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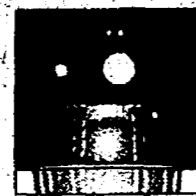
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Driver charged in hit-and-run



Catherine O'Keefe suffered head injuries and remains in critical but stable condition. Samantha Kosmyna suffered a broken right arm and she still faces surgery. Both girls were injured in a hit-and-run accident.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

It was 8:20 p.m. Saturday when Livonia teens Catherine O'Keefe and Samantha Kosmyna began walking across Joy Road to socialize at a Westland coffeehouse.

At that same moment, 26-year-old Sergio Antonio Escobar of Garden City — a truck driver accused of stopping for

too many drinks after work — drove east through the Joy-Middlebelt intersection, police said.

"He did have the green light," Westland police Officer Cathy Gilliam said.

Then it happened. Escobar, accused of his third alcohol-related driving offense, rammed his 1994 Taurus into O'Keefe and Kosmyna before the two 16-year-old Livonia Franklin High juniors could cross the road, police

said. "They went on top of the hood of the car and hit the windshield," Westland police Officer Daniel Karrick said. "The windshield broke, and the girls fell off the car."

O'Keefe suffered major head injuries and remains in critical but stable condition at Detroit's Grace Hospital. Kosmyna fared better; her right arm was broken and she still faces surgery, but she was released Monday from Garden City Hospital.

"There's nothing to indicate that the driver was going real fast," Karrick said, responding to questions. "And there's no sign of any braking."

Rather than stopping to help the girls, Escobar kept driving until he reached a Westland residence where his fiancée and his 5-year-old disabled daughter live, police said.

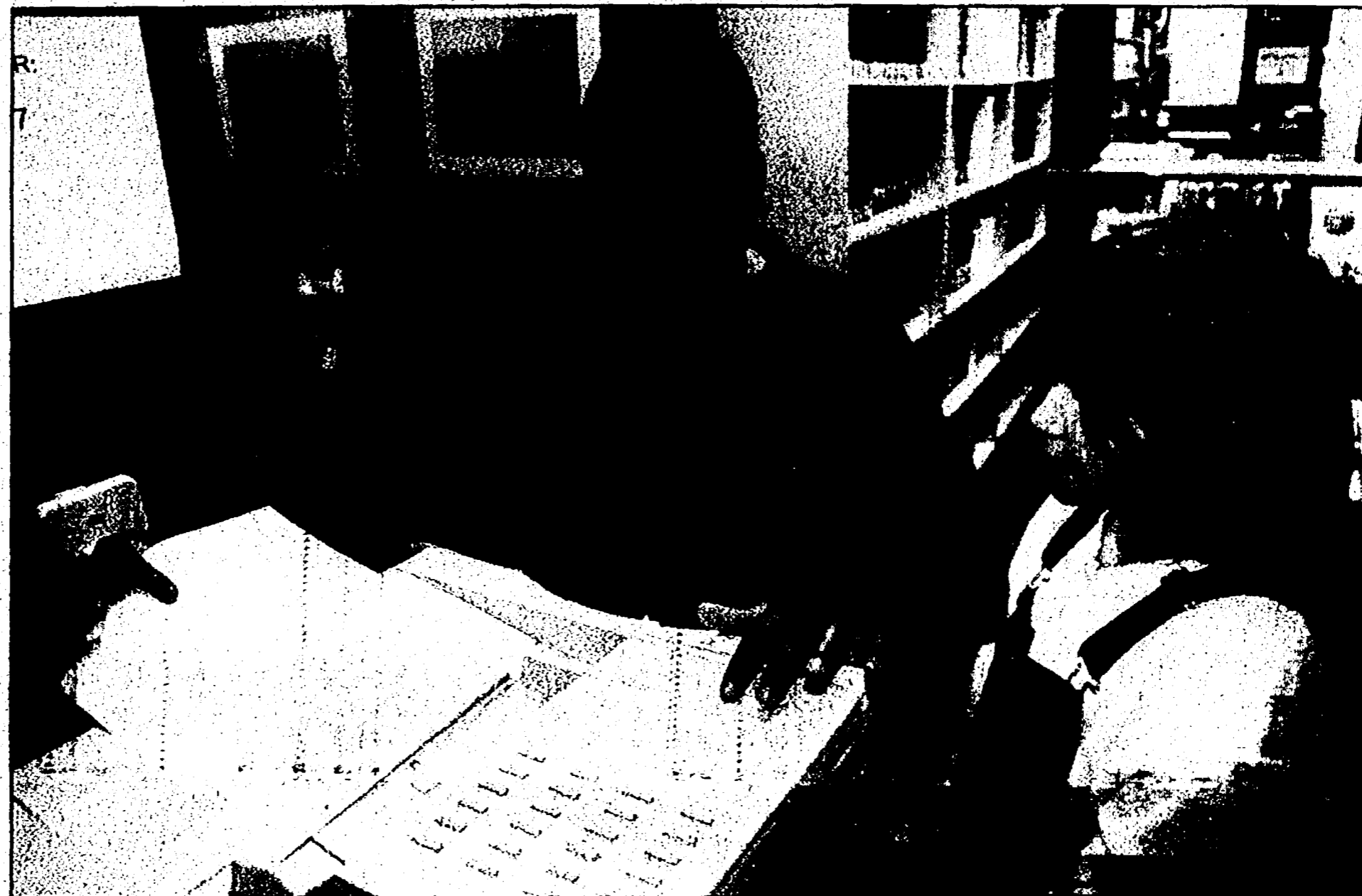
"He did panic," defense attorney Daniel Moss said Monday afternoon in Westland 18th District Court.

Escobar apparently didn't realize he had been trailed by witnesses, who contacted police and led officers to the fiancée's residence near Joy and Harrison, Karrick said.

Standing mute

In court Monday, Escobar stood mute. Please see HIT, A2

Technical travel



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD

Just the fax: Quinton Mark, center, faxes a question to Hawaii. At left is Matt Kanninen and at right is Janet Salt.

Students say aloha to lesson on Hawaii

Every Thursday afternoon, Carrie Toussain's fourth-grade science class at Vandenberg Elementary School in Wayne goes to Hawaii ... not by boat or plane, but by satellite.

The 35 students walk over to the computer lab at Wayne County RESA to participate in "KidScience," a long-distance learning program produced through Hawaii's department of education.

While RESA provides the technology, the students provide the enthusiasm. For them, it's real learning in

real time. They interact with the teachers and students in Hawaii by computer and telephone.

Reefs, corals, volcanoes become more than flat pictures on a page. Lessons about fragile ecosystems become immediate and three-dimensional.

"It's certainly more real. It's not just a story. When the students feel it's real, they feel they can do something about it. They see they have some control over it," said Vandenberg school principal Karen Zokas.



Seeking answers: Paula Illes and Chelsea Khan type a question into their computer as the program from Hawaii plays in the background.

Baracy receives all A's for job performance

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Riding a crest of popular support from Wayne-Westland school board members, Superintendent Greg Baracy won sweeping praise Monday for his first six months on the job.

Baracy, basking in voter approval of a \$108.3 million bond issue for classroom technology and school building repairs, received an "outstanding" rating.

That marked the highest possible rating he could receive for his first formal job evaluation.

"There was no dissent in this agreement," Mathew McCusker, board vice president, said. "It was an evaluation earned and deserved."

Baracy's review didn't come with any salary adjustments — not yet, at least.

Under his existing three-year contract, Baracy's first-year pay of \$114,000 already is scheduled to

increase to \$116,280 on July 1.

Board members will have to approve any adjustments. They also still have to reach an agreement with Baracy for a third-year salary that will begin July 1, 1999.

Baracy replaced former Superintendent Duane Moore, who retired as Wayne-Westland superintendent.

In a lengthy public address Monday, board President Debra Fowlkes noted that Baracy received top marks in

eight categories ranging from community relations to financial expertise to curriculum improvements.

"We believe that Dr. Baracy's energy level, leadership and vision for the school district has provided a positive and motivating atmosphere that focuses on teaching and learning," Fowlkes said.

She also commended Baracy for promoting good relations with communi-

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Wilson School site proposal sparks concerns

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

A proposed development near the Sassafras Trails nature area sparked criticism Monday, but it is destined for preliminary approval by the city.

While lobbying criticism at Wayne-Westland schools officials who sold the property, council members and residents hashed out their concerns about the proposed Wildwood Manor Subdivision at a study session Monday.

Many residents expressed concern about the future of a nature area called Sassafras Trails, but council members said they feel their hands are tied, and that they must approve the project or face a lawsuit from

the new owners.

"We feel like you feel that maybe the school board pulled a fast one on us," Westland City Council President Sandra Cicirelli said after residents came forward to urge the council to help in protecting Sassafras Trails.

Meanwhile, Councilman Richard LeBlanc said if there is blame to place, it should be with the school district not the city.

Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy responded Tuesday, saying he wished city officials would call him first for the facts before making negative comments.

"The school district has been totally upfront and honest with the Sassafras Trails people," Baracy

said.

Among the disputes is whether a strip of wooded property should have been sold as part of the old Wilson School site or kept as part of the neighboring Sassafras Trails nature area. The Wayne-Westland school district sold the parcel, and developer Marshall Kallen is planning a 54-lot subdivision on the 13.5-acre site. Sassafras Trails is protected by the Department of Natural Resources.

Property lines

There is no dispute over any parcel of the property, Baracy said. The property lines are set on a map dat-

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Fowlkes to seek new term



Debra Fowlkes

Debra Fowlkes, Wayne-Westland school board president, confirmed Tuesday that she plans to seek re-election in June.

Fowlkes is nearing the end of her first four-year term. She previously served a six-month appointed term.

Fowlkes said she already has picked up her candidate packet from school district elections offices.

Other potential candidates should be aware of a 4 p.m. April 8 filing deadline for the June 8 election.

Candidates must be registered voters living in the school district. They may pick up election packets at school

elections offices, 4001 Fourth St., Wayne. The office is in the art annex behind Wayne Memorial High School.

Another reminder: Residents who want to vote in the June 8 election must register by May 11.

PETelethon to aid shelters

In addition to being the auto capital of the world and the home of the Stanley Cup champions, the Detroit area can lay claim to having the largest telethon devoted exclusively to pets.

The Michigan Humane Society PETelethon raised \$302,000 for area animal shelters last year, much more than its nearest rivals, Houston (\$210,000) and Dallas (\$160,000).

"Detroit is clearly the leading PETelethon market," said David Rosenthal, general manager of Heinz Pet Products, which sponsors the TV fund-raisers nationwide. According to Rosenthal, the Detroit PETelethon owes much of its success to the efforts of local business executive Jack Berry, the president and founder of the Livonia-based Pet Supplies "Plus" chain.

Rosenthal believes that Berry's support will also help the Michigan Humane Society raise record funds during this year's PETelethon, which airs on UPN Channel 50, noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 15.

"Jack Berry has thrown himself and his stores 100 percent

into making the PETelethon a success," he said. "Aside from his generous financial support, he and his staff have volunteered their time and efforts to do all of the things that are necessary to carrying out a first-rate telethon."

The 1998 Michigan Humane Society PETelethon will be hosted by Channel 50 news anchors Amyre Makupson and David Scott.

Veterinarians and trainers from the Michigan Humane Society will be on hand to offer advice and tips for pet owners. Anyone interested in adopting a pet should turn on the PETelethon between noon and 5 p.m. Sunday, March 15, to see a menagerie of friendly dogs and cats available from Michigan Humane Society shelters. The society has a shelter and clinic in Westland at 37255 Marquette.

For many viewers, one of the highlights of the PETelethon will be the finals of the Michigan Humane Society's "Smartest Pet in Detroit" contest. The three finalists from the areawide smart pet search will be featured on the program, showing off their impressive tricks.

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as Judge Gail McKnight arraigned him on two counts of operating under the influence of liquor/causing a serious injury accident and two counts of leaving the scene. All four charges carry five-year prison terms upon conviction.

Moss stopped short of saying that Escobar drove drunk but said that - if he did - "his judgment was impaired" when he left the scene.

Escobar's family members wept Monday as McKnight - noting that the suspect has two prior alcohol-related driving offenses from 1991 and 1994 - ordered him jailed in lieu of a \$100,000 cash bond.

Moss had argued for a personal bond, although he told McKnight "there's no diminishing the tragedy of what occurred."

Moss also argued that Escobar is a lifelong Garden City resident who has strong support from family members who want to help him seek counseling.

But McKnight voiced concern that Escobar had shown difficulties in following court orders for prior alcohol-related driving offenses.

McKnight ordered Escobar to return to court March 19 for a preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial as charged.

Witnesses told police that Escobar had a green light as he drove through the Joy-Middlebelt intersection and hit O'Keefe and Kosmyna.

Moss also raised allegations in court that the two girls "apparently didn't cross in the crosswalk" as they tried to walk from the north side of Joy to the south.

The girls, on their way to Pharaoh's Golden Cup coffee-house, were accompanied by two boys who weren't injured, Karrick said.

One boy was walking in front of O'Keefe and Kosmyna while the other boy was trailing them, Karrick said.

Westland police and court officials said Escobar had two misdemeanor alcohol offenses on his record prior to the latest charges.

Driving while impaired

McKnight noted in court that Escobar was cited for driving while impaired following a one-car accident in 1991 that only involved himself.

Police also said Escobar was cited for having an unlawful blood alcohol level during a 1994 driving incident.

Moss indicated in court Monday that the weekend accident is expected to fuel a lawsuit.

"Obviously there's going to be some civil litigation involved," he said.

Livonia Franklin principal Michael Fenchel contacted school crisis team members at their homes Sunday and arranged a Monday morning meeting.

Fenchel also announced the accident to students in an effort to provide factual information and to squelch rumors that one girl had died in the accident.

The latest accident did follow the deaths of two Franklin students killed in separate accidents since last March.

Alycia Madgwick, 14, died Dec. 3 in a one-car accident on Joy west of Merriman.

Nicole Murgurian, also 14, died March 10, 1997, during a one-car accident on Ann Arbor Trail near Hines Drive.

Madgwick and Murgurian were passengers in the accidents.

"It's a scary thing," Fenchel said Tuesday. "The kids are not doing anything wrong. It seems like you need to be on the defensive."

"There are no guarantees in life," he added. "Bad things seem to be coming in clumps."

Staff writer Marie Chestney contributed to this story.

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PATROL VEHICLES

Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the name(s) of item(s) bid.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City.

STEVEN SMITH
City Clerk-Treasurer

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SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MEETING NO. 5-3/2/98

Presiding: Council President Cicirelli
Present: Anderson, Bams, Griffin, LeBlanc, Pickering, Scott

51: Approved: minutes of regular meeting held February 17, 1998

-Request from Moslem Shrine Temple solicit funds for free medical care for children from June 12-June 14, 1998 at various intersections within city

-Request from Westland Fire Department Public Awareness Committee conduct carnival, 35100 Central City Pkwy from April 20-May 3, 1998

-Introduced Ordinance 248-A-3, rezoning from office business to single family residential, NW corner of Cowan and Wildwood

-Adopted Ordinance 248-A-2, rezoning from two family residential to light industrial, 38284 Abruzzi Dr.

-Introduced Budget Amendment 98-11, CWW Youth Assistance Grant and approval of contract amendment for Youth Assistance Program, amount \$8,342

-Request from Administration to bid out used vehicles

-Approved change order #3 - Hix Road Construction Project with Barrett Paving Materials

-Approved amendment to Painter & Ruthenberg, Inc. Professional Services Contract by changing number of units and monthly increase fee through June 30, 1998 and increase fee for 1998/99 contract year

-Adopted resolution approving execution of Annual Contributions Contract with HUD for renewal funding

-Adopted resolution #1 directing Administration to prepare plan and specifications and estimated cost for paving

-Approved Bid - Official Newspaper to Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for legal advertisements

-Introduced Ordinance 29-W-25-3, amend building permits fees

-Adopted resolution extending moratorium for issuance of permits for placement, construction and installations of wireless communications towers and antennas, expires May 15, 1998

52: Granted request for site plan approval for proposed Eye Care Center & Lab, 38403 Warren

53: Confirmed appointment to TIFA Development Area Citizens Council; J Campbell, E Franczek, D Gibson, M Krasniak, F LaFlair, K LeMier, P Lieberman, D Moore, C Winekoff

54: Granted site plan approval for proposed 12'x10' dumpster enclosure for Sunoco Service Station, 37490 Ford with contingency

56: Granted special land use approval for proposed Desk Top Publishing & Printing Co, 6252 N Hix

55: Approved Check List - \$526,886.48 and Prepaid - \$3,094,242.43

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm
Minutes available in City Clerk's Office

SANDRA A. CICIRELLI
Council President
DIANE J. FRITZ, CMC
City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185-2288, on **Tuesday, March 31, 1998 at 11:00 a.m.** (no exceptions) for the following:

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Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Pumps on Parkwood



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Water work: The heavy rains earlier this week resulted in pumps being brought out to some Westland neighborhoods. Here, pumps were operating on Parkwood Monday afternoon.

Westland man faces charges in connection with shooting

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER

One girl is clinging to life, the other is looking at jail time.

A 16-year-old Rochester Hills teenager charged with shooting two Rochester High School students at a Jan. 24 house party in Hamtramck was taken into police custody Thursday.

The teenager, a student at the Alternative Center for Education, is charged with reckless discharge of a firearm resulting in an injury and possession of a short-barrel rifle. Her case will be heard in Oakland County Probate Court.

Police believe the girl was holding the rifle when it discharged inside the house, shooting Annie Saravolatz, 17, through the head before striking Rachael Lennox, 16, in the face.

Saravolatz remains unconscious in the intensive care unit at Detroit Receiving Hospital. Lennox was treated for a broken jaw and missing teeth. Both teenagers are in their junior year at school.

Hamtramck Detective Dennis Frederick said police aren't sure if the three girls went to the party together. "But they do know each other," he said.

Andrew Leland Dow, 18, of Northville, also is charged with possession of a short-barrel rifle and contributing to the delinquency of minors. Dow rented the downstairs flat on Comstock where the party was held.

Leonard James Parmenter, 19, of Westland is charged with possession of a weapon, obstruction of justice and accessory after the fact to a felony. Police believe Parmenter brought the rifle to the party and later tossed it into the Detroit River.

Parmenter and Dow were arraigned Monday in 31st District Court in Hamtramck. The two were released on personal bond after pleading not guilty. Their preliminary exam is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Thursday, March 19.

"From what we surmise, Parmenter brought the gun to the house and some people were firing it outside," Frederick said. "At some point the gun was brought inside the house. The 18-year-old took possession of the gun and it subsequently discharged."

Police aren't releasing the teenager's name because she is a juvenile.

Rochester Schools spokeswoman Carol Foster said she doesn't expect the district to take any action against the teenager.

"It's a police investigation," said Foster. "And all I can really tell you is there have not been any disciplinary problems with this girl."

Frederick said there were alcohol and narcotics present at the party when police arrived. The three suspects face additional charges if Saravolatz doesn't recover.

"She almost expired a couple days ago," he said Monday. "Right now we're just crossing our fingers and hoping for the best."

Community foundation hosts annual spring ball March 27

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

The Westland Community Foundation, raising money for student scholarships, summer camps, cultural events and other programs, will sponsor its second-annual spring ball Friday, March 27.

Tony Russo's World Famous Big Band will perform during the event at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road.

Tickets are \$75 per person and include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. and music and dancing at 9 p.m.

Dress is casually elegant, black tie optional.

For spring ball tickets or to get more information, call (734) 955-7727.

An 8:45 p.m. raffle also will be held for various trips for two or cash prizes. Tickets are \$10 and

may also be bought by those who can't attend the spring ball.

The Westland Community Foundation uses money from its spring ball and other activities to help with numerous community programs.

Several new programs are being planned this year, Glenn Shaw, foundation president, said.

In 1997, alone, the foundation:

- Donated \$15,000 to the Westland-based Salvation Army to send more than 200 youths and family members to summer camp.

■ Created a scholarship program with \$10,000 in funding to help Wayne-Westland and Livonia school district students further their education.

■ Sponsored a dinner dance with pianist David Syme that drew more than 240 business leaders and community residents.

■ Sponsored two mini-seminars for the business community with a reception and tours of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

■ Sponsored performances of magicians, theater troupes and others during a summer children's series at the library.

■ Sponsored a June concert by the 70th Division U.S. Army Band at the library, drawing more than 250 residents.

■ Sponsored a December holiday classical event for community residents and received thousands of dollars in holiday toys for children.

■ Provided financial assistance to two local families in dire financial need.

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Legislative forum

State Sen. Loren Bennett, state Rep. Eileen DeHart and state Rep. Thomas Kelly are scheduled to participate in a legislative forum 8-9:30 a.m. Friday, March 13, in Cafe Marquette in the William D. Ford Career Tech Center, at 36455 Marquette.

A full breakfast is included for \$8.

State junior miss

Two local young women are competing this week for the Michigan Junior Miss title.

Amy McKerracher, Nankin Township Junior Miss, and Stephanie Mead, Wayne-Westland Junior Miss, have traveled to Alpena to compete for more than \$9,000 in cash scholarships and more than \$200,000 in college scholarships, along with the title of Michigan's Junior Miss and a chance to represent Michigan at the national program, America's Junior Miss, in Mobile, Ala., in late June.

The state winner will be named after the program Saturday, March 14, at Alpena High School's Stanley C. Beck Auditorium.

During the week the 13 contestants will be rehearsing, taking part in seminars and visiting Old Town Alpena. They will also visit the public

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Amy McKerracher



Stephanie Mead

safety building where they will get a mini course on self-defense, first aid and CPR. They are also invited to luncheons with the Alpena Kiwanis and Alpena Lions clubs.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. March 14 finals are \$15 for the main floor seating and \$10 for the balcony. They are available on a first-come basis at the Holiday Inn of Alpena registration desk, 1000 Highway U.S. 23 North, Alpena, MI 49707.

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ties served by the school district. "He has done a wonderful job working with the cities of Wayne and Westland," she said.

Baracy's contract will automatically roll over to include another year unless the board notifies him in writing by April 1. That contractual clause keeps the superintendent working on a three-year agreement.

Baracy also will continue to receive a district-paid automobile, a \$300-a-month expense account and other negotiated agreements.

Fowlkes, reading from a prepared three-page statement, cited numerous achievements since Baracy was promoted from his former job as assistant superintendent for general administration.

Fowlkes singled out Baracy for:

- Being accessible to parents, staff and students.



Greg Baracy

- Establishing a program for buying new textbooks and addressing curriculum needs.

■ Working with his cabinet to keep a watchful eye on district finances.

■ Spending time in school buildings and boosting staff morale.

■ Fueling positive relations with state and federal legislators.

"He is recognized as a superintendent with a voice in Lansing," Fowlkes said.

Baracy has said he envisions a promising future for Wayne-Westland now that voters last month approved a \$108.3 million bond issue to upgrade classroom technology and to spruce up buildings.

Board members see voter approval of the 4-mill, 22-year tax as one indication of community confidence in Baracy's leadership.

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ing back to 1936, he said.

Sassafras Trails proponents contend the nature area's border is a long-standing fence. But that fence was put in to contain an active playground area at the former school and was in no way intended to represent the property boundary, Baracy said.

The Friends of Sassafras Trails are fighting any development on the property, Baracy said, adding that he favors the latest proposal because it will bring new homes and families to the school district.

The development will receive preliminary approval as council has no plans to vote on the issue before a 90-day time limit expires, according to Cicirelli.

The developer submitted the plans on Dec. 15, according to city Planning Director Tod Kilroy. No vote means tentative approval, Kilroy said.

For and against

At Monday's meeting many residents spoke against the project, while a few came out in favor of it.

"I think a great error was made by the school district," Charles Johnson, of the Friends of Sassafras Trails, said. "Everyone assumed this was part of the forest."

"This is a very definite and very important part of Sassafras Trails," he said.

Johnson also expressed concerns about children and dogs from the new subdivision using Sassafras Trails as a play area. "In three or four years, this is going to be Westland's greatest trash heap," he said.

Johnson requested that the council require that a wall be built to separate the trails area from the new subdivision.

Resident Lola King questioned why the city didn't step in and buy the property when it had the chance. But now that the Wilson School parcel has been sold, "We want what is left protected," she said.

"I as a citizen feel insulted by the way development is taken so lightly," resident Vicki Maple said.

Maple called on council members to deal with the city's ongoing residential basement flooding problems and cautioned that a new development could bring on more flooding.

Residents Mark and Karen Olivier expressed support for the project.

New housing and new development should be welcomed in the community, Mark Olivier said. The project will bring new families that will pump money into the city's coffers, he said.

Resident Jerry Smith also supports the project. "It appears to be a well-thought out project," he said.

But residents Bess Kunkle and Anita Gronas said flooding and drainage are continuing problems in the area. Many homes in the area are flooded now during heavy rains, Gronas said.

Project engineer Rick Hirth responded that he wasn't aware of flooding problems. "We're here to talk about our project," he said.

"We don't want to aggravate those problems," he said, "but I don't think we're the people to solve your problems."

Also at issue is whether any of the property is a protected wetlands area.

Wetlands study

Kilroy said a wetlands study was done by a DNR-qualified wetlands expert, and no wetlands were found in the boundaries of the development area. However, tree preservation requirements will be in effect, Kilroy said.

But Sassafras Trails backers dispute that there are no protectable wetlands on the site.

Even though council members won't take a vote, they did try to reassure residents that concerns the council has control over will be addressed at the next stages in the approval process for the development.

"The city very clearly is required to move forward," LeBlanc said.

"I think those of you sitting here who know me know how much I care about Sassafras Trails," Councilman Glenn Anderson said, adding that he plans to submit a list of recommendations for the project when it reaches the next step in the approval process.

The project will come back to council two or three more times and could take up to a year and a half to reach final approval, Kilroy said.

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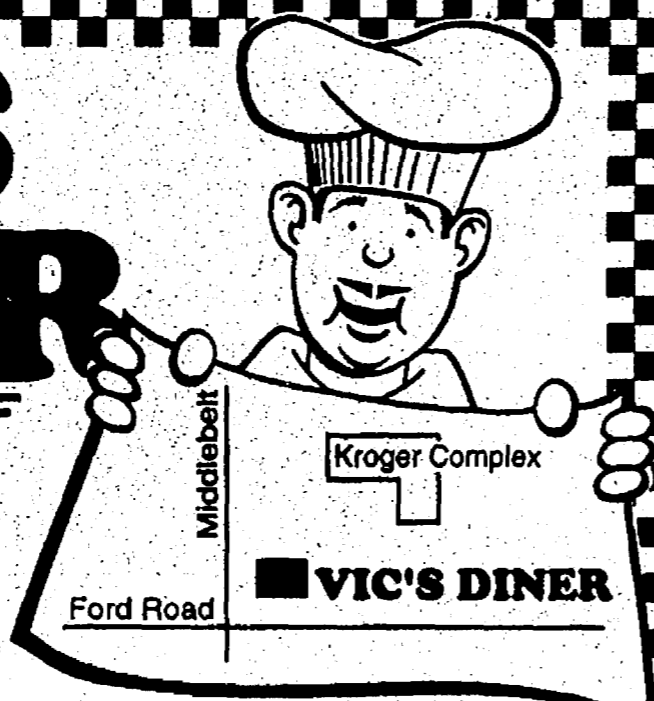
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Prokop named senior of month

Evelyn Prokop, 77, has been named Westland Senior of the Month for March at the senior Friendship Center.

She has been a bingo volunteer since 1995 and has volunteered

at the Westland Historical Museum and the Westland public library. She drives seniors to doctor visits, shopping and other places.

A grandmother of six, Prokop

is a member of an exercise advisory council. She also helped build the city's Playscape, a large children's play structure in Central City Park.

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911 appeal

Judicial panel hears opening arguments on telephone charges

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Are the 48-cent charges on telephone bills for Wayne County residents for 911 services a fee or a tax?

Three Michigan Court of Appeals judges will rule on that question after they listened to opening arguments Tuesday in Detroit.

An attorney for the Wayne County Taxpayers Association argued that he believed the charges were a tax.

"There is no rationalization here (to allow the fees), because these persons pay the four percent charge whether or not they use the service," said Brian Richtarcik. Richtarcik represented the tax group in the appeal of a suit against Wayne County and the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

The charge represents 4 percent of the highest monthly flat rate charged by a service supplier — Ameritech — for a one-party access line within the 911 district or about 48 cents a month. In western Wayne County, that district's area is represented by the Conference of Western Wayne, including Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford and Westland.

Was state law violated?

Richtarcik argued the money collected by Ameritech in 911

surcharges was a tax, which would make any Legislative action raising the surcharge in violation of the Headlee Amendment since voters were not asked for approval.

"In present case, if in fact what is being charged is a true 'user fee' then persons should have the option not to receive the 911 service. However no such option is available and in fact, the alleged user fee is really a mandatory user fee, and thus, a tax."

But attorney John Allen, who represented the Downriver Community Conference, a party amended to the lawsuit, one of the telephone districts that receives reimbursement from the surcharge from Ameritech, argued that Richtarcik had not met the burden of proof.

"It is a case of private individuals who want to use the judicial system to change state law to redefine the term 'tax,'" Allen said. He called it a "sincere but wrongheaded attempt."

The Wayne County Taxpayers Association originally filed a lawsuit in September 1995 seeking an injunction to prevent Michigan Bell, Ameritech, Wayne County and the Wayne County Board of Commissioners from collecting an "impermissible tax" outlined in the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act. County commissioners had adopted resolutions

in August 1994 which provided for an increase in the fee charged to telephone subscribers for emergency 911 phone service.

In August 1996 a Wayne County circuit judge sided with the defendants, so the tax group appealed that decision.

Tuesday's arguments were heard by Michigan Court of Appeals Judges Robert P. Young Jr., Martin Doctoroff and Michael Kelly.

Issue called 'political'

Richtarcik raised issues on whether the money collected was a tax, whether that money collected violated the Headlee Amendment, whether the tax group was entitled to a judgment as a matter of the law, and whether the trial court's decision was erroneous.

"Taxes are exactions — or involuntary contributions — of money, the payment of which is mandatory or compulsory by law. In contrast, a fee is a voluntary payment in exchange for a special service, benefit or privilege, not automatically conferred upon the general public."

Allen called the issue "a political, not a legal, question."

Ernest Essad, an attorney representing the Conference of Western Wayne, a legislative consortium of 18 communities,

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Candidates gearing up for state education seats

State conventions are five months away, but candidates are lining up for nominations to statewide education post. Here is their status:

University of Michigan

Democrats — Phil Power, an incumbent, announced he will seek a new eight-year term. Power, 59, of Ann Arbor is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., parent company of this newspaper. He was appointed in 1986 to fill a vacancy. Twin priorities: "moving research findings from the lab to the marketplace" and tuition aid.

So far, no one has announced to be his running mate. Two persons are elected for eight-year terms. Incumbent Shirley McFee, R-Battle Creek, is retiring.

Republicans — State Rep. Jessie Dalman, 64, of Holland announced she will seek a nomination. Former chair of the House Education Committee, she is being term-limited out. Priority: making the university affordable for middle-class families.

David Brandon, 45, CEO of the Livonia-headquartered Valassis Communications and GOP fund-raiser, announced his candidacy for U-M regent during legislative budget hearings. Brandon, a Plymouth Township resident, chairs the board of Central Michigan University, an appointive position.

Gov. John Engler has announced Dalman and Brandon will be the nominees, putting former regent Deane Baker, 72, on notice not to try a comeback.

Democrats have a 5-3 majority.

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Michigan State

Democrats — No announcements yet.

Republicans — Incumbent Delores (Dee) Cook, 65, of Greenville, has Engler's backing for a second term. The second incumbent, Jack Shingleton, 75, is retiring.

Engler is backing Dave Porteous, 45, of Reed City; Porteous received an appointment to the MSU board in 1996 but lost his re-election bid in the Democratic sweep.

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Republicans - Incumbent Elizabeth Hardy, 42, of Franklin, is expected to seek a new term. Ditto for incumbent appointee Vernice Davis-Anthony, 53, of Farmington Hills; she's a former Wayne County and state public health director.
Democrats have a 5-3 majority.

State Board of Education

Democrats - Barbara Roberts Mason, 57, of Dimondale, hasn't indicated whether she'll seek a third term. She ran unsuccessfully for state representative two years ago. She is an official of the Michigan Education Association.

Republicans - Gary Wolfram, 47, a Hillsdale College economics professor, is expected to seek a full term. He is an Engler appointee and strong advocate of privatization.

The board is split 4-4 on party lines. On ideological lines, there are five supporters of public schools and three of private and charter schools.

Supreme Court

Officially, the seven-member high court is nonpartisan officially. In practice, there are four Democrats and three Republicans.

Democrats - Justice Patricia Boyle, 60, of Detroit, announced she won't seek a new term. Justice Michael Cavanagh, 57, of East Lansing, is expected to seek a new eight-year term.

She hasn't announced, but look for Court of Appeals Judge Kathleen Jansen, a Macomb County resident in her early 40s, to try again for a Democratic nomination.

Republicans - For a full term, Court of Appeals Judges Jane Markey, 46, of Grand Rapids, has Engler's blessing.

Justice Clifford Taylor, 55, of East Lansing, is expected to run for the last two years of a term to which he was appointed (replacing the retired Dorothy Comstock Riley). No Democrat has announced for the post.

How to improve MEAP

Educators offer feedback on state tests

BY TIM RICHARD
 STAFF WRITER

One year the Riverside Middle School fifth graders scored 70 percent proficient on the Michigan Education Assessment Program writing test, and eighth graders scored 76 percent proficient.

Next year the fifth grade boosted its score to 78.7 percent and the eighth grade to 96.3 percent.

"We took those who weren't proficient and sent them to remediation for five days," writing teacher Judi Kulchar told a state House Education subcommittee March 9 in Dearborn Heights. "We diagnosed their weaknesses and remediated that. Only one parent refused (permission for remedial work)."

That remedial group consisted of about 44 fifth graders and 40 eighth graders of about 200 in each grade. "We gave them strategies in writing," she said, such as outlining, following through and sequence.

Kulchar said she wrote her own version of the MEAP writing test, calling it a "pre-MEAP. I did not copy anything.

It gives the kids practice. This is the way to go. If you want proficiency, you've got to spot it (problems) before."

"This year there were only 20 in remediation," Kulchar said.

Bill McFarland, assistant superintendent in Crestwood School District, told lawmakers that Kulchar conducted "extensive in-service programs for teachers" as the western Wayne County district boosted its MEAP scores.

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, asked whether she wasn't "teaching the test." No, she replied, because the district concentrated on teaching skills and remedying weaknesses, not teaching the test.

Added Sam Ewing, MEAP coordinator for the Wayne County Regional Service Agency (intermediate district): "We make sure we're not teaching the test but the curriculum behind the test."

Some throw up

But Paula Long, a Taylor district staff development coordinator for the science and writing MEAP tests, took a dim

view of the pressures put on kids by the whole testing process. She cited a suicide attempt, a runaway, gang incidents, and kids "so worried about taking the test they get sick and throw up."

A better evaluation of a school's performance, Long said, would be to ask kids: "Do you love to read? Do you love literature? Do you love art?"

"A lot of parents tell me their children aren't having fun in school any more," Long said.

Subcommittee chair Rose Bogardus, D-Davison, a former music teacher, agreed: "We've heard this in other schools - children are stressed out by MEAP."

Started by the state in 1969 and developed more fully in the 1980s and 1990s, MEAP rates children three times in reading, writing, science, math and soon social studies. MEAP tests are geared to measure student outcomes rather than how many hours a student sat in a class.

Bogardus' panel was following up on 1996 changes written into state law. The changes were designed to shorten the

tests, give faster feedback, and place them closer to the times when students were taking the appropriate courses.

How to improve

Kulchar and a group of administrators suggested improvements the state Department of Education could make:

■ Detroit gets its MEAP scores a week later than other districts. "That causes the media to distrust us. We have nothing to hide," said Bette McIntosh, a Detroit administrator.

■ "Cut" scores make many schools and kids look bad. They may be one point below a "proficient" rating, but the labels make them look as if they've flunked entirely, said McIntosh.

■ Some schools encourage all to take the MEAP tests while others freely grant exemptions and even solicit exemption requests from parents. Those with high rates of participation run the risk of poor overall scores.

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said it was the nature of the emergency service that dictated the fee be spent around the district to have the 911 system available.

"You can't send out a bill for each user of service," Essad said. When Doctoroff responded that that did not respond to question of whether the 911 charge was a user fee or a tax, Essad responded that the fee was collected to defray expenses.

Harretha Jarrett, Wayne County's attorney, concluded that the taxpayers' group had "no evidence...to overturn the lower court."

The appellate court can rule on the issues at any time.

Rose Bogaert, chair of the Wayne County Taxpayers Association, hoped the panel would rule in favor of her organization. She calls 911 a "necessary and admirable service" but disagrees with the way the surcharge was imposed on county residents.

"It's illegal without a vote. It's a tax, not a fee."

"The Legislature passed a law that is unconstitutional. Nobody should be allowed to levy a tax without a vote of the people."

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

A state Court of Appeals panel has upheld a law merging Detroit Recorder's Court with Wayne County Circuit Court.

The law took effect last Oct. 1. The 29 incumbent recorder's judges, who heard only criminal cases, became circuit judges. They now hear civil and family cases as well as criminal cases.

The 29 judges may fill out the terms of the Detroit court to which they were elected, but then must run countywide to keep their posts, the state law says.

"We find that the manner in which the Legislature provided

The appellate panel found Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Richard D. Kuhn lacked standing to file the suit because he "cannot establish that he will suffer an injury or that there is a likely chance of immediate injury different from the public ..."

for the election to fill the newly-created Wayne Circuit Court judgeships was within the discretion recognized by the Supreme Court," said appellate Judge Hilda Gage, Maureen Pulte Reilly and Kathleen Jansen.

"Plaintiffs have not, under the

circumstances, established that the Legislature has exceeded its constitutional authority," they added.

Loser was Oakland Circuit Judge Richard D. Kuhn, who in 1961-62 was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention that designed the court system. Rul-

ing against him was a former Oakland Circuit Court colleague, Gage.

The appellate panel found Kuhn lacked standing to file the suit because he "cannot establish that he will suffer an injury or that there is a likely chance of immediate injury different from the public ..."

"Judge Kuhn, as an Oakland County resident, is neither a Wayne County resident, a voter registered in Wayne County, nor a potential candidate for one of those 29 newly-created judgeships."

"Furthermore, his status as an Oakland County Circuit Court

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Tests now given in mid-January should be moved back to March, said Kulchar, because "that Christmas break is a killer."

In one history test question, the founder of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals banged together the heads of two drivers who had treated animals badly. Jerry Maiorano, a Warren Consolidated district administrator, said, "I take offense. Violence was taught."

Students' socioeconomic and family backgrounds influence test results, said Maiorano. So do pupil-teacher ratios, teacher experience, teachers with master's degrees and other factors. Test results should be correlated with these factors instead of being reported raw. "District to district comparisons cannot and should not be reported," he said.

County administrator would

be helped if they could receive more than just test numbers. "I would like to see the (scorers') annotations on about 20 tests with a range of scores," said Wayne RESA's Ewing.

Some questions are poorly written. Crestwood's McFarland blistered a social studies question with a map of the Underground Railroad in Michigan, the routes used to smuggle slaves out of the pre-Civil War South. Detroit is shown as a point, but the map fails to indicate whether Detroit is a point or origin or a destination. One question asks why Michigan was such an important part of the Underground Railroad. The answer was that it was close to Canada, "but the map doesn't even show Canada!" McFarland said.

Jim Orme, a Romulus science teacher, said a geology

question discusses a spring and groundwater. "Most of our kids have city water," he said.

Orme said test results fail to show how many times a student was absent from class. "Our (teachers') heads are on the chopping block," he said. "A lot of kids go on Christmas vacation and can't remember their locker numbers when they come back."

Bogardus said her subcommittee has concluded its hearings and will write a report to the Legislature.

Meanwhile, if there was any doubt the MEAP tests are gaining in importance, a legislative proposal shows they're here to stay. On the House calendar is HB 5096, which would require the Michigan Higher Assistance Authority to consider MEAP high school scores in granting college scholarships.

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Mrs. Thompson died March 6 in Oakwood Hospital Dearborn. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: husband, Rodney; son, Jason; brother, John Carnes; sisters, Claire Ambrose, Mary Day and Darlene Vezina.

EDWIN B. BISSETT

Funeral services for Edwin Bissett, 85, of Westland were March 7 in Uht Funeral Home. Cremation rites were accorded. Officiating was the Rev. Robert McDonald.

Mr. Bissett died March 5 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. He was a mechanic.

Surviving are: wife, Hazel Bissett; son, Edwin Jr.; daughter, Phyllis Taylor; six brothers; four sisters; eight grandchildren; 19

great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Bissett was preceded in death by his daughter, Leora. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice.

VERA LEE CARYL

Funeral services for Vera Lee Caryl, 92, of Plymouth were Thursday, March 12, in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Jerome K.

Smith of First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Caryl, who died March 9 in Plymouth, was born in Caseville, Mich. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: daughter, Mary Humphrey of Garden City; four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Mrs. Caryl was preceded in death by her husband, Tom.

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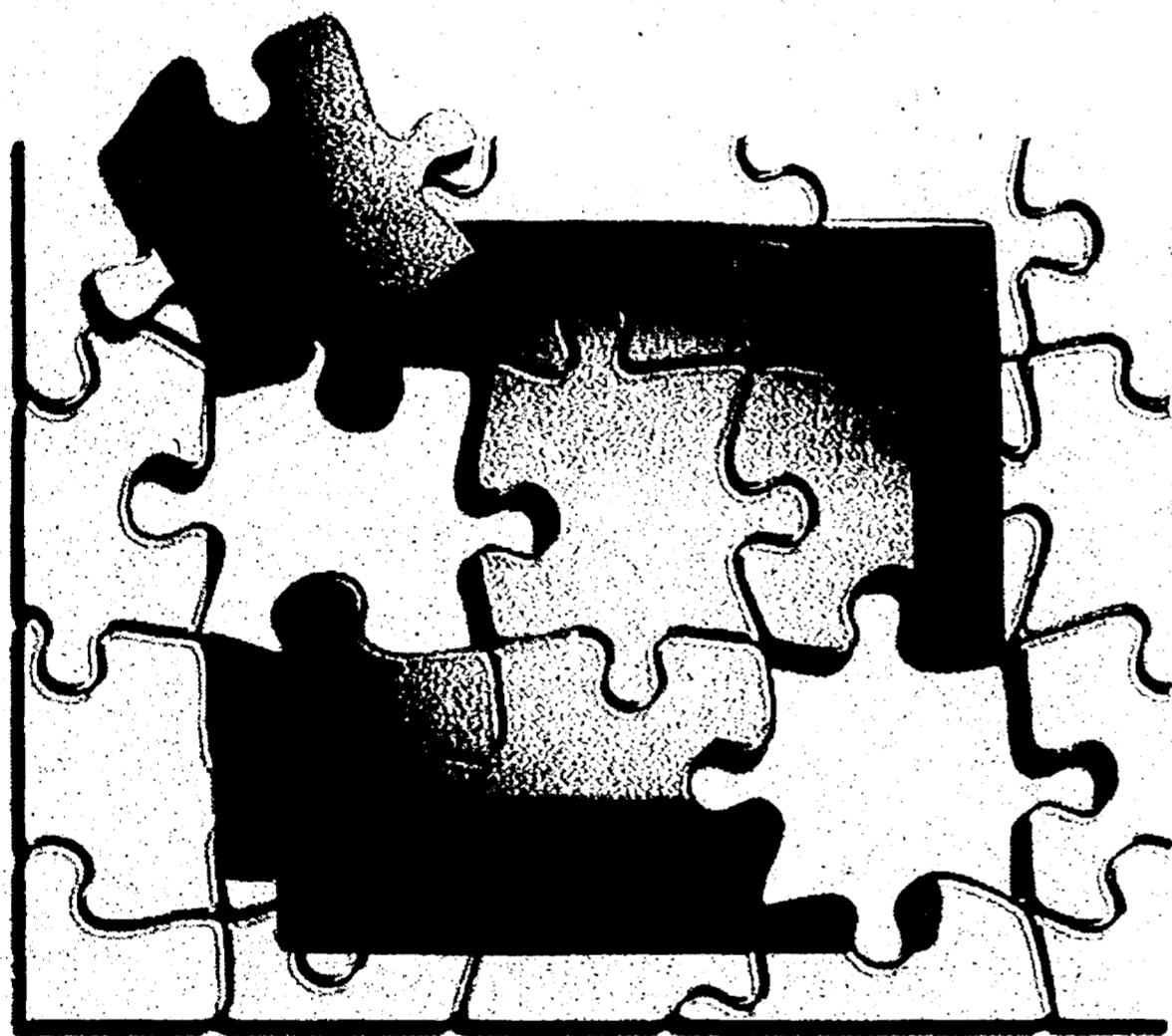
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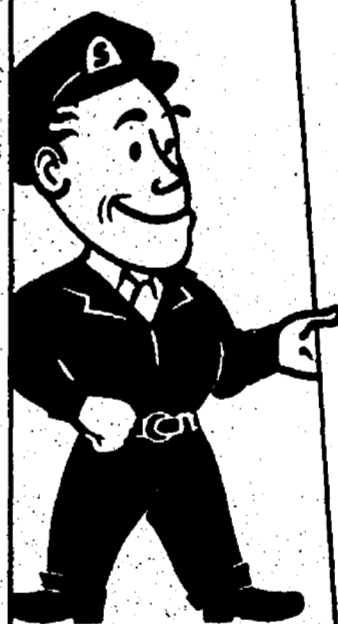
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Judge does not grant him standing because this statute does not dilute the power or integrity of his position."

Kuhn rebuked
The appellate panel even bawled out Kuhn and friends for filing his case so late in the game. "Plaintiffs waited for almost one year after the statute was passed to allege that it was unconstitutional. They filed their complaint three months before the effective date of the merger, after much of the work necessary to effect the merger had been accomplished."

"Even after the circuit court (Judge Robert Colombo Jr.) issued its opinion and order, plaintiffs waited two weeks to file an emergency motion for leave to appeal, which was filed only 12 days before the merger took place." For more than 140 years, Detroit was the only city in Michigan to have its own crimi-

nal court. In the other 82 counties, criminal cases were decided by countywide circuit court judges and juries.

Gov. John Engler, fighting the growing number of courts and costs, threatened in 1993 to veto all new judgeships until the Legislature worked out better ways to deploy resources. Merging Recorder's and Wayne Circuit courts was one of several legislative responses.

Kuhn and two other plaintiffs hired attorney Lawrence Bunting to challenge the law on two grounds:

First, they objected that the Legislature transferred judges of the limited jurisdiction Recorder's Court to the general jurisdiction Wayne Circuit Court.

Second, they said the 29 new circuit judges should be elected by voters rather than transferred from the lower court. The Court of Appeals, howev-

er, looked into "Convention Commitment" from the 1961-62 convention and found the Legislature may abolish statutory courts (such as recorder's) to transfer their duties elsewhere.

Kuhn has filed a similar suit in U.S. District Court for eastern Michigan.

Reason for hope?
But at one point, the Court of Appeals gave Kuhn reason to hope the state Supreme Court might find in his favor. It cited a 1974 opinion which upheld grandfathering in Berkley municipal judges as state district judges.

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Safe boating

State lawmakers consider bill package that toughens safety laws for young boaters

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Young boat and personal watercraft operators will have to pass tests, be closely supervised and obey stricter safety laws under a package of bills heading to the House of Representatives.

Details aren't final. For example, Rep. Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, wants to clean up rules about operating boats in narrow channels where divers are at work.

The bills require 200-foot clearance on either side of a diving marker, said Brown, but what if the channel is narrower than 400 feet?

After a three-hour meeting March 4, the House Conservation Committee moved the bills to the House floor with the possibility that many amendments still could be made. Chairman Tom Alley, D-West Branch, explained why.

"We have an agreement with the Senate (committee). They won't let our bills go through unless there's action on theirs."

The bills are on the calendar and could be voted on this week.

The Michigan Boating Industries Association opposed the bills, arguing that "the need to create a license for operation has never been statistically substantiated or proven to increase safe-

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ty."

But Rep. Jessie Dalman, R-Holland, sponsor of two of the bills, prevailed when she argued: "Of the U.S. boating fatalities in 1992, 40 percent involved operators with no formal boating safety instruction." Her bills would require young motorboat operators to pass a course and carry a certificate.

Patrick McCullough, former state senator from Dearborn, said on behalf of boat manufacturers that the Michigan bills are "very close" to national model bills the industry is promoting.

McCullough also favored use of videotape instruction for youngsters in rural areas who can't get parental transportation to formal boat safety classes.

Sharolyn Zagurny, an Oakland deputy representing Sheriff John Nichols, voiced strong support for "educating more students" on boat safety. Oakland has 450 lakes.

Dalman's House Bills 4247

and 4248 cover motorboats. Here are some main provisions as of March 4:

■ Effective this May 22, a person 19 or younger would have to pass a mandatory safety course. (The bill's earlier version placed the age at 30 and younger.)

■ No fee may be charged for the course or certificate. (McCullough argued for a small fee.)

■ A person under age 14 may not operate a motorboat without a boating safety certificate and supervision of someone 16 or older, and the motor is under 35 horsepower.

■ Persons 14-17 may operate a motorboat if they possess a boating safety certificate issued after taking a safety course. The operator must carry the certificate and present it on demand to a peace officer. Peace officers may stop an operator for "probable cause" but not just to check for safety certificates.

■ Youngsters 7 and under must wear type I or II life jackets that will hold their heads above water even if they are unconscious.

A separate bill, HB 5426, governs personal watercraft, or "jet skis," and is sponsored by Rep. William Callahan, D-St. Clair Shores. Its main provisions:

■ Persons 19 and under must complete a boating safety course and carry a certificate. Operators, passengers and persons they tow must wear life jackets.

■ Hours are confined to 9 a.m. to one hour before sunset.

■ PWC operators may not cross within 150 feet behind another vessel, operate in waters less than 2 feet deep, weave through traffic, jump the wake of another vessel, or play "chicken."

■ PWC operators must observe a "slow - no wake" speed limit within 100 feet of a dock or raft.

■ They may not operate within 200 feet of a submerged diver or underwater diving activities that display the international diving insignia.

Refer to House Bills 4247, 4248 and 5426 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

Madonna to host open house

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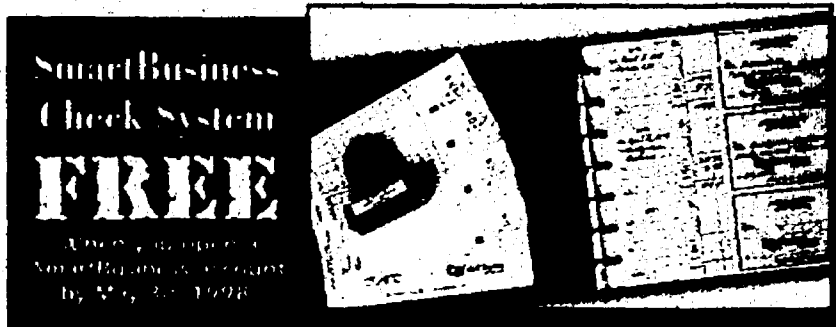
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Get moving Pension issue needs study

Time is slipping away, and the city pension issue is yet to be studied. In January, a divided Westland City Council chose to avoid a decision on changing the city's pension system for elected officials, by sending the issue to a study committee.

That committee was named, but as of last week had yet to meet to study the issue. While we know this is an issue some city officials would like to sweep under the rug, we think our elected officials owe it to Westland's taxpayers to at least look at the issue.

We don't understand the delay in the committee holding meetings, but we want to urge the committee to meet before the city becomes entrenched in city budget talks in April.

The pension issue erupted at a January city council meeting. Councilmen Richard LeBlanc and Glenn Anderson questioned Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin's pension which could reach \$49,000. Griffin gained full-time credit for years of part-time service to the city because he once held a full-time job.

This resulted in council members attacking each other, but didn't bring any results. Council members should push these personal

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vendettas aside and work on the issue at hand.

It seems to us there must be some way to overhaul the system in an effort to curb this type of extra-credit pension. As one resident pointed out in January, many people working in the private sector can expect far less in their pension checks even after more than 20 years of full-time work.

Why should city service be so much more lucrative?

While the current debate wouldn't change pensions already established, if an agreeable solution is reached it could result in savings in later years for the city's taxpayers.

That seems worth at least the time to study it. We urge the council committee to meet and discuss this issue - the sooner the better.

Happy Birthday, SEMCOG

If you look at a multi-colored map of southeast Michigan, you see seven counties and some 400 municipal governments, not to mention scores of school districts.

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But in fact, those 400-plus municipalities - ranging from large urbanized cities to small villages and rural townships - are linked together by a series of geographical, historical and social factors.

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All this comes to mind with the 30th anniversary this year of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, which was born in controversy and has matured into a responsive organization helping plan the present and future of the sprawling region.

Regionalism was born with a 1964 federal highway act that required metropolitan areas to do multi-community planning in order to obtain highway money. This region's response was TALUS (Transportation and Land Use Study).

The Metropolitan Fund Inc., a private non-profit regional affairs organization, was a key player and through money and staffing it created SEMCOG.

Initially, SEMCOG was viewed by many local officials as "big brother government" in a move to supersede the responsibilities of local officials.

Those fears never materialized. Over the years, SEMCOG has provided more information and cooperation to local officials as well as a voice on how the region should approach long-range, mutual problems.

Some of the problems facing the region in 1968 when the organization was formed are still with us today. But at least officials on all levels of government are better equipped to study the problems, analyze information, dis-

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uss alternatives and come up with an action plan.

When a motorist struggles in a traffic jam while trying to commute from Westland to Troy, the person isn't thinking "locally." The motorist wants a solution to the traffic gridlock - and SEMCOG, working with the county road commissions and state transportation department, is in a position to help.

With the recent flooding in many communities following heavy rain, SEMCOG has the ability to work with drain commissioners and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in coming up with plans to alleviate the problem.

Although SEMCOG has less success in slowing down the urban sprawl of non-connected subdivisions across seven counties, the organization's accomplishments far outweigh its failures.

In reflecting on the history of SEMCOG, the Observer hopes that the four million-plus residents in the region appreciate its efforts. In the long run, SEMCOG has clearly been a major factor in improving the quality of life for everyone in the region.

On Ice



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMLEY

Give it a whirl: The Westland Whirlettes precision ice skating team practices at the Westland Sports Arena in Westland. The award-winning skaters practice weekly and perform in competitions across the region.

LETTERS

A sincere thank you

The day before New Year's Eve, I was admitted to Garden City Hospital for a very unexpected surgery, which took place New Year's Eve.

I have heard so many grumbles regarding care, food, etc., and during the time I was a patient I had time to reflect on the many times I had been a patient and also when my husband had been a patient.

I have always been grateful for the care I have had. This last time I felt even more grateful to Dr. Richard Spinale and to Dr. Stephen Goldfarb and their staff, to the nurses in I.C.U. and the nurses following I.C.U. For without all of the care I had following this last surgery I would not be writing this thank you today.

God bless each of you.

Hilda M. Scott
Westland

for about three hours. They said Dearborn, which is one mile from us, is a Detroit exchange. So each time we used AOL it was an out-of-zone call. The phone company said this is our problem and we have to pay the bill.

This is a problem that has to be corrected. I know a few people who have also done this same thing. We cannot afford a \$575 phone bill because of a misprint or a mislead on setting up the AOL program on our computer.

There is no set distance which will let you know what is local or out of zone. There is no information about it in the phone book. There is no warning to you on the screen when you set this program up. It will take months to pay for all this. We shut off the phone line, which isn't even paid for yet, and canceled AOL. Do you know what it is like to take this away from children when all their friends have it, and they just got it?

There are millions of people out there who have AOL. How many of them has this happened to? I personally know a few. I hope something can be done about this so it doesn't happen to many more people.

Laurie Dimmitt
Westland

Computer calls costly

We got a computer for Christmas and decided to put America On Line on it. We had the phone company come out and put a phone line to the computer. We set it up to have 400 calls a month at \$17 a month. When we put this through it tells you on the screen to pick a local phone number. We live in Westland and the closest one on the screen was Dearborn so we picked this one. Each time we used AOL the call was supposed to go through Dearborn.

I have two children who just loved it. They went on AOL in the chat rooms everyday and met other people their age from all over the United States. About a week later we called the phone company to ask what this is going to cost us. They said it would be \$17 a month for 400 calls. I asked friends how much this costs. They said it was only a local call each time we used it. So we let the children go on AOL whenever they wanted.

One month later, we got our bill from Ameritech for \$575. My bill said all the calls went through Detroit which was out of zone for us. We called AOL which said we would have to take this up with the phone company. This was on their set-up screen, but they said it's not their problem. We called the phone company and talked to three different people

Sewage pumps up value?

We just received a statement from the city of Westland announcing that our house has increased assessment by \$5,000. (Now we all know what assessment equals - higher taxes, right!) Anyhow, if I had known that raw sewage in my basement would increase the value of my house, I wouldn't have flushed for the last 40 years. My house would be worth a million dollars today.

Beatrice Scalise
Westland

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Westland



"They've been doing a pretty good job... Warren is a bit patchy."
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Garden City



"Cherry Hill."
Anette Wolak
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"Probably Wayne."
Jimmy Johnson
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We asked this question at the Westland post office.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Deer Up North pick, choose at Marie's 'restaurant'

When I bought my piece of heaven Up North, the cost of my weekly grocery bill jumped: \$50 for food for me, \$25 for corn kernels for the neighborhood deer.

Practically the first thing I did when I got there was tie a wooden box around the apple tree in the backyard.

It didn't take long for the local deer to find out that this was a new, fine place to dine. For months, I was deep in deer heaven.

Then came the day I looked around my back yard and decided I needed some gardens. So I dug turf, hauled dirt, huffed and puffed and sweated, and one day I had these tidy little spots to plant my vegetables.

I imagined tomatoes planted in some of those spots and relished every one long before they were ever planted. Then it struck me - these were near the spots my beloved deer

danced and dallied on.

I was heartsick, first for my imaginary tomato plants that would get trampled on, then for the growing conviction that I had to backtrack and uninvite my deer to dinner.

That was a tough one. I had fallen for Big Mama, who visited me sometimes alone, sometimes with her spotted twins. I'd turn a corner, come unexpectedly upon her at the feeding box, and sit down quietly just to watch her eat. When the last kernel was gone, she'd shake her head, snort, and strut off into the ferns without so much as a "thank you, ma'am." All I'd see is the swish of her white-tufted tail.

But I knew what I had to do, if I wanted to have gardens. So one day I cut down the feeding box, all the while rationalizing that this was the right thing to do. It was for their own good. They had to learn to fend for themselves.



MARIE CHESTNEY

But shutting down my diner did not make me happy. I felt I had betrayed them in my ignorance, first by welcoming them in, then by slamming the door shut.

If hope springs eternal, it also springs eternal in the animal kingdom. Big Mama continued to come to the tree. She'd sniff, glance at the house, paw around a bit, and then slowly move on.

After a while, I rarely saw her. The next year, I planted my toma-

atoes. One day I spotted a blush of pink on one of them. The next day, the pink tomato was gone. Hmmm, I thought. Must have been my imagination.

The next day, all - and I mean all - my green tomatoes turned up missing.

Thunderstruck, I stormed to my neighbors. What would someone do with a pile of green tomatoes?

"Someone stole my green tomatoes," I howled to my neighbor. He must have thought I was one sentence shy of accusing him, for he quickly blurted, "I didn't take them."

I rechecked the tomato patch. The ground around the plants was riddled with hoofprints.

The brazen thief returned at dusk. She waltzed up to the plants, stuck her nose into each one of them (still burping, I guess) and wandered off when she found not a one.

Next year, I'll have a big bag of

dirty tricks to fight my backyard battle. There'll be clanging pie tins, reeking soap, smashed garlic and red hot goop to smear on twigs and branches. I'll even encircle my tomatoes with onions.

When the deer meet to decide where to dine for dinner, I'm determined that they'll say: "Forget Chestney's. Her place stinks."

Will my dirty tricks work? I don't know.

Was I right two years ago, pre-garden, when I welcomed deer with open arms and made life easier for them?

Or am I right now, having learned the wisdom known for centuries by farmers, that crops must be protected from animals, if humans are to eat?

It's a dilemma now being faced across the U.S. as the deer population continues to thrive and multiply.

Marie Chestney is a staff writer for the Livonia Observer. She treasures her time spent Up North in Michigan.

Ameritech workers victims of 'business as usual'

"Your Feb. 26 column," said the caller, "said Ameritech had three options (to settle a customer lawsuit). Option B was to lay off another 1,560 employees. Well, it looks like they're taking Option B."

My column closed by saying: "The only question is whether Ameritech will cover the \$78 million by a) cutting its dividend, b) axing another 1,560 workers or c) cutting the executive payroll and bonuses. I vote for c." Ameritech chose b.

The caller was Anne Lovrenich, a Howell resident and 18-year Ameritech Michigan employee. She used to work in Livonia until that operation was closed, and she was transferred to Lansing.

Her message: Last week, Ameritech told 395 workers in the Lansing customer care center their office would be closed by June 1. At the same time, Ameritech Wisconsin

axed 399 workers. That's almost 800 workers, already half of what I had predicted.

Customer care workers handle your changes of address, requests for change of phone numbers and long-distance provider requests. Lovrenich and her friends are pondering demonstrations and transfers to other states.

One doubts Ameritech's business judgment because the staff had just received new computers, training in same, new chairs and a new batch of hires - a strange series of steps for a company about to trash 395 people.

My Feb. 26 column was about the class action lawsuit in Madison County, Ill., circuit court that Ameritech was proposing to settle for \$76.1 million to Line Backer customers and \$1.9 million for their attorneys' fees.

In it, I made one small mistake. I said all Line Backer customers must

file a claim to get their money. Actually, current Line Backer customers will get theirs automatically. Only former Line Backer customers must file a claim.

They must use the "proof of claim" form, write out their name address, zip code, Ameritech telephone number with a signature and mail it, along with a copy of a bill showing a Line Backer charge, to: Ameritech/State Bell Companies IWMS Settlement; PO Box 9454; Garden City, N.Y. 11530-9454.

Thanks to the callers who pointed it out. Most thanked me for bringing the settlement to their attention. "You're the only one noticed it," said a gentleman from Birmingham and a lady from Brighton.

I missed that fine point because it was the last paragraph in a notice of more than 4,000 words printed on both sides of a 6 1/2-by-12-inch sheet.

The type was half as high as this newspaper's type, and half as wide - therefore, about 25 percent of the size our type. Ameritech designed the legal notice, under court order, to discourage readership.

In my February phone bill was an advertisement for Voice Mail 98. It was on a 7-by-9-1/2-inch sheet with fewer than 200 words. Compare that with a 4,000-word payout notice on a similar sheet.

My State Capitol press room mailbox is so full of attacks on Ameritech that I junk most, but I saved two recent ones:

The Michigan Competitive Telecommunications Providers Association has a long list of complaints against Ameritech's blocking of competition. I cite just one: "Ameritech's charging of \$100 per hour 'escort fees' when competitors must enter leased space in an Ameritech central office."



TIM RICHARD

Attorney General Frank Kelley complains that Ameritech, instead of fixing its 911 emergency system mess in Southfield, has gone to the state Court of Appeals to overturn a Public Service Commission order requiring a fix. Kelley summed it up: "Ameritech has chosen to focus its time and resources on court battles instead of helping to protect the public."

There is more about how Ameritech prefers to hire lawyers to bleed plaintiffs to death in the appellate courts, but it must wait for another day.

Tim Richard's voice mail number is (734) 953-2045, Ext. 1881.

News story hits close to home

From time to time, I devote this column to examples of how hometown newspapers make a big difference in the daily lives of our readers in ways that other news media can't. Here's another example:

Last December, the 30 or so senior citizens who for some 20 years have been playing pinochle every Monday morning in Fire Station No. 4 in West Bloomfield faced eviction. The township Parks and Recreation Department told the group it would have to move its weekly game to the Recreation Activities Center.

Enter the West Bloomfield Eccentric, part of the HomeTown Communications Network. Staff writer Greg Kowalski heard about the problem and started asking questions.

How come the senior pinochle group had to move? Since 1990, the township has had a policy of not renting space to groups not directly associated with township operations. (Rent, in this case, was \$7.50 a week.)

Did the seniors want to move? Certainly not. The Recreation Activities Center, near Town Hall, is a long way, according to Joan Feldman, spokeswoman for the group. "Many of us are unable to drive that far. And none are adjacent to where they can be picked up by buses."

So the matter went to the West Bloomfield Township Board. Kowalski covered the meetings.

Renting space to the pinochle-playing seniors could force the township into renting space to all kinds of terrible groups, some trustees said.

"I'm not willing to open up that policy. It could snowball," said one township trustee. "If we set a precedent to allow a private group to use township facilities, we have a number of groups who want to use Town Hall. It would be difficult to deny them," said another. To such minds, proper public policy is to be determined by precedent, not by common-sense fairness.

Like elected officials the world over, others disagreed. "Why couldn't an exemption be allowed?" asked another trustee.

"This group has been in existence since prior to the policy. I think it's an isolated group, and I don't see it coming back to bite us. They're even willing to pay rent."

And like program managers the world over, township parks and rec officials asserted consolidating the pinochle game into the Recreation Activities Center was good for the seniors. "It's always been our goal to have senior citizen programs under one roof. For the good of the senior program, they are much better off centrally located," explained one official.

Late in December, the township board decided that the Monday morning pinochle game could stay in Fire Station No. 4, at least until



PHILIP POWER

the next March. But a continuing power struggle on the township board has paralyzed most local business, including where the pinochle game was to take place.

So in February, the pinochle players went on the offensive. As Kowalski's story put it, "The 30 or so club members have been going door-to-door and standing at shopping centers collecting signatures of support. They have 300 so far and expect to have 600 by the March meeting of the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission."

And what happened? Ta, da! The commission decided the Monday morning pinochle club could stay put in Fire Station No. 4 for the duration. Parks and rec will pay the \$7.50 a week rent for use of the space. But the authorities will not have a program coordinator on site, and the seniors will be responsible for providing their own refreshments and for setup and cleanup.

As in the world over, the combination of a bunch of citizens grumpy at pettifogging governmental rules, hundreds of petitions and extensive coverage in the local newspaper got results.

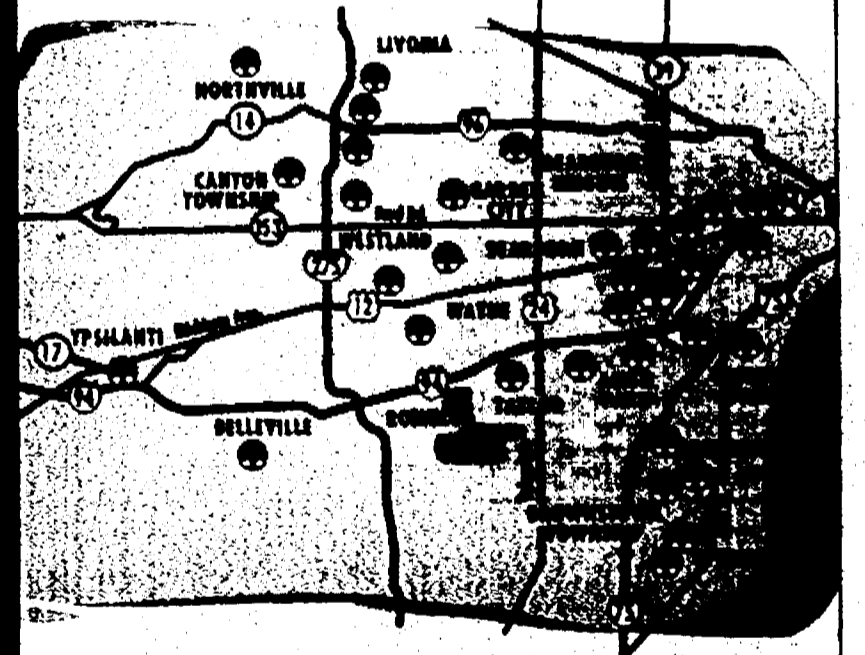
Is this a big deal, the kind that will change for ever the course of Michigan history? Of course not.

But the course of history ultimately is determined by the outcomes of millions and millions of little deals just like this one. Certainly, for the seniors who have been playing pinochle on Monday mornings in Fire Hall No. 4, staying put was a big deal.

And it's exactly the job of home town newspapers like this one to contribute to countless deals - whether you think them big or little - because they are relevant and therefore important to the daily lives of our readers. It's a wonderful job!

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@coonline.com

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Call ahead for Metro parking lot information

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Air travelers are advised to call Detroit Metro Airport to check on parking conditions before driving to the airport.

Airport officials cited increases in pleasure travel during school winter breaks — coupled with the normal business travel — creating crowded parking conditions at the airport.

"Airport staff has researched the mid-winter break schedules of the public schools and the

spring break schedules of the colleges and universities," said David Katz, airport director. "We expect demand will remain heavy from now throughout the Easter holiday period (April 12)."

Barbara Hogan, airport spokeswoman, said air travel has increased over the past two years.

"We're seeing a lot more families flying," Hogan said. "Fares are affordable and their time together is at a premium."

While parking is available

■ Detroit Metro's parking hot line is staffed 24 hours a day

most of the time, Wednesdays and particularly Thursdays, are peak periods and parking can reach capacity. Local passengers are advised to call the airport's parking hot line at (800) 642-1978 before leaving for the airport.

Parking conditions change,

Hogan said. "We have the parking management firm monitoring the surface lots in the deck. They monitor changes constantly. If five vehicles leave a full lot, they will let five in. If the lot is full, customers will be directed to the next lot."

"We don't want them to be sit-

ting in a line in their cars waiting for a place in a parking lot."

Airport management has opened two overflow lots. A red lot is located east of the east service drive in a corner of the airport near the rental cars. A blue lot is located almost directly across the street from the red lot, on the west side of the service drive.

Detroit Metro's parking hot line is staffed 24 hours a day. Callers can ask for up-to-minute parking information and learn

which lots are open and available. Those staffers do not have flight information, which is available by calling the airlines.

Calling ahead will give customers time to arrange other rides to the airport if necessary. Airport officials are recommending that, during this busy time, domestic passengers arrive at the airport at least two hours in advance of their scheduled departure. International departing passengers should allow three hours.

Ex-gov to address new group for young Democrats

James Blanchard, former Michigan governor and former U.S. ambassador to Canada, will speak at the inaugural speaker's forum on Saturday of the Young Democrats of the 13th Congressional District.

Blanchard will speak on "The Role Young People Can Play and Contributions Young People Can Make to Public Service and Public Policy." Young people between the ages of 18 and 35 are invited to attend.

The forum is scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. at Washtenaw Community College in the College Theater - Liberal Arts Building, 4800 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at 9:30 a.m.

Blanchard currently is practicing law in Michigan and Washington, D.C., and is a partner in the Washington firm of Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand. Blanchard recently formed a political action committee called Next Century Michigan in an attempt to stimulate future leadership in the state of Michigan.

The 13th District Young Democrats have instituted a speaker's forum to contribute to public discourse within our community to encourage young people to engage in public service.

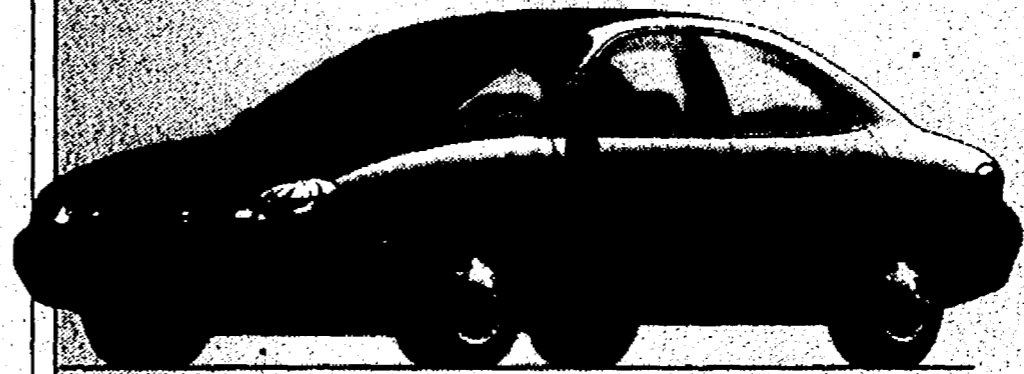
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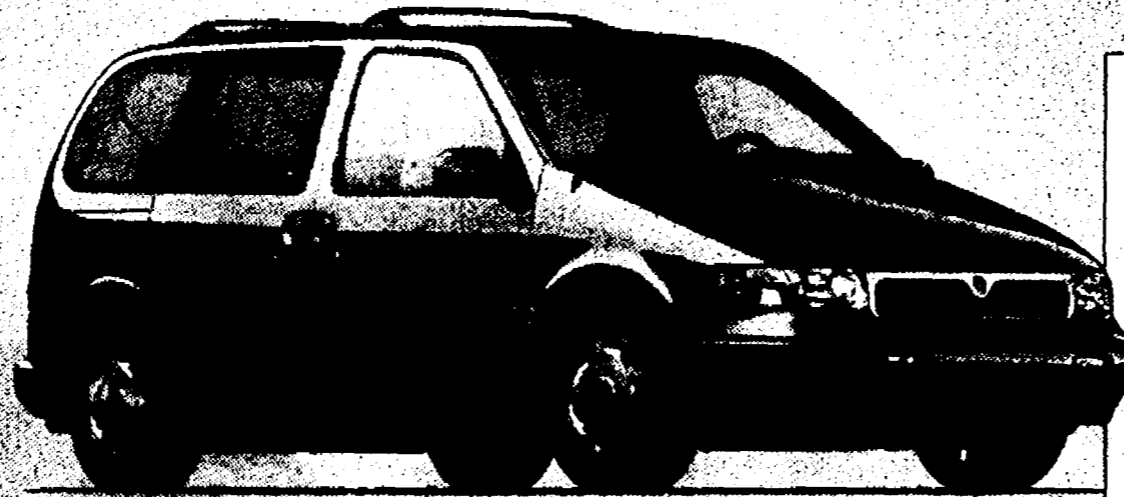
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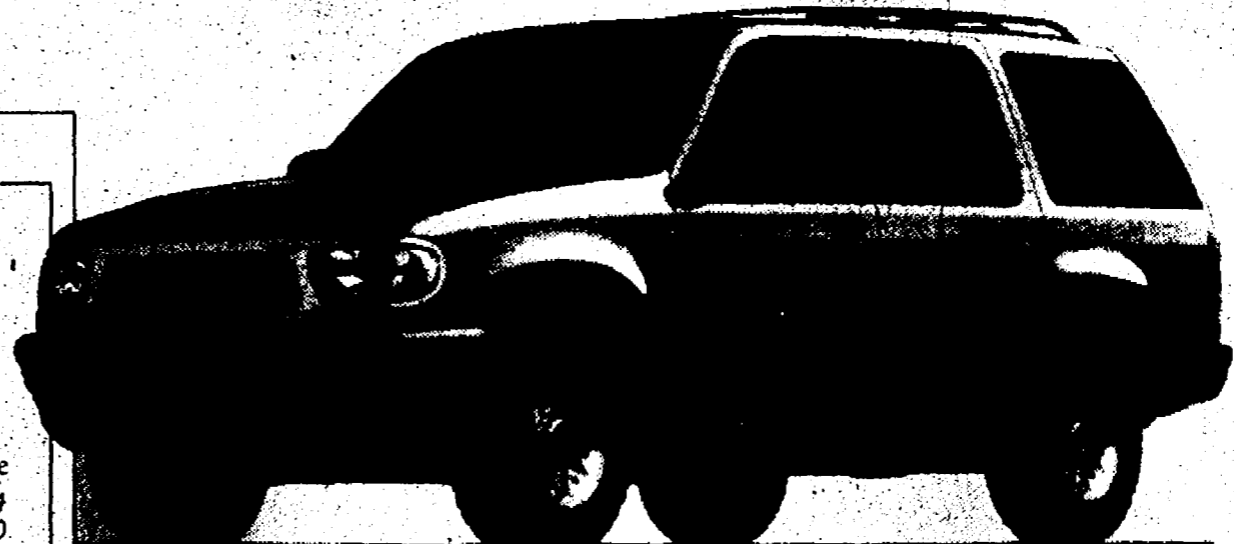
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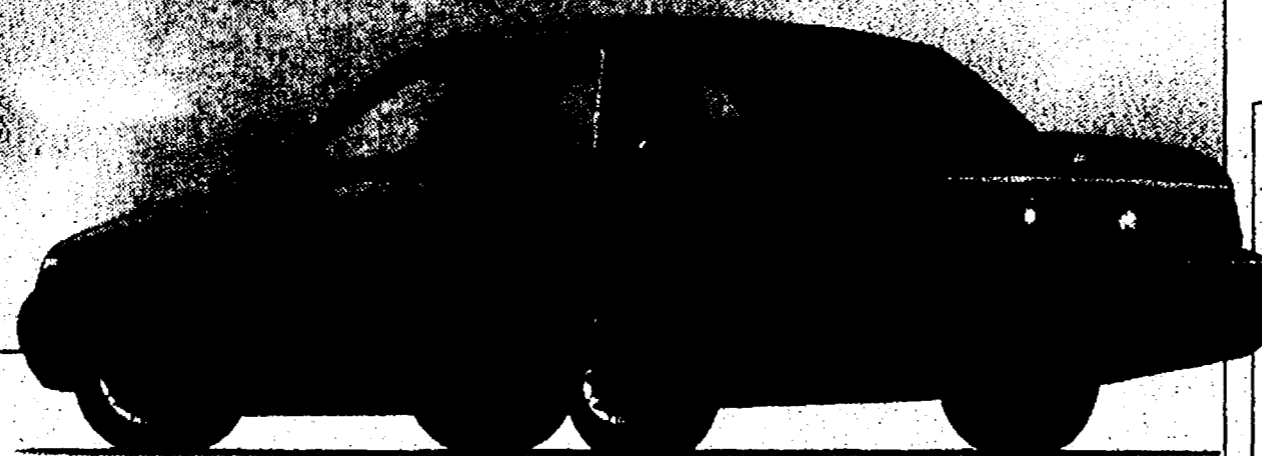
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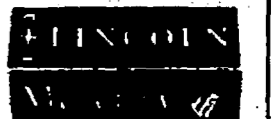
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JANET TROST

Similarities between teens, 2-year-olds

As a new mom, I can remember gently holding my newborn baby, feeling great joy and hope for the future. But I encountered friends, family members and strangers who warned me to enjoy my baby now because when she turned 2 she wouldn't be so easy. I refused to heed their warnings, believing that my child would be different.

Then she began to grow and have a mind of her own. As she approached 2, I realized that even the best of intentions could not prevent us from experiencing the challenges that come from a child growing. And as she approached the teen years, we again encountered strains on our relationship as she worked toward adulthood.

These very dilemmas of independence versus dependence between a parent and child result in the complex experience of the terrific twos and teens.

"I can do it myself ... but I might need you to lend a hand."

Around the age of 2, your child begins to learn that he is capable of acting independently of you. This knowledge is a cause for celebration and a source of fear. He may rejoice while darting away from you in the mall to hide under clothes racks until he is overcome with fear that you may not find him.

In many ways, a teen experiences the same phenomena. She feels independent as she prepares for her first day of summer camp, but then wants you to stay with her until she has checked in, found her bed and met her camp counselor.

The terrific twos and teens are challenging, but they are also times of tremendous growth and cause for celebration. With every new achievement, your children gain confidence and a stronger sense of their own abilities. However, the accompanying defiance of these periods in your child's life can cause struggles, and so I recommend the following guidelines for survival.

"Just say no" to saying "no." As you attempt to set limits for rebellious 2-year-olds and teens, you may feel like the "bad guy." Avoid this guilt by giving children choices rather than saying "no."

Say that your 13-year-old son and his dad built a skating rink in the back yard, and the neighborhood boys play hockey every day after school. One day, you won't be home. You've always held a "no friends without parents" rule.

Suggest to your son that he can have only one trusted friend over for hockey or that he makes arrangements with a nearby adult neighbor to provide supervision. Perhaps your son will have some acceptable options as well.

Toddlers also want choices. Your little one can decide if she wants to wear the red shirt or the blue shirt, or wants a story or a song before napping.

By giving your children choices you will not find yourself always having to say "no" to their requests.

Choose your battles. Decide which issues are worth fighting for, and let go of some of the other concerns. Whether or not your 2-year-old dismantles his peanut butter and jelly sandwich before eating may not be as important as whether or not he jumps up and down in the slippery bathtub.

Your daughter and son piercing their ears may not be worth fighting about, but insisting on school and homework is important. By deciding what is truly important, you send a clear message to your child while preventing every interaction between the two of you from resulting in conflict.

Set clear limits on expected behavior. During the toddler and teen years of your child's life, there is tremendous confusion. Children want to grow up and feel scared at times. They will rely on you to be their

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12 plus 1 ways to overcome your superstitions

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Triskaidekaphobes should take tip from psychic medium Wendy Fraser-Bailey.

She doesn't fear the number 13 or Friday the 13th. Fraser-Bailey said she believes 13 gets a bad rap.

"Thirteen is the luckiest day of the year. People spend too much energy fretting over the number 13. It's always been a lucky number for me," said Fraser-Bailey, who works at Mystiques West in Westland Center.

The good news for Fraser-Bailey is that there are three Friday the 13ths this year. One - in February - has already passed, but there's still ones in March and November to go.

The Friday the 13th hat trick reflects the changes that Fraser-Bailey sees in 1998.

"There's a lot of changes going on this year with the planets like with El Nino. It's a nine year in numerology. The Friday the 13ths being here has a lot to do with resembling those changes."

In the spirit of Fraser-Bailey's thoughts, here are 13 things to do on Friday the 13th to keep your spirits up.

ONE

Adopt a black cat. As of Tuesday, March 10, the Michigan Humane Society's Westland Shelter at 37255 Marquette had two black and white cats available - the closest you'll get to black. According to James Byrne, the branch's assistant manager, black cats make great pets: "A lot of black cats are a lot sweeter; that's just my own personal opinion." For more information, call (734) 721-7300.

TWO

Rent or see horror films. A good choice is "Scream" or its sequel "Scream 2," both of which purposely inject humor into the plots.

THREE

Scare your friends. Visit a local costume shop, rent a "Jason" mask and sneak up on a buddy. At least you'll get a good laugh.

FOUR

Carry a good luck charm. Search through the numerous knick-knack stores around the area to find a good luck charm and carry it around on Friday. Remember - rabbit's feet are un-



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

Where it all started is unclear

The fear of 13 has long been a superstition, but its roots are vague.

According to Compton's Encyclopedia, it is based in religion. At the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples, there were 13 persons, one of whom was Judas, the traitor.

The avoidance of black cats also religion-based. During the Middle Ages, it was believed that witches could turn themselves into black cats.

Wendy Fraser-Bailey, a psychic medium at Mystiques West in Westland, related a similar story. In the Middle Ages, there was a goddess named Fria who was a practicing

witch. Every Friday, she and 11 fellow witches would form a circle.

At one of the cult meetings, a witch gave her a cat. Because cats are "very unpeople like" they considered this cat a witch as well. Therefore, the circle expanded from 12 to 13 witches.

"Friday is considered an unlucky day anyway so by having to put the number 13 makes it doubly unlucky. What they have found through past research is that plays have been postponed, critical things happen, accidents, death. Putting the two together intensifies the effect."

- Christina Fuoco

politically correct.

FIVE

Donate blood. Instead of letting the bad guys get your blood, donate some to help out those who really need it. Call or visit the American Red Cross's local service center at 29691 Six Mile Road in Livonia or call (734) 422-2787.

SIX

Support the local arts. The Trinity House Theatre is hosting "Around the House," a variety show featuring come-

dians, dancers, musicians, actors, storytellers and multi-media performers in a cabaret-style environment. Showtime is 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, (and Saturday, March 14), at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (at I-275), Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-6302.

The Theatre Guild of Livonia and Redford is having a Festival of One-Act Plays at 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 (and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDELD

Jack Russell pup among 'stars' at auction

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Parents of children who watch the PBS television show "Wishbone" can buy their kids the ultimate present - a Jack Russell terrier puppy just like Wishbone - at the Plymouth Christian Academy "Celebration of Excellence Auction."

The eighth annual auction will be 6 p.m. Friday, March 20, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. The Jack Russell, born Monday, Jan. 28, will be donated by the school's librarian, Jan Walter, and her husband, Plymouth veterinarian Kermit Walter. Jan Walter said the dogs make good family pets.

"They're small; they're easy to care for, but they're muscular," said Walter. "They can take a lot of rough treatment from kids. They're big enough and tough enough. They're real easy. It's not like having a great big dog around. They have a lot of energy and they

like to run.

"If someone's looking for a lap dog, Jack Russells won't do that. They do that in the evening. They curl up next to me and we have a good time."

Tickets for the black-tie event, dubbed "Puttin' on the Ritz," are \$50 and include a dinner of soup, salad, a dust of beef tenderloin and chicken piccata, oven-roasted potatoes, buttered baby carrots, warm rolls, chocolate eclairs and coffee or soft drinks. Tickets are available by calling Sandra Oswalt, auction secretary, at (734) 459-3505, Ext. 48.

Trips to Mexico and Chicago, fine furniture, electronics, autographed memorabilia, artwork, the use of a Jaguar for a week, a signed and framed Charles Woodson jersey, the 10 brand new Beansies in a collector box, and Princess, the Princess Diana Beanie Baby, will also be up for bid. Oswalt is setting up several different packages this year, including a "Queen for a Day" package where women will be pampered with a house-cleaning service, a facial and

a new hairstyle.

"We have some other things in the works ... Things are still coming in. It's going to be an elegant, very well-done event," Oswalt said.

New this year is the location of the auction.

"In the past, we had the auction at Laurel Manor; this year it's at Burton Manor," she said. "Since it's newly remodeled we thought it would blend well with our theme of 'Puttin' on the Ritz.' It's very exciting to have it at a new place."

The auction helps fund capital improvement projects at the 22-year-old private, nonprofit school located behind Calvary Baptist Church in Canton. This year's enrollment will exceed 800 students in preschool through 12th grade.

During the last seven years, "Celebration of Excellence" has raised more than \$750,000, allowing the school to add a new gymnasium, lunch room and a

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Road in Redford. Tickets are \$10, or \$9 for students and seniors. Call (313) 531-0554 for more information.

SEVEN

Experience the Mexican culture. Mexicans consider Tuesday the 13th unlucky, so to avoid the curse eat at a Mexican restaurant or visit the Mexican Village area of Detroit. Remember, no meat, if you're Catholic.

EIGHT

Hear some good music. Matt Watroba, an English teacher at Plymouth Canton High School and the host of WDET's "Folks Like Us," celebrates the release of his CD "Live at the Ark" with a performance from 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.

Other options include Marcy Playground at the 7th House in Pontiac, (248) 335-8100; Third Eye Blind and Smashmouth at the State Theatre, (313) 961-5451; Puff Daddy and his family at Joe Louis Arena, (248) 645-6666; or the big Elvis show at The Palace of Auburn Hills, (248) 377-0100.

NINE

Support the fallen Wings. Sergei Mnatsakanov and Vladimir Konstantinov were severely injured in a limousine accident on Friday, June 13, 1997. Fans can make donations to the Family Trust Fund for their families, which will help ensure the financial security for the purpose of education for their children and for the expenses incurred in their further recovery/rehabilitation. For more information, call the Detroit Red Wings at Joe Louis Arena, (313) 396-7444.

TEN

Get something pierced. Many cultures believe that spirits enter through the mouth or the nose. So head over to a tattoo/piercing parlor and get your lip or nose pierced to ward off evil spirits.

ELEVEN

Take care of those fangs. Visit the dentist to make sure your teeth are healthy just in case you encounter a vampire. Don't forget garlic, crucifixes and stakes.

TWELVE

Look at the cards. If you're still fretting about Friday the 13th, visit or call a psychic today and find out what kind of a day you'll have tomorrow.

THIRTEEN

Go to church. If psychics don't do the trick, visit a local church and pray for your sanity.

So cute: Jan and Kermit Walter donated one of their Jack Russell terrier puppies for the academy's auction. Bids will start at \$300 while the remaining pups, born Jan. 26, will be sold for \$375 for males and \$425 for females.

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anchor when they are most out of control. Clearly set limits about what behaviors you will accept and what consequences will occur when limits are violated.

Many teens begin to feel that they know more than their parents. It may be important to remind your teen that you don't like being corrected in front of others for every little mistake you make. The two of you may agree that you will extend this respect toward each other and only correct one another in private for the most serious of errors.

For toddlers, you may want to set safety limits about how close he can go toward the street when he plays outside. If he crosses that line, immediately put him in the house. These rules provide children with a sense of security that comes from understanding and respecting boundaries.

Give them rope, but don't let go of the other end! Allow

Work to build a good relationship before the teen years hit, which surprisingly strikes some children as young as 10 or 11 years old.

your child to try new experiences that are age-appropriate. When they have gone past their abilities, help them to learn from their mistakes and encourage them to try again when they feel ready.

Asking a girl out and being turned down may feel awful, but it doesn't mean your teenage son should never try again. Your 2-year-old may want to pour her own drink, but misses the cup. Minimize the problem while encouraging her to try again when she is a little bigger.

Be the safety net for your kids — a place where they can talk about their experiences without feeling judged or ridiculed.

Prevention is best. Someone told me once that you can predict what teenagers will be like by remembering them as 2-year-olds (just factor in years of experience and improvement of their physical and verbal skills). In other words, temper tantrums at 2 can become a few slammed doors as teens! This may also mean that a complacent child gives a parent little trouble as a teen.

The key is to think about your child's characteristics and help him or her to positively build on those traits throughout childhood.

Work to build a good relationship before the teen years hit, which surprisingly strikes some children as young as 10 or 11 years old. A good foundation of trust, nurturing and support will go a long way in surviving this challenging time in your child's life.

Janet Trost is a local parenting educator and the manager of After Baby Comes (ABC), a program that provides support to first-time parents who deliver at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. ABC is a project of Youth Living Centers, a private nonprofit organization serving children and families from throughout southeastern Michigan.

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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For 'Walk Home': Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. was on the receiving end of \$1,000, presented to Susan Hibbler, director of finance, by Richard Hess, president of the Flatlander's Bow and Gun Club of Westland. The money continues the club's support of CHHCS and its "Walk Home," an annual walkathon that will be held on Oct. 3 at the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park. For more information about sponsorships for "Walk Home," call (734) 622-4244.

CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-2

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show I-1 district classification where R-8 district classification is now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

Excess Area:

The southerly 248.97 feet of Lot 942 of the "Supervisor's Nankin Plat No. 20" recorded in Liber 71, Page 57 of Plats, Wayne County Records, being part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 18, Town 2 South, Range 9 East, Nankin Township, (now City of Westland), Wayne County, Michigan. Containing 0.875 acres or 29,403 square feet of land.

Subject to an easement to the Detroit Edison Company for transmission facilities being that part of a 90 foot wide easement which crosses the above described property described by its centerline as:

Beginning at a point on the South line of said Lot 942 distant 33.17 feet North 87 degrees 56 minutes 10 seconds East from the Southwest corner of said Lot 942, said point also being North 87 degrees 56 minutes 10 seconds East 907.80 feet from the center of said Section 18;

Thence North 00 degrees 33 minutes 50 seconds West 251.77 feet the Point of Ending, said point being 37.97 feet North 87 degrees 56 minutes 10 seconds East of the Northeast corner of Lot 22 of the "Railway Industrial Park Sub'n" as recorded in Liber 100 of Plats, Pages 91 thru 93, Wayne County Records.

Parcel ID #58-052-05-0022-000

Also being subject to a 30 foot wide easement to the Detroit Edison Company for tree clearance, said easement being parallel to and adjacent to the easterly line of said 90 feet wide transmission facilities easement. Also subject to any and all other easement of any restrictions of record, if any.

Retained Area:

Lot 942 of the "Supervisor's Nankin Plat No. 20" as recorded in Liber 71 of Plats, Page 57, Wayne County Records, being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 18, Town 2 South, Range 9 East, Nankin Township, (now City of Westland), Wayne County, Michigan excepting therefrom the southerly 248.97 feet of said Lot 942, said distance being parallel to the East and West lines of said Lot 942. Containing 1.454 acres of 63,345 square feet of land. Subject to any and all easements and restrictions of record, if any.

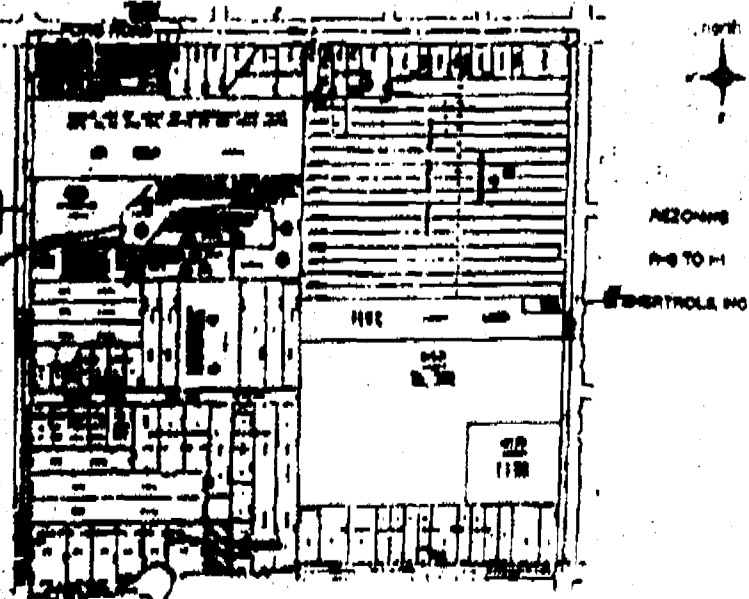
Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.



DIANE J. FRITZ, CMC
Westland City Clerk

Adopted: March 2, 1998
Effective: March 12, 1998
Publish: March 12, 1998

CITY OF GARDEN CITY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE E-98-002

An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Garden City by adopting an Emergency Ordinance which ordinance shall be designated as Emergency Ordinance #E-98-002 of said Code.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

That Emergency Ordinance E-98-002 is hereby adopted under the provisions of Section 5.03E of the City Charter for the following reasons:

- 1) The wet weather season has commenced and flooding is probable.
- 2) The City is in the process of purchasing pumps, but time is needed to complete the acquisitions.
- 3) The protection of property is the issue at stake. It is essential to the health and safety of the public that immediate action be taken to lessen the impact of sewer back-ups and property damages.
- 4) During a flooding event, time is of the essence.

Said Emergency Ordinance shall read as follows:

Section 1. Waiver of purchasing requirements for acquiring emergency pump rentals.

The public notice requirements of Section 10.04 of the City Code for bids are hereby waived.

Except as herein modified, said Code shall remain in full force and effect.

This Emergency Ordinance is declared to be effective as of February 17, 1998.

The provisions of this Emergency Ordinance shall be automatically repealed as of the thirty-fifth day following the date on which it was adopted unless repealed sooner.

JAMES L. BARKER,
Mayor
STEVEN J. SMITH,
Interim City Clerk-Treasurer

Adopted: March 2, 1998
Publish: March 12, 1998



CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Garden City Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Council Chambers of the Garden City 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:

- 6-98-004 Park Recreation District**
Solicitation of public comments on the properties to be rezoned as PR, Park Recreation District. These properties include:
- Arcola Park: S 20 FT OF LOT 130 ALSO LOTS 131, 132, 133, 179, AND 180, ALSO THE S 20 FT OF LOT 181 NELSON BROS BELLEMEAD PARK SUB
 - City Park: W 55 FT OF LOTS 1-5 INCLUSIVE ALSO THE W 55 FT OF THE S 41.12 FT OF LOT 6 ALSO ADJACENT VACANT ST CHERRY HILL WOODS SUB
LOTS 28 TO 100 INCLUSIVE AND ALSO ADJACENT VACANT ST CHERRY HILL WOODS SUB
14G402-129 130A 140B 141-162 CHERRY HILL WOODS SUB
14B1A ACREAGE 2.51AC
 - Helen Park: LOT 373 AND THE S 20 FT OF LOT 374 MCFARLANE BROS RAINBOW GARDENS SUB NO 1
LOTS 450 AND 451 MCFARLANE BROS RAINBOW GARDENS SUB NO 1
 - Florence Park: 13U42A2 - U51A1 ACREAGE 1.69 AC
 - Kiwanis Park: LOTS 722 TO 729 INCLUSIVE FGCA SUB NO 1
 - Manor Park Soccer Field: PT OF SW 1/4 SECTION 10 T2S R9E BEGINNING SLY 592.50 FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR SECTION 10 TH SLY 217.60 FT TH WLY 1243.70 FT TH NLY 217.60 FT ELY 1244.01 FT POB EXC E 17 FT ALSO EXC W 497 FT 3.65 AC
 - Marquette Park: LOTS 77 AND 78 EXCEPT THE S 128 FT THEREOF ALSO THE N 1/4 OF LOT 79 ALSO LOTS 80 TO 85 INCL EXCEPT THE S 128 FT THEREOF JOSEPH DROGORUBS VENOY RD ACRES SUB.
15Y1D Y1E Y1F, ACREAGE 5.65 AC
 - Moeller Field: PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF SEC 10 T2S R9E BEG N89DEG 06M W 60FT AND NODEG 07M E 1016.60FT AND N89DEG 07M 40S W 544.65FT FROM SE COR OF SEC 10 TH N 89DEG 07M 40S W 270.99FT TH NODEG 07M E 301.34FT TH S 89DEG 33M 30S E 81.26 FT TH NODEG 09M 30S E 331.42FT TH S89DEG 33M 30S E 362.06FT TH SODEG 07M W 634.80FT TO POB AC = 4.68
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All persons interested in the above are hereby invited to this Public Hearing and be heard.

STEVEN J. SMITH
Interim City Clerk-Treasurer

Publish: March 12, 1998

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computer network system, and to renovate the library. The academy needs to add classroom space for the secondary school and a large area to support multi-purpose student activities.

This year's goal is to raise \$170,000.

"The school is growing and we need to keep one step ahead," Oswald said.

To preview the auction-dinner, the school is holding the "Mini-Live Auction," formerly called the "Thursday Walk-Through," a free family event at the PCA activity center at 6 p.m. Friday, March 13.

The "Walk-Through" will feature items made and donated by each class. The children's choirs will provide the entertainment.

"It's shaping up to be a great event," Oswald said. "All the kids get to participate in it. It gives

the feel of a live auction. It's a good introduction to auctions.

"There's something for everyone. Last year, a dad made an Aspen chest and the class filled it with Beanie Babies."

Children and parents will also have the opportunity to be a principal for a day, have free lunches in the school cafeteria for a year, sit in the front row for the school's concerts, or to park in a front-row parking space.

In 1996, more than 800 people attended the preview night.

Since its inception, "Celebration of Excellence" has become an increasingly popular event, Oswald said. Last year, tickets sold out prior to the event.

"We have had a lot of fun with it in the past. It's fun. The purpose is fund-raising, but it's done in such a fun way that people really enjoy it."

CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185-2298, for the purpose of bidding on used City vehicles on March 19, 1998, at 10:30 a.m. (no exceptions will be made for late filings). The following items are located at our Department of Public Service yard for viewing prior to bidding.

Purchase of 1979 Thomas 39 Passenger Bus
1985 Ford E-350 Van and a 1990 Crafoco Tar Kettle

Individual bids will be accepted. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

JILL B. RUNKLE,
Purchasing Agent
City of Westland

Bid Item: 661-031798
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CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185-2298, on or before April 7, 1998 at 10:00 in the morning at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud (No exceptions will be made for late filings).

Work Description:

The approximate quantities of major items of work involved in the project are 2995 L.F. of 8" water main, one 16" x 8" tapping sleeve, valve & well, five 8" gate valves, five hydrants, and appurtenances and related items of work.

Contract Documents on File:

Contract documents may be examined at the City of Westland Engineering Division offices, 37095 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185 and Dodge Reports, 10 Oak Hollow, Suite 330, Southfield, MI 48034 and the Construction Association Plan Room, 1625 S. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

Contract documents may be obtained at the City of Westland Engineering Division Offices. A non-refundable charge of ten dollars (\$10.00), check only, payable to the City of Westland will be required for each set of contract documents. Contract documents will be available beginning March 16, 1998.

Each proposal shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked with the name of the bidder and shall be plainly marked on the lower front, left-hand corner "Proposal Wildwood Avenue Water Main Project". Proposals must be addressed to the Purchasing Agent of the City of Westland and delivered to the Purchasing Agent's office on or before the time specified above. No exceptions will be made.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable without condition to the City of Westland, as security for acceptance of the Contract.

No bid may be withdrawn for at least ninety (90) days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids.

The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive informalities in bidding, or to accept any bid it may deem in the best interest of the City.

JILL B. RUNKLE,
Purchasing Agent
City of Westland

Publish: March 12, 1998

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Losh-Harris

Gloria Hofer of Detroit announces the engagement of her daughter, Michelle Rene, to D. Scott Harris, the son of Willard and Diane Harris of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1981 graduate of Redford High School. She is employed as the accounts receivable manager for D & D Landscaping Inc.

Her fiancé is a 1981 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is the owner of Harris Painting.

A March wedding is planned in at the Flamingo Hilton Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev.



Schumacher-Kautz

John and Clemelia Schumacher of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Catherine, to Franz Andrew Kautz, the son of Franz and Elizabeth Kautz of Southampton, Pa.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a graduate of the University of Michigan, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1991 and a master of business administration degree in 1995.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor of science degree in engineering and a 1995 graduate of Ohio State University with a master of electrical education degree.

A May wedding is planned in Dayton, Ohio.



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 partner at Gehringer Printing in Redford.

An April wedding is being planned.



Mackenzie-Moellering

Anne Elizabeth Moellering and Dean Norman Mackenzie were married Oct. 18 at St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Troy Waite officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Moellering of Grosse Pointe Park. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hawley A. Mackenzie of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Central Michigan University and Wayne State University, where she received a master's degree. She is employed as a teacher for Warren Consolidated Schools.

The groom is a graduate of Central Michigan University. He is employed as a sales representative for Wausau Insurance Co.

The bride asked Suzanne Wilson to serve as her maid of honor with Mrs. James Fets, Laurie Helin, Mrs. Neil Crane, Suzanne Saad and Christine Jerzy serving as bridesmaids.

Martin Kopera served as best



Harvey-Pace

David and Janet Harvey of Lambertville and Doris Harvey of Dearborn announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Gina Patricia, to Craig Joseph Pace, the son of Dennis and Wanda Pace of Canton and Jim and Nancy Magyar of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Bedford High School in Temperance. She is employed as a human resources manager at Marshall's Department Store in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a 1984 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland. He is employed as a welder at CCI Corporation in Inlay City.

A March wedding is planned.



Norquist-Lyndrup

Jerry and Susan Norquist of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacia, to Steven Lyndrup, the son of David and Barbara Lyndrup, also of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as an occupational therapist by the St. John Health System.

Her fiancé is employed as chief of security at General Motor Powertrain Plant in Warren.

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



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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

ARTS AND CRAFTS
An arts and crafts show of items made in America will be held during regular mall hours Thursday-Sunday, March 19-22, at Westland Center, 35000 W. Warren Road in Westland. Paintings, jewelry, needlecrafts, toys, floral design, stained glass, wood crafts, decorative painting, country crafts and ceramics are among the items featured.

SURPLUS FOOD
The city of Westland will be having its surplus food program at the Dorsey Community Center on the following dates and times: Palmer, Stieber, Merrihan and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norway and Oak Village: between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, March 19. All other residents excluding Precinct 28: between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, March 20. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers may call their building manager for their day of distribution. For March, peanut butter, apple juice and canned chicken will be distributed. For information, call the Dorsey Center's hotline at (734) 595-0366.

PRECISION WORKSHOP
The Westland Figure Skating Club will host a "Skate with the Team" precision workshop on March 18 and 25 at Westland Sports Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood, Westland. The workshop will teach the correct holds, footwork and technical maneuvers needed to skate on a precision team. Skaters 11 and under can participate from 5-6 p.m. and skaters 12 and older can participate from 4-5 p.m. For information, call (734) 729-4560.

BADGE PROGRAM
St. Mary Hospital with Madonna University will host a "Be Your Best" Merit Badge Program for all Brownies and Girl Scouts, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Madonna University. The girls will learn more about health and fitness and earn a merit badge. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required. For more information, call (734) 655-8940 or 1-800-494-1650.

BUNNY BRUNCH
Brunch with the Easter Bunny, sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department and Westland Civitan Club, will be 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 4, at VFW No. 3323, Wayne Road at Avondale in Westland. The event includes a pancake breakfast, a visit by the Easter Bunny with each family receiving a Polaroid picture with the bunny and an Easter bonnet parade. Tickets can be bought at the Bailey Recreation Center between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. For information call the parks and recreation department at (734) 722-7620 or Karen Gregory at (734) 326-1454.

EASTER EGG HUNT
The Westland Jaycees are hosting their second annual Easter Egg Hunt, at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at Westland Jaycees Park, Hunter and Wildwood. The event is open to children ages 1-13 and will include 1,000 eggs, candy, prizes and the Easter Bunny. The hunt will start at 2 p.m. with younger children starting first, and other groups starting at two-minute intervals after the first group.

COTTONTAIL HUNT
An Easter Cottontail Hunt will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, April 10, at Central

City Park in Westland. Hundreds of cottontails (marshmallows) will be sprinkled on the ground in a roped off area for each age group (1-3 years, 4-6 years, 7-9 years). At 4 p.m. a siren will sound to start the hunt. At the end, cottontails will be turned in at the redemption center for a small bag of Easter goodies. The event is sponsored by Westland Civitan Club, Westland Fire Department, Westland Cultural Society and Westland Parks and Recreation Department.

ABORTION RIGHTS
The League of Women Voters, which includes Westland, is presenting a program on "Erosion of Abortion Rights" with Jenna Wiersma of Planned Parenthood Inc. speaking. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road, in Meeting Room A. The public is invited. The LWV of Michigan is a member of the Michigan Pro-Choice Network. For information, call Paula Bowman, (734) 455-4726.

COLLECTORS' SALE
St. Damian Collectors' sale will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 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 Democratic 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 tribute 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 information, 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 Reception Desk. Participants are expected to have read the books and to be prepared to discuss them. Upcoming books for discussion 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 equivalent of the traditional card catalog. These training sessions take about 15-20 minutes. Library staff will teach the fundamentals regarding use of the public access catalogs and will be available for questions. This training is free and no registration is required.

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.

WAYNE LIBRARY

CAREER DISCOVERY
The Wayne Public Library will present a career discovery day at 10 a.m. Saturday, 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 presenters include representatives from real estate sales, computer systems, banking, contracting and military careers. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. Call (734) 721-7832 for information.

STUDENT LIFE
Early 20th-century student life at the University of Michigan is documented with books, photographs and memorabilia from the collection of Michigan alumnus Walter Warren of Westland. The display will be at the Wayne Library now through April 1.

UFO INFO
The Friends of the Wayne Public Library will present an evening of UFO exploration as astronomer Mike Best discusses facts and speculation about Unidentified Flying Objects. Best will bring slides and videos and includes a historical look at UFOs, sightings since 1947, the U.S. Air Force investigation and abductions. The first presentation will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in the library meeting room. A second presentation on UFOs for children titled "Kids in Black," will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23. Best has been an astronomy enthusiast since 1946. He founded the Kwaajalein Island Astronomers (1955), the Astronomy Club of Livonia (1976), and the Astronomical Society of Michigan (1985). He's a part-time instructor at Schoolcraft College, Livonia. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. (734) 721-7832.

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 26, 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.

RECREATION

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 734-891-7279. 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: _____

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Use additional sheet if necessary

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Years of service: Marlene Provencal (center) was recently honored for 20 years of service at Alexander the Great restaurant in Westland by restaurant owners Tom and Pauline Tomovski. Provencal started as a waitress, then worked as a bartender and is now a manager. A lifetime resident of Westland, Provencal received a gold watch and cake.

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

FIGURE SKATING
The Westland Figure Skating Club has formed an Adult Introductory Precision Team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get good exercise. Practices are 6-8:50 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, Westland. All skill levels play just for fun. There is no charge. Baby-sitting is provided. For information, call (734) 722-3660.

SCHOOLS

MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE
McKinley Cooperative Preschool, housed in Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road at Hunter, is holding open registration. Morning and afternoon classes are available. Call (734) 729-7222 for information.

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S
Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in all classes 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Westland. Call Michelle at (734) 421-6196.

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM
The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stotlemeyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program

and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is ongoing from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (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, Westland. (734) 728-3559.

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL
St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3 and 4-year-olds. Registration for the 1998-99 school year is under way. (313) 274-6270.

YWCA READINESS
The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster. (313) 561-4110.

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

LITTLE LAMBS
Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road in Livonia, is accepting registration for the 1998-99 school year. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory

preschool. For information, call (734) 421-0749.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE
Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool at 9601 W. Chicago, will host an open house from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, 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 Community 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 volunteering, 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 featuring a display of ladies' accessories including a collection of 1950s' and 1960s' winter hats, silver and gold mesh, art deco and beaded purses from the 1920s and 1930s and gloves and compacts. Admission is free.

FRIENDS MEET
Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Information, president Jim Franklin, (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 residents, \$12.50 for non-residents. 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 continental breakfast will be served on the bus. In Holland, 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 Newburgh.

MONTHLY MEAL
The Wayne Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford, for people 50 and older. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music, and door prizes. (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.

WORK REFERRAL
Information Center Inc. refers workers to seniors who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yardwork, housework, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to serve. Chore Worker Program, (734) 422-1052.

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

VOLUNTEERS

PET-A-PET
The Pet-A-Pet Club, which offers pet visits to nursing home residents, needs special pets and people. Pets undergo a slight screening and need proof of shots to participate. Local sites include Camelot Hall Convalescent Center (Debbie McDermott, 427-3791, 10 a.m. the second Saturday of the month), Garden City Rehab (Stacy Suida, (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) 665-1981.



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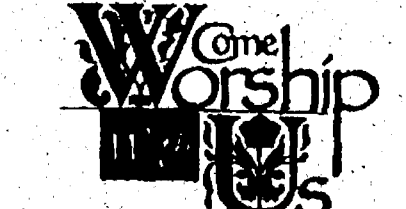
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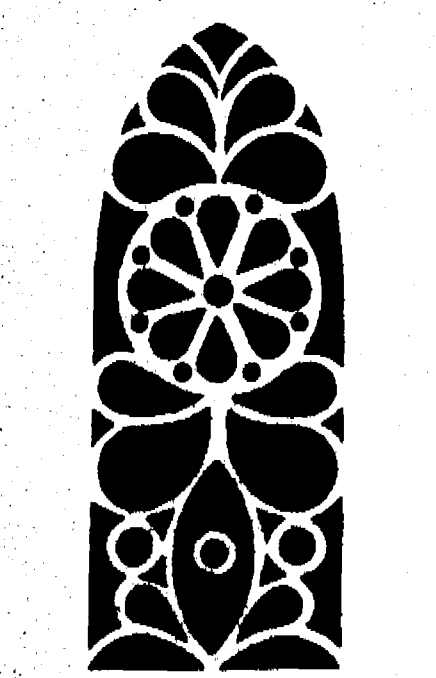
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Zonta Club 'steps out' in style to help First Step

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Easter will be in the air and the fashions will emphasize spring when the Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area presents its annual "First Step - Stepping Out in Style" benefit Sunday, March 29.

Slated for 6-9 p.m. at Parisian in Laurel Park Place, Livonia, the fashion extravaganza will raise money for the programs offered by First Step, western Wayne County's Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

The evening will include a strolling dinner, fashion show with an expanded segment on men's fashions, informal modeling throughout the store, free makeovers at the cosmetics counter, raffles and entertainment.

"There'll be enough activity to please everybody," said Beverlee McAllister who once again is at the helm for the fund-raiser. "There'll be a good variety for men, women and children."

More than 20 restaurants and caterers will provide food samples, ranging from barbecued ribs by Catering by Sayers/BBQ Man, chocolate-dipped strawberries by the Country Epicure, seafood tamales by D. Dennison's of Livonia, creme brulee by the Schoolcraft Culinary Gourmet Club, pasta station and mini cannoli by Villa De Roma of Livonia and smoked salmon pate by the Water Club Seafood Grille

of Plymouth.

Also providing food will be the Outback Steakhouse of Livonia, TGI Friday of Novi, Carlson's Catering in Taylor, the Botsford Inn of Farmington Hills, Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train of Walled Lake, Coffee Beanery, Macaroni Grille of Livonia, Great Harvest Bread of Northville, Schulz's Cap 'N' Cork and Rio Bravo Cantina of Livonia.

"Everything is donated," McAllister said. "Continental Paper has supplied all the paper products every year. The Star Clipper told us, 'Count me in any year you do this.'"

Entertaining guests will be Silver Sounds, a professional DJ, caricaturist Chuck Borshanian, Sweete Harmony, vocals and guitar, and Jamboree, a Sweet Adelines group.

Feel lucky?

There will be several raffles, including a special one for a TY Co. Princess Bear Beanie Baby, donated by the Dixboro General Store. The second raffle will have a first prize of \$500 cash, with a second prize of a \$300 gift certificate from travel from AAA Travel and a third prize of a \$250 Parisian gift certificate.

Additional prizes include a \$100 gift certificate from Knightsbridge Antique Mall, dinner for two at the Relish Grill, a weekend lease of a Lincoln Continental from Varsity Lincoln Mercury, weekend lease of a Cadillac from Don Massey

Cadillac, a Detroit Tigers autographed baseball and autographed Detroit Lions shirt, to name a few.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Tickets for the fashion benefit are a \$25 tax-deductible donation to First Step, redeemable with a \$150 purchase at Parisian. Both tickets are available by calling McAllister at (734) 453-0824.

This is the fourth year the Zonta Club has staged the fashion benefit for First Step. The agency, based in Canton, provides services to 35 communities in out-Wayne County and is celebrating 20 years of service later this year.

The nonprofit agency offers a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence, individual counseling, support groups, court advocacy, information and referrals for victims, a 24-hour helpline, violence intervention program, non-residential children's program and legal advocacy program.

The club had staged several benefits for First Step and was looking for something that would raise considerably more than \$2,000-\$3,000. The club teamed up with Parisian for the fashion benefit, attracting some 400 people and raising \$19,000. Last year, close to 800 people turned out, generating \$30,000 for First Step. Hopes are for a turnout of 1,000 this year.

"We were looking for something that would make a difference, so we were thrilled when



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

What's your style?: Claudia Ruloff (left) of Farmington Hills shows off a Evan-Picone three-piece career separate while Laverne Eady of Redford displays a special occasion dress, which will be among fashions modeled at the Parisian store at Laurel Park Place in Livonia as part of the Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area's annual fund-raiser, "First Step - Stepping out in Style," March 29.

we made \$19,000," McAllister said. "I truly think a lot of the support is because of the cause. The incidents at Johnson Controls and the Ford (Visteon-Sheldon Road) plant have made people more aware of violence in the

community." The club is part of Zonta International, a worldwide service organization of business women devoting their time, talent and energy to assist women with their personal development,

health, education and cultural needs. The club meets at 6 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. Women interested in attending can call (313) 638-8043 for more information.

ANNIVERSARIES

Fawkes

Thomas and Christine Fawkes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at family dinner at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth.

Twenty-three-year residents of Livonia, they met while attending Detroit Cooley High School and were married on Feb. 7, 1948 in Detroit. She is the former Christine Rollo.

The Fawkes have four married children - Dale and wife Linda, Janis Murfey and husband Chris, Gary and wife Bonnie and Kathy Vacca and husband Augie, all of Livonia. They also have 10 grandchildren.

He is retired from Citizens Insurance Co. Their interests include spending the summer months at their cottage in Caseville.

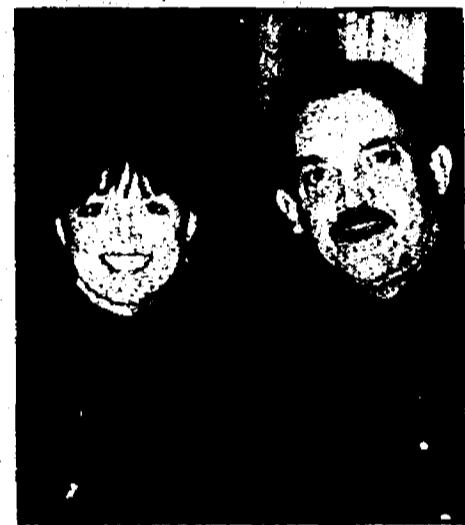


Murfey

Chris and Janice Fawkes Murfey of Livonia will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on March 16.

The couple married in Detroit and then moved to Seattle, Wash., where Chris played hockey. The Murfey's have lived in Livonia for 20 years.

They have two daughters, Erin, a pre-medical student at Hillsdale University, and Lindsay, an engineering student at Michigan State University.



League needs books for sale

The Livonia League of Women Voters is looking for a few or a lot of good books.

The group is hard at work to make its April book sale a success and is in need of used books. Donations of hard cover and paperback in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for readers of all ages are welcome.

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FREE LIFE ASSEMBLY

Free Life Assembly is sponsoring more than 50 public school assemblies throughout the Detroit metropolitan area this week as part of the Free Life Assembly Tours.

Free Life has five different speakers visiting the school, including Livonia Church, Livonia Stevenson, Redford Union, Clarenceville, Garden City and Plymouth Salem high schools.

The speakers include Anthony Clark, weightlifter and holder of the "World's Strongest Man" title, youth speakers Mark Muirhead and Reggie Dabbs, former Harlem Globetrotter Dexter "Loveboat" Williams and the high school assembly team, Team Rage.

In addition to the assemblies, Free Life is sponsoring Freedom '98, The Crusade Friday and Saturday, March 14-15, at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. each night. Dabbs will be the keynote speaker with special appearances by Clark, Williams and Muirhead.

For more information, call (313) 794-5153.

OPEN HOUSE

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.

Northville Christian School will offer tours of the facility 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25. The school, at 41355 Six Mile Road, west of I-275, has an enrollment of 450 students in preschool through the eighth grade. Classes have a minimum of 24 students. Parents interested in visiting the school can call the office at (248) 348-9031 to schedule a tour.

INFORMAL MEETING

Jackie Oesch, founder and president of the Christian Women's Ministries, will meet informally with women at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, in Room 4 of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington



Chapels perform at Riverside Park Church

The Chapels will bring their southern Gospel music and testimonies to the Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road, at Plymouth Road, Livonia, at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, March 15.

Bobby Crumpler, Ron Newsome and Jimi Talbott Jr. formed the group with the thought of helping the church fulfill God's command of winning the lost, edifying the church and bringing honor to the name of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Crumpler, a Plymouth resident, is following in the footsteps

of his father, the late Denver Crumpler who sang with the legendary Rangers and Statesman Quartet in the 1950s.

He is continuing the tradition with a classic southern gospel sound and also has written songs for several of The Chapels' albums.

Newsome lives in Allen Park and is the son of Buck Newsome for the Detroit-based Good News Quartet. He recorded his first album with The Keynotes at the age of 14.

He has recorded two more albums and in 1974, performed

with The Keynotes at the Grand Ole Opry.

Talbott is a Redford resident whose father James is a former piano player for The Toney Brothers Quintet. The younger Talbott, who recently sang baritone and played the piano for the group Crimson, counts quality song writing, arranging and piano playing among his many musical skills.

The is for people of all ages. Nursery care will be provided for children up to age 4. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-0990.

In concert:
The Chapels
- Bobby Crumpler,
Ron Newsome and
Jimi Talbott Jr. - will
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Riverside
Park Church
of God Sun-
day, March
15.

Road, Livonia. Director of Women's Ministries at St. John's Lutheran Church in Orange, Calif., she will be discussing contemporary women. For more information, call Suann Dibble at (734) 522-6830.

LENTEN DINNERS

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. Pierogie are \$4.50 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. For more information, call (313) 561-1977.

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.

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.

AFTERNOON RETREAT

Risen Christ Lutheran Church will host an afternoon retreat at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Marriott Hotel at Laurel Park, Six Mile west of Newburgh Road, Livonia. Diana Pintar will speak on the topic of Christ as Lord in your life. There is a \$15 charge that includes Lunch. For more information and reservations, call (734) 453-5252.

BREAKFAST/BAKE SALE

The Open Arms Church will have a breakfast/bake sale 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 14, at the church, 33015 W. Seven Mile Road, east of Farmington Road, Livonia. The cost of the breakfast is by donation. Baked goods will be marked. The money raised will help some of the youth go on a mission trip to Belize. For more information, call the church at (248) 471-5282.

PRAYER SEMINAR

The Rev. Anthony M. Coniaris, noted theologian, author and publisher, will speak during a

Lenten seminar on prayer and its role in helping us answer the following questions: "Why am I here?" "What is my purpose in life?" and "Where am I going?" from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy Road, Westland.

The cost is \$15 and includes the seminar, materials and lunch. The registration deadline is Saturday, March 7. An orientation will be held from 8-9:30 a.m. Friday, March 13. For more information, call (734) 525-6789.

WOMEN'S AGLOW

"How to have Breakthroughs in Families" will be the topic when Women's Aglow of Westland/Canton meets 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 14, in the Community Room of AutoNation, 39600 Ford Road, Canton. There will be short testimonies on answered prayers to help build faith. Participants should bring a written list of immediate family members and prepare their hearts to receive God's word, encouragement and practical applications to get that breakthrough in their families. For more information, call Penni at (734) 261-5268. Complimentary child care will be available for children ages 3-12.

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12 - WAYNE
SPONSORED BY: Wayne Parks & Recreation
Wayne Community Center (734-726-2900)
4635 Howe Rd., Howe & Annapolis 10 weeks
Resident/Member: 1 day per week/\$32 2 days/\$44 Unlimited/\$59
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\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected on the first day of class by the instructor.
M/W 7:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact March 23 Staff

13 - WESTLAND
St. Theodore's Catholic Church 10 weeks
(8200 Wayne, bet. Warren & Joy Rds.)
1 day per wk/\$43 2 days/\$57
\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected on the first day of class by the instructor.
M/TH 6:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact March 23 D. Sheehan
SPONSORED BY: Parks & Recreation Department
Bailey Recreation Center
(36651 Ford Rd., E. of Newburg, behind City Hall) (734-722-7620)
1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69 10 weeks
\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected on the first day of class by the instructor.
** \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes
* M/W/F 9:30 A.M. HI/Low Impact March 23 C. DeLuca
M/W 5:55 P.M. Low/Hi Impact March 23 J. Hamrick
M/W 7:05 P.M. Sculpt&Tone March 23 J. Hamrick
* T/TH 9:30 A.M. Step Circuit March 24 L. Prevost
T/TH 5:55 P.M. Step Circuit March 24 T. Barackman
T/TH 7:05 P.M. HI/Low Impact March 24 T. Barackman
*Babysitting available/\$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

14 - PLYMOUTH
JoAnne's Dance Extension 10 weeks
(City Trade Ctr., 9282 General Dr., Ste 180 & 190, bet. Ann Arbor Rd. & Joy, E. of Lilley)
1 day per wk/\$43 2 days/\$57 Unlimited/\$72
* M/W/F 9:30 A.M. Low/Hi Impact March 23 C. VanHoet
* T/TH 9:30 A.M. HI/Low Impact March 24 K. Rudolph
*Babysitting available/\$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family
SPONSORED BY: Plymouth Parks & Recreation
Plymouth Cultural Center (525 Farmer) (734-455-6620)
1 day per wk/\$43 2 days/\$57 Unlimited/\$72 10 weeks
M/W 6:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact March 30 M. Hopson
Sat 8:30 A.M. Sculpt&Tone April 4 L. Prevost

15 - LIVONIA
Holy Cross Lutheran Church (30650 Six Mile Rd., E. of Merriman)
1 day per wk/\$43 2 days/\$57 Unlimited/\$72 10 weeks
NO NIGHT CLASSES 3/25, 4/1, & 4/8; PRICE ADJ. WILL BE MADE AT REGISTRATION
* M/W/F 9:20 A.M. HI/Low Impact March 23 P. Peitz
M/W 6:00 P.M. Low Impact March 23 K. Kaley
M/W 7:10 P.M. HI/Low Impact March 23 K. Kaley
* T/TH 9:20 A.M. Sculpt/Tone March 24 T. Brandon
*Babysitting available/\$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family
Faith Lutheran Church
(30000 5 Mile Rd., W. of Middlebelt) 10 weeks
1 day per wk/\$43
* Wed. 9:15 A.M. Sculpt & Tone March 25 T. Brandon
*Babysitting available/\$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

17 - FARMINGTON
Piemontese
(38500 W. Nine Mile Rd., E. of Haggerty) 11 weeks
1 day per wk/\$44 2 days/\$59 Unlimited/\$76
\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first night of class.
** \$11.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step
EARLY BIRD!!!
M/W 6:00 A.M. HI/Low Impact March 23 E. Hesse
M/F 8:20 A.M. Low Impact March 23 S. Kambours
* M/W/F 9:30 A.M. HI/Low Impact March 23 L. Pierce
M/W 6:00 P.M. Sculpt & Tone March 23 P. Kerwan
M/W 7:10 P.M. HI/Low Impact March 23 Kerwan/Delaware
W 8:20 A.M. Aerobic Circuit March 25 S. Kambours
* T/TH 9:35 A.M. STEP March 24 P. Kerwan
T/TH 6:00 P.M. HI/Low Impact March 24 Lokar/Lindy
T/TH 7:05 P.M. STEP II March 24 S. Schelske
Sat 8:30 A.M. HI/Low Impact March 28 L. Burke
*Babysitting \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family
Faith Covenant Church (14 Mile & Drake) 11 weeks
(Call 734-661-9191 for more information)
NO CLASS ON MAY 25TH
1 day per wk/\$44 2 days/\$59 Unlimited/\$76
\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first night of class.
* M/W/F 9:30 A.M. Low/Hi Impact March 23 Lindy
* T/TH 9:30 A.M. Sculpt&Tone March 24 L. Shanker
T/TH 7:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact March 24 K. Roberts
*Babysitting \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

SPONSORED BY: Farmington Hills Recreation Center 10 weeks
Farmington Hills Activities Center (248-473-1816)
(28600 11 Mile Rd., Gate 4 Door C)
NO CLASS ON MAY 25TH
1 day per wk/\$43 2 days/\$57 Unlimited/\$72
** \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step
M/W 6:30 P.M. HI/Low Impact March 23 S. Williams
* T/TH/F 9:30 A.M. **HI/Low Impact March 24 J. Stec
Sat 9:00 A.M. HI/Low Impact March 28K. Trewhell-Smith
*Babysitting \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family
**Classes alternate between HI/Low Aerobics/Circuits/Fat Burner. Check with instructor.
SPONSORED BY: Farmington Community Ed. 6 weeks
(Register through Farmington Comm. Ed. 248-489-3333)
1 day per wk/\$24 2 days/\$33
\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first night of class.
NO CLASSES ON MAY 25TH
Farmington Community School
(30415 Shlawassee, bet. Tuck & Orchard Lk. Rd.)
* M/W 9:00 A.M. HI/Low Impact April 20 D. Kramer
*Babysitting available \$2.00/Child-must be walking-no infants

18 - NOVI
Novi Civic Center 11 weeks
(45175 W. 10 Mile Rd., bet. Novi & Taft, 248-347-0400)
All Novi students must register/pay through Novi Pks. & Rec. office (248-347-0400).
Registrations/Payments will not be accepted through the Fitness Factory office or through the instructors. NonResident fee 20%
Please bring a mat or towel to class
1 day per wk/\$47 2 days/\$63 Unlimited/\$79
** \$11.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step
April 9, 10, 25, May 9, 25, or 27 (P.M. only)
* M/W/F 9:00 A.M. Low Impact March 23 A. Werther
* M/W/F 10:15 A.M. STEP II March 23 L. Gignac
M/W 6:15 P.M. HI/Low Impact March 23 L. Burke
M/W 7:25 P.M. STEP II March 23 B. Kabodian
* T/TH 9:00 A.M. Sculpt&Tone March 24 S. Flanagan
Sat 8:00 A.M. STEP II March 28 B. Kabodian
*Babysitting \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family
Novi Meadows (25549 Taft, N. of 10 Mile)
(Register through Novi Comm. Ed. - 248-449-1206)
1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$56 Unlimited/\$69 10 weeks
\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first night of class.
M/T/W/TH 7:00 P.M. HI/Low Impact March 30 T. Snurka
NO CLASSES: April 9 to 16; or May 25
**Classes will be held at the Middle School on April 20 to 23 and May 5 & 6

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Glenn gymnasts 7th

Westland John Glenn, scoring 130.400 points, finished seventh out of 15 teams in Saturday's Region II girls gymnastics meet at Plymouth Canton.

The top three teams advancing to Friday's team competition at Rockford are regional champion Northville-Novis (146.10), Canton (136.35) and Hillsdale (134.95).

In the Division II all-around, Glenn's Jessica Beach finished tied for ninth (33.50) and teammate Stephanie Thompson was 12th (33.40).

In the uneven parallel bars, Glenn had two state qualifiers — Thompson, who took fourth (9.05) and Nicole Simonian, who was sixth (8.95).

Beach tied for fifth on floor (9.0) to qualify, while Thompson was 10th (8.7).

Beach also gained fourth on vault (8.4) to earn a state meet berth. Teammate Julie Castillo was 14th (8.1).

Collegiate notes

• Ferris State University forward Kevin Swider (Livonia Churchill), was recently named to the Central Collegiate Hockey Association's all-rookie team. Swider had 25 points, third among rookies in the CCHA.

Ferris State (15-19-3), seeded eighth, opens a best-of-three CCHA playoff series Friday night in East Lansing against top seed Michigan State (29-5-5).

• Livonia Stevenson senior Whitney Crosby, recently named a Division I all-state tennis player, has signed a national letter-of-intent with the University of Toledo.

Crosby finished her final year at Stevenson with a 22-4 overall record. She captured the Western Lakes Activities Association No. 1 singles title and was runner-up in the Division I regional. Crosby also a quarter-finalist at the state meet.

Hawks place second

The under-13 Michigan Hawks premier girls soccer team recently finished second at the North American Indoor Nationals, a tournament that featured teams from Ohio, Iowa, New York, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

Members of the Hawks are Marissa Sarkesian (Canton); Katie Ales and Nikki Herman (Novi); Erin Doan (Dearborn); Bethany Dobbyn and Melissa Dobbyn (Livonia); Caitlin Gill (Rochester Hills); Jessie Jandesak and Andrea Tyler (Brighton); Nicole Cauzillo and Whitney Guenther (Northville); Kathryn Cumming, Jamie Poole and Jennifer Szymanski (Troy); and Jillian Kehler (Grand Blanc).

The team is coached by John Buchanan.

Roller travel hockey

Travel roller hockey tryouts for the Skatin' Station II, located on 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton Township, will be at the following times/dates:

- 10-and-under, 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17;
- 16-and-under, 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19;
- 14-and-under, 7:45 a.m.-9:15 a.m. Saturday, March 21.

The cost is \$10 per person.

Also, adults interested in playing travel, should call Dave at (734) 459-6401.

Travel baseball tryouts

• For more information regarding 10-and-under travel baseball club tryouts, call Bill at (313) 562-4667.

The travel team will play a 45-50 game schedule including trips to Chicago and Cooperstown, N.Y.

• The Michigan Lake-Area Rams Sandy Koufax Travel Baseball Team (age 14) are now scheduling tryouts.

For information, call Gary Neino at (313) 981-3845.

Women's golf league

A Livonia women's golf league seeks new members for a nine-hole league Friday mornings beginning in early May at Whispering Willows.

All levels are welcome, but golfers must be a Livonia resident or Livonia business owner.

Call Sally at 464-7272 or Bernie at 425-1575 (by March 15) to reserve a spot.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

On guard: Wayne Memorial's Shane Nowak (left) protects the ball against Livonia Franklin's Eddie Wallace during first-round Class A district action Monday at Belleville.

Cold-shooting Wayne Memorial gets by Livonia Franklin, 45-32

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

They couldn't shoot straight, but Wayne Memorial shot straight enough.

Wayne Memorial shot a miserable 28.8 percent Tuesday night but still defeated game Livonia Franklin, 45-32, to reach the Class A district championship game at Belleville.

"It was ugly, no doubt about it," Coach Chuck Henry of the Zebras said after his team made just 15-of-52 shots in winning. "But all's well that ends well."

Wayne won by holding Franklin to an even lower shooting percentage, 26.2 percent on 11-of-42 baskets.

"We didn't shoot the ball well at all," Coach Dan Robinson said after the Patriots ended their season 9-12. "But I attribute some of that to Wayne's defense."

"We played pretty good defense. But a couple of trips down later in the game weren't so good. Wayne has some good athletes.

DISTRICT HOOPS

And their team depth was a factor. They wore us down a little bit."

Nick Mongeau closed out his career at Franklin with a 10-point game. Eddie Wallace added seven, Jay Fontaine five, Jacob Goedde and Anthony Grech four each and Brian Facione two.

"We played with a lot of energy, a lot of defensive energy," said Henry, whose team takes a 12-9 record into the district championship game at 7 p.m. Friday. "They played as hard as anybody has played against us all year."

Brian Williams led Wayne with 15 points, 11 coming in the fourth quarter as the Zebras expanded a 30-22 lead into the final margin. Junior Jamar Davis scored 11, Reddick Borkins scored six and sophomore Shane Nowak four.

The game was scoreless for nearly

three minutes before Fontaine hit a baseline jumper to give the Patriots their only lead. The Zebras were only ahead 5-2 with 1:57 left in the quarter, which ended 9-4.

Franklin pulled up to 11-8 with 4:15 to play in the half but Davis banged home a triple with 3:02 left and the half ended 19-12.

The Patriots started the second half missing their first 13 shots but, trailing 28-13, made four in a row in the final 2:11 to cut the gap to eight.

"Williams is the real key to our success," Henry said. "He's got to play well for us to be successful."

"I feel sorry for our seniors," Robinson said. "They played real hard. They really led us the last part of the season."

"They could have packed it in after we had three tough losses. But they kept at it. And we won a number of games."

But not the last one, a luxury accorded just four teams in the state. See more basketball on C4.

Gender no barrier for rifle champion

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

Karyn Juziuk returned to the Xavier University Saturday to see an exuberant campus.

The Xavier (Ohio) student body was excited, anticipating a berth in the NCAA basketball tournament, which was going to be announced Sunday evening.

The student body didn't have to wait until the end of the month, however, to discover they already had a NCAA champion in their midst.

Juziuk, a 1995 graduate of Livonia Churchill, became the school's first Smallbore Individual National Champion at the NCAA Rifle Championships. The junior won the title Friday in the championships held at Murray State University in Kentucky.

Juziuk also captured All-American honors in air rifle by placing sixth with a score of 386.

"I came back to a lot of fanfare for the basketball team, but not too many people knew what happened at the shooting championships," Juziuk said. "You might feel a little slighted that the basketball team gets all the attention, but all small sports have to go through that."

Juziuk outperformed 47 other competitors with a score of 1,169 points (out of a possible 1,200), beating out her two closest competitors by two points. She also finished a mere three points ahead of her cousin, Jacksonville (Ala.) State's Lucinda Roddy, a Livonia Clarenceville alumna.

Juziuk shot a personal-best score of 385 in the standing position which may have been the difference. Her total score was based on her total points in the prone (laying on stomach with gun in a sling), standing and kneeling positions.

"I didn't consider myself one of the favorites because there were some shooters in the competition who posted phenomenal scores at the sectionals," she said. "But I wasn't nervous going in because I didn't have to defend a high score. I think that contributed to the win."

Juziuk also became the third woman ever to win the NCAA title which pits the women against the men. She was also selected by the coaches as the "Athlete of the Championship."

"Gender is not an issue in this sport," Juziuk said. "Men are allowed to use extra equipment on their rifles for better support, and that add-on equipment was just made available to women last year. But I chose not to use any extra equipment. Skill won this title and not technology."

The championship allows Juziuk to compete in tournaments overseas and in Europe which begin the stages toward an Olympic tryout. Shooting is a major sport in Europe as Germany dominates many of the competitions.

"In Europe, unlike the U.S., shooting is a spectator sport and it's somewhat like what football is over here," she said. "Europeans



Xavier factor: Livonia Churchill graduate Karyn Juziuk was on target last weekend in the NCAA championships held at Murray State (Ky.).

Please see JUZIUK, C6

Trenton unplugs Chargers

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill's hockey season ended on a sad note, but not before giving Trenton a scare in the Class A regional final Saturday night at Kennedy Ice Arena, falling 5-3 to the host Trojans in front of a standing-room only crowd.

The Chargers finished the year 19-5-3 overall, while Trenton moved into Wednesday's quarterfinal at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube at 22-3-2.

PREP HOCKEY

(Ironically, in the second game of the season, Churchill lost 5-3 on Nov. 22 at Trenton.)

After a somewhat flat second period by Churchill which resulted in a 3-2 deficit, the Chargers stepped up their game in the final period and evened the count at 3-all on Matt Grant's unassisted backhand with just 6:55 left.

But Trenton, a six-time state champion and last year's runner-up, answered with two quick goals to earn the win.

Off a scramble in front of Churchill netminder Dwaine Jones, Trenton's Nate Schmoedel scored the game-winner from Pat Maloney and Ken O'Connor with only 4:07 to go.

The Trojans then made sure with 3:02 left when Angelo Petrucco banged home a rebound from Brian Hancock and Adam Youngblood.

"We're an experienced team and we've been in this situation before," Trenton coach Mike

Turner said. "We didn't panic (after Grant's goal), we just kept working."

For the game, the Trojans only outshot the Chargers, 21-20.

Churchill, in fact, had a 7-2 advantage in the final period. But Trenton made both shots count.

It was 1-1 after one period.

Churchill's Chuck Leight redirected a shot from the point with Antti Kervinen and Jason Turri assisting to put the Chargers on top, 1-0, at 4:15.

Petrucco countered for Trenton at 9:45 on a backhand after Hancock broke through the Charger defense.

The Trojans then scored at 6:07 and 9:48, both goals by Derek Nykiel to take a 3-1 lead. Nykiel's second was caused by traffic in front of the Churchill net.

"We haven't scored a lot of goals this year in comparison to past years so we have to create intensity down low," Turner said.

After Nykiel's second goal, Churchill coach Jeff Hatley immediately called a timeout to regroup his troops.

"They (Trenton) play the

grinding style and that little let-down in the second period hurt us," said Hatley, a former Trojan goalie and alum. "We had trouble because of the stick-handling in our zone and we were making a lot of soft passes. If we had continued to play like that, we were going to get blown out."

"But to the credit of our team, we got the next goal and then tied it up."

At 10:02 of the second, B.J. Tehan off a pinpoint pass from Dan Cook, brought the Chargers to within one.

The rangy Grant then tied it up at 8:05 of the third.

"We knew they (Churchill) were a very good team and all they wanted was a chance to beat us and it only takes one," Turner said. "They've got to be proud of their effort because we gave it everything we had."

The loss marked the final games for a quartet of four-year senior varsity players at Churchill — Anton Sutovsky, Brandon Martoia, Matt Wysocki and Jason Hendrian.

"They're just good kids and fun to be around," Hatley said. "And the parental support we got made all the difference. No egos got in the way this year. Every-

ALL-SUBURBAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

ALL-SUBURBAN HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE TEAM

Goalies: Justin Yanalunas, Sr., Walled Lake Central; Mike O'Keefe, Sr., Redford Union.

Defensemen: Matt Wysocki, Sr., Livonia Churchill; Brandon Martoia, Sr., Churchill; Adam Sexton, Jr., Livonia Franklin; Joe Suchara, Jr., Livonia Stevenson; J.J. Price, Jr., Redford Union; Justin Wainio, Jr., Northville.

Forwards: Matt Grant, Sr., Churchill; Kevin Boone, Sr., Northville; Greg Job, Sr., Franklin; Joel Halliday, Jr., Redford Union; Darin Fawkes, Sr., Stevenson; Ryan Sinks, Jr., Stevenson; Jeff Lang, Sr., Stevenson; Matt York, Sr., Dearborn; John Savickis, Sr., Dearborn.

Coach of the Year: Brad O'Neill, Northville.

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Anton Sutovsky, Antti Kervinen, Frank Furdere, B.J. Tehan, Dan Cook; Redford Union: Mike Karath, Andy Dorfried, Nick Ostrowski; Dearborn: Brent Hojnacki, Johnathon Harvey, James Hatcher, Jason Reechke, Joe Virga, Abe Hughes; Franklin: Tony Sals, Dave Tyler, Eric Kelemen, Erik Rakoczy; Northville: Evan Edwards, W.L. Central: Dave Pateley, Chad Haven, Corey Dohany; W.L. Western: Justin Robinson, Dan Norris, Dan Copeland, Rex Trott, Nate Aubuchon; Stevenson: John May, Willie Wilson, Mike Walsh; Chris McComb, Matt McLeod.

SCORING LEADERS

1. Matt York (Dearborn), 18 goals-20 assists/38 points; 2. John Savickis (Dearborn), 13-18/29; 3. Justin Robinson (W.L. Western), 10-9/25; 4. Kevin Boone (Northville), 13-12/25; 5. Greg Job (Franklin), 12-12/24; 6. Ryan Sinks (Stevenson), 12-12/24; 7. Brent Hojnacki (Dearborn), 9-14/23; 8. Jeff Lang (Stevenson), 9-13/22; 9. Matt Grant (Churchill), 7-15/22; 10. Darin Fawkes (Stevenson), 8-13/21; 11. Joel Halliday (Redford Union), 14-8/20; 12. John May (Stevenson), 13-7/20; 13. Dan Norris (W.L. Western), 11-9/20; 14. Willie Wilson (Stevenson), 9-9/18; 15. Mike Walsh (Stevenson), 8-10/18; 16. Bill Marshall (Stevenson), 5-12/17; 17. Dan Cook (Churchill), 11-5/16; 18. Abe Hughes (Dearborn), 9-7/16; 19. Anton Sutovsky (Churchill), 5-11/16; 20. J.J. Price (Redford Union), 4-12/16.

GOALIE LEADERS: 1. Matt McLeod (Stevenson), 6 goals allowed, 1.29 goals against average; 2. Greg Sillwe (Churchill), 14/1.69; 3. Chris McComb (Stevenson), 16/1.71; 4. Dwaine Jones (Churchill), 10/1.75; 5. Rick Ryan (Northville), 12/2.4; 6. Don Strauch (Northville), 20/3.82; 7. Matt Raschke (Dearborn), 50/3.85; 8. Rex Trott (W.L. Western), 49/3.9; 9. Justin Yanalunas (W.L. Central), 51/3.92; 10. Mike O'Keefe (Redford Union), 60/4.01; 11. Rob Williams (Franklin), 33/4.12.

FINAL SUBURBAN HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS				
South Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Livonia Stevenson	13	1	0	26
Livonia Churchill	11	1	2	24
Dearborn Unified	7	5	2	16
Northville	6	7	1	13
Livonia Franklin	5	7	2	12
Walled Lake Western	4	9	1	9
Walled Lake Central	3	10	1	7
Redford Union	2	11	1	5
Overall Records				
	W	L	T	Pts.
Livonia Churchill	19	5	3	
Livonia Stevenson	17	7	2	
Northville	17	7	1	
Dearborn Unified	11	11	2	
Livonia Franklin	12	11	2	
Walled Lake Western	11	12	2	
Walled Lake Central	6	17	2	
Redford Union	5	18	2	

Hot CC goaltender Marnon can't save defending 'A' champions

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central senior goaltender Rick Marnon probably had Grosse Pointe South's Charlie Braun feeling more like the cartoon character Charlie Brown during most of Saturday's Class A hockey regional at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Remember how Lucy used to pick the ball up just as Charlie Brown was going to kick it?

Marnon had the same effect on Braun and his Blue Devils teammates, steering away 23 shots, including several that required spectacular moves.

"We knew his glove hand was awesome and we had to score in the five hole or low," said Braun,

a junior forward. "He's great, the best in the league (Michigan Metro Hockey League), but we knew what we had to do."

They did just enough to beat the Shamrocks, 2-1, using a short-handed goal by Braun in the third period to break a 1-1 tie.

Marnon came into the game red-hot, recording consecutive shutouts over Birmingham Brother Rice and sharing another against Redford Union with teammate Tom Monnier.

Marnon's finest save, perhaps, came in the third period when the score was 1-1 and he robbed South's Brad Balesky with a glove save while the Blue Devils enjoyed a 4-on-3 advantage.

"It hurts," said Marnon. "I'd rather come out on top. I don't

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care if I have to make all the saves at the end or not. South was ready to play. That's all it was. I'll always miss the guys."

The Blue Devils broke Marnon's scoreless string with a goal by Matt Moran, assisted by Adam Whitehead and Ben Weaver, at 6:40 of the first period.

The Shamrocks tied the score when David Moss picked up a rebound off a shot by Keith Rowe and scored with 9:06 left in the second period. Todd Bentley also assisted on the goal.

The Blue Devils scored the game-winner with 7:53 left when Braun took a pass from Pat

Manion in the slot and buried the puck between the legs of Marnon.

It came less than a minute after Marnon made consecutive stops on Manion and Braun from point-blank range.

South defenseman Dave Bilbrey made a key move leading to the goal, keeping the puck in at the point and knocking a CC player on his behind in the same motion.

"I think we were leaning toward getting in the other zone, neglected to take care of responsibilities in our zone and it cost us," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "Marnon was outstanding, we just couldn't get another one for him."

"I thought we had some momentum going in the second

period and I thought we'd be stronger in the third but give them credit. They're a very quick team."

The Shamrocks pulled Marnon for an extra attacker in the final minute and generated three face-offs in the Blue Devils' zone and a couple scoring chances.

South senior goalie J.C. Tibbitts was up to the challenge, finishing with 18 saves.

His coach, Bob Bopp, feels as blessed as St. John is with Marnon to have him.

"Marnon may be the best in the league — I know we're pretty happy with number 27 (J.C. Tibbitts)," South coach Bob Bopp said. "Both were very good today."

Bopp advanced to the quarter-

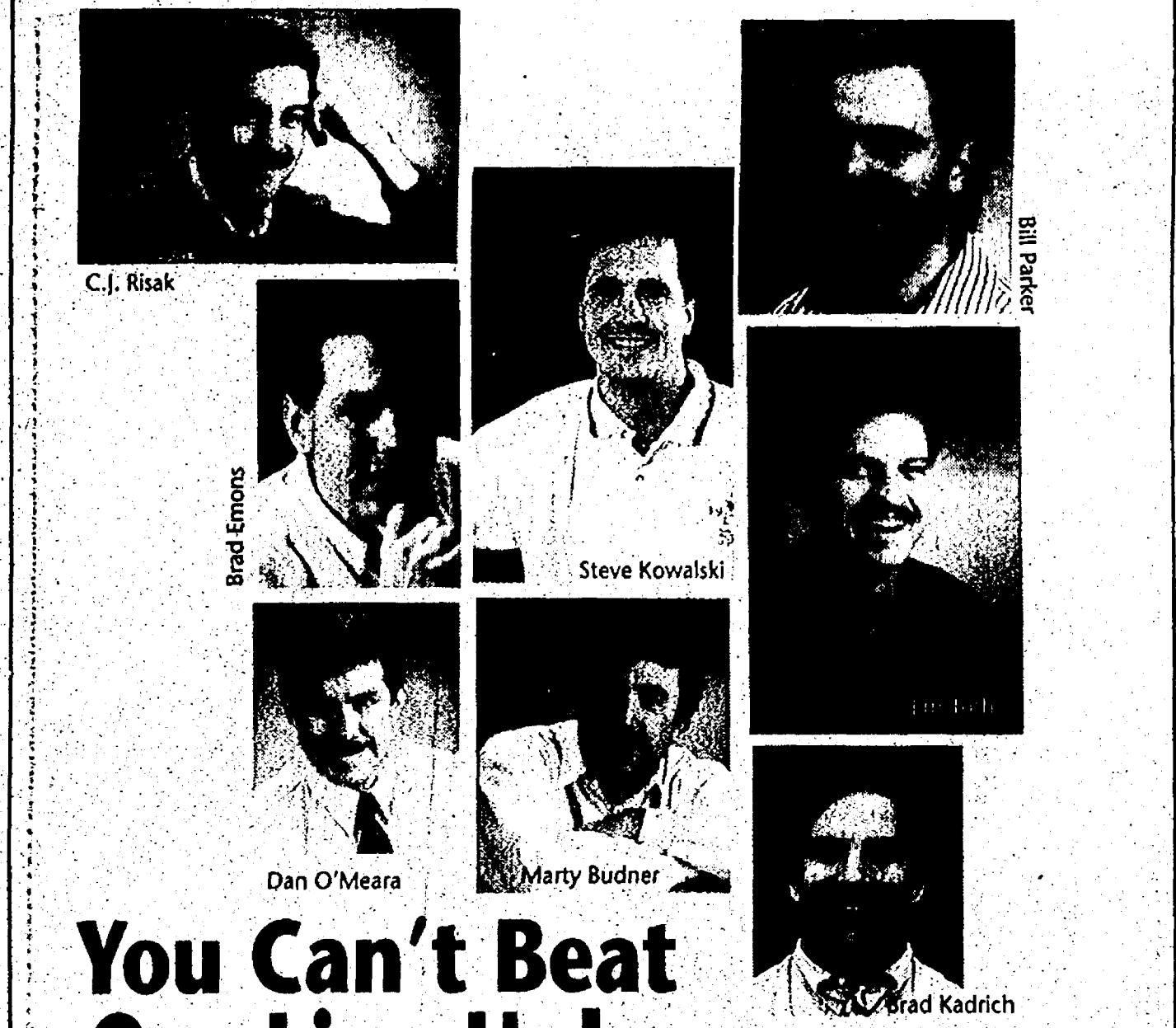
finals for the first time with a 24-3 record. This was the first time South has beaten CC in the state tournament in Bopp's six years as coach.

"Every year we have CC, Rice or Trenton (in the regionals) and it's tough to move on," Bopp said. "We've beaten CC (in the regular season) and done pretty well against Rice but we've never beaten Trenton."

"We want another chance to beat them and if we do it would be the last game of the year."

This was the final high school game for CC seniors Ian Devlin, Monnier, Greg Berger, John Hunt, Dan Morrell, Jason Tardif, Dave Turner, Jim Melton, Joe Beaudoin, Tony Keshishian and Marnon.

"They'll be missed," St. John said.



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Soo plays spoiler in Whalers' bid for 1st

Win the games you're supposed to. That's been Plymouth Whalers' coach Pete DeBoer's sermon since the season's start.

But on Sunday, the Whalers let another slip away — and with it, the chances for an Ontario Hockey League West Division title got slimmer.

A win over the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, the last-place team in the division, at Plymouth's Compuware Arena would have allowed the Whalers to forge a tie with the London Knights for first in the division.

And it was easily within their grasp. Plymouth had a 2-0 lead after two periods; when David Legwand poked in a power-play goal (his 53rd score of the season) at 4:57 of the third, the Whaler lead was at 3-0.

But in a 2:08 span of that period, the Greyhounds turned the game around, scoring three quick goals — the last two, by Dan Passero and Nick Grady, on the power play to tie it at 3-3

before the period was half over.

Then came the heartbreaker for Plymouth. With 3:48 elapsed in overtime, Chad Spurr scored a third-consecutive power-play goal for Sault Ste. Marie to give it a 4-3 victory.

The loss kept the Whalers two points behind London for first in the West (going into Wednesday's game against visiting Windsor). On Friday, Plymouth concludes its regular season with a game at London.

Eric Goody got the Whalers' first goal against the Greyhounds at 9:18 of the opening period. Shaun Fisher made it 2-0 with a power-play score at 1:46 of the second. Jesse Boulerice and Steve Wasylko each assisted on both goals; Fisher picked up an assist on Legwand's third-period score.

Spurr assisted on all three third-period Greyhound goals, before netting the game-winner in OT.

On Saturday, the Whalers did-

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Kingston Frontenacs	35	26	4	74
Oshawa Generals	24	31	8	56
Peterborough Petes	19	35	10	48
Toronto St. M. Majors	14	40	9	37
Central Division				
Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Quepik Storm	41	18	6	88
Barrie Colts	38	21	5	81
Kitchener Rangers	27	28	9	63
Owen Sound Platers	26	34	5	57
Sudbury Wolves	24	34	7	55
North Bay Centennials	15	43	6	36
West Division				
Team	W	L	T	Pts.
London Knights	38	21	5	81
Plymouth Whalers	36	21	7	79
Sarnia Sting	31	20	13	75
Erie Otters	33	28	4	70
Windsor Spitfires	19	40	5	43
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n't have nearly as much trouble with the Greyhounds. Goals by Boulerice and Legwand in the first period put them in front, and third-period scores by Nik Tselios, Kris Purdy and Brian Passmore assured the 5-1 triumph at Compuware. Purdy also had an assist in the game.

Robert Esche was in goal for both games for Plymouth. He made 19 saves on Saturday and had 22 Sunday.

Mason hurls Madonna to win

The journey south for their annual spring trip at least ended on a positive note for Madonna University's baseball team — a good thing, since the Fighting Crusaders absorbed a few thumpings en route to their 5-8 record.

Last Saturday, Madonna closed out its trip with a 5-3 triumph over King College in a game played at Lake Wales, Fla. Bob Mason went all seven innings for the Crusaders, tossing a five-hitter with two walks and five strikeouts to improve to 1-2. Two of the runs he allowed were earned.

Kevin Foley sparked Madonna's six-hit attack with two hits and two runs batted in. J.R. Taylor added a run-scoring double and Bob Hamp had an RBI single.

On Friday, the Crusaders were

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bounced around twice, losing 9-0 to Bethel College and 18-13 to Milligan College. Both games were played in Lake Wales.

Mark Serra started and took the loss against Bethel; he lasted four innings, allowing nine runs (five earned) on 10 hits and three walks in falling to 0-2. Nick Newman followed Serra to the mound and tossed two scoreless innings of relief.

Daryl Rocho had two of Madonna's five hits.

In the slugfest against Milligan, the Crusaders battled back from a 9-4 deficit to take a 10-9 lead with a six-run fourth. But Milligan tied it with a run in the fifth, then won it with an eight-run seventh.

Kevin Bilbia was the first of four Madonna pitchers to see action. He lasted just one inning, surrendering four earned runs. The loss, however, went to reliever Jason Carter (0-1), who gave up eight unearned runs on six hits in one inning of work.

Rocho had two hits, including a home run, and three RBI to pace Madonna's offense. Todd Miller (from Farmington Hills/Birmingham Brother Rice) had three hits and an RBI. Pete Quinn (Redford Thurston) had a hit and three RBI, and Foley contributed a hit and two RBI. Eric Marcotte (Plymouth Canton) got one hit, stole two bases and scored three times.

Four errors proved costly to Madonna. In their last three games, the Crusaders committed nine errors and surrendered 13 unearned runs.

Mustangs oust Churchill

Livonia Churchill went down swinging in the Class A district girls volleyball tournament Saturday at Novi.

The Chargers finished their season 19-17-7 overall after losing to Northville in the semifinals, 15-13, 17-15.

Jessica Sherman and Lauren Ruprecht, both seniors, each recorded six kills in the loss.

Sophomore Shannon Munn turned in some timely blocking in the middle to try and offset the strong play of Northville middle blocker Meredith Hasse.

Jenny Duncan, a senior, was the top defensive player the Chargers with 18 digs.

"Jenny was all over the place," Churchill coach Mike Hughes said. "As a team we played well defensively and served consistently."

"And Jenny Laidlaw set very well all four games." In the first match, Churchill defeated the host Wildcats, 15-10, 15-7, as Beth Rutkowski and Lisa Fabrikiewicz each had six kills.

The Chargers lose six players to graduation including Ruprecht, Fabrikiewicz, Sherman, Duncan, Rutkowski, Laidlaw and Susan Hill.

Plymouth Salem went on to defeat Northville in the championship final, 15-10, 15-7.

Ypsi Lincoln district

Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial were eliminated in Class A district action Saturday at Ypsilanti Lincoln.

The host Railsplitters, who defeated Garden City, 15-7, 15-7, in the championship final, took out Glenn in the semifinals, 16-14, 15-4.

Sophomore Noelle Swartz stood out in the loss with a solid all-around performance. She finished with seven kills and seven digs.

Jamie Barker added five digs, while setter Jessica Letourneau contributed 13 assists, four digs and two aces.

The Rockets finished the season 7-21-3.

Wayne, meanwhile, fell in three games to Belleville, 15-5, 9-15, 15-13.

The Zebras, who bowed out 12-17-6 overall, were led by 5-foot-11 junior Kristin Kehrer,

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an All-Mega Conference (White Division) pick who had six kills and one solo block.

Rachel Raines collected two aces and four kills, and Beth Molitor, who added four kills and one solo block.

Senior setter Kristen Bull, an All-White Division selection, had seven assists along with Jenny Wolfe.

Top defensive players for Wolves included Melissa Jones (seven digs) and Bridget O'Rourke (six digs).

"We lose only one starter (Bull) and all the rest are returning — we're pretty excited about next year," said Wayne coach Laura Fisher, whose team took third in the Mega-White with an 8-4 record.

Warriors reach final

In Saturday's Class C state tourney, host Lutheran High Westland host Riverview Gabriel Richard in the district finals (14-16, 15-7, 15-6) after eliminating Flat Rock in the semifinals (15-6, 15-3).

The Warriors, who finished 13-17-3 overall, turned in one of their best efforts of the year.

"We played really, really well and everybody was 'on,'" Lutheran Westland coach Joan Ollinger said. "We're looking forward to next year."

Juniors Rebekah Hoffmeier and Stephanie Lynch stood out with their blocking in the middle, according to Ollinger.

Junior Anna Schwewe and senior Sarah Hoffmeier were both named to the All-Region teams, while senior Kristen Rae and Schwewe made All-Metro Conference.

Clarenceville ousted

Last year's state Class C quarterfinalist, Livonia Clarenceville, fell in the first round of the district tournament Saturday against host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 15-0, 15-13.

Southfield Christian beat Notre Dame Prep for the title, 16-14, 16-14.

"The first game we did not play well at all," said Clarenceville coach Alisha

Love, whose team bowed out at 38-11-4 overall. "We just couldn't pass if our life depended on it."

Senior Michelle Berry, a first-team All-Area pick last season and second-team All-Metro choice this year, collected six kills and three aces in her final match.

Senior Jackie Kibilko, a first-team All-Metro selection, came up with 24 digs in the second game.

Other Clarenceville standouts in defeat included junior Kristina Skrela, five kills and two aces; senior Melissa Berry, three solo blocks and two kills; and senior Agnieszka Palarz (third-team All-Metro).

"It's been one of those years where we've won more battles off the court than on it," said Love, who loses six players to graduation. "We saw a lot of girls grow, even though statistically, it did not show."

"I feel blessed that we had a tremendous group of girls."

Hawks sent home

In the Class D district semifinal Saturday at Whitmore Lake, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (8-13-3 overall) fell to eventual champion Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 15-8, 15-7.

Juniors Stephanie Graves was Huron Valley's top server, while junior Katie Orlandoni was the Hawks' top all-around player in defeat.

"Katie played very well and kept us in the game," Huron Valley coach Jeff Hale said. "We did not play well offensively. We were a little tight going in. We weren't as loose as we should have been."

Stephanie Graves, a 5-8 junior middle hitter, and sister Stacie Graves, a 5-8 sophomore setter, also had outstanding seasons.

"I'm very happy about this season," said Hale, who broke a six-year winless streak this year. "We could have won a couple more matches."

"But everybody returns next year, and as young as we are, we're very excited."

"The one thing this team lacked this year was senior leadership, but we'll have it next year."

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Off to the races: Lutheran High Westland's Scott Randall starts the fast-break against Southfield Christian in Monday's Class C district opener

Miracle shot

CC shocks Southfield on Moore's heave

Redford Catholic Central junior guard Nick Moore made two free throws with 3.5 seconds left Wednesday to tie host Southfield, 72-72, in a Class A boys basketball district semifinal game.

Before anyone could say overtime, Moore provided an encore. Incredibly, Moore stole the ball from a Southfield guard near half-court, turned and heaved it before the buzzer sounded straight through the net to give the Shamrocks a 75-72 win.

"A shot like that is once in a lifetime," Moore said. Moore can tell his children about it someday and even show them the film. The Channel 7 television crew was on hand for his heroics.

The win sends CC, 17-4 overall, to Friday's district final to play Detroit Redford, the team that eliminated the Shamrocks in the same round a year ago.

Moore and senior center Chris Young led CC with 17 points each. Don Slankater had 13 and Joe Jonna 10.

Southfield guard Joe Shephard, a Central Michigan signee, had a game-high 26.

CC enjoyed a 12-point first-half lead but Southfield caught the Shamrocks after Young went to the bench with foul trouble in the second quarter.

Young scored seven points in the final two minutes, including two dunks, to rally the Shamrocks back from a 68-63 deficit.

NORTHVILLE 63, CHURCHILL 61: It was right there, within reach for Livonia Churchill in Wednesday's district semifinal at Novi. But the Chargers couldn't take that final step.

Dave Terakedis knocked down 5-of-6 free throws in the final 33 seconds, increasing Northville's advantage to five points and making Lamar Smith's three-pointer in the closing seconds inconsequential.

The Chargers finish with a 7-14 record. Northville takes an 11-10 mark into the district final against Plymouth Salem at 7 p.m. Friday at Novi.

Churchill trailed 50-40 early in the fourth quarter, but the Chargers never gave up. Led by Erik Uhlinger and George Kithas, who combined for all 13 points in a 13-6 run, Churchill pulled to within 58-56 with 1:25 to play.

The Chargers had several chances in the final 85 seconds to overtake

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Northville, but couldn't quite manage it. Smith missed two shots on one possession, then had a shot blocked on another. His drive through the Mustang defense did narrow the gap to 60-58 with 25 seconds left, but Terakedis hit his free throws to send Northville to the finals.

The senior guard led the Mustangs with 16 points. Kelly Bingley and Marshall Knapp had 14 apiece, and Rob Reel scored nine.

Churchill got 14 points from Uhlinger, 13 from Corey Cook, and 12 apiece from Kithas and Smith.

SOUTHFIELD 81, STEVENSON 53: In first-round Class A district action Monday, the host Blue Jays (13-8) had four players score in double figures to beat Livonia Stevenson (0-21).

Mike Mitchell led the winners with 16 points. Joe Shepherd and Mike Proffert chipped in with 13 and 12, respectively, while Clarence Powell contributed 11.

Southfield jumped out to a 32-19 first-quarter lead and put it away with a 27-10 run in the final period.

Dave Stando led the Spartans with 11 points. John Van Buren added nine, while senior Mike Voutsinas had eight. It also marked the final game for senior Bryan Schreff (four points).

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 65, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 64: Senior guard Kyle McAllister scored the game-winning layup with just one second remaining to give Southfield Christian (6-15) the Class C district victory over Lutheran High Westland (8-13) Monday at Redford Bishop Borgess.

Bryant Curry led the victorious Eagles with 22 points and 14 rebounds. McAllister added 20 points.

Brad Woehlke and Tom Habitz each tallied 12 points in a losing cause.

JACKSON BAPTIST 60, HURON VALLEY 37: In the Class D district tourney Monday, the host Royals (6-15) eliminated Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (6-15) behind Jon Hunsberger's 16 points.

Tim Walz snared 17 rebounds for Jackson Baptist, which led by 14 points at intermission.

Tom Husby scored a game-high 17 points for the Hawks.

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Trojans yield 59 points in 2nd half, fall to Southfield Christian

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

It's been a rough season for the Livonia Clarenceville basketball team, as the Trojans have been set back by players quitting and various suspensions.

But for the first two quarters Wednesday at the Class C districts at Redford Bishop Borgess, Clarenceville put its problems aside. Unfortunately, just as the season has been up and down, so was the second half.

The Trojans squandered a 10-point halftime lead and left its defense in the lockerroom, as Southfield Christian rallied for an 83-71 victory.

The Eagles will play for the district title Friday against Borgess, a 79-54 winner over Detroit Benedictine. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

"We're excited about having the

opportunity to play the defending Class C state champs," Southfield coach Scott Lawson said.

For the Eagles (7-16) to have a chance against the Spartans, they will have to play the way they did in the second half against Clarenceville. Southfield scored 59 points in the second half, committed only three turnovers, shot 61 percent from the floor (19 of 31) and hit 20 of 21 free throws (95 percent).

Leading the Eagles was senior guard Ryan McAllister, who scored 21 of his career-high 29 points in the second half. McAllister has been on a tear, as he scored 20 points, including the winning basket in Monday's 65-64 victory over Lutheran Westland.

Southfield also received 15 points from Sam Wood, 12 from Matt Ford and nine off the bench from Matthew

CLASS C DISTRICT

Clements.

Sophomore Bryant Curry poured in 16 points and grabbed nine boards for the Eagles before leaving the game in the fourth quarter with a sprained left ankle. The 6-foot-3 center had x-rays taken after the game and is questionable for Friday's contest.

Junior guard Rick Murphy paced Clarenceville with 24 points, including four three-pointers. Senior forward Justin Villanueva finished his career with 16 points, despite sitting on the bench most of the game in foul trouble.

Freshman forward Scott Wion and freshman guard Corey McKendry added 12 and 11 points, respectively.

"It's been a tough year, but I'm not

relieved to see it over," said Clarenceville coach Rick Larson, whose team finished 6-16. "The attitudes were getting better, we were coming off a good team game against Allen Park Inter-City Baptist and we've had good practices. The team came in here fired up to play."

The Trojans appeared to be on their way to Friday's championship taking a 34-24 lead into halftime.

But the second half was a different story. The Eagles went on a 16-2 run to end the quarter - a quarter Southfield owned 24-5.

McAllister scored 12 points, had four assists and four steals in the Eagles rally.

"We tried to take away his good hand and his penetration and we were able to hold him to eight points in the first

half," Larson said. "We just lost containment on him after halftime."

The Clarenceville coach speculated his team was mostly at fault for the third quarter woes.

"The key was too much pressure on their part," Larson said. "We went from being the aggressor in the first half to not being aggressive at all in the second half."

"The team let up some and I didn't expect them to."

The Eagles outscored Clarenceville 35-32 in the final quarter, and held off the Trojans by hitting 18-of-19 free throws.

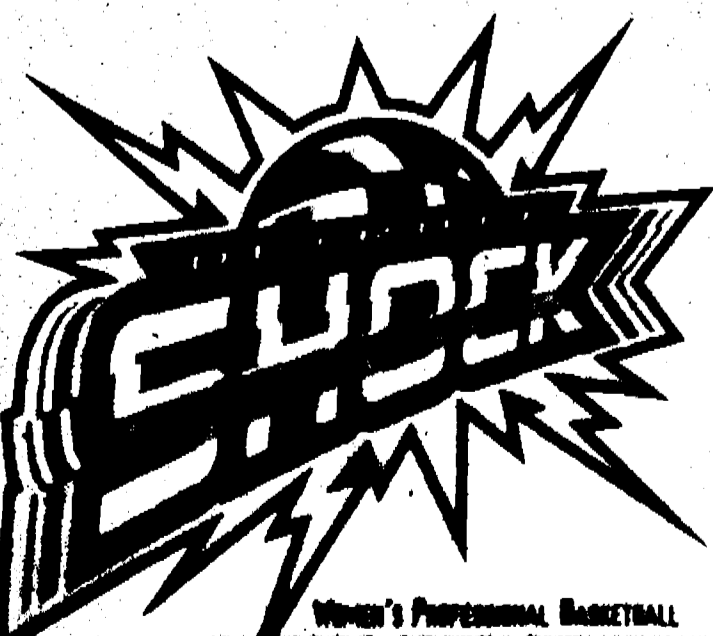
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Par excellence: Young siblings Jenny, Chris lead their teams

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Chris Young, a 6-foot-10 senior center at Redford Catholic Central, attends most Livonia Ladywood volleyball matches.

His sister, Jenny, stars as an outside hitter for the Blazers, prompting a curious fan to approach their mother, Carol Young, recently.

"Is he a really devoted brother or does he have an interest in volleyball?" the woman asked.

The answer is yes - to both questions.

Chris and Jenny, nearly two years apart in age, are as close as siblings get. Chris would go to Jenny's game or practice at the same time, but he does have another interest: His girlfriend, Katie Brogan, a senior setter for Ladywood.

Whenever a potential kill by Jenny doesn't go down, he's probably careful not to blame the set.

It's one of the rare times Chris wouldn't be 100 percent behind his sister.

They say their fights are limited to the car they share, a 1996 Mazda. Chris usually gets first dibs in the morning because Ladywood is on the way to CC from their home in Plymouth. Chris reasons it should be his most of the time since next year he'll be on a basketball scholarship at the University of Michigan.

"Chris says 'I should have it this year - next year it's all her's,'" laughs their mother.

The car is a bit more cramped for Chris than the 6-1 Jenny.

"I just try to squeeze myself in there," Chris said. "We tried to get an Escort but I couldn't fit."

A busy schedule

The two are a joy for the parents to follow, although starring in different sports during the same season presents conflicts. On those occasions when their games are played at the same time, Carol Young goes to one venue and husband Tom the other.

Whoever is watching the Ladywood match hopes it's done in typically-quick Blazer fashion - to allow enough time to get to the second half of Chris' game.

"A lot of times we're torn between games," said Tom. "One goes to one, the other goes to the other."

Along with being a standout in volleyball, Jenny excels in the classroom, carrying a 3.9 grade-point average. She was in the academically talented program growing up in Livonia, attending Webster Elementary and Frost Junior High.

Chris, who attended both Coolidge Elementary and St. Edith Grade Schools in Livonia, is more typical, carrying a 2.4 GPA at CC and scoring 20 on the ACT.

Carol Young knew Jenny had a high IQ at an early age.

"When Chris was little, I'd read to him," recalled Carol.

"She was 2 and would read it back, easy sentences, just from sitting on my lap. When she was 3 she could figure out change in

the grocery line. It would be 24.99 and if I gave the cashier 30 dollars, she would say 5.01. We were amazed."

Jenny is vice president of Ladywood's student council, a member of the national honor society and Students Against Drunk Driving as well as past president of the school chorus.

Ladywood principal Sister Mary Ann Smith has been impressed with Jenny since her first days as a freshman.

"She's a natural leader, just has a knack," Smith said. "She's very responsible, just an all-around great person. I keep thinking she's a senior and she's not. I see Jenny able to be successful in any career she sets her mind to."

"She's hard working, not afraid to accept challenges. An outgoing, people person. She has a way in helping other people be more confident in own abilities."

Jenny learned to play volleyball at St. Edith, answering athletic director Dennis Niemiec's continued pleas to play.

"He kept saying, 'You're so tall, you should play,'" Jenny said. "I liked it so much I started finding other leagues to play in."

She leaves basketball to her brother.

"I live in a 'basketball house,'" Jenny said.

Jenny said. "My mom even played. I thought 'I could try this basketball thing.' But it's not me."

Hot commodities

Chris is one of the top senior basketball players in the state and should be a strong Mr. Basketball candidate, averaging 20 points, 14 rebounds and seven blocks per game.

College recruiters started calling between his sophomore and junior years. The letters are starting to trickle in for Jenny.

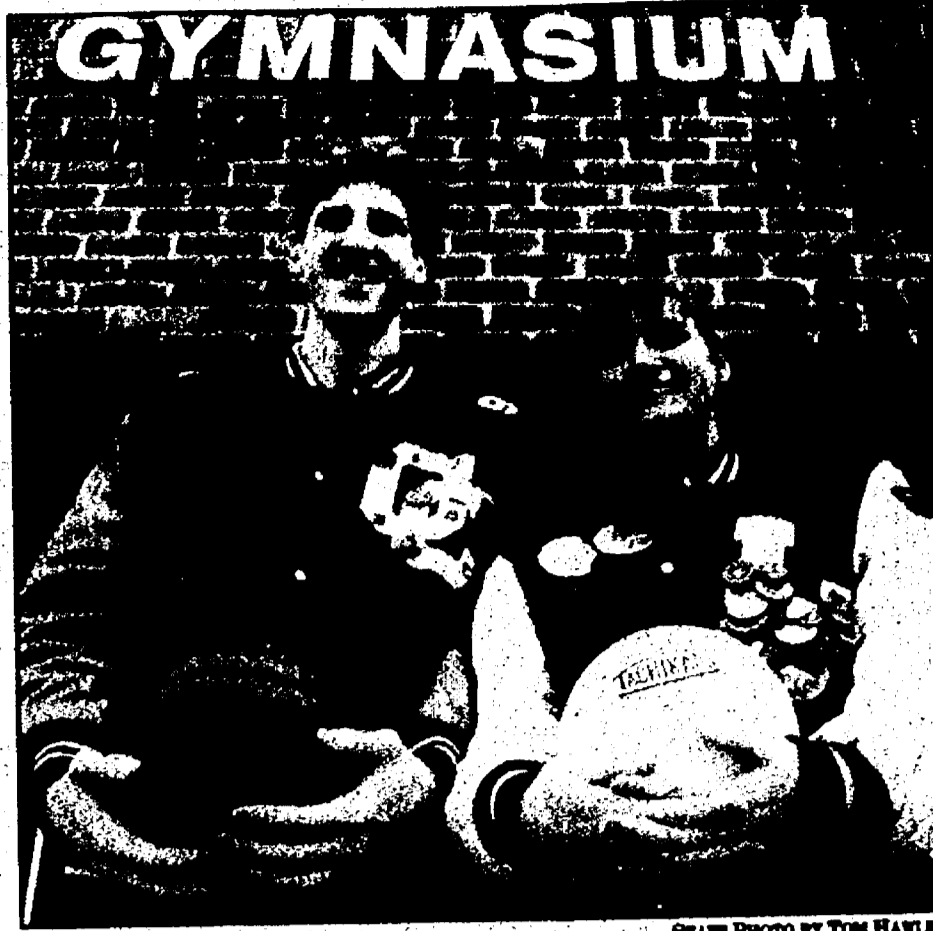
After verbally committing to U-M in the summer, the calls still came for Chris and Jenny answered a good number of them.

This past summer is when word got out that Jenny was a college volleyball prospect. College recruiters will try to use anything to their advantage.

"One of them called up and said 'Hey, I heard you're a pretty good volleyball player. Well I know the volleyball coach so I'll put in a good word for you,'" said Jenny, laughing.

Here is something their future college coaches will like to hear: Although both are easy going, each takes losing hard.

"They're so sullen after losing games," Carol said.



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Tall order: Chris Young (left), a senior who plays for Catholic Central, is headed to Michigan on a basketball scholarship, while sister Jenny, a junior at Ladywood, is one of the area's top spikers.

"I know where they get that from," said Tom, pointing at Carol.

Jenny relaxes playing classical music on the family's piano. Chris relaxes listening to rap.

"The stuff Chris listens to on the radio isn't quite classical piano," Jenny said.

Chris Young might listen to some bad rap, but a bad rap is

something he's never had.

"He always comes back, never misses a moment to say hello," said Debbie Malek, his fifth grade teacher at St. Edith.

"He stands there, right to the door frame, and all the kids are oohing and ahing."

"He was a hard worker, a very level headed kid with nice parents."

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Rice repeats; CC runner-up

Second place in the Catholic League Swim Meet Sunday at Royal Oak Dondero was something Redford Catholic Central coach Danny Knipper expected from his swimmers.

Birmingham Brother Rice, the four-time defending Class A state champion, finished first, more than 100 points ahead of the second-place Shamrocks.

"They placed everywhere," Knipper said. "As for the upcoming state meet, to be held Friday and Saturday at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium, Knipper said the Shamrocks' performance is more unpredictable."

Knipper expects Rice to win for an unprecedented fifth straight year with Ann Arbor Pioneer probably headed for second place. Knipper feels the order of teams after that is up for grabs, although it's unlikely the Shamrocks will finish in the top five.

"I think Rice is going to win it, Pioneer will finish second, will give Rice a little bit of a run but I don't think they're going to take it from them," Knipper said. "Third, fourth and fifth is going to be a big

BOYS SWIMMING

fight. Sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th - it's all going to be a race for the money. I look for us to stay as close as possible to ninth or better."

Qualifying for the state meet as individuals are seniors Nick Sosnowski, Matt Baran and Paul Connolly. Sosnowski has qualified in three events, but will swim in only the 200 yard individual medley and 100 backstroke. His best time in the 200 IM is 2:01.67 and his best time in the 100 backstroke is 55.91.

Baran has qualified in the 100 butterfly (55.00) and Connolly the 100 breaststroke (1:02.84).

A junior, Ryan Meekins, is also a double qualifier. He will swim the 200 freestyle (1:48.97) and the 100 freestyle (49.25).

Sosnowski placed ninth in the 200 IM and 10th in the 100 backstroke last year. Connolly was ninth in the 100 breaststroke.

"I look for personal best times out of every one of them and feel each one should place (among the top 12)," Knipper said.

Sosnowski, Connolly, Baran and Meekins have qualified in the 200 medley relay (1:42.66) and Baran, Markou, Meekins and Sosnowski have qualified in the 400 freestyle relay (3:20.71).

The Shamrocks finished their dual meet season with a 6-4-1 record and was clearly the second-best team in the Catholic League, Knipper said.

Rice was far and away better than the competition at the Catholic League Meet and here's the scary part: "Last year they were better," Knipper said.

Here are the best CC finishers:

200 medley relay: (Sosnowski, Connolly, Baran, Meekins), third place, 1:42.66; 200 freestyle: Baran, second, 1:50.11; Meekins, third, 1:50.95; 50 freestyle: Dennis Segue, fourth, 23.47; John LaRuffa, sixth, 24.18; diving: Greg Brazunas, fourth, 301.70 points (varsity school record); Mike Mattis, eighth, 254.45 points; 100 butterfly: Baran, first, 55.00; Matt Tobkin, sixth, 57.94; 100 freestyle: Meekins, first, 49.82; Markou, sixth, 51.55; 500 freestyle: Matt Miller, sixth, 5:13.03; 200 freestyle relay: (Segue, LaRuffa, Erik Ruselowski, Chris LaFond), second place, 1:38.37; 100 backstroke: Sosnowski, second, 56.48; 100 breaststroke: Paul Connolly, first, 1:02.84; 400 freestyle relay: (Baran, Markou, Meekins, Sosnowski), third, 3:20.71.

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are trained at an early age to shoot and that doesn't happen as much over here."

Juziuk, who shot archery at the age of five, began her rifle shooting at age 10. Her mother, Elizabeth, returned to shooting after an absence and soon began taking her to the Livonia Junior Rifle Club.

Juziuk increased her training as she entered her teens and her mother became her coach. Still, her shooting prowess was virtually unknown during her days at Churchill.

"Churchill has good hockey and soccer programs and I didn't play any varsity sports, so only my friends knew about my shooting - and they thought it was cool," Juziuk said.

She also was able to get some good competition going at the club with her cousin, mother and

her younger brother, Karl, a promising shooter at Tennessee Tech.

Juziuk chose Xavier because it was one of the few universities that had a competitive rifle team while offering a respected biology program.

Juziuk has enjoyed a great career at Xavier, as she earned first team All-American honors in air rifle in 1996 and 1997. She also competed in the 1996 Olympic Trials in Atlanta (seventh-place finish).

For those unfamiliar with shooting, air rifle uses air pressure to propel pellets while smallbore utilizes a 22 caliber rifle that uses gun powder to propel bullets.

"It's a safe sport," Juziuk said. "Before you learn to shoot, you learn safety. And then after learning to shoot, you gain a

respect for the equipment. You learn the power a rifle has and you learn to keep it in control."

"It's a good sport because it's a lifelong sport; you can shoot at any age. It's also a sport where gender doesn't matter and it's a sport that stresses the mental aspect."

"I came out of competition feeling fine physically, even though my back hurts every now and then. But I'm mentally exhausted when a competition is done. It's three hours of focusing on goal. You have to learn to focus your mind."

After Juziuk completes her career at Xavier, the Observerland area will still be well represented.

Shari Jedinak, a 1997 graduate of Westland John Glenn, is considered one of the team's most promising shooters.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

LIVONIA Y ST. PATRICK'S RACES

Registration for the Livonia YMCA St. Patrick's 1-, 3- and 5-mile fun runs will be from 7:30-9:15 a.m. Saturday at the Y, 14255 Stark Road, Livonia.

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL TOURNAMENT DRAWS

CLASS A
at PLYMOUTH SALEM
(Saturday, March 14)

Semifinals: Plymouth Salem vs. Farmington Hills Mercy, 10 a.m.; Livonia Ladywood vs. Ferndale, 11:15 a.m.

Championship final: 12:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at Ann Arbor Huron vs. Temperance Bedford regional champion.)

CLASS B
at CARLETON AIRPORT
(Friday, March 13)

Semifinals: Redford Thurston vs. Riverview, 5 p.m.; Carleton Airport vs. Tecumseh, 6:30 p.m.

Championship final: 8 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 17, at Parma-Western vs. Fowlerville regional champion.)

CLASS C
at NEW HAVEN
(Friday, March 13)

Semifinals: Redford Bishop Borgess vs. Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher, 5 p.m.; Almont vs. Southfield Christian, 6:30 p.m.

Championship final: 8 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 17, at Almont vs. Bath regional champion.)

CLASS D
at WATERFORD OUR LADY
(Saturday, March 14)

Semifinals: Redford St. Agatha vs. Taylor Light & Life Christian, 10 a.m.; Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes vs. Ottawa Lake-Whiteford, 11:30 a.m.

Championship final: 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 17, at Ann Arbor Huron vs. Pottsville regional champion.)

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Friday, March 13

Whalers at London Knights, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
Saturday, March 14

Madonna at Walsh (2), 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 15

Madonna at Union, 12:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, March 24

Madonna at Saginaw Valley, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25

Madonna at Aquinas (2), 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Wednesday, March 25

Madonna at Spring Arbor (2), 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 28

Tri-State at Madonna (2), 1 p.m.

Wayne tankers finish 4th in Mega-White

The Mega-White boys swim meet came down to the wire Saturday with Southgate Anderson edging Trenton in the team standings, 292-227.

The rest of the field included Dearborn Edsel Ford, third place, 180; Wayne Memorial, fourth, 175; Garden City, fifth, 160; host Taylor Truman, sixth, 133; Wyandotte Roosevelt, seventh, 129; and Redford Union, eighth, 103.

Wayne's 200-yard medley relay team of Curtis Matties, Justin Smoes, Adam Chiasson and Sonny Webber finished second in 1:50.59.

Sam Raub added a third in the 200 freestyle (2:01.9), while teammate Ian Maguire was

fourth (2:02.06).

The Zebras' 200 medley relay team of Maguire, Smoes, Webber and Josh Cecil gained fourth 1:40.54. Matties added a fourth in the 100 backstroke (1:40.54).

Fifth place finishers for the Zebras included Matties, 200 individual medley (2:17.99); Chiasson, 100 butterfly (1:04.44); Webber, 100 breaststroke (1:09.06).

The foursome of Matties, Cecil, Chiasson and Maguire added a fifth in the 400 freestyle relay (3:50.56).

Chiasson was sixth in the 100 backstroke (1:04.64) and Smoes sixth in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.83).

Garden City's Chris Totten set a meet record in diving (no total available).

The Cougars' Josh Morgan added a second in the 100 butterfly (59.57), while Ryan Wetter took a third in the 100 freestyle (53.16). GC's 400 freestyle relay finished third in 3:44.45.

RU's top individual was Brian Jankowski, who took a third in the 200 IM (2:15.88) and a fifth in the 500 freestyle (5:35.75).

RU's diving tandem of Dave Sutton and Mark Maretto finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

Sutton was also fourth in the 100 butterfly (1:04.46).



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SUNDAY

Viola (Ivana Grahovac of Bloomfield Hills), and Sebastian (Dusan Dean Chehvala) in "Twelfth Night" 2 p.m. at Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$8 to \$10, (313) 577-2960.

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Celebrations of Irish Music

- The 12th Annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest - 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at The Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, (east of Newburgh Road) Westland. Admission \$8 at the door, children free, call (313) 537-3499 for information.
- Celtic Rhythms - 7:30 p.m. (doors open) 8 p.m. (concert) Tuesday, March 17 at The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. (313) 761-1451. Tickets \$13.50.
- St. Patrick's Day Brew and View Party! (The Day After) - 8 p.m. (doors open) Wednesday, March 18 music by The Young Dubliners 9 p.m. followed by the film "The Commitments," at 10 a.m., Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets \$5, at the box office 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, or Ticketmaster (248) 644-6666. Call the event hot line (248) 544-3030 for information.
- The Clancy Brothers - 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Magic Bag, tickets \$20. Call number listed above.

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A musician and a family man, Mick Gavin wanted to present the music of his beloved Ireland in a place where families could enjoy it together on St. Patrick's Day.

Most of the celebrations are held in pubs, and Gavin who lives in Redford, had something else in mind.

In 13 years, the Irish Music Song & Dance Fest he helped organize has outgrown two locations. About 300 people came to the first one at Bonnie Brook Banquet and Conference Center. Last year's event at The Hellenic Cultural Center drew over 1,200.

"It's an annual thing now. We couldn't stop it if we tried, a lot of people would be mad if we did," said Gavin. "We get a lot of families. It's music to celebrate the day."

As the years go by, the festival gets easier to organize, but Gavin and crew are still learning and trying to improve it.

"This year we'll have better seating with tables," he said. Food will also be available for purchase including corned beef and cabbage dinners, Scottish meat pies, Irish soda bread, and hot dogs. A cash bar, Guinness on tap, coffee and other beverages will be sold as well.

More than 60 musicians and dancers from the United States, Canada and Ireland, will be performing including Gavin, Gengary Road, Ed McGlinchey, John Sands, Dawn Moskovich, Terence McKinney, and Paul Cusack, All-Ireland Champion Dancer, the Kitty Heinzman Ceili Dancers, and dancers from the O'Hare School of Irish Dance.

"It's a huge cross section," said Gavin. "From Celtic pipes, Scottish to Irish, ballads and fiddle music."

With "Riverdance" has come a renewed appreciation for all things Irish, and not just on St. Patrick's Day. "People are becoming much more aware of what it's all about," said Gavin who has been playing fiddle and accordion since he was 10. "There was always music in our house, it's really part of my soul. Growing up in County Clare, Ireland, there

were no other musical influences. We didn't have TV, just one radio, and kids weren't allowed to touch it."

When Gavin moved to the United States no one was playing traditional Irish music - jigs, reels, set dances and slow airs. "Every Tom, Dick and Harry was singing pub songs," he said. "Now there are hundreds of people playing old-time music."

Gavin is self-employed - Mick Gavin Floors and Remodeling -

but continues to play the music he loves performing at parties, pubs and even the Ark in Ann Arbor. His son Michael will also be performing at the Festival on St. Patrick's Day.

"Last Saturday I spent three hours teaching a young man the Irish fiddle style," he said. "I do it for the love of the music. I don't charge, but I'm compensated in other ways - in my heart."

Like Gavin, Kitty Heinzman raised her children with Irish

music and dance. It's important to continue the culture.

"There are no immigrants," she said. "In order for the culture to continue it has got to be taught. It's very important."

Her son John, 32, and daughter Liz, 21, teach dancing also. "There's no generation gap," said Heinzman. "We have children and grandchildren. There are a whole bunch who are not Irish, but love the music and tradition, and some who missed out, because they didn't grow up in an Irish community."

Heinzman began teaching Irish dance in 1976. On Fridays she teaches a Ceili - folk dance class at the Gaelic League in Detroit.

"It's very casual," she said. "They're neat people, welcoming, we have fun."

She's participated in the festival with Gavin since it started. "The dancers really enjoy it," she said. "There's all types of great Irish music and dance. It's a festival, and a lot of fun."

At 17, Paul Cusack of Plymouth, All-Ireland Champion Dancer, is doing his part to keep the rich traditions of Ireland alive.

"I started dancing when I was five," said Cusack. "I love to compete in contests. My two older sisters were also involved in dance, but they quit."

Cusack loves dance, and the travel that goes with competing in dance contests. He has friends all over the country. When he used to tell his friends about dance, they dismissed it as just folk dance. "Riverdance" changed that.

"Now they think it's pretty cool," said Cusack. "It's become popular worldwide."

A junior at Catholic Central High School, Cusack dreams of joining the cast of "Riverdance" when he graduates, and plans, of course, to go to college, too.

"Irish dancing will always be a part of my life," he said. He's looking forward to the festival. "The audience is really great. There's Irish music, dance and food. It's a chance to see what Irish culture is all about."

Clancy Brothers tour stops at Magic Bag

Be prepared to sing your heart out when the Clancy Brothers come to the Magic Bag on Saturday, March 21. They'll thank you for it.

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over the years by the sort of subconscious of the people," said Clancy. "Time does a great editing job. People stop singing the bad ones and we're left with the good ones."

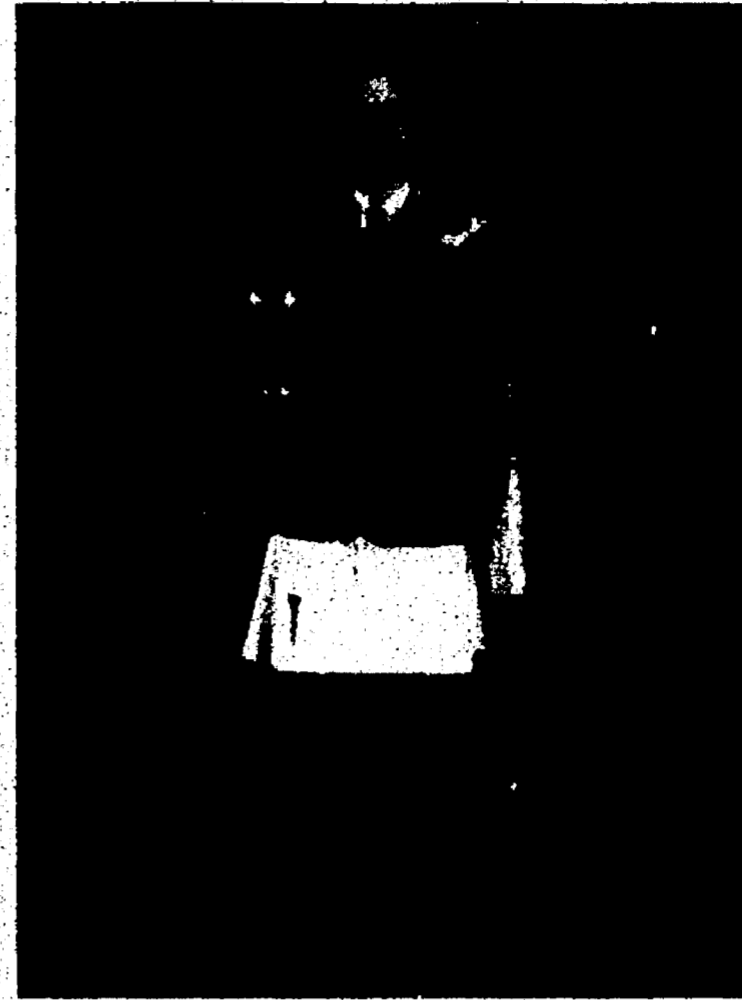
Clancy's not so confident today's songwriters will survive the test of time. "People are writing Tin Pan Alley songs to make money," he said. "There's a big difference between that and writing songs you feel. 'Finnegan's Wake' was written as a music

Please see CLANCY, E2



Family folk group: The Clancy Brothers, Paddy Clancy, Bobby Clancy, Eddie Dillon and Finnbar Clancy.

Champion dancer: Paul Cusack, All-Ireland Champion Dancer, will be participating in the St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest at Hellenic Cultural Center.



FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Leaders master art of the circus ring

The Shrine Circus
 When a 90th anniversary gala celebration features a recreation of the Wallendas Family's seven person pyramid, the Shrine Circus Living Statues, and the Flying Pages, plus stunts, horses, dogs, acrobats, aerialists, and Art Bridges from the Polish State Circus with her tigers, including one that walks a tight rope.
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LINDA ANN CHROMIN
 STAFF WRITER

Southfield Mayor Donald Fracassi never tires of parading elephants, flying trapeze artists and clowns. More than 20 years ago Mayor Fracassi began volunteering his time to serve as a guest ringmaster whenever the Moslem Temple Shrine Circus is in town just to experience the magic. He takes to the spotlight 7 p.m. Friday, March 20, to lead circus performers such as Ada Smieja from the Polish State Circus with her tigers, including one that walks a tight rope.

"We all get excited about the circus, about all the children they've touched," said Mayor Fracassi. "I'm always amazed. It's a spectacle you can't see

every day, the trapeze and the animals and the clowns. My children used to look forward to it and now my grandchildren look forward to it. They love the circus. I don't think we ever grow out of it."

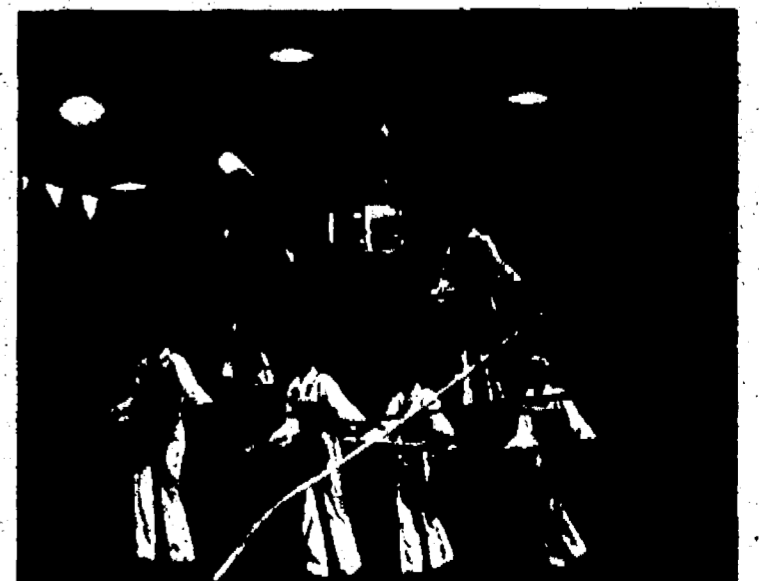
This year's Shrine Circus celebrates 90 years of entertaining metro Detroit crowds. Mayor Fracassi is one of more than a dozen guest ringmasters, including Bloomfield Township Police Chief Jeff Werner, who will lead Jorge and Lou Ann Barreda's mighty African elephants, the Garza Brothers Living Statues, the Flying Pages, horses, dogs, elephants, acrobats, and aerialists into the ring.

"You just get into it and then you get involved and see all the work that goes into the circus," said Mayor Fracassi.

"Then you understand where the money goes and you want to see that that tradition goes on. So many traditions go by the wayside, but this is an important one. The Shrine circus is a lot of great things for our young people and hospitals. They touch our community."

The star attraction of the 90th anniversary gala celebration is the Flying Wallendas. For the third time since 1982, members of the family will perform their 7-person pyramid act. More than 35 years ago, two of the Wallendas were killed and another paralyzed after falling from the wire during a Detroit performance. First performed in 1948, the 7-person pyramid involves four men

Please see CIRCUS, E2



Fun for all: The Shrine Circus celebrates 90 years of entertaining metro Detroit crowds by featuring a recreation of the Wallendas 7-person pyramid

THEATER

Golden 'Dreamgirls' comes up short on glitter

"Dreamgirls" continues at the Detroit Opera House, 1525 Broadway, downtown Detroit, through Sunday, March 22. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, matinees 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Tickets \$24-\$49, on sale at all Ticketmaster-outlets, the Fisher Theatre and the Opera House box office. To charge by phone, call (248) 645-6666.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

The March 3 opening night performance of "Dreamgirls" was a lot like show biz - lots of ups and downs.

Overall entertaining, there are some wrinkles that need ironing out before this Tony, Grammy Award-winning musical, based on Motown's Supremes, returns to Broadway.

Line fumbles in the first act can be excused to opening night jitters, but not slow pacing. Inappropriate giggles near the end of Act 2, and quick glances at watches, were signs of an audience anxious to leave the "girls" for "Dreamland."

Pacing was also a problem for the orchestra, which often lagged behind performers on stage by a measure or two. Not only did the music drag, but it was sometimes too loud and brassy, not at all what Motown is supposed to be.

That's not to say there's not a lot to like about "Dreamgirls," which received a standing ovation opening night.

With music by Henry Krieger, book and lyrics by Tom Eyer, "Dreamgirls" opened on Broadway in 1981, making history with its Motown sounds and simple set design relying on costumes to define time period. Four metal towers, moved about the stage for various scenes, suggest everything from backstage to recording studio. There is no other scenery, just colored backdrops, and a few pieces of furniture.

Tony Stevens, director and choreographer, recreates the original staging by the late Michael Bennett of "A Chorus Line" fame, and reunites the team of scenic designer Robin

Wagner. Costumes by Theoni V. Aldredge are authentic 1960/1970s. Lighting is by Tharon Musser.

B.J. Crosby, Tonya Dixon and La Tanya Hall are believable as the "Dreamettes" Effie Melody White, Lorrell Robinson and Deena Jones, singers from Chicago determined to win a talent contest at The Apollo Theatre. They lose but win a contract to tour as backup singers with the soulful James "Jimmy" Thunder Early (Kevin-Anthony). Effie's brother C.C. White (Gary E. Vincent) writes a hit song for James, and with guidance from manager Curtis Taylor Jr. (Brian Evaret Chandler) the girls are on their way to making "Dreams" come true.

"You could be a star, but you've got to trust me," says Curtis, and the girls do. He makes the American dream come true for the Dreamettes, whom he renames "The Dreams," and Jimmy, too, taking R&B to the pop charts, breaking racial barriers in the process.

Heartbreak and pain are part

of the price they pay, but in between, there's a lot of great music and dancing. Fame changes all of the characters requiring them to be good entertainers, and good actors. Everyone in the cast meets this challenge, but there are some stand-outs.

La Tanya Hall evolves from the school teacher her mother wants her to be, to glamorous superstar. It's hard not to think of Diana Ross and the Supremes when Hall sings "Hard to Say Goodbye, My Love." The similarities between that scene, and Ross' "Never Can Say Goodbye," are striking.

Crosby, steals the show more than once as Effie. Even though she's upstaged by the others, pushed from lead to back-up singer, and eventually fired, she's truly the star of this show. Effie is funny, she wins our sympathy, and her strong voice, commands attention, especially "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going."

Jimmy's got to have soul, and there isn't any in the 1970s. Curtis cuts him loose. You can't



Posed for stardom: Kimberly Jujan (left to right), La Tanya Hall, and Tonya Dixon in a scene from the national tour of "Dreamgirls."

"Fake Your Way to the Top," and Kevin-Anthony shows he's a great performer and actor as he changes from superstar to has-been.

Michael Goddard, who is staying with his sister and her fami-

ly in Birmingham during the run of the show, appears as Frank, the press agent. Although it's not a major part, Frank plays a pivotal role in getting "The Dreams" press they need. Goodman is believable as Frank, and plays a solid supporting role.

Company formed to organize a classical music station

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Every Friday, former WQRS-FM host Dick Wallace would play Dvorak's "Carnival Overture." It was a popular weekly rite of passage to kick off the weekend for the station's classical music listeners.

After an unceremonious and controversial change in format in November, however, that kind of on-air conviviality has been

silenced. But former WQRS listeners haven't stopped hoping for a revival.

And now, there are signs that it might be time to strike up the band, revive the orchestra and recall those virtuosos in waiting. Setting the dial, however, will have to wait.

With the formation of the Detroit Classical Radio Corp. in mid February, the legal and

organizational structure has been put in place to eventually operate a full-time classical music station.

Board members' estimates range from three months to one year before a new classical music format will debut in metro Detroit.

Currently, four stations have entered into tentative talks with the Detroit Classical Radio Corp., a non-profit with a three-

member board and one full-time employee, longtime on-air talent Wallace.

"Nine out of ten who call are people volunteering, from stuffing envelopes to offering legal services," said Wallace, who also hosts a pops music program on WYUR-AM (1310) 6:30 p.m. Sundays.

Basically, the Detroit Classical Radio Corp.'s idea is to convince a current radio station to switch

its current format to a classical music format.

In essence, Detroit Classical Radio Corp. would pay a leasing fee to the station's owner, and handle the day-to-day operations, from programming to promotions.

The lease-management agreement isn't an unproved arrangement in the local market. Currently, WYUR leases the 1310 AM frequency from WNIC, which formerly operated a Motown Gold format in its place.

There is no full-time classical music station based in metro Detroit. Windsor's CBC-FM (89.9) is the only classical format in the market.

What: Detroit Classical Radio Corp.
Purpose: To establish a full-time classical music format in the metro Detroit radio market.
Projection: Three months to one year before a new classical music station debuts.
For information: Call Dick Wallace, (313) 965-8600 or Maria Marcantonio, (248) 348-9735.

Other stations, such as WDET-FM (101.1), WDTR (90.9) and WUOM-FM (91.7) broadcast classical music programs. Detroit Classical Radio Corp. and its supporters are optimistic.

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hall song, but it became a great ballad. James Joyce saw a whole circle of life in it."

Clancy came to the United States with his brother Tom, an actor. "He did a play in Greenwich Village, and it was a flop. We had to pay the rent, so we gave folk music concerts at midnight. At midnight Greenwich Village was alive. Pete Seeger would perform. That was before he was anybody. Half of the money we collected went for the rent, the rest we divided equally."

Tom said he'd give it a year, and give up acting if the singing went well. At the end of that year, they gave it another year.

"I said to Tom, 'This thing could go on indefinitely. I can see us as old men in 1972.'"

As the new millennium approaches, Clancy looks back and thinks about all the fun things. "We were very lucky," he said. "I was asked to do a record, and decided to start my own record company. I knew all the performers. I borrowed \$6,000 and started Tradition Records."

It's still going."

Clancy retired and lives on a farm in Ireland near the place he grew up. "I love living in Ireland," he said. "It's a place I knew as a child. Near my grandmothers. I can walk, fish."

Joining Paddy, Bobby Clancy and Eddie Dillon on tour is Finnbar Clancy, Bobby's son.

"He keeps the rest of us on our toes," said Clancy. "He's a very talented lad, and has formal music training, which none of the rest of us had."

Their tour, which began Thursday, March 5, in Pittsburgh ends at the Magic Bag.

"I can pick up some money and help educate my grandchildren," he said when asked why he'd want to leave his farm in Ireland to tour. "It's worthwhile doing. I would have loved to have gone to college, but I was never able."

Then there are the fans.

A whole new generation is enjoying his music. "People will say, 'Learned your songs because my parents and grandparents had your records,'" said Clancy. "It's good fun."

Circus from page E1

standing on a wire, 35-feet in the air. The two pairs are yoked together by shoulder bars. Two men, yoked together on the second level, stand on top of the first level's shoulder bars. A woman sits and then stands on the third level.

The tragic accident on Jan. 30, 1962 in Detroit happened when the front man on the wire lost

his grip and the pyramid collapsed causing three men to fall to the ground. The act is performed without safety devices.

Karl Wallenda's grandchildren Tino and Delilah; Alida, a seventh generation Wallenda family member, and Nick Wallenda-Troffer will be among the performers reviving the trick.

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'Trinity House' cabaret makes a warming diversion

Trinity House Theatre presents "Around the House," a cabaret of music, poetry, dance, drama and art. Gourmet coffee and baked goods are served. Remaining performances 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 13-14, call (734) 464-6302 for information.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

Trinity House Theatre takes a bite out of winter with its warm reception, and the delightful diversion of their mid-winter cabaret offering - "Around the House." Music, drama and dance form a rich tapestry of visual and auditory delight, and pro-

vide food for the soul as well.

Dell and Rough Cuts, a band led by Idell Smith and inspired by Peter, Paul and Mary open the first act with "Blowing in the Wind," encouraging the audience to sing along. They followed with "If I Had A Hammer," and "Runaway," warming up the audience as much as the mugs of delicious gourmet coffee. Trinity House regular Dan Gumina revealed his talent on the harmonica.

The opening band was followed by the stirring story of Mac Vanden Brink's survival in occupied Holland during World War II. His simple yet eloquent word picture recreated a young boy's terror and will to survive

during an aircraft strafing raid.

The Gumina family revealed another of their musically talented members as Greg Gumina expertly coaxed enchanting melodies from the dulcimer. Young Jenna Vanden Brink and seasoned veteran Carl Dumas followed with humorous monologues.

Teenager Matthew Judge showed a maturity beyond his years in his deeply moving dramatic solo, "In Deep." The story of a young man trapped alone in a pit was rich in spiritual personal choices, and his cries for help representing the yearning for a spiritual awakening.

The first act closed with the

amazing imagery of "White Glintings." Ocean surf was captured in the modern dance of choreographer and dancer Susan Vanden Brink with dancers Anessa Thompson and Beth Temple and poet Ann Horn.

After an intermission and more of the aromatic coffee, the band "Love Bucket," an "America" or "Supertramp" sound-alike, performed five numbers. Their soft rock sound was pleasant listening, but the group performed way too long for a cabaret setting.

A comic delight followed the band, as Trudy Mason landed in the dentist chair and Mark Barrera clasped a drill in the short

sketch "Drill" directed by Laura Gumina. The physical humor invoked side-splitting laughter.

The female equivalent of Mr. Wizard, science teacher Kathy Kitzmann, entertained with water-filled beakers that changed colors more frequently than a chameleon. It would have been a nifty touch if she had coaxed a tune out of the water-filled glass vessels as well.

Elizabeth Ladd Lee's character study, "Emotional Perceptions" had her switching rapidly between personalities during a series of monologues. Comic and pensive photos were projected behind her - photos reinforcing

each character's quirks. Lee's performance clearly indicated her ability to take on more challenging roles in future Trinity House productions.

Susan Vanden Brink took to the stage for another modern dance, and captivated the audience with her strength and presence in, "Don't Forget to Breathe."

Trinity House Theatre closed their performances with the band "All Saints Day." While young, enthusiastic, and very centered in their religious beliefs, their lyrics were impossible to follow, let alone understand, over the amplification.

One-acts alternately funny, insightful

A Festival of One-Act Plays - presented by the Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford, continues 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 13-14; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly (south of Five Mile Road), Redford. Tickets \$10, \$1 discount for students and seniors, call (313) 531-0554.

BY BOB WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford "Festival of One Acts" gets off to a laugh-a-minute start with Christopher Durang's "The Actor's Nightmare." Director Tony Lawry has great fun with this farce, and shows why Durang has been described as America's most ferociously funny playwright.

Ed Howell is terrific as a confused actor who doesn't know his role, his lines, or what play he is doing. Is it Noel Coward's

"Private Lives?" Shakespeare's "Hamlet?" When out of ad libs, Howell does the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and even confesses an Act of Contrition.

Lisa Melinn is hilarious as an actress who gives new meaning to method acting, as she reads lines like a robot (including stage directions) and burlesques a gaggle of gestures. Jason Smith is a scream a scene-eating Shakespearean actor. Maxine Parshall is elegantly witty in a variety of roles. Tiffany Bedwell adds to the merriment as a stage manager prompting the harried actor.

Also on the playbill are four delightful unpublished plays, and a discussion at the end of the evening with the writers and directors.

Writer/director Del Johnson, for example, used the relationship of some friends as a model

for his play "Metamorphosis." It is an interesting vignette about a wife (Marie Majewski), who is a nature lover, and a husband (Donald Lee) who complains about the expenses of bird houses, etc.

Paul Kittinger, a freshman at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills, got his idea for "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Africa," one rainy Saturday afternoon. Director Matthew Ripper, has taken a simple idea (packing for a trip) and fashioned an illuminating look at opposite personalities. One partner (Trisha Ali) packs the night before, leaving nothing to chance. The other (Drew Parker) frantically scurries about the next morning, stuffing his suitcase.

Writer/Director David MacGregor's "The Waiting Room" is a revealing story about a father and son. Kurt Kinde convinc-

ingly portrays a middle-age man about to marry for the second time. Keith Prusak is equally good as a son, painfully working out some unresolved conflicts regarding his dead mother and father. This play is well written with first-rate performances.

Pat Feldt's "Town Meeting" has a "Twilight Zone" quality. It started as a drama, but director Rob Papineau encouraged Feldt to add a comic twist.

An attorney shows up (played expertly by Jeff Walters) to advise a town about the will of a wealthy resident who died. It provides for a substantial donation if, by midnight, the town can determine how to use the money. The engaging cast includes Dennis Day, Annette Hissong, Sean Kelley, Fred McKenzie, Maxine Parshall, Mark Ripper, Lisa Shaw and Fay Sommer.

Players Guild shines in 'Crimes of the Heart'

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents "Crimes of the Heart" 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays March 13-14 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15 at the theater, 21730 Madison (near the southeast corner of Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn, (313) 561-TKTS.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

Set in the small Southern town of Hazelhurst, Miss. in 1974, Beth Henley's Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy, "Crimes of the Heart" is the story of three sisters hastily reunited by a family crisis. The sisters' emotional baggage far outweighs their suitcases, and we laugh and sympathize with their reminiscences of the past and their struggles with their current predicament.

Babe, the youngest sister, has just shot her husband, "because she didn't like his looks." He survived the ordeal, but whether the sisters will be another story, as they discover what really happened. Their annoying, social climbing cousin Chick lends comic relief to the story. Middle sister Meg's reunion with a long-lost love, Babe's lawyer's desire for her, and Lenny's liaison with a lonely hearts club suitor fill the story with romance.

The female actresses are the strength of the show. The impetuosity of Meg, the middle sister, was skillfully captured by Kim Donovan of Farmington

Hills. Meg, who lost her dream job as a singer in L.A. and is stuck in a dead-end office job, comes face-to-face with the lover she deserted years before.

The Players Guild of Dearborn actresses had strong Southern accents, and let the characters pace their lines with the slowness inherent to the dialect.

Vicki Briganti was deeply moving in her portrayal of Babe, the youngest sister, whose years with an abusive husband have left her emotionally vul-

nerable. Her eyes were like a doe caught in the headlights, and she moved about the state with an unfocused, nervous energy.

Lenny, the older sister, who has stayed behind to care for their ailing grandfather, is the most inhibited of the three sisters, and a challenging character to win over the audience's sympathies. Nancy Valentini of Livonia made the most of the role becoming stronger in the second and third acts.

Michael Sametz did not have the stage presence needed to

give the young lawyer in this production the confidence and poise needed to convince the audience of Barnett's romantic feeling for Babe. He was uneasy with his accent and role.

The set was rich in detail such as running water and hissing gas, and very functional. The costumes were a delightful throwback to the 1970s, when miniskirts and polyester reigned. Playgoers should note that smoking is integral to the plot and will be noticeable to anyone sitting close to the stage.

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"Anne of the Thousand Days, Maxwell Anderson's epic tale of the lives of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, 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, by Skurge 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-Saturday, March 13-14, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave. on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE
"Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 12-13; "A Woman of No Importance," by Oscar Wilde, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave. on the Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE
"Big River," the adventures of Huckleberry Finn, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 12-14, and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$18. \$16 seniors/students. (734) 971-1AAT

AVON PLAYERS
"The Odd Couple," (female version), 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, Rochester. \$11, student, senior and group rates available at the Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077

BLOOMFIELD PLAYERS
"Annie," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 13-14, 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 15 and 22 at Lahser High School auditorium, 3456 Lahser Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 433-0885

THAT BROADWAY BEAT
A musical revue featuring songs from "Evita," "Ragtime," "Chicago," and "La Cage Aux Folles." Saturdays, March 14, 21, 28 at the Wunderground Theatre, 110 S. Main St. (above ACE Hardware), Royal Oak. \$10. (248) 541-1763

DEARBORN HERBERTS CIVIC THEATRE
"The Carpenter," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, and 4 p.m. Sundays March 15, at the Berwyn Center, 26155 Richardson (three blocks west of Beech Avenue), Dearborn. \$7, \$5 students and seniors. Group discounts available. (313) 277-7900

NORTH ROXBOROUGH PARK PLAYERS
"Once Upon a Mattress," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 15, 22, dinner theater Friday, March 13, spaghetti dinner Friday, March 27, benefit performances Sunday, March 15 and Friday, March 20, at the theater 18845 Scardeale, Detroit. (248) 644-8411

THE NEW THEATRE
"Overt!" the musical, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 48175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. (248) 347-0400



Elvis - The Concert: Features 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. Tickets \$25 and \$17.50, at Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666 or call (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN
"Crimes of the Heart," a story of three sisters in Hazelhurst, Miss., in the early 1970s, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 21730 Madison (south-east of Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn. \$10, \$8 for students younger than age 18 with proper ID. (313) 561-7KTS

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS
"Brigadoon," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road (1/4 mile west of Livernois Road), Troy. \$13, \$12 Thursday and Sundays for students and seniors, coffee and sandwich afterglow included. (248) 988-7049

ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD
"A Delicate Balance," 8 p.m. Fridays-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

ANN TIMMONS
Performs her one-woman show "Off the Wall: The Life and Works of Charlotte Perkins Gilman," 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Kuenzel Room of the Michigan Union, 911 N. University, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-3202

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-Saturday, March 13-14, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (at I-275), Livonia. (734) 464-6302

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD
A Festival of One-Act Plays 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 13-14; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly (south of Five Mile Road), Redford. Tickets \$10, \$1 discount for students and seniors, call (313) 531-0554.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS
MARQUIS THEATRE
"Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 14, 21, 28, and April 4, 18 and 25, and Sundays, March 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

YOUTH THEATRE
"Jungle Book," presented by Theatreworks/USA, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, as part of the Movin' Up Club Season for children ages 7 and older, Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. Children younger than 5 will not be admitted. (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS
ANTIQUE AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW
Featuring antiques and collectibles both nostalgic and vintage, rare and old books, Victorian-period furniture, pattern glass, porcelain, toys, china and pottery, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road (Eureka Road and I-75), Taylor. (734) 287-2000

(734) 287-2000
BOAT AND FISHING SHOW
Featuring 50,000 square feet of boats, trailers, fishing equipment and water-sports and information about charter services and marinas, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 20, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road (Eureka Road and I-75), Taylor. (734) 287-2000

BUILDERS HOME AND DETROIT FLOWER SHOW
With more than 25,000 tulips, daffodils and hyacinths, Steve Thomas, host of PBS's "This Old House," America's Master Gardener, Jerry Baker, and PBS's "Victory Garden" guest host Gary Koller, Home and Garden Television's "Fix-It-Up!" host Pat Simpson, how-to clinics, Michigan Kitchen and Bath Show, Pool, Spa and Recreation Show, 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 12-13, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Cobo Hall. \$6.50, \$4.50 seniors, \$4 children ages 6-12, free for children ages 6 and younger. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are \$9 at Farmer Jack. Discount admission coupons at The Home Depot, Target and Hudson's stores. (248) 737-4478 or <http://www.builders.org>

THE CHENILLE SISTERS
8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$25, \$15 students, \$35 patrons, \$50 benefactors, benefits Birmingham Musicale's scholarship and philanthropic programs. (248) 651-2316

COCA-COLA COLLECTORS ANTIQUE ADVERTISING SHOW
More than 50 dealers from four states provide collectors an opportunity to buy sell and trade Coca-Cola and other soda related advertising items, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Livonia Elks Club, 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia. \$2 adults. (313) 284-2943

COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY SHOW
Featuring new and used computers, hardware including modems, printers, keyboards, CD-ROM drives, scanners, shareware, computer furniture and more, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road (Eureka Road and I-75), Taylor. (734) 287-2000

TROY NIGHT AT THE OSCARS
The Troy Public Library is offering the chance to win prizes for correctly guessing the Oscar winners, with help from Kurt Eli Mayry, president of the Motion Picture Institute of Michigan, and film critic John Monaghan of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Troy Public Library, 510 W. Big Beaver (east of I-75), in the Civic Center Complex. (248) 524-3538

FAMILY EVENTS
BLUEBIRD FESTIVAL & WILDLIFE ART SHOW
The 14th annual festival includes guided walks to the bluebird habitat, art, food, storytellers and guest speakers, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 15, on the campus of Jackson Community College, 2111 Emmons Road, Jackson. (517) 782-3453

BLUES
1 p.m. Sunday, March 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$6. All ages. (734) 781-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

JUDY AND DAVID
Juno Award-nominated family entertainers from Toronto perform 4 p.m. Sunday,

March 15, Jewish Community Center, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. \$4, \$3 child members, \$5 adult non-members, \$4 child non-members. (248) 967-4030

SHRINE CIRCUS
Noon and 7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturdays, and 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, through Sunday, March 22, Michigan State Fair Coliseum, Detroit. \$6-\$14. (313) 831-1620/(313) 368-6200

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE
"Crusade for Strings," 1 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Birmingham Community House, 360 S. Bates St., Birmingham. (248) 475-5978

PENELOPE CRAWFORD
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 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; With Conductor Erkki Korhonen and pianist Grigory Sokolov performing Mussorgsky/Rimsky-Korsakov's Introduction to "Khovanshchina," Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 3," and Prokofiev's "Romeo and Juliet" excerpts, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 10:45 a.m. Friday, March 20, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroit-symphony.com>

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Eastern Michigan University's 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.

DEMARRE MCGILL
Flutist performs as part of Detroit Chamber Winds' Nightnotes series, 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Hagopian's World of Rugs, 850 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. \$16 includes performance and refreshments. (248) 362-9329

MACOMB SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Presents "DanceXotica" featuring pianist Leszek Bartkiewicz and tap dancer Scott Johnson, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road (at M-59), Clinton Township. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (810) 286-2222/(248) 645-6666

MARINERS' CHURCH OF DETROIT
Presents a series of organ concerts with Kenneth Sweetman and Kevin Bylisma playing the music of Bach, Brahms, Franck, and Pachelbel during Lent, 12:35 p.m. Thursdays, March 12, 19 and 26, and April 2, following 12:10 services, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking in Ford Auditorium Underground Garage at the median of Jefferson Avenue at the foot of Woodward Avenue. (313) 259-2206

MICHIGAN CHAMBER PLAYERS
Featuring members of the University of Michigan School of Music faculty, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.umsa.org>

FABIO ZANON AND VICTOR SAKALAUSKAS
A concert of classical guitar, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, in Kresge Hall of Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road (I-96 at Levan Road), Livonia. \$14.50 advance, \$16 at the door. (248) 975-8797

TONY BENNETT
Concert 7 p.m. Sunday, March 15 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, to benefit the J.P. McCarthy Foundation. Tickets start at \$35 and available at Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. Special seats can be reserved for \$250 by calling (248) 355-7575.

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; 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 8 p.m. Fridays, through March 27 at Luciano's, 39031 Garfield, Clinton Township. (810) 582-0080/(810) 263-6540

BOB MILNE
Plays ragtime 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile Road (east of Farmington), Livonia. Free. (734) 421-7238

AUDITIONS/WORKSHOPS
DETROIT SHOCK
Open auditions for ages 13-17 for its first Dance/Spirit Team, 4 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. Semifinalists invited back for interviews 5 p.m. March 17 or 19, final auditions 8:30 a.m. March 21. Team will be introduced at the Detroit Vipers games vs. Cleveland Lumberjacks 7:30 p.m. March 21, at The Palace. The Detroit Shock opens the 1998 WNBA season June 13 at The Palace. (248) 377-0199

MUSIC THEATRE OF MICHIGAN
"Audition workshop" for those ages 15 and older with Broadway actor Daniel Cooney teaching "Acting Technique," "How to Connect Emotionally With Your Work," and "Basic Vocal Technique," 6-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, March 16-17. \$45; Auditions actors and singers from area high schools for a summer acting workshop with New York acting instructor Jim Bonney and Cooney, 5-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 19-20; Auditions those 15 and older for "Broadway in Concert," its summer production, 5-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 19-20. Performances in July. Audition by appointment only. (734) 425-5782

PETER SPARLING & CO.
Auditions for two male dancers to join Peter Spurling'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

TWO LANE AMERICAN TOUR
Songwriter's Workshop noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 14, to learn the craft and business from award-winning professionals, \$65. (248) 691-4283/(888) 268-4275, pin 9179; concert featuring Kate Wallace, Michael Camp, Sally Barris, and Dana Cooper performing original songs "In the Room" in the style of Nashville's world famous Bluebird Cafe follows workshop, 8:10-30 p.m., at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. \$11. (248) 647-2380

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS
Host workshop, Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. (313) 526-9432/(810) 573-4993

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

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"And All That Jazz" concert featuring Gershwin's "Piano Concerto in F," Milhaud's "La Creation du monde," Copland's "Music for Theater," and Stravinsky's "Rag Time," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$29. (734) 994-4801 or e-mail a2so@wnet.com

B'JAZZ VESPER
Featuring Gary Schunk Trio with Tom Starr and Jack Dryden, 8-8 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willis (at Bates), Bates, Birmingham. Free. (248) 644-0550 or <http://users.aol.com/churchwww/fir1.h1m>

BEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. ("acoustic gypsy jazz") (313) 861-8101/(248) 652-1600

REGGIE BRAXTON
7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 12 and 19, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

AARON FLAGG TRIO
8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 Main St., Ann Arbor.

Free. All ages. (Jazz standards on trumpet) (734) 668-1838

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

KIMMIE HORNE
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, and 20-21, D. L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. (top 40/R&B/jazz) (248) 852-0550

MARLA JACKSON TRIO
7-11 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

ANMAD JAMAL QUARTET
8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroit-symphony.com>

JAZZODITY
9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older. (experimental) (734) 485-5050

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
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages; 10 p.m. Friday, March 20, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 652-1600/(248) 332-HOWL

TERRY LOWER TRIO
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, \$5. 21 and older. (734) 682-8310

FRANK MCCOLLERS TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 14, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Center Street), Royal Oak. Free. 25-cent surcharge on drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (248) 546-1400

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With guest vibist Jack Brokensha, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, and with guest saxist Russ Miller, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Botoford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington. \$5 cover waived with dinner (5:30-8 p.m.) plus \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

PACHORA
8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$15 rows 1-5, \$10 general seating. ("Eastern European/Mediterranean-influenced old jazz with downtown edge") (734) 769-2999 or <http://www.peus.com/kch>

ROBERT PIPPO TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, March 20, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

AURELL RAY QUARTET
9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, and 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, SereNgeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave. (at Charlotte, six blocks north of the Fox Theatre), Detroit. \$15. (313) 832-3010

STANLEY CLARK
With Larry Carleton, Jeff Lorber, Lenny White and Phil Perry, 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$17.50, \$27.50 and \$37.50. (313) 730-3490/(313) 963-2366

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 TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 14, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocals and sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2151

WORLD MUSIC
BEEHIVE 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) (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com>

BLACK MARKET
9 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 543-4300

IMMUNITY
10 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. \$2. 21 and older. (reggae) (810) 731-1750

"INDIAN CULTURAL SHOW"
An annual event hosted by the East Indian Students' Association of The University of Windsor, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Pentastar Playhouse in the Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave. West, Windsor, Ontario. (519) 253-8065 or <http://www.mnsl.net/~capitol>

LOS MUNEQUITOS DE MATANZAS
Afro-Cuban band of percussionists, singers and dancers performing three styles of rumba and ritual music from the Yoruba and Abacua religions, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$14-\$28. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

ST. PATRICK'S DAY
BALDWIN MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS
3 p.m. Sunday, March 15, and noon Tuesday, March 17, for the St. Patrick's Day celebration at Nemo's, 1384 Michigan Ave. (east of Tiger Stadium), Detroit. (313) 965-3180

BURNER DANCE
St. Patrick's Day party with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and dancing to Joe Vitale's Band, 7-11 p.m. Sunday, March 15.

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Bishop Foley Knights of Columbus
Council No. 2660 Dearborn, 15800 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. \$20, benefits religious vocations. (734) 422-1072/(313) 565-3656

DENNIS MCCOTTER & FRIENDS
8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-0550

MARIANNE MURPHY
8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (Celtic) (248) 544-1141

KAREN NEWMAN
Detroit Red Wings "National Anthem" singer performs along with traditional Irish bands, and a traditional Irish buffet will be served, 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge, benefits Muscular Dystrophy Association of Michigan. Detroit Red Wings Jerseys and other items will be auctioned off. (810) 465-5154

ROSIE O'GRADY'S
The Ron Coden Show, 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 175 Troy St., Ferndale. (248) 399-8888

O'MARA'S RESTAURANT
Entertainment by Irish singer John Hyduck from 2:30-5:30 p.m. and Ron Coden from 6:30-9:30 p.m., and a menu of Shepherd's Pie, corned beef and cabbage, fish and chips, roast leg of lamb and Irish stew (\$9.95), 2-10 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Coden also appears 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road (at Coolidge Highway), Berkley. All ages. (248) 399-6750

CATHIE RYAN
Lead singer of Cherish The Ladies, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (Irish) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

TANGERINE TROUSERS
8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$3. 21 and older. (248) 332-HOWL

TRANSMISSION
With The Grip and Explosion Cerebral, 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (avant jazz/irish) (734) 662-8310

THE YOUNG DUBLINERS
Perform at 9 p.m. followed by the 10 p.m. screening of the film "The Commitments," Wednesday, March 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (Irish rock) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

FOLK/BLUEGRASS
LES BARKER
7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

PATY LARKIN
With Sister Seed, 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$13 in advance. 18 and older. (folk/pop) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.961melt.com>

THE NIELDS
With Greg Greenway, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (folk/rock) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

TOM PAXTON
With Joel Mabus, 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>

CLAUDIA SCHMIDT
8 p.m. Thursday, March 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

JO SERRAPERRE
8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 544-1141

MATT WATROBA
Celebrates release of CD "Live at the Ark," with a performance, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 203-0005

DANCE
ANN ARBOR COUNCIL FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE'S INTERNATIONAL DANCE AND DINNER
An afternoon of international dancing, and live music and dance instruction by Galata (2-4:30 p.m.), and a homemade community dinner of Eastern European food (4:30-6 p.m.), Sunday, March 29, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/4 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$12. Reservations by Friday, March 20. (248) 698-9527 or rbattle@bizeserve.com

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE
"Countdown," favorite works from the dance company's modern dance repertoire, and preview of "The Unknown Sequence," 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, The Aray Theater, Mackenzie Fine Arts Building, Henry Ford Community College, on Evergreen Road, south of Ford, Dearborn.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING
Led by Eric Arnold and Don Theyken, with live music by David West and Donna Beard, 7:45-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 663-0744/(734) 662-5168

GENDER-FREE CONTRA DANCE
With the Ann Arbor Rainbow Contra Dancers and caller Joseph Pimentel, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Fellowship Room, Ann Arbor Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St. (west of Washtenaw Avenue), Ann Arbor. \$6. \$5 students. (734) 764-6958 or yusu@umich.edu

COMEDY

BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB
Jeff Simms ("Simbo the Magic Dude Man") and Jesse Lunde, Friday-Saturday, March 13-14; Rob Haney and Ken Dumm, Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, inside Mr. B's Roadhouse, 695 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. Cover charge. (248) 628-6500

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Third Level and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, March 12 (free), and Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 (\$10); Billy Garan, Moody McCarthy and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, March 19 (free), and Friday-Saturday, March 20-21 (\$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) 281-0555

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); Leo Dufour, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19 (\$8, \$18.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Taylor Negron, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12 (\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 (\$12); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18 (\$4); Jim Dailakis, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19 (\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

SOUPY SALES
7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Genitt's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$50 includes 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. through Sunday, March 15, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$10 adults, \$7 children ages 12 and younger, for "timed tickets" to the exhibit. (248) 645-3361 or <http://www.cranbrook.edu/> (248) 645-6666

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"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.-5 p.m. daily. (313) 271-1620

POPULAR MUSIC
BACK DOOR BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

BAD JUJU
9 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-3650

BUGS BEDDOO BAND
9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 105 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922

NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS
9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Bacci Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300

BENNY AND THE JETS
9 p.m. Sundays through April 26, Buck's Place, 23845 W. Warren Road (one block east of Telegraph Road), Dearborn Heights. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 274-6005 or <http://members.tripod.com/~BennyJet/>

BETTER DAYS
10 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 332-HOWL

BIOHAZARD
7 p.m. Saturday, March 14, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (metal) (810) 778-6404

BIZER BROTHERS
9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays in March, Pages, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 477-0099

SANFORD BLAZE

9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-3650

BLUECAT
10 p.m. Friday, March 13, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, The Roadhouse, 24276 Hall Road, Clinton Township. \$2. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250/(810) 483-7133

BLUE EYED SOUL
With Vietnam Prom, 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. \$5, 18 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, March 14, as part of a Detroit Music Awards showcase, at Holbrook Cafe, 3201 Holbrook, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 567-6020/(313) 875-1115 or <http://www.blueeyedsoul.com>

BLUE HAWAIIANS
9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS
9 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BLUE OYSTER CULT
With Tiles, 10:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. \$15 in advance. 19 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

"THE BLUES PARADE"
With Johnnie Taylor, Clarence Carter, Dorothy Moore and Latimore, 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$26 and \$32.50. All ages. (blues) (248) 433-1515

BRIDGE
9 p.m. Thursday, March 12, and Thursday, March 19-Saturday, March 21, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

JONATHAN BROOKE
With Kamil Lyle and Uma, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$18.50 in advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND
10 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 332-HOWL

CAELUM BLISS
With Brilliant, Supra Argo, Atomic Numbers and American Mars, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, as part of the Detroit Music Awards showcase at Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (variety) (313) 369-0080

DAWN CAMPBELL AND BLUE FUSION
10 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (734) 421-2250/(248) 543-4300

CATCH 22
9 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 19, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BOTTLE
With Sector 7, 10 p.m. Friday, March 13, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

CONSOLIDATED
With Daniel Cartier, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 19, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

DANNY COX
8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, The Coffee Beanery, 307 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (acoustic rock) (248) 544-1141/(248) 650-3344

CROCODILE
9 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-3650

TOMMY D BAND
8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Bistro 313, 313 Walton Boulevard, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (blues/rock) (248) 332-9100

THE DAMNED
8 p.m. Monday, March 16, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$18 in advance. 18 and older. (punk) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

DISQUIT
With Corrosive, 10 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

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

DUNOBEATLES
9:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 338-6200

"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>

8 TON CREEK
10 p.m. Friday, March 13, Kodiak Grill,



Aiding benefit: The Neville Brothers (pictured) and Take 6 perform during the Ann Arbor Summer Festival's annual Winter Warm-Up Benefit at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. The evening begins with 6 p.m. dinner at the Trueblood Theatre in University of Michigan's Frieze Building, continues with the concert at 8 p.m. and a champagne afterglow. Tickets are \$150 for pre-concert dinner, priority concert seating, champagne afterglow and a \$70 tax-deductible donation; \$65 for a \$45 center main floor concert ticket and a \$20 tax-deductible donation; or \$15-\$45 for the concert only. For more information, call (734) 647-2278.

45660 Mound Road, Utica. \$2. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 731-1750

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Friday, March 20, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110

THE FRINGE
With This Island Earth, 10 p.m. Friday, March 20, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

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

LARRY GARNER AND THE BOOGALOO BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800/(313) 259-2643

JULIE GENEVIS
7-9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Borders Books and Music, 45290 Utica Boulevard, Utica. Free. All ages; 8:10 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (pop) (810) 726-8555/(734) 668-1838

GILLESPIE, RASMUSSEN AND RAFFOUL
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, and Wednesday, March 18, Woody's Diner, 208 S. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Monday, March 16, Four Green Fields, 30919 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 543-6911/(248) 280-2902/(248) 338-6200

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

BEN HARPER AND THE INNOCENT CRIMINALS
With Howling Diablos, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.961melt.com>

HASTINGS STREET BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

THE HATCHETMEN
9 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

HELIUM
With Aurora, 10 p.m. Friday, March 20, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$7 in advance. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com>

HOLY COWS
With Dean Fertita, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (roots rock) (734) 996-8555

HUMB
With Twist of Fate and Lord Paxton, 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

JILL JACK
9 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (roots rock) (248) 644-4800/(248) 349-9110/(313) 861-8101

JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION
9 p.m. Thursday, March 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) (248) 360-7450

ROBERT JONES
8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 544-1141

MIKE KING BAND
10 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110

JOHN D. LAMB
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 349-7038

JONNY 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>

LIGHTNIN' CREOLE
10 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

THE LOOK
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 360-7450

JERRY MACK AND THE TERRAPLANES
9 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

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. (alternative 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

MR. FREEDOM X
9 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

LEONARD MOON AND BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Captain Tony's, 30919 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. \$3. 21 and older. (R&B) (248) 288-6388

MOONPIE FONTANA
9 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

MUDPUFFY
9 p.m. Friday, March 13, as part of a Detroit Music Award Showcase at The Attic, 11667 Jos. Campau, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9

MOVIES

Performances lighten burden of 'Iron Mask'

TICKETS PLEASE



JOHN MONAGHAN

"All for one and one for all!" It used to be the battle cry of The Three Musketeers, Alexander Dumas' chivalrous creations keeping France whole during the tumultuous 17th century. It could also be the marketing campaign for "The Man in the Iron Mask."

Romance! Intrigue! Comedy! Action! If the new movie doesn't have all of its popular elements spinning in orbit, it does have something else going for it: superb performances.

Gabriel Byrne as D'Artagnan, John Malkovich, Jeremy Irons, and Gerard Depardieu as the aging Musketeers. You'd have to be a complete dunderhead to both a movie with this much



BYRON GEORGE/UNITED ARTISTS

Spirited adventure: Athos (John Malkovich, rich) teaches Philippe (Leonardo DiCaprio) how to be king in 'The Man in the Iron Mask.'

talent. Yet writer/director Randall Wallace almost does. The early scenes especially lack

spark, as forced dialogue serves to introduce the devout Aramis (Irons) and the earthy Porthos

(Depardieu) as they touch upon their key character concerns of forgiveness and farting.

Leonardo DiCaprio plays the dual role of twin kings. His Louis is a horrible womanizer who lets his people starve in the "let them eat cake" tradition of French nobility. When he eyes a beautiful woman in the crowds, he immediately sends her fiancé to the front lines and certain death. This is Louis' big mistake. The dead boy is the son of Athos (Malkovich), the most hot-headed of the Musketeers, who now becomes a sworn enemy of the King and anyone else who stands in his way.

When the Musketeers discover that the King's twin brother Philippe is alive and locked in a tower, his face concealed by an iron mask, they hatch a plot to switch them. Of course, they'll need the help of old buddy D'Artagnan, who stubbornly heads the King's security force.

The conflict is a good one because you know deep down D'Artagnan hates Louis as much

as we do. But he also made a pledge to protect, saying more than once, "I keep hoping that Louis will grow into the king we all wish him to be."

Wallace, who also wrote "Braveheart," struggles with a sometimes unwieldy script. The revelations aren't all that revelatory. Even Porthos cries out at one point for more action and less plotting.

But, as with his earlier work, Wallace has a nice way of infusing fact and fiction. He almost puts over Dumas' fanciful theory that The Man in the Iron Mask (a real-life French prisoner incarcerated from 1669-1703) was the brother of Louis XIV, the last of the great French kings.

If you had asked me before which of the Musketeer actors would impress me least, I would have said Gabriel Byrne. Yet he's the actor with the most presence in "The Man in the Iron Mask," you can barely take your eyes off of him when he's on screen.

There's also some clever acting in the role of Athos' son Raoul.

Young actor Peter Sarsgaard has picked up on many of Malkovich's mannerisms, from his world-weary eyes to his slightly nasal voice which bubbles with intensity even in whispers.

And Leonardo? Despite some viewers' belief that the 22-year-old actor is too cute to be truly evil, he certainly engages in some nasty behavior. He also does an admirable job in the "Patty Duke" department where he must talk to himself during key scenes.

While the "Titanic" heartthrob will deliver the female fans, the movie has enough male bonding and swashbuckling action, or at least the promise of it, to make "The Man in the Iron Mask" a good old-fashioned date movie.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. You can listen to him on Dave Dixon's Radio Show AM 1270, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays. To leave, John a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

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SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

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Second Annual Best of the Academy Film Festival, Friday, March 13 through Monday, March 23. Ten day festival leading up to the Academy Awards honors the best films of the year as nominated by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, "The Full Monty," "LA Confidential," "Titanic," "As Good As It Gets," and "Good Will Hunting."

The festival will also honor several Academy Award nominated documentaries including "The Long Way Home," and "Ayn Rand: A Sense of Life."

Detroit Film Theatre Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

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STREET SCENE

James Wailin draws inspiration from secret journal



CHRISTINA FUOCO

A Kangol-topped, corduroy-wearing bluesman James Wailin opens his journal. In it he reveals his insecurities, his loves and his inner-most thoughts.

However, we're going to have to take his word for it. While in his 20s, he created his own, Oriental-style alphabet after getting into trouble with a girlfriend who read through his journal.

These books, which Wailin has kept since he was 17, had a profound effect on her and his fans as well. From these journals, the singer/harmonica player culls lyrics for his band Wailin.

"Listeners can tap into Wailin's thoughts on 'Wailin Live,' a rollicking romp through blues and funk, recorded at the now-closed Memphis Smoke in West Bloomfield last fall. He and his band - guitarist Anthony Musto, bassist Kevin Floyd, drummer Dylan McCarty and guitarist Brett Lucas - will celebrate its release Saturday, March 14, at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

Wailin recorded the album with New York-based producer George Racile, whose credits include The Neville Brothers, Keith Richards and James Brown.



Celebrating release: Wailin - from left, bassist Kevin Floyd, guitarist Brett Lucas, drummer Skeeto, singer James Wailin, and guitarist Anthony Musto - recorded its live CD at Memphis Smoke in West Bloomfield.

"We really got a lot of good energy working with George. We come from the same kind of background - real roots-based music. He was the perfect guy for us to work with."

Racile "simplified a lot of things" for Wailin.

"He made us look within ourselves and the songs. He made us look at the cores and the foundations of the songs. He said it's like building a house. You have to have a good foundation for a song."

It was during those sessions that Wailin wrote "Monday Morning," which he calls one of

his best songs. It will appear on Wailin's next studio album. The recording dates for that album are contingent upon several issues.

"George is making some contacts for us in New York. We're gonna approach some people and see what they think and see if we can get some kind of a budget from a record company," Wailin said.

The live album is the band's first since 1994's award-winning release "Rhythm of Life."

"Our first CD is out of print. It's been frustrating playing big shows and being on the road and

not having product to leave with them."

Since "Rhythm of Life" Wailin has made several lineup changes. Most notably the addition of drummer McCarty, the son of Jim McCarty of Mystery Train and 21-year-old guitarist Lucas.

"When I met Brett he was very well versed in the blues. When other kids were listening to rock, he was listening to B.B. King or Albert King," said Wailin of Lucas, who is studying jazz at Wayne State University.

"When I first heard him play I was impressed. He still listens to new music though. He's really diligent about furthering himself musically."

Each band member brings in a different musical style. Bassist Floyd listens to the Weather Report and Tower of Power. Musto, Wailin's guitarist, "is the blues aficionado of the group. He kept us on the blues path when we wanted to stray."

Wailin's aunt and uncle, whom he describes as '60s hippies, played a large part in creating his musical style.

"They were hippies, but they listened to a lot of hard-driving R&B like War or the Spencer Davis Group. I am also influenced by Motown and Stevie Wonder. Stevie Wonder is my No. 1 influence. It's not like I try to sound like him. He's just an influence," Wailin explained.

Wonder is still a presence in Wailin's life. The soul singer's

music frequently fills his carriage-style Royal Oak home. A deacon's bench inside the doorway holds a book about Wonder.

One of Wailin's first gigs was with a jazz band in Ann Arbor. From there he went on to a rock/reggae band. It was during the making of that industrial film he was introduced to the blues through Floyd, one of his co-workers.

"I was singing jazz and R&B, and I thought I had to have a huskier, rougher voice (to sing the blues). But it actually does work because I've always been fond of being expressive and emotional."

Besides his influences, Wailin doesn't reveal much else about his childhood. He keeps his age and the name of the high school he graduated from to himself.

"I've lived all around - Macomb County, Ann Arbor," he said coyly.

The Royal Oak resident will, however, tell of living in Mexico.

"It's part of my heritage. I'm half Mexican. It gave me a connection with my heritage."

The rest is buried in his journals.

Wailin celebrates the release of its live CD with a party and performance, with special guest Susan Caloway, at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are \$6 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com>

The founding members of Redford-based pop band St. Ashley have decided that 1998 is the year to take its music seriously.

"We released a cassette and an EP but we didn't do much with it," said bassist Jared Styles of Royal Oak. "This one we're putting together packages for clubs and contacting the press."

He is speaking of "Driving Music For One," a collection of eight upbeat pop songs, recorded at The White Room studios in Detroit with Al Sutton and Robert East, and The Hardiman House in Highland with Kirk and Eric Bleau.

Styles described it as an album that St. Ashley can be proud of thanks to the addition of drummer Brian Ferrone, formerly of the bands Downer's Grove and Vietnam Prom, and guitarist and Rochester resident Eric Cojocari.

Since solidifying the lineup last year, the band has improved even more, he added.

Saint Ashley celebrates the release of "Driving Music for One" with a party and performance, 10 p.m. Saturday, March 14, in the Burns Room at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$5 for the 18 and older show. Call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com> for more information. The band also performs an 18 and older show with The Krinkles at 10 p.m. Friday, March 27, at The Sardine Bar, 1548 Franklin St., Detroit.

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Such is the case this week on Backstage Pass. We're smack in the middle of the Spring Festival '98 pledge drive at Detroit Public Television. Of course, they keep

track of the funds that are raised during a program - experience shows that audiences support the shows they value. During last spring's pledge drive, not many people called to support Backstage Pass. Maybe it was because we had only been on for three weeks, but the phones weren't ringing.

So this year, we're going to pull out the stops and do some serious testifying. Starting with a very special show: we're breaking format with three music-related segments. First, Kim Hunter talks with a quartet of Detroit jazz's greats about our city's unique reputation for mentoring in jazz. Young sax man James Carter fronts the quartet, which is rounded out by Harold McKinney on piano, Don Mayberry on bass and "Pistol" Allen on drums. Each of these men made indelible impressions on James, who is now one of the jazz world's top young stars. They'll talk about the importance of handing down hard-won

knowledge.

Have you noticed that in all the hoopla over Motown Record's 40th Anniversary, people have forgotten about Motown itself? The Super Bowl halftime show in San Diego trotted out a bunch of stars with no mention of the city where it all started. Ditto ABC's two-part special. Think about it: the music that was the soundtrack for an entire generation's coming of age was created right here in Detroit! We sent our cameras to the Motown museum to see the humble beginnings of one of the biggest musical phenomena of the century.

And two of the metro area's hottest acts - Jill Jack and Stewart Francke - prepared two special duets just for our pledge program. How's that for a show.

But wait... there's more! We have CDs to give to callers who pledge from Jill, Stewart and James. And Backstage Pass alumnus Devin Scillian, the talented news anchor at WDIV-

Channel 4, will be live in the studio with me during the pledge break right after our special program airs.

Backstage Pass was created to increase support, patronage and attendance of the visual and performing arts in Southeast Michigan, and according to the acts and organizations we've covered, it's working. We have a stack of letters from organizations like the Detroit Institute of Arts, Meadow Brook Theatre, Wayne State's Hilberry and Bonstelle Theatres, Ann Arbor's Walk & Squawk Performance Project, the Rackham Symphony Choir - the list is too long to recount here - all saying how the show worked for them, increased interest in and attendance of events.

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O'Grady's Irish Pub brings a bit of Ireland to Troy

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

With a "things Irish" fascination sweeping the nation, it was only a matter of time until it hit Troy in a big way. Big Beaver Road, the city's main corridor, became home to O'Grady's Irish Pub on Wednesday, March 4, with a grand opening benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of Troy.

In addition to Irish addiction is the escalating trend toward neighborhood pubs - informal gathering places for families and friends with good food at moderate prices. O'Grady's in Troy combines the best of both with an Irish-American twist.

Irish specialties such as Corned Beef and Cabbage, Mrs. O'Grady's Irish Lamb Stew, Shepherd's Pie, and homemade Crock-a-Leekie soup, a spin on the standard, have star billing. But the rest of the menu includes house-made items Americans like to eat.

This and more is the half-million dollar transformation of the former Herahel's Deli into a neighborhood pub seating 190. Friendly waitstaff questioned, "Doesn't this look like an Irish pub?" I had to say, "No." But that's not negative. This is not Dublin and Americans want more in "their" pub atmosphere.

However, there are many appealing "things Irish" about O'Grady's. Guinness and 15 other beers on tap get top billing. To complement, is a large 25-seat wooden bar, two double-sided fireplaces accenting cozy side rooms with polished wood floors and three dart boards in a game room, also housing two pool tables.

Some Dublin pubs have a TV for soccer fans. O'Grady's has 18 fed by five satellite dishes. Eight different sports events can be watched on-premise simultaneously! Table seating is comfortable at wood high tops or standard-size. A large portion of the

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Gathering place: David Kramer (left to right), Chef Jim Bolton, Stuart Kramer, Diane Kramer, and Brian Kramer at O'Grady's Irish Pub. Family-owned and operated, O'Grady's offers good food at moderate prices with an Irish-American twist.

floor is carpeted in dominantly green plaid accenting warm wood furnishings and a wide-open feeling.

The brainchild behind this gathering place is Brian Kramer, partner and president of O'Grady's with his father, Stuart. Mom Diane is anxious to greet patrons and brother David is learning the pub business. This is a family-owned and operated pub where an owner will be on-site at all times.

Since 1992, Brian has worked his way up from dishwasher to a vice president of Duggans, partner in Payne's Woodward Inn in Berkley and Woody's in Royal Oak. Stuart, recently retired from corporate life in Blue Cross Blue Shield, said he "always wanted to own his own business."

Jim Bolton, Oakland Community College culinary grad and former executive chef at Embassy Suites in Livonia, directs O'Grady's kitchen turning out 1,500 pounds of corned beef weekly. His recipe recently

won top award in Hebrew National's contest on "how best to cook corned beef" conducted in New York.

Menu items showcasing the Guinness-flavored corned beef are on the sandwich board. They are served with creamy cole slaw and a pickle spear. English fries can be added for 95 cents. A cup of soup with any sandwich is \$2.25. A traditional corned beef Reuben can be turned into lighter fare with turkey. Whole turkeys are house-roasted and meat is pulled from the bone to make all turkey sandwiches. "Just like the day after Thanksgiving," Bolton quipped.

A number of menu items

appeal to those preferring meat-less selections.

Bolton also lays claim to the "best pizza in town." His three-flour dough crust is handmade daily as is the pizza sauce from a recipe originating in Fano, Italy. One topping not to be missed is hand-cut pepperoni. A five-topping large pizza is \$15.

Chef Jim is particularly proud of his perfected recipes for barbecued baby back ribs, original orchestration of Salmon with Honey Mustard and Planked White Fish. If imitation is the best form of flattery then the white fish makes the adage true. Bolton credits his chef friend Randy Emert, executive chef at

Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant, for all the pointers on making it to perfection.

On St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17, it won't be leprechauns you'll see at O'Grady's. Neighborhood folks will be leavin' to the music from WCSX-FM 94.7 from 6 p.m. to midnight. A live Irish band will also perform. A limited menu of corned beef and cabbage with mushroom potatoes, Irish stew and the highly-touted O'Grady Pub Burger will be offered.

An old Irish proverb states, "Laughter is brightest where food is best." In a new-age, that's O'Grady's Irish Pub in Troy.

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently visited:

Mesquite Creek - Two locations, 45250 Ford Road, Canton (734) 414-0100; and 7228 Ortonville Road, Clarkston, (248) 620-9300. Open 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. Cost: \$5-\$12 lunch; \$9-\$27 dinner. Children's menu available. 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.

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.

Marvin's Bistro - 16800 Middlebelt, (between Five Mile and Six Mile roads) Livonia, (734) 522-5600. 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. Carryout: Available. 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. Like her father, comedian Marvin Welch, Susan Anastasiou, who named her restaurant Marvin's Bistro in his honor, enjoys entertaining, but she's a food person.

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Restaurant Specials lists menu specials, anniversaries and other special events. To be included, fax or send information to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI or call (734) 953-2105. You can also e-mail information to wygonik@oe.homecomm.net

'DINE OUT DETROIT'
Will give metro Detroit area residents the opportunity to fight AIDS by doing something they frequently do: going out to eat.

Over 100 metro Detroit area restaurants from nearly 40 cities will participate in the third annual "Dine Out Detroit" benefit Friday, March 13. Local restaurants will donate 10 percent of that day's lunch and dinner sales to the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project, Michigan's largest non-profit AIDS education organization. Participating restaurants include Sweet Lorraine's in Southfield, Fonte D'Amore in Livonia and Hawthorne Valley Country Club

in Westland. For more information about "Dine Out Detroit," or a complete list of participating restaurants, call (248) 545-1435, or (800) 627-7769.

BEVERLY HILLS GRILL
Will mark their 10th anniversary on Monday, March 16. The restaurant on Southfield Road (just north of 13 Mile Road) in Beverly Hills will serve complimentary hors d'oeuvres in the evening to celebrate their anniversary, and owners Bill and Judi Roberts will meet customers. Call (248) 642-2355 for information. The Beverly Hills Grill serves breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week. The Roberts also own 220, Edison's and Streetside Seafood, all in downtown Birmingham.

BOTSFORD INN
St. Patrick's Day buffet featuring Irish soda bread, roasted lamb, chicken and ham pie, fish cakes, Colcannon and other Irish specialties served 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 28000 Grand River (at 8 Mile Road) Farmington Hills, (248) 474-4800. There will be entertainment. Cost

\$19.95. A deposit will be required for a reservation.

MARVIN'S BISTRO
St. Patrick's Day specials, corned beef & cabbage, Irish stew, spinach fettuccine with sautéed shrimp, old-fashioned cabbage soup, green beer and Irish creme cheese cake. Entree prices range from \$9.95 to \$13.95. Piano bar will be open during lunch and dinner, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia (734) 522-5600.

HERC'S ROAST BEEF & SPIRITS
St. Patrick's Day specials include corned beef & cabbage, corned beef sandwiches, Irish stew, 36685 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 425-1830.

ARRIBA RESTAURANT
New restaurant opened March 10 in the former Maude's in downtown Ann Arbor on Fourth

Ave. (between William and Liberty).

The restaurant serves moderately-priced Mexican regional specialties, and is open for seven days a week, and is scheduled to begin offering lunch soon.

"People will see; our new place is vibrantly different," said owner Dennis Serras. The private party room is gone, and an immense tree dominates Arriba's larger dining area. "It's like being in the courtyard of a Mexican villa," said Serras. For reservations and information, call (734) 662-8485.

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
"Yesterday's Memories and Tomorrow's Dreams," an evening of dining and entertaining Saturday, April 4 in the Student Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Fund-raiser for the Hospi-

tality Studies student scholarship. Event begins 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:15 p.m. Tickets \$35 per person, call (313) 845-9651.

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