elvis's original tour cast with musical director/conductor Joe Guercio and a 16-piece orchestra performing live on stage with a video-projected Elvis, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$25 and \$17.50. All ages. (Elvis) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

FACTORY 81
8 p.m. Thursday, March 5, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

"FAMOUS COACHMAN INDOOR BLUES FESTIVAL"
With Bugs Beddow Band and various other blues artists, 9 p.m. Friday, March 6, Millennium Theatre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. Cover charge. All ages. (blues) (248) 552-7000

FAT AMY
With Blue Eyed Soul, 9 p.m. Friday, March 6, Sardine Bar, 1548 Franklin, Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (alternative rock/rock) (313) 567-4955

5 TON CREEK
9:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Mount Chalet, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, March 13, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. \$2, 21 and older. (rock) (248) 338-6200/(248) 549-2929/(810) 731-1750

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Friday, March 6, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110/(734) 421-2250

FORGE
With Fuel 357 and World of Hurt, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 5, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. \$5, 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

FUNKTELLIGENCE
With Sugarbuzz, 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (734) 485-5050

JULIE GENEVIS
7-9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Borders Books and Music, 45290 Utica Boulevard, Utica. Free. All ages. (pop) (810) 728-8555

GILLESPIE, RASMUSSEN AND RAFFOUL
9 p.m. Sunday, March 8, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Monday, March 9, Four Green Fields, 30919 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Woody's Diner, 208 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 543-4300/(248) 280-2902/(248) 543-6911

GOVERNMENT HONEY
9 p.m. Sundays in March, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3, 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

GOV'T. MULE
7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

THE HATCHMEN
9 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

IMMATURE
With Smooth and K.P. and Envy, 4 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$26. All ages. (R&B) (248) 433-1515

JILL JACK
8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (roots/rock) (248) 544-1141

JAMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION
9 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, March 11-12, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (9248) 360-7450

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DINING

Mesquite Creek offers taste of Southwest

Eating out is a treat, and if you're hungry for steaks or seafood, comfortable Mesquite Creek aims to please.

Owned by Brian Hussey of Ann Arbor and Mark Laramie of Plymouth, they just opened a second location in Canton and are celebrating their fifth anniversary in Clarkston.

"Brian was my next door neighbor in Union Lake," said Mike Ross, kitchen manager. "We grew up together. He was the best man at my wedding."

After graduating from college, Brian and Mike moved to Texas and ended up working in the restaurant business.

"Brian's dream was to open a restaurant in Michigan," said Ross. "He worked in many different restaurants in Houston."

The dream became reality five years ago when Brian and his father opened Mesquite Creek in Clarkston, which has been enormously successful.

Mark Laramie owned 60 Little Caesar's franchises and left his job as corporate group vice president to become a co-owner of Mesquite Creek.

"We're trying to create a nice warm, comfortable feeling," said Laramie at the new Canton restaurant, formerly the Misty Duck. "We changed the decor inside," said Laramie. "We warmed it up and made it more comfortable, airy and light."

The floor is ceramic, trimmed in wood. Original Southwest prints hang on the walls. There are 16 high back booths at the Canton restaurant, perfect for unwinding, and enjoying dinner.

"We're hometown guys running the show," said Laramie. "Mike's a great guy, and he's real good in the kitchen."

Besides steaks and prime rib, Mesquite Creek "sells a ton of seafood and chicken," said Laramie. "Everything we make comes off the mesquite charcoal grill. It puts magnificent flavor into everything."

They serve Certified Angus Beef, and the fish and chicken are purchased fresh daily, never frozen.

"We start with high level ingredients and keep it simple," explained Laramie. "Prime rib is one of our specialties. On Mondays and Tuesdays we offer Prime Time - prime rib, baked potato and salad for \$10.99."

The salsa is made fresh daily from scratch, and served with

Mesquite Creek

Where: Two locations, 45250 Ford Road, Canton (734) 414-0100; and 7228 Ortonville Road, Clarkston, (248) 620-9300.

Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

Menu: Steakhouse fare with great seafood. Mesquite Creek takes a Tex-Mex spin on everything they do, and uses Certified Angus Beef.

Reservations: Sunday-Thursday for parties of eight or more.

Credit Cards: All majors accepted.

Carry-out: Yes

Cost: \$5-\$12 lunch; \$9-\$27 dinner.

Children's menu: Available

Seating capacity: 150 with bar in Canton; 250 Clarkston.

Entertainment: Canton location - 7-11 p.m. Wednesdays, The Hits plays soft pop rock favorites. They perform

7-11 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Clarkston location.

Banquet room: At Clarkston location, seats 50-70 people.

hot homemade chips. Baked potatoes are huge, and served with your choice of toppings at no extra charge.

Starting with the lunch menu, Laramie pointed to the Spicy Chicken Soup - fresh chicken broth simmered with fresh vegetables and a hot chili puree, topped with a dollop of sour cream. There's also a corn chowder.

"It's made from scratch," he said. "Nothing from a can." Like the soup, you'll find a lot of the same items on the lunch and dinner menu. "There are more sandwiches and salads on the lunch menu," said Laramie. "Fresh seafood is available all day long."

Specialty items include Shrimp Tetonka - six large shrimp marinated in hot spices and garlic and grilled over mesquite is available as an appetizer with bleu cheese dressing or as entree Mesquite Shrimp.

Shrimp Brochette - extra jumbo shrimp stuffed with a sliver of jalapeno and monterey jack cheese, wrapped in thin bacon and mesquite grilled is another



At your service: Kristy Young, Mike Ross and Steve Palmiere present some of Mesquite Creek's specialty items in the bar area of the newly opened restaurant in Canton.

favorite.

"People are just crazy for Chicken Durango - chicken breast topped with sautéed mushrooms, tomatoes, bacon, chives, and melted monterey jack cheese served with honey-dijon dipping sauce," said Laramie.

Southwest menu items include quesadillas, nachos, and fajitas. For dinner you can tailor your entree to your appetite. Sirloin is available in 8-ounce and 12-ounce sizes. Order prime rib in 8-ounce, 12-ounce or 16-ounce portions. Filet Mignon, New York City Strip, and Porterhouse de Pueblo are also available in different sizes.

Entrees are served with your choice of baked potato, Texas Fries or Creek Vegetables, and dinner salad. Caesar and Greek salads are other flavorful choices. There are also pork chops, lamb chops, veal chops and baby back ribs on the menu.

If you're craving surf n' turf, you'll be happy to know that you

can add six mesquite shrimp, three pepper shrimp, three brochette shrimp or a lobster tail to any entree for an additional charge.

Grilled fish is another option at Mesquite Creek, choose from Mahi mahi, salmon, yellowfin tuna or swordfish.

Parents with finicky eaters will appreciate the children's menu, which includes grilled cheese, hamburger, shrimp on a steak, pork chop with apples and Mesquite chicken.

Save room for "Happy Endings" - Pecan Ball, Haagen-Daz ice cream rolled in toasted pecans and topped with Sander's Hot Fudge and real whipped cream, sopapillas, a Mexican pastry, and empanada - your choice of cinnamon apples or fresh sliced bananas and pecans wrapped in pastry and gently fried, served with vanilla ice cream, are among the choices.

"Our biggest claim to fame is

that we serve the best quality, and large quantities," said Ross. "We love to see people leave with carry-out boxes. If people get more than what they expect, we expect they will come back."

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently visited:

■ **Marvin's Bistro** - 15800 Middlebelt, (between Five Mile and Six Mile roads) Livonia, (734) 622-5600. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday. Bar stays open to 2 a.m.; closed to the public Sundays, open for banquets. Menu: American regional cuisine with an Italian/French influence. Cost: Lunch ranges from \$4.95-\$6.95; dinner \$6.95 to \$13.95. Credit Cards: All majors accepted. Reservations: Not necessary, but advised on Fridays and Saturdays. Entertainment: Carl Larson and Ernie Horvath at the piano bar, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7-10 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. to midnight Wednesday-Saturday.

■ **Hero's Roast Beef & Spirits**, 36685 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 425-1830.

Celebrating their 20th anniversary, owned and operated by the Chemello family since 1978. Specialize in hand-carved roast beef, prime steaks, fresh seafood. In addition to their anniversary specials, they are offering a variety of Lenten specials on Fridays including Swordfish with Mango Salsa and Stuffed Salmon Florentine.

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