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Residents dig out after storm

■ City road crews finished their first offensive against a weekend storm and launched a new effort to help residents dig out from 12 inches or more of snow.

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Westland road crews today are expected to continue second-round efforts to plow city streets, following a fierce snowstorm that residents and officials ranked among the worst they've seen.

"I've been here 27 years, and it's one of the worst I've seen," Public Services Director Richard Dittmar said.

City road crews early Tuesday finished their first offensive against the massive storm and launched a new street-plowing effort to help residents dig out from 12 inches or more of snow.

As workers battled the storm that hit Saturday and early Sunday, fresh snow fell Wednesday and made their job even more complicated.

Some residents ignored a city snow emergency and warnings to move their vehicles off the streets to accommodate city trucks.

"That's our biggest problem," Dittmar said. "We just go by and bury them."

City crews worked 24 hours to clear roads. Despite snowy conditions, Westland police Sgt. Peter Brokas blamed only a handful of traffic accidents — none of them serious — on the storm.

"After a big snowfall, people can't go fast enough to get into serious accidents," Brokas said.

In an urgent plea, Westland Fire Department officials asked residents for help in clearing snow away from fire hydrants that got buried in snow drifts.

"We're asking for help so that we have access to the hydrants to allow us to provide better fire protection," Assistant Fire Chief Bob Fields said.

Hard at work

All across the city Monday, homeowners used shovels and snow blowers to clear their driveways and sidewalks as children celebrated school cancellations by playing outdoors.

"I was hoping the snow blower I bought would pay off, and it looks like it has," 41-year-old Mike Morris said as he cleared snow outside of his house on the corner of Rolf and Dowling.

He and his neighbors helped motorists whose cars got stranded at the intersection before city work crews made their rounds early Monday afternoon.

"We had to push out about seven or eight cars," Morris said. "The snow was quite deep. I've lived here six years, and this is the most snow I've seen since I've lived here."

Morris' son, home from the Marines, was supposed to catch a flight Saturday to Pensacola, Fla., but — like hundreds of stranded people — had to wait.

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY
Snow day: Maggie Plescow, 10, (left) and Amanda LaVigne, 10, (right) of Westland enjoy their day off from school playing on the snow piles at Maggie's home Monday.

Fire damages local house, prompts safety warning

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A Westland house caught fire Sunday after clothing was left too close to a basement water heater, prompting a fire official to issue a warning to homeowners.

"Any time you have heat-producing equipment, such as furnaces and hot-water heaters, it's improper to keep clothing, paper and other combustibles stored next to it," Assistant Fire Chief

Patrick Harder said.

"You should maintain at least 3 feet of space around any heat-producing equipment," he advised.

Harder's remarks followed a house fire Sunday in the 33700 block of Arrowhead, east of the Wayne-Warren area.

No one was injured, and one fire official estimated damages at \$60,000 to \$70,000.

"A woman smelled smoke coming

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Pair ordered to trial in Glenn teen's death

Two teenagers have been ordered to stand trial for the Dec. 19 death of 14-year-old Jeffrey Joseph Firman, a Westland youth who had attended John Glenn High School.

The defendants, 14-year-old Stephen Rains of Westland and 15-year-old Jason Blevins of Inkster, were ordered to trial in Wayne County Circuit Court following a

preliminary hearing Monday in Inkster's 22nd District Court.

Charged as adults, the juveniles were arraigned Dec. 23 on open murder charges after Inkster police found Firman dead four days earlier on an Inkster football field.

The two boys remain in custody under \$300,000 cash bonds, 22nd

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City, 4 unions prepare for contract negotiations

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Contract talks loom between a city bargaining team and negotiators for four employee groups.

"I'm hopeful that they're not going to take very long, but you never know when you get into bargaining," city Personnel Director Keith Madden said.

In a closed-door meeting, Westland City Council members Monday night discussed what Mayor Robert Thomas called parameters for the negotiations with four employee groups:

■ American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1602, which represents public services workers and other hourly employees. It has 119 members.

■ Westland Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association, which represents 31 employees.

■ Westland Supervisory Association, which has 22 members.

■ Administration directors and office staff who work for Thomas. This group has 23 members.

Initial meetings already have been held with AFSCME Local 1602 and the police lieutenants and sergeants — groups whose contracts expired Jan. 1.

Thomas didn't predict when settlements might be possible for the employee groups.

"We're just getting under way now," he said Monday.
Madden said he hopes negotiations can be wrapped up quickly, "but I hate to try and put a target date on it."

The latest talks are set to start one month after the city settled contracts for Westland police officers and firefighters.

Those two groups received annual pay raises averaging 3.2 percent for what was hailed as unprecedented five-year agreements.

New costs associated with those contracts amounted to \$1.4 million through June 30, 2003.

Once contracts are settled for the four other groups, Madden said, the city will be done with negotiations for all non-elected employees.

Pay raises for Thomas and the seven-member Westland City Council will be discussed later this year by the Local Officers Compensation Commission.

New Year's baby



New arrival: The first baby of the New Year born at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is Jordan Christopher Barr, son of Kelly and Timothy Barr of Westland. Jordan came into the world at 6:06 p.m. Jan. 1. He has a big sister, Ashley.

OBITUARIES

MARIE A. PINKOWSKI
Funeral services for Marie Pinkowski, 76, of Warren were Dec. 28 in Uht Funeral Home. Mrs. Pinkowski, who died Dec. 24 in Warren, was born Aug. 7, 1922, in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Robert (Deborah) of Westland and Martin (Ann); daughters, Louise (Michael) McKenna and Theresa McCullough; brother, William (Nancy) Rolson; 16 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Pinkowski was preceded in death by her husband, Archie, and daughter, Christine Tewart.

ROLAND H. ANDERSON
Funeral services for Roland Anderson, 62, of Westland were Jan. 5 in St. Simon & Jude Catholic Church with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Mr. Anderson, who died Jan. 1 in Dearborn, was born May 28, 1936, in Detroit. He was an electrician in the construction industry.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara; son, Roland Jr. (Jessica) Anderson; daughters, Catherine (Thomas) Martin, Kelly (Thomas) Murphy and Susan (Thomas) Pietruszka; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Mr. Anderson was preceded in death by his sister, Linda Medina.

LIONEL J. EGGENBERGER
Funeral services for Lionel Eggenberger, 77, of Westland were Jan. 6 with burial at St. John Cemetery in Fenton.

Mr. Eggenberger, who died Jan. 1 in Livonia, was born Dec. 11, 1922, in Detroit. He was a machinist in the automotive industry. Surviving are his sons, Bill, Mike, John, Matt, Pete, Tom, Jeff and Tim; daughters, Mary and Sue; brother, William; sister, Joyce Bryan; 20 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Mr. Eggenberger was preceded in death by his wife, Jane.

FLORENCE S. BROWN
Funeral services for Florence Brown, 81, of Westland were today, Jan. 7, in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Mrs. Brown, who died Jan. 3 in Westland, was born April 2, 1917, in Detroit. She was a homemaker. Surviving are her sons, Frederick Brown of Howell and James Brown; brother, Harry Shipp; sister, Edith Lamour; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Mrs. Brown was preceded in death by her sister, Doris Monahan.

ANTONETTE M. TUNE
Funeral services for Antonette Tune, 88, of Westland were Jan. 4 in St. Damian Catholic Church with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Larry Zurawski. Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Mrs. Tune, who died Jan. 1 in Hope Nursing Home, was born March 10, 1910, in Detroit. She was a homemaker. Surviving are her daughter, Margaret O'Brien; sisters, Josephine Mazor and Stella Rustick; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

S. EWART SPRAGUE
Services for Ewart Sprague, 98, of Wayne were arranged by Uht Funeral Home in Westland with burial at Park Cemetery in Iron Mountain. Mr. Sprague, who died Jan. 4 in Westland, was born May 27, 1900, in Newberry, Mich. He was an accountant for Ford Motor Co. Surviving are his son, Samuel; and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Roe of Westland. Mr. Sprague was preceded in death by his wife, Leah.

LESLIE E. MACQUEEN
Funeral services for Leslie MacQueen, 75, of Westland were in Uht Funeral Home. Mr. MacQueen, who died Jan. 3 in Wayne, was born Aug. 19, 1923, in Detroit. He was a design engineer in the automotive industry.

Surviving are his son, Mark; daughters, Sharon Rainey, Judy and Janet; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. MacQueen was preceded in death by his wife, Ada.

ROSEMARIE TRYGG
Funeral services for Rosemarie Trygg, 81, of Westland were Jan. 5 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Denis Theroux from St. Edith Catholic Church.

Mrs. Trygg, who died Jan. 2 in Westland, was born Dec. 27, 1917, in Chicago, Ill. She worked in customer service.

Surviving are her son, Steven (Erica) Trygg; daughter, Sheri (Paul) McEachern; and grandchildren, Edward, Carin and Garrett.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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from the bathroom and thought it might have been a candle burning, but when she went in there, she saw smoke coming out of her laundry chute," Harder said.

SAFETY WARNING

A substantial fire had spread by the time Westland firefighters got a phone call at 1:41 p.m. and

arrived on the scene at 1:46 p.m., Harder said.

"They had a good basement fire working when they got there," he said. "There was heavy smoke through the entire house."

Firefighters battled the fire and kept it from spreading to other residences. Firefighters left the scene at 3:35 p.m. — nearly two hours after the fire started, Harder said.

The woman and her husband were in the house at the time of the fire, but neither was injured.

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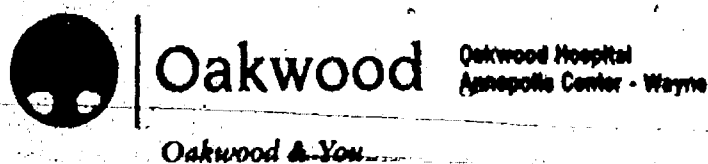


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Storm's aftermath: Mike Morris of Westland was out clearing snow on Monday.

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until Sunday.

Morris' 11-year-old daughter, Kristen, and the family's 4-year-old sheltie dog, Shea, enjoyed the snow.

"I like it," Kristen said Monday afternoon. "We didn't have school, and I've just been playing out in the snow."

Bundled up, Westland mail carrier Barbara Earhart walked past snow piled in some places as high as her head - keeping a cheerful attitude as she did her job in bone-chilling weather.

"This is hard on your legs," Earhart, 36, said. "It's easier when people shovel their sidewalks. We just have to pass up the houses that we can't get to, but I try my best to get to the older people who can't get out and shovel the snow."

Earhart worked in Saturday's snowstorm and was told to report to work Monday even though she was supposed to have the day off.

Neither rain nor snow ...

"We've made our deliveries every day so far. It's a blessing," she said. "I've been working 10 to 12 hours a day. I've been delivering mail for five years, and this is the worst weather I've ever had to deliver in."

"I've got the weight of the mail plus the wind and the snow," she said. "It's pretty tough."

What's more, Earhart said it took her two hours to make the eight-mile trip from her Detroit home to her Westland post office job.

City officials announced early this week that trash pickup would be delayed due to a landfill closing - but advised residents to leave their trash outside.

Behind Westland City Hall, city worker Butch Patton used a snow blower Monday to try to clear walkways on his second day of post-storm cleanup. He said he welcomed the sunshine that occasionally penetrated the afternoon clouds.

During a Westland City Coun-

cil meeting Monday night, council members praised Dittmar and other employees of the city's public services department for their street-plowing efforts.

Westland has about 205 miles of roads and streets.

City crews even cleared some portions of county-maintained roads such as Wayne and Cherry Hill, and officials said local storm efforts outshone county work crews.

Some officials said subdivision streets appeared in better condition than county roads - some of which Fire Chief Mark Neal called "impassable."

Westland roads under the county's jurisdiction include Inkster, Middlebelt, Merriman, Venoy, Wayne, Joy, Warren, Ford, Cherry Hill, Van Born and a small section of Michigan Avenue. The city cleans Newburgh Road.

Snow remained piled along some county roads Monday - causing problems particularly in middle turn lanes where some drivers got stuck trying to reach side streets. Towing companies did a brisk business.

Where does snow go?

Councilman Glenn Anderson said Monday that some residents became frustrated after city road crews cleared neighborhood streets only to push snow toward driveways, blocking them.

But, he said, "there's just no place for that much snow to go."

Anderson chastised some businesses along major roads for failing to clear sidewalks of snow, saying their negligence forced pedestrians to walk in the street.

City officials said homeowners often are quicker to shovel sidewalks than business owners who place a higher priority on clearing parking lots for business.

Wayne-Westland school officials canceled classes Monday and Tuesday, although students in areas served by the Livonia district had to return to school Tuesday.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Clearing the way: Butch Patton of the Westland Parks and Recreation Department clears snow with a snow blower around Westland City Hall Monday. Patton was out working Sunday also.

Snow delivery: Westland post office mail carrier Barbara Earhart was out delivering the mail Monday on her route off Cherry Hill.



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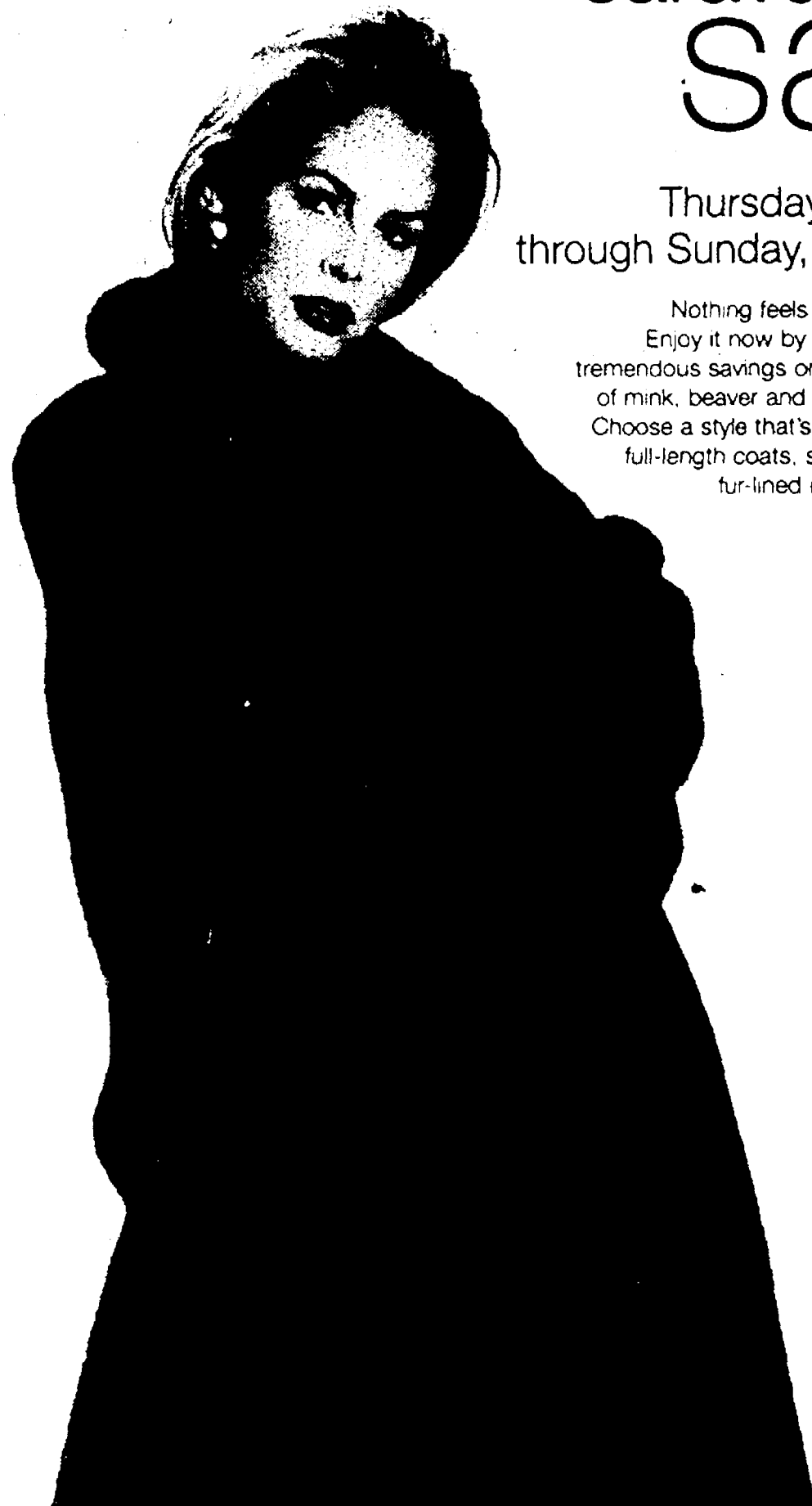
Snowy travel: Driving along Ford Road in Westland became more challenging by the hour as the snowstorm progressed on Saturday.

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County, Northwest to re-examine snow removal plan

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Northwest Airlines and Wayne County officials will meet today to discuss last weekend's winter storm and the county's snow removal plans. Northwest was expected to be operating on a full schedule Wednesday (yesterday).

Airport Director David Katz said county officials will review the plans. "Let's examine it carefully. We're all accountable."

When asked why airlines at Chicago's O'Hare Airport resumed 100 percent of its operations earlier than Detroit, Andrea Newman, vice president of state and local affairs for Northwest Airlines responded: "People need to remember they got hit a day earlier than us. We'll get back, too."

"This is the storm of the decade for us."

Northwest and county officials spent the early part of this week defending their efforts in the aftermath of a weekend snowstorm that left many planes containing scores of holiday travelers sitting in planes on taxiways for several hours Sunday.

And there was finger-pointing, too.

Northwest officials complained that the snow wasn't cleared by Wayne County in airport taxiways and near concourses, while county officials said the delays were due to Northwest's lack of help at the airport.

Robert Ball, Northwest vice-president for customer service, was critical of snow removal, stating in one published report Northwest was going to take a "good, hard look" at the county's snow removal plan. "I don't know why the county couldn't handle the snow."

Runways apparently were



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Jammed: The airport was still crowded Monday with passengers hoping to catch a flight. Many travelers were still stranded as of Monday morning when this picture was taken outside the Northwest terminal at Metro.

cleared at Metro, but parking areas for planes near concourses and taxiways were not.

"There's always problems with removing snow from the taxiways," said. "We had a couple of planes that were stuck to the ground and problems with jetways freezing and breaking down. It was 30-below. You have freezing temperatures and ice people have to work on."

Katz and Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara believe the county did all it could to clear the airport of snow.

"It steams me to hear the criticism when we have a snow storm like this once every 25 years, it happened on a weekend and a holiday and it came quickly, and we did all the things we

should have done," McNamara said.

"You have the (Northwest) president complaining when the first day, half of Northwest's people couldn't get to work. A number of them were baggage handlers."

McNamara believed Northwest could do a better job of alerting their help of the impending snowstorm and delaying or cancelling flights when they have a shortage of employees to accommodate the passengers.

McNamara said airport officials could have dispatched a bus to help unload passengers from planes.

"Many passengers waiting in planes were elderly and had no

coats. Northwest felt it was too dangerous with the cold weather and slippery conditions. It probably was not a wise decision."

Newman called the runway delays "unacceptable."

"You try to figure out what you can do better," Newman said. "There's always things you can improve on."

Katz said county crews and contractors were responsible for clearing 500 acres of cement or 2 million square feet. It takes crews 24 hours to remove 4 inches of snow.

"Our guys did a miraculous job," Katz said. Wayne County planned on the snow storm and had 98 percent of the crews reporting for work.

"Contrast that with Northwest, where they had half of their people show up," Katz said.

Katz also challenged a claim that crews didn't start clearing snow until 5:30 p.m. Monday. Katz said he inspected every

gate at 4 p.m. Sunday. "Northwest had 37 gates in our opinion that were usable. At that same time, Northwest was only pushing six or eight planes an hour."

"We had 12 inches of snow. They busted their humps with a Herculean effort every minute of the day. It pains me to see that kind of criticism." Two years ago Wayne County won a national award from an airline association for snow and ice removal. "That same plan now is no good?" Katz asked.

Crews also alternate which concourses will be cleaned, depending on the day of the week. That plan is agreed to by the airlines. But a private contractor did not clear the Northwest concourse areas until Monday.

Crews also must be "environmentally friendly" while clearing snow. With the airlines

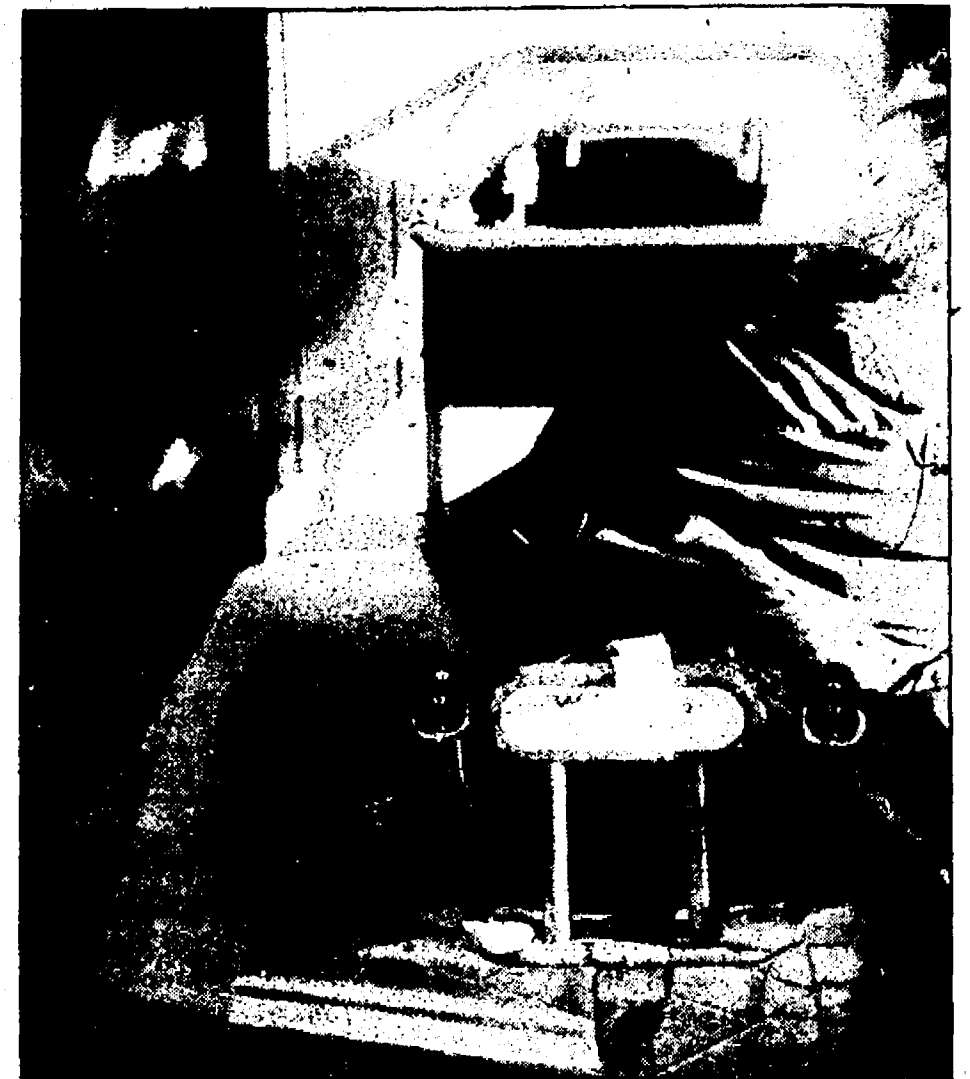
using glycol to de-ice planes, snow must be pushed into the middle of the airfield, then scooped onto a truck and disposed, not just pushed aside.

It was clear that passengers were frustrated over the delays.

With many flights canceled or delayed, thousands of passengers spent Saturday and Sunday night at the airport, hoping for flights out of town. With Detroit acting as Northwest's hub, travelers on that airline were particularly impacted.

"If you shut down a hub, you automatically switch to alternative routes. When Metro was hit with flooding last year, passengers were re-routed to Memphis and Minneapolis," Newman said.

"But this time, all three hubs experienced weather problems. The ability to do that (re-routing) was lost."



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High court rules Unions win in court employee case

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The Legislature unconstitutionally stepped on the judiciary's toes when it shuffled members of two unions from Wayne Circuit Court control to county government control, the state Supreme Court ruled.

"The power of each branch of government within its separate sphere necessarily includes managerial administrative authority to carry out its operations," Chief Justice Conrad Mallett Jr. wrote in a 6-1 decision.

Winners were 27 members of the Judicial Attorneys Association, who work for the Wayne Friend of the Court and as research attorneys, and 180 members of the Government Administrators Association, who are psychologists, social workers and administrators for 64 Wayne Circuit judges.

Losers were Gov. John Engler and retiring Attorney General Frank Kelley. They were blocked from implementing part of the Legislature's 1996 Public Act 374 combining Wayne Circuit and Detroit Recorder's courts. Sec. 593 of that act made county government rather than the

court the employer. The Supreme Court declared that section unconstitutional but left the rest of PA 374 intact.

Court visitors and users would have seen little difference — at first — if the change had taken place. "But over the long term, operation of the courts would have been adversely affected," said Mark Heinen, the Detroit attorney for one of the unions.

Mallett agreed, noting that "employment issues concerning all the state's 241 trial courts were in an increasingly unstable condition."

The section making county government the employer would have given it "authority to establish policies and procedure relating to compensation, fringe benefits, pensions, holidays and leave."

That section would have left the chief judge with authority over "work schedules, discipline, grievances, personnel records, probation, hiring and termination practices."

The high court's ruling affirmed a Court of Appeals panel which called the act "a usurpation" of court authority that is "a dangerous incursion into the judicial realm" by the Legislature.

Mallett, in what was one of his last opinions before resigning, cited a 1975 Livingston County case in which the Supreme Court "relied on the inherent powers of the judiciary in holding that the circuit court was the employer of court personnel for purposes of salary negotiations."

And Mallett quoted founding father Alexander Hamilton in *Federalist* No. 51 when he argued that security for the balance of powers "consists in giving to those who administer each department (branch) the necessary constitutional means and personal motives to resist encroachments of the others."

But Mallett warned judges against becoming too headstrong. He noted that many county officials had complained to legislators that judges had "thwarted the counties" and "frustrated relations with the funding units' own employees, to the detriment of the public."

Mallett counseled a course of "cooperation, communication and accommodation between trial courts and their funding units."

Mallett's opinion was signed by Justices Michael Cavanagh, Patricia Boyle, James Brickley, Elizabeth Weaver and Marilyn

Kelly. Dissenting was Justice Clifford Taylor, who said he wasn't convinced the 1996 act violated the separation of powers doctrine. Rather, the act created a "co-employment relationship" between local units and the courts.

Taylor, who frequently derides "judge-made law," said "legislative enactments enjoy a presumption of constitutionality." He cited U.S. Chief Justice John Marshall, who said in 1803 that "legislators, having taken the same oath as we take, surely are as committed to fidelity to the constitution as we (judges) are."

Taylor said the act carefully delineated the duties of the chief judge and the county: "(T)he employer (county) retains authority with respect to listed fiscally related subject matters, and the chief judge retains authority over all other personnel matters."

But Mallett and the majority found the grant of power to the county so broad that there is "no set of circumstances" under which the act "does not violate the separation of powers doctrine."

County road crews battle winter storm

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Saturday's winter storm that dumped up to a foot of snow will be known as the storm that county road crews just could not clear.

Even on Monday, several roads, particularly portions of Inkster and Middlebelt roads, remained covered with snow and difficult for motorists to drive.

John Roach, public information manager for the Wayne County Department of Public Services, said the county's roads division sent 131 trucks to plow and salt county primary roads, state highways and freeways and township residential streets.

Wayne County road crews normally assigned to main primary — or "mile" — roads were dispatched to freeways and state highways to clear those first, Roach said. "We had to pull them off of the primary roads," he said.

Roach said the biggest problem facing road crews was the sheer amount of snow that fell over about a 24-hour period on Saturday and early Sunday. Winds blew between 20 and 30 mph.

"Moving that much snow, it is hard to find a place to put it," Roach said. "Moving it from the center lane is one thing, but that is a whole lot different when it is blowing on the road."

"We had reports from some of our drivers that they would plow a road, then when they came back, the whole road would be covered again."

Road salt also loses its effectiveness once the temperature dips below 20 degrees, Roach said. The weekend temperatures ranged between sub-zero and 20-degree temperatures.

On Monday, county road crews were working to continue to clear surface streets.

"It will take a lot more work," Roach said. "Some are still in rough shape."

Wayne County is responsible for clearing 1,950 miles — 450 miles of state highways, 725 of county primary roads and 700 miles of residential streets in townships.

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Winter wise

Brush up on survival skills

So it finally caught up with us. The big snowstorm last weekend was our first dose of winter for the season and our worst winter blast in years.

It also provided lessons not only in some of our almost-forgotten winter survival skills and in caring for our neighbors, but it was also a lesson in patience for many people.

While many can thank their lucky clouds that the storm dumped a foot of snow on us during a holiday weekend when many people had time off, others had to try to make their way either to work or to travel back home after the holidays — and it was a trying time.

Patience was the word of the weekend for those who had any reason to go to metro airport. It was also the watchword for those who had to get out on the roads — or at least it should have been. Many people ended up in ditches or snow banks in some cases because they were in too much of a hurry.

Meanwhile, those who got to stay home were faced with mountains of snow to shovel or to clear with a snow blower. Some neighborhoods were fortunate enough to have their streets plowed by Sunday, but then were faced with an impassable mound of snow at the end of their driveways. It was snow blowers and shovels to the rescue again.

Others, weren't so lucky as the snowplows were yet to hit some neighborhoods even on

Monday. Westland officials were still working early in the week to cope with the snowed-in neighborhoods.

The storm also brought out the good in some people. There were stories of good deeds, as many checked on and helped out their elderly or disabled neighbors.

For example, Lillian and Frank Eory of Westland for health reasons are unable to get out and shovel, but neighbor Norman Swope saved the day with his snow blower and the Eorys were able to get out Tuesday for a relative's funeral.

As with any storm, eventually people shovel out and get back into their routines. But since January has only just begun maybe some snowstorm lessons need to be reiterated.

Patience goes a long way in traveling safely on the roadways. Yes, it seems some drivers use questionable judgment, but that doesn't mean we all should.

Other lessons to keep in mind: Stay stocked up on winter and food supplies to avoid trips out in bad weather, help out your elderly or sick or disabled neighbors as you may need help yourself some day, remember safe winter driving practices and get your car serviced so it's reliable when the weather takes a bad turn. And also remember that it's Michigan and winter is not only allowed to but is expected to make its presence known.

Write to support Schoolcraft

Business people often dislike writing letters. But if they want the benefits, they should rise above tradition and send a letter to Doug Rothwell on behalf of Schoolcraft Community College's bid.

Schoolcraft is seeking \$6 million in state money to build an Information Technology Center on its Livonia campus.

The money would come from the state Jobs Commission as part of Gov. John Engler's recently-passed program to boost technical education through scholarships and training centers.

The Engler administration got \$50 million from the Legislature for its job training initiative.

First, \$20 million will go for 10,000 community college scholarships.

Second, \$30 million will go for "at least five new technical training centers, providing the necessary infrastructure and equipment needed to support technical training programs," according to the governor's budget message.

One of the five centers, by law, will go to Focus:HOPE in Detroit. The other four will go to the most impressive bidders.

These are for what the governor calls "gold collar jobs" — those requiring high skills but not a four-year bachelor's degree. These aren't hamburger-flipping jobs.

The University of Michigan economic forecast for the next two years showed that the best way to keep out of the unemployment line is to earn at least an associate's degree from a community college.

Political pressure and newspaper editorials won't impress Rothwell a lot. He is more likely to be impressed by letters from business people.

Schoolcraft has some pretty tough competition for the grants from neighboring Oakland County Community College, Henry Ford Community College and Macomb County Community College.

Macomb Community College is doing a big

business blitz of letter writing to the Jobs Commission.

Schoolcraft is asking for \$6 million to build a 32,000-square-foot technology center on to the Waterman Campus Center.

The center is designed to be a hub where business, students, faculty and the community can access and apply information technology.

The proposal outlined six major goals for the multi-phase project:

- To increase information technology competencies as applied to local and regional manufacturing operations.

- To increase the number of workers with information technology skills in the current and future workforce.

- To redesign instructional methods in an effort to offer open-entry, open-exit learning.

- To create a state-of-the-art facility focusing on certified skill set instruction in information technologies.

- To improve the ability of companies and organizations to compete locally, nationally and globally.

- To provide a central location for a variety of community and business services conducive to the economic health of the region.

The Michigan Jobs Commission visited Schoolcraft in October. During the visit, Schoolcraft officials received some positive feedback from Michigan Jobs Commission officials, who dubbed the plan a "strong proposal." Since then however the jobs commission has visited other sites and the competition is formidable. A decision is expected by mid-January so letters need to go out soon.

The address of the man who makes the decision is:

Doug Rothwell, CEO
Michigan Jobs Commission
201 N. Washington, 4th floor
Lansing, MI 48913

Tell him you're motivated by economic self-interest. He'll understand that.

Easy does it



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Challenging conditions: Driving along Ford Road in Westland became more challenging by the hour during the storm on Saturday. Patience goes a long way in traveling safely on snow-covered roadways.

LETTERS

The shaft again

Most communities provide police and fire protection to their taxpayers. Westland, however, is again sidestepping the voters' requirement to increase taxes by applying a "user fee" for its lifesaving services. Who thinks up these scams? Who in the council votes for these scams emanating from the mayor's office? What have we done to be the victims in a community where the administration is constantly thinking up ways to scam money off the residents (me)? What I see are "consultants," strangers from other parts of the country invited into this city claiming to be determining our needs and then we are forced to pay for these harebrained schemes which drain our pocketbooks. I'm tired of paying for luxuries which this city's residents cannot afford, and, frankly, do not want, and can live without. They are nothing but "feel goods" for a tiny segment of this population which will benefit financially at the expense of the whole of the people who foot the bill. I see this user fee as yet another end run around the taxpayers to benefit the parasites who feed off the citizens. Yet another governmental shift — and shaft from the city hall.

Beatrice Scalise
Westland

Watch your backs

The members of the Wayne-Westland Board of Education have recently been patting themselves on the back as they celebrate some of their recent educational decisions (witness the reinstatement of "mounts" for cheerleaders at Wayne Memorial High). Perhaps we should revisit some of the other decisions of this board that have also resulted in joyous back slapping.

The board has stood firm in its refusal to present a certificate of service to a past president (an acknowledgment routinely granted to others). The reasons: fear, intense loathing of this individual and (most notably) cowardice. By standing on this symbolic holy ground the board calls attention to its small-mindedness and to the petty politics of malice and hate. Another group of folks would surely have made the acknowledgment publicly and gra-

cially and "moved on" (board President David Cox's often used phrase).

In another of its dubious achievements, the board stands tall marking its decision to delete the words "sexual orientation" from all district policies. Cox and his six soldiers repeat over and over that all of Wayne-Westland's students are in a safe and nurturing environment, including those who are gay and lesbian or perceived to be gay or lesbian. The fact of the matter is the members of the board would not have the first clue as to whether or not a gay or lesbian student is being harassed or abused and I question whether or not they would even care. They have amended the policy language (as ordered by a couple of local "pastors") ignoring the needs of a very at-risk group of individuals and have effectively told the gay and lesbian community of students and employees: "You are unworthy and you are on your own."

I would offer the board this simple piece of counsel: As you give yourselves those congratulatory pats, don't forget to glance over your shoulder to see just who might be eyeing those plush seats in the board room. Politicians come and go. Just ask Debbie. She knows.

Michael P. Chiumento
Westland

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QUESTION:

What's the best way to spend a snowy, cold winter's day?



"Riding in your Escort, and spinning around."
Nikki Chiacchero



"Sledding on Hines Drive."
Lauren Henderson



"Partying."
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"Stay inside and keep the fire going."
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POINTS OF VIEW

Resolutions for 1999 include being a better person

The subject of many discussions these days: New Year's resolutions. Losing weight and quitting smoking, if I read and hear correctly, are the two biggies.

I don't smoke and at 39 am unlikely to start. I've seen loved ones struggle with quitting, however, and would implore younger people not to take up tobacco. I know some people depend on its growth and sale for their livelihood, but surely we could find them better things to do.

Weight loss isn't a major concern, but I do have a fierce sweet tooth. My regular walking sessions at Laurel Park Place in Livonia will help to keep the pounds off. I look forward to

seeing Plymouth Township neighbor Jack Morrison there; he's a regular on our warm-weather walks in the Lake Pointe neighborhood, too.

One resolution this year is to keep in touch with friends more regularly. Some live as far away as England, making phone calls and visits expensive. Letter writing, I'm afraid, is becoming a lost art, but I'll do my bit to keep it alive. Of course, we have friends as close as Plymouth Township, even within walking distance of our home, and I hope to see lots of them.

Spending time with family counts for a lot as well. My husband and I finally got to see his sister and her



JULIE BROWN

family, north of Kalamazoo, this past year. One of these days, we'll make it out to Los Angeles to see my older brother and then south to San Diego to see my childhood friend, Deborah

Pantoni, and her family.

I'll turn 40 this year, as will several friends and colleagues. Some have their birthdays before mine in May, and I vow not to tease them too much as I know my turn will come. Both Debbie and the male half of our English friendship, Trevor King, turn 40 in February. Colleague Dave Varga, Livonia Observer editor, and I have our 40th birthdays within days of each other.

Turning 40, even though I've never won the Pulitzer Prize, doesn't really bother me. It's a good age, I think, and sounds younger all the time. The Pulitzer may not come, but I have so many fine colleagues whose friend-

ship I treasure.

I vow in the new year to talk less and listen more, to think more before I speak. Gossip can be hard to resist, but it's important to try. Sometimes, it can be cruel and heartless. I'll go to church, just as before, but try to incorporate more of what I learn into everyday life.

What about you? Any New Year's resolutions?

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State aid to private schools involves propaganda use

They didn't wait until New Year's Day to start the Great Propaganda War for state aid to private schools. On Nov. 12, state Sen. Bill Schuette, R-Midland, sponsored a bill and a proposed constitutional amendment, even though there was no chance of passage in 1998. Both are sure to be reintroduced in 1999.

His constitutional amendment would modify the prohibition against any state money or property being used for private, denominational or other nonpublic schools. It says:

"The Legislature may provide for an educational voucher system to support the attendance of low-income school-age children who reside in cities with a population of at least 750,000 at nonpublic schools that are not affiliated with any religious group or organization."

Schuette, formerly a conservative but now part of the religious right, says his program is aimed at "low-income families in the City of Detroit." The bill portion aims the money at families at 150 percent of

the poverty level.

Fascinating. He would target aid to Detroit, and in the constitution, yet. What about Pontiac, Benton Harbor, Flint, Inkster and Royal Oak Township? What about his own district's Lake County, one of the poorest in the state?

There's no way in the world the Legislature would pass Schuette's proposal without amending it to let other areas dip in their fingers. With experience in both the Legislature and Congress, Schuette should know that.

Retired state Rep. Maxine Berman of Southfield warned us a couple of years ago that this was coming. First, she said, they start with a private scholarship fund. Next, they offer a state program for the urban poor. Ultimately, they want to break down all the walls to allow private schools to dip into taxpayer money.

Meanwhile, the Mackinac Center's new monster, School Choice Yes, is opening up its propaganda drive. Even the title - "School Choice" - is



TIM RICHARD

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false. Its goal is public money, not choice.

The idea is to give "tax credits" to people who send their kids to private schools. "No government money is involved," says Gary Glenn, president.

Oh, yes, there is. The gimmick is known as a "tax expenditure." The state treasurer doesn't write a check, but money that would fairly become state revenue is yielded up for a private purpose.

Do you still favor public money for public schools? Then you are a reactionary who "stands in the schoolhouse door" to block poor kids, says School Choice Yes. Glenn equates you with segregationists Orval Faubus and George C. Wallace. It's a propaganda technique known as name-calling.

Even "public schools" is a dirty term to Glenn's crowd. They're generally referred to as "government schools" or "monopoly schools" or "failing schools." They forget that charter schools, Mackinac Center's

brainchild, are generally doing worse on state tests than true public schools.

Glenn then descends to the corniest of all propaganda techniques, the "bandwagon." Everybody's for it. Wow, a niece of Martin Luther King Jr. is for it. Baptist clergymen are for it. (Note well, Bill Schuette.) A bunch of congressmen are for it. And so on.

The religious right never will ask a straight question: Do you favor state aid to nonpublic and religious schools? A little bit of aid here, a bit there, a tax break here, and pretty soon you have turned the will of state voters, as expressed in Art. VIII Sec. 2 of our Michigan Constitution, into a sieve.

Ask any kid who has studied propaganda techniques in high school English.

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Brief confession, peer pressure telling a tale for our times

My mother used to wear underpants on her head whenever she made her special bread or sausage for the holidays.

OK, I revealed our family's deepest, darkest secret. Let the new year begin.

Guess what? I used to wear underpants on my head, too.

I don't know why I decided to confess. Maybe like Bob Livingston, the recently resigned speaker-elect of the House of Representatives, I felt it was just a matter of time before my past caught up with me.

Before I go any further, let me say the practice of wearing a pair of CLEAN white Carter's underpants (usually mine) on our heads during bread-baking and sausage-making had nothing to do with culinary perversion.

My mother simply did not trust a leaky hair net to keep her brown follicles or my blonde follicles from contaminating her sweet-tasting bread or marjoram-spiced kielbasa. And like any good little Polish-French girl who loved to help out in the kitchen, I obeyed my mother.

The "underpants" scenario unfolded something like this:

Eight-year-old me: "Mom, can I help mix the dough (or sausage)?"

Mom: "Sure, honey, go put a pair of pants on your head."

Ten-year-old me: "Mom, why do we have to wear MY pants? Can't we wear a pair of Louie's?" (my brother, who never helped out in kitchen, as if he was expected to!)

Mom: "Yours fit. His don't. Go put a pair of pants on your head."

Twelve-year-old me: "Mom, I feel stupid. I'm not..."

Mom: "Go put a pair of pants on your head."

By age 13, I was beginning to suspect few other mother-daughter kitchen combos wore underpants on their heads. However, the phrase "dysfunctional family" had yet to become a buzz word. My suspicions were soon confirmed.

It was just days before Christmas during my freshman year at Ladywood High School. My mother and I, heads encapsulated in underpants, were busy grinding up pork butts for an anticipated two dozen rings of kielbasa when the doorbell rang.

"I'll get it, mom," I said in a moment of crazed forgetfulness.

Standing on the porch was my cute classmate and friend, Laura Marson, her perky brown curls blowing free in the wind. The look on her face and her gargantuan pointing finger will



RENEE SKOGLUND

remain with me until death.

"Oh my God, you have underpants on your head!" she howled. "How funny. You do know you have underpants on your head, don't you?" More howling. "Why are you wearing...?"

I slammed the door and stomped back into the kitchen, underpants clenched in my hand.

"That's it, mom. Laura saw me with... with... with THESE on my head!" I thrust the pants at my mother in an indictment. "I'm never wearing these dumb things again."

If I remember correctly, my mother calmly kept on grinding out the sausage. "Tell Laura her mother puts a clove of garlic under each wing of her turkey before she roasts it."

Laura's family was Italian, and this was my mother's cruelest barb. The line in the sand (flour?) had been drawn: I could either wear pants on my head and continue to help my mother make bread and sausage or I could cave in to peer pressure.

I caved in.

My mother went solo in the kitchen for a few years and eventually replaced the underpants with surgical caps (compliments of my father's gall bladder surgery). Once, when my 24-year-old daughter, Sarah, was 5, her grandmother crowned her with a pair of Carter's during a joint cooking-baking session. Sarah quickly rebelled.

Decades later, I have taken over the duty of making sweetbread and kielbasa for all the holidays. I don't wear pants on my head. But you know, my bread and sausage don't taste quite like my mom's.

Do you think it was the underpants?

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Y2K bug

Former Livonia Schools computer expert sees fallout

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
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Ever hear anyone say: "Rats, I spent \$350 this year on fire insurance, and my house never caught fire. What a waste of money?"

James Winebrener, a Plymouth resident and former computer expert for Livonia Public Schools who once taught computer programming at Stevenson High School, wants every family in the U.S. to buy an insurance policy for what's been dubbed the year 2000 problem.

The only problem is, in a formal, written, signed and sealed format, no such policy exists.

Winebrener believes the only way for families to get Y2K insurance protection is for them to take, starting now, actions necessary to maneuver around whatever upheavals the millennium bug might bring come Jan. 1, 2000.

This includes storing water and food, installing a heat source that doesn't use electricity, and stashing cash to buy stuff if credit cards get rejected.

Better safe than sorry

"I'll be one happy guy if January 1, 2000, comes and nothing bad happens," said Winebrener, who from 1976 to 1992 spearheaded Livonia schools' technology program. Part of his job included teaching over 1,000 Livonia teachers how to use new technology-computer systems bought by the district through a \$62 million bond issue approved by Livonia residents in 1992.

"I pray that this all blows over. But if it doesn't, and people are prepared, the consequences will be a whole lot less severe. Treat this as your insurance plan. You don't expect your house to burn, yet you still buy insurance. Are you mad when you don't collect on your insurance?"

Winebrener is no alarmist or doomsayer. He doesn't believe in TEOTWAWKI, the popular acronym used by those who

'Most people say, 'How can I deal with this?' You take it one bite at a time, and work it out within families. A minimal amount of effort now will alleviate a lot of mass panic later.'

James Winebrener
—computer expert

believe society is fast approaching "The End Of The World As We Know It" because of massive Y2K-related computer system breakdowns.

But, as a computer expert schooled in mathematics and technology, he does believe some disruptions to our family and workplace worlds will take place if mainframe or desktop computers that misread the year 2000 either crash or spew out bad data, or if embedded chips cause electrical devices worldwide to fail.

Disruptions or disaster?

"A brown-out scenario is conceivable, where phone and utility companies struggle to provide service. Nobody knows how long this will last. It could be two to four weeks of disruptions both large and small.

"Across the board, virtually every person involved with Y2K anticipates disruptions of some sort.

"Embedded chips could be a part of the problem. Are we prepared as a society to handle 2 percent of our electrical devices failing? If a pop machine fails, who cares? But what about medical equipment? How many failures can we endure before systems fail?"

"For the average family in a house, this (embedded chips) is not a problem. If a microwave doesn't work, it's an annoyance. But if it affects telephone switching networks, if chips en route fail, then it can come back and bite."

Because systems are interconnected and create ripple effects, computer experts have predicted disruptions in banking, trucking,

railroads, public utilities, telephone lines, military communications and financial markets, among others.

Denial — at first

A soft-spoken, behind-the-scenes guy like Winebrener didn't pick up the Y2K upheaval banner easily. In fact, last summer, Y2K was the furthest thing from his mind. Then he listened to some tapes that spelled out what's often called "The Year 2000 Problem."

As with most people who first hear the endless list of calamities Y2K could create — malfunctioning 911 service, prisons that erroneously release prisoners, runs on banks and payless paydays — Winebrener's first reaction was denial.

The implications of systemic, societal breakdowns caused because older computers that can't read the year 2000 are too enormous for most people to absorb, much less comprehend. "I said, 'This can't happen,'" Winebrener said. "But everything I heard on the tapes was consistent with my 29 years of experience in the computer industry. One computer can corrupt another. I have experienced this. This struck me as very reasonable. I had never before put the pieces together in my mind."

Before doing anything more, Winebrener spent a lot of time reading, both on the Internet, where over 300,000 sites are devoted to the topic, and in computer trade journals.

He first broached the topic in an adult class he teaches Sunday mornings at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

Like Winebrener, the initial

Expert compiles 'to do' list to prepare for millennium

To successfully navigate whatever upheavals the year 2000 bug may bring, computer expert James Winebrener has compiled a "to do" list for residents and families.

"There is no single solution to fit every family," Winebrener said.

"We all have different financial resources, different family situations, and different personal skills. Every family will have a different plan and different level of preparation. The most critical concept to understand is that you need to start soon."

Included on the list are the following:

- Obtain one or more printed copies of all official documents, including birth certificates, marriage license, deeds, Social Security earnings statements, financial statements and mortgage payments.

- Know where the water turn-off valve is in the house and how to get water out of a water heater, if necessary.

- Stock flashlights, candles, batteries, oil lamps, can opener, paper plates, disposable baby bottle liners, firewood, matches, food, water, fire extinguisher, medical supplies, first aid kit, soap, toothpaste, extra pair of eyeglasses, garbage bags and pet food.

- Fabricate a makeshift toilet, such as a camping toilet with chemicals, or a plastic bucket with plastic bags.

- Have on hand a battery-operated radio (with a supply of batteries) in case electrical power is lost.

- Have a heat system not dependent on electricity.

- Consider buying a generator to supply electricity. Learn how to safely operate one for short periods during the day.

- Talk over the ways families can either help each other out, or formulate plans to move in with one another for comfort or safety.

reaction of his students was "you've got to be kidding."

"It's like hitting an elephant," Winebrener said. "Most people say, 'How can I deal with this?' You take it one bite at a time, and work it out within families. A minimal amount of effort now will alleviate a lot of mass panic later."

Education solution

Instead of viewing it as a computer problem, Winebrener prefers to think of it as a problem involving people, people both in the home and in the workplace.

He wants to educate both groups, homeowners as well as businessmen.

He has since circulated a letter outlining Y2K to homeowners in his Trailwood Subdivision.

In his letter, Winebrener urges:

- Do your homework. Read congressional reports, surf the Internet, question local government leaders, and talk to people who know technology. "Understand that reasonable people disagree on the potential impact of Y2K," he writes.

- Decide what precautions you need to take in your family, because no single solution fits every family. Winebrener has compiled a lengthy list of what families can do to work around possible Y2K malfunctions.

"The most critical concept to understand is that you need to start soon. You are much better off to have purchased extra cans of vegetables 10 months too early than 10 hours too late. The longer you wait, the more difficult it may be to find flashlight batteries, generators, or camp stove fuel."

If Y2K turns out to be "much ado about nothing," Winebrener

said, then families will wind up saving on their food budget throughout the year 2000.

Business, beware

If businessmen working on their own Y2K corporate fixes see the impact disruptions in the home will have on workers, then they may hold in-house seminars to explain Y2K, and motivate employees to begin preparations in their own home, Winebrener said.

"Employees won't come to work if their house is 21 degrees, if the sewer is backed up, if the family hasn't had a warm meal, and a child has an earache from the cold."

"Employers think, 'My phones are fixed, my computers are fixed, so everything is cool.' But how can an employee do his job if he can't get at home? If employees aren't there, who will run the business?"

Death from page A1

District Court administrator Gary Hearn confirmed. A Wayne County medical examiner's report revealed that the likely cause of Firman's death was blunt force to the head.

His body was found by Inkster police at 12:39 p.m. Dec. 19 at Academy of Detroit school, a char-

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Firman had reportedly been beaten with a stick and kicked before being left behind by his attackers.

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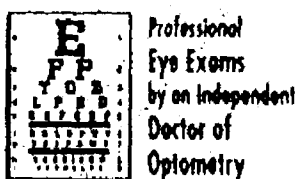
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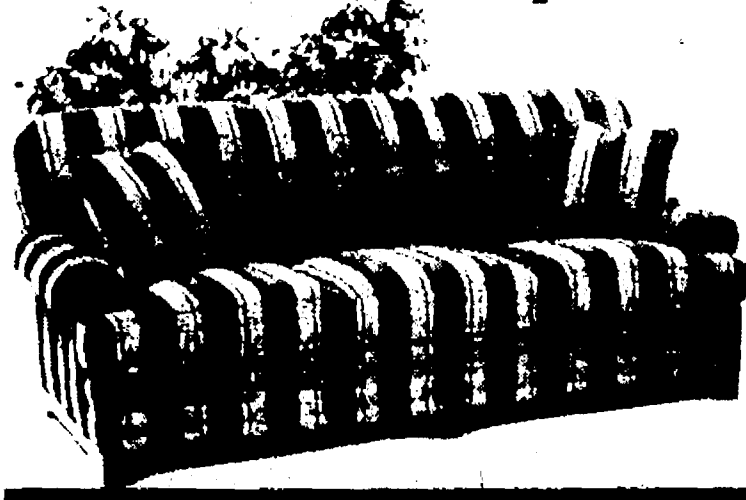
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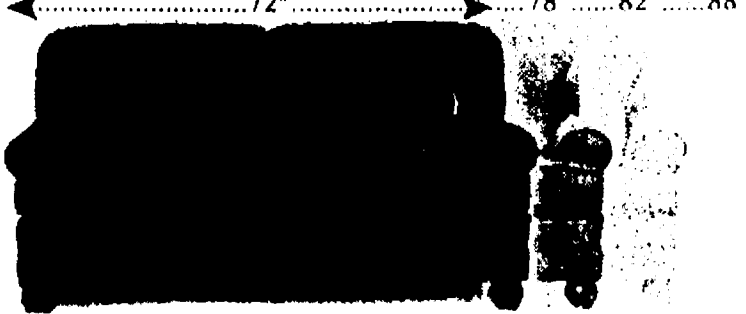


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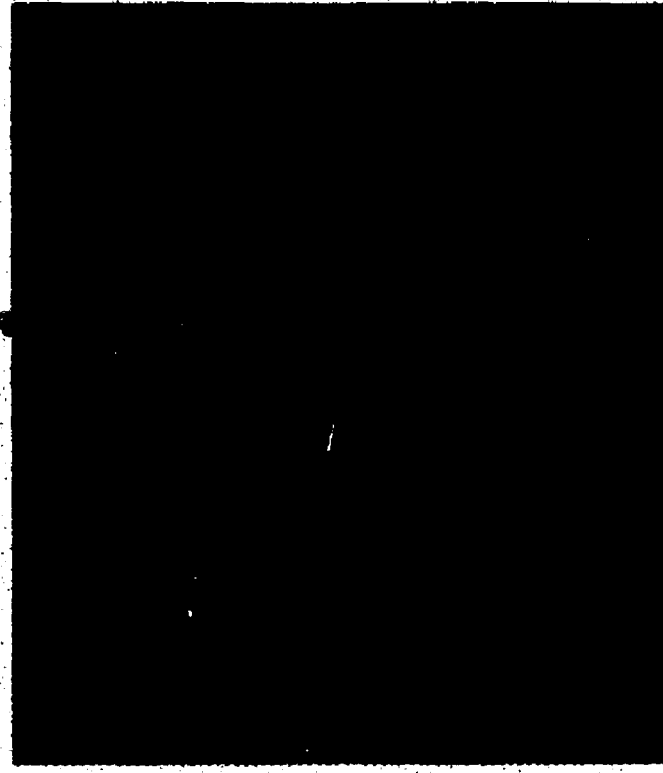


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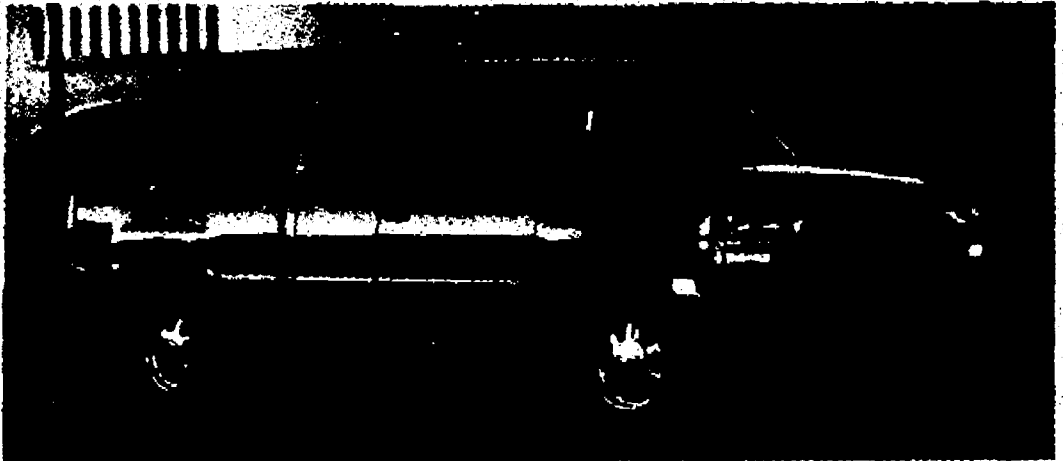
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Bigger than big:
The displays are almost as fun to look at as the cars at the auto show, including this one by Ford, which totals about 101,000 square feet and includes a bridge, visible in the right part of this photograph.



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Want to be impressed? Attend the auto show

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Regular visitors to the North American International Auto Show will find few surprises if they've come to expect an ambitious, flashy, eye-catching array of cars, trucks, SUVs and "concept" cars that defy categorization.

Like the producers of the old James Bond movies, the officials of the Detroit Automobile Dealers Association try to outdo themselves with every offering.

A bigger idea

The Ford Motor Co. contributed a lot toward that goal this year by commissioning the construction of the biggest-ever exhibit for the nameplates under its aegis: Ford, Mazda, Lincoln, Mercury, Jaguar and Aston Martin.

Livonia-based Exhibit Works is finishing the Ford (et al.) exhibit this week. Exhibit Works owner Dominic Silvio, a Northville resident, watched his employees swarm over the exhibit Monday as they struggled to recover from the setback of a weekend power outage at Cobo Center. Silvio reported that he and David Dekker, vice president of design, plus many other Exhibit Works employees had been up all night working.

Auto show visitors should be careful coming down the steps in the Lincoln exhibit as this reporter almost fell as the hard-to-see steps took him by surprise. Handicapped visitors will have some difficulty around the Ford exhibit and others as well. Many of the automakers' exhibits feature steps, and wheelchair-bound visitors may have difficulty getting as close to everything as others can.

Ready, set, go

The manufacturers seem to be in competition to have the flashiest display, and some succeed better than others. But, of course, it's a subjective business. For the most part, the exhibits seek to convey an ultra-modern, futuristic feeling.

Subaru appears to be the only exception. The Japanese automaker has created a bucolic setting complete with real trees and tape recorded birds and frogs. Lisa ("It's not a stage name") Ferarri of Birmingham is one of Subaru's tour guides at the

show. She likes the outdoor atmosphere of the exhibit. "I feel like I'm in my environment," she said. "I'm a mountain type of girl."

Some of the manufacturers have created extracurricular attractions to keep visitors interested. The Dodge section downstairs features an array of race cars, including one of Richard Petty's old cars, and a figure-eight slot car track.

Volkswagen has a similar, albeit smaller, track and will run three miniature radio-controlled Beetles around it.

Other manufacturers, like Subaru and Volvo, have cafes where visitors can rest a spell and have a cup of coffee. Many have opted to include video presentations in their displays. Cadillac has created a huge, segmented, eccentrically-shaped screen with a sound system to rival a modern movie theater.

Attire will vary

However, manufacturers haven't gotten away from the use of attractive women to greet visitors and explain the products. Their attire tends to match the message each manufacturer seeks to convey. In an appeal to younger buyers, Toyota has dressed models and actresses from Birmingham-based Productions Plus in mini-skirts, go-go boots and tight-fitting tops. Subaru's spokeswomen look like they're up for a hike in the woods, while the young women representing Ford and Kharmann are tastefully attired in business suits or a reasonable facsimile thereof.

Local women

The majority of these women have been hired specifically to work the auto show. Livonia resident Lisa Shkrelly said she was hired by

Ford for two weeks of work as a "narrator/model," as her name tag identifies her. Shkrelly's father, Larry, is the owner of Larry's Kitchen of Redford on Eight Mile between Inkster and Beech Daly. Shkrelly works there as a waitress when she's not touting the new Fords.

Other local women working the show are Amy Meeker of Beverly Hills and Aaron Frazier of Taylor, both wearing the Toyota mini-skirt.

Kathi Colli of Rochester Hills will pitch products at the Kharmann exhibit, where she wears a gray business suit.

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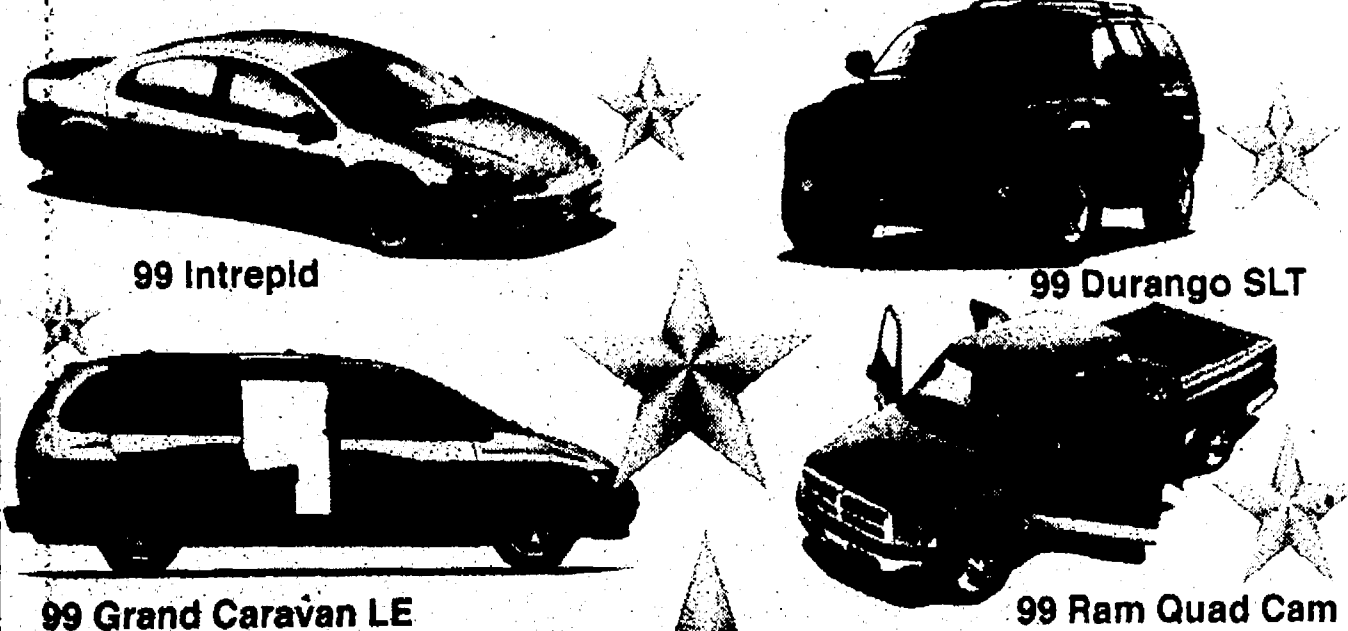
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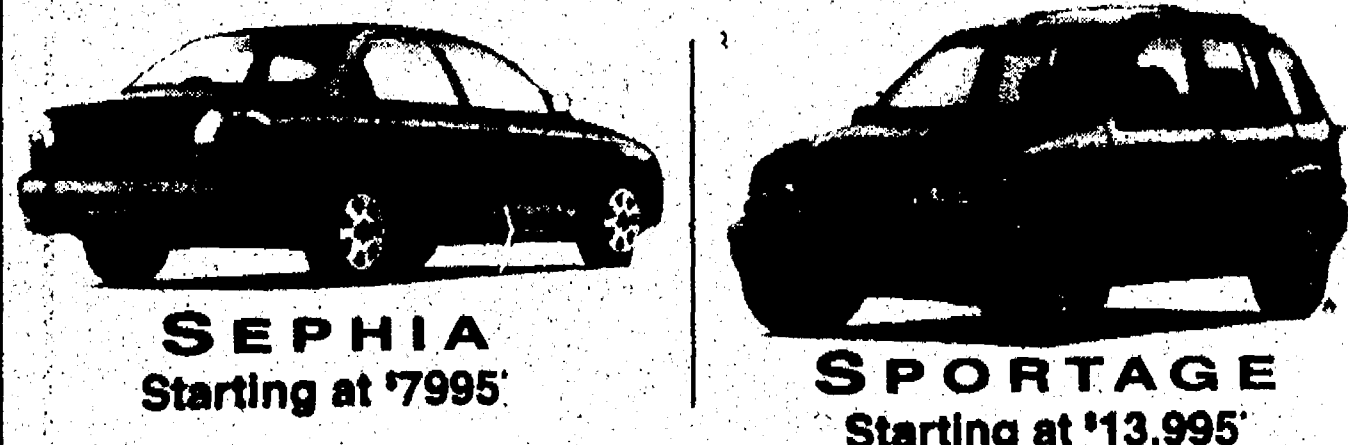
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At the opposite end, small cars with a more global flavor are being unveiled, including the 2000 Dodge and Plymouth Neon, Ford Focus, Toyota Echo and three new Volkswagens, the Golf, Jetta and Cabrio.

All-American entries include Chevrolet's reborn Impala and Buick's redesigned LeSabre.

As has been the case the past few years, a number of sport utility vehicles will be unveiled for the first time in Detroit, including entries from BMW and Nissan.

Here's a rundown on just a few:

Buick LeSabre

Buick seeks to improve on the popular six-passenger LeSabre sedan for 2000. The best-selling, full-size car for seven straight years, the LeSabre has been restyled inside and out to maintain its classic flavor. The body structure, earlier praised when it was used for the Buick Riviera and Park Avenue, is supposed to provide more responsive handling and a more comfortable ride. The LeSabre continues to be powered by GM's venerable 3.8-liter V6 and contains a long list of safety and convenience features.

BMW X5

BMW hopes to set new standards with a four-wheel drive passenger car it calls a "sport-activity" vehicle. The X5 will be built at BMW's plant in Spartanburg, S.C., which also builds the Z3 roadster.

Chevy Impala

Although Chevy is reviving the Impala name and hopes the car's appeal matches that of its predecessors, this is one new car with an old name that doesn't look much like its older self. Once you get past the round tail lights and chrome center-bar in the grille, there's not much here to bring the old Impala to mind. Under the hood is a 3.4-liter V6 with 180 ponies. An optional 3.8-liter mill developing 200 horses is available.

Audi TT



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Oh mama! The Audi TT is powered by a 180-horsepower, 1.8-liter, turbocharged, five-valve engine coupled with a five-speed manual transmission. A Quattro coupe will go on sale in late summer.

The two-seat Audi TT coupe, first shown as a concept car in 1995, is powered by a 180-horsepower, 1.8-liter, turbocharged, five-valve engine coupled with a five-speed manual transmission. A Quattro coupe will go on sale in late summer.

Ford Focus

The focus is currently available in Europe in three-door, four-door, five-door and station wagon versions with a wide range of multivalve engines. Focus comes with a fully-independent rear suspension system and sports a stiff, lightweight body to improve fuel economy. Its relatively long wheelbase and high roofline provide a spacious interior.

Jaguar S-type

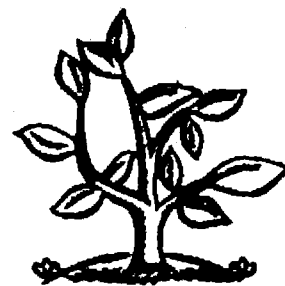
Jaguar's new S-type luxury sports coupe will go on sale this spring as a 2000 model.

S-type buyers may chose between two available powertrains: the new 3-liter AJ-V6 (240 horsepower) and the 4-liter AJ-V8 (281 horsepower). Both engines have aluminum cylinder blocks and heads and are paired with a new five-speed automatic transmission.

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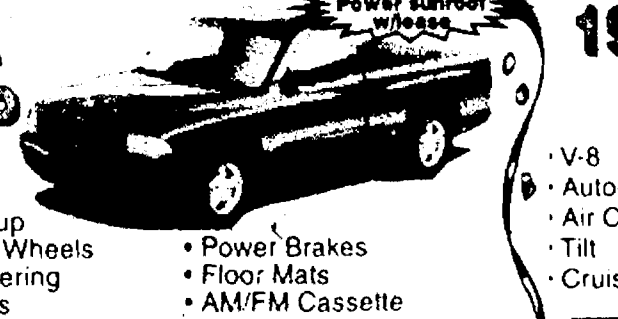

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Smooth move! Exhibit Works employee Craig Cheedie laminates the wooden column enclosures for the Mazda section of the Ford exhibit. The exhibit is the biggest ever built for the North American International Auto Show and required the efforts of more than 250 finish carpenters.



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Livonia company creates mammoth Ford exhibit

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Livonia-based Exhibit Works has created a new 101,000-square-foot display for Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Mazda, Jaguar and Aton Martin products that debuts this weekend at the North American International Auto Show.

The exhibit contains 200 tons of structural steel,

eight semi-truck loads of plywood, 3,000 square feet of brushed and stainless steel, 2,800 square feet of rusted metal (for the flooring in the truck section), tiered maple seating for 350 people, 2,000 square feet of mountain green river and gray honed slate, 6,000 square feet of European beech, 6,000 square feet of tinted green glass and 1,170 square feet of glass flooring.

The two-story exhibit features a bridge the size of a football field, a 90-foot diameter theater, an Internet area and two elevators.

It's not only the biggest car exhibit Exhibit Works has ever built but the biggest exhibit ever to be built for the Detroit auto show.

The exhibit is meant to have a lifespan of at least four years, said Dave Dekker, vice president of design. "This exhibit will do four cities a year for at least four years."

Exhibit Works employed more than 200 finish carpenters on the project. "Our carpenters are the cream of the crop," Dekker said. "By all means give them the credit." Part of the exhibit was built at the Cobo Convention Center where the auto show will be held. And part of it was built in the company's headquarters on Merriam Road south of I-96.

Building exhibits is a tricky business because a company only builds one example of each product. "It really is prototype work," Dekker said. "You hardly ever build the same exhibit twice."

Therefore, the need to get it right the first time (or at least the second time) is tremendously important if a company like Exhibit Works expects to stay in business.

The Ford exhibit was built on computer screens at first, but problems in the construction process inevitably crop up and must be dealt with.

"As of today," Dekker said in the middle of December, "we've got a boatload of stone out in the middle of the Atlantic that's late."

Even the crates that the display will be shipped in are specially designed. "The crates are as much an art and science as the exhibits are," Dekker said. Unlike most crates, Exhibit Works crates are meant to be packed and unpacked many times. They're each designed to hold a particular piece of the display and often cost \$300-\$400 each.

When Exhibit Works has to get an auto show display ready for the North American International Auto Show, unionized carpenters get plenty of overtime, and engineers work 12 hours a day, seven days a week for three months.

"In this business there isn't much of a Christmas holiday," Dekker said. "You just plain work the hours that are necessary over the Christmas holidays to get it done."

Neither Ford or Exhibit Works would say what the exhibit costs, but Dekker said it's only a small part of the automaker's advertising budget. Yet the Ford account is about 30 percent of Exhibit Works' business.

Auto show visitors will likely see the same exhibit at the 2000 Detroit auto show, but not necessarily after that, Dekker said.

"Sometimes (a display) gets to be inappropriate, or obsolete because the marketing changes."

In that case, the automaker hires Exhibit Works to build yet another one.

Show has long history

Celebrating its 11th year as an international event, the North American International Auto Show is owned and operated by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association.

The first DADA-sponsored auto show, called the Detroit Auto Show, was held at Beller's Beer Garden (located near the Belle Isle Bridge) in 1907. At that first show, there were 17 exhibitors displaying 33 vehicles.

As the years passed, the show became increasingly popular as the demand and interest for automobiles grew.

In 1965, the show moved to its present location at Cobo Center, which offers one of the largest single-floor showrooms in the world.

In 1989 the show was renamed the North American International Auto Show.

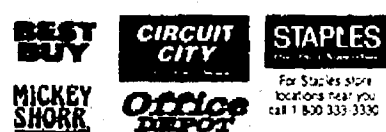
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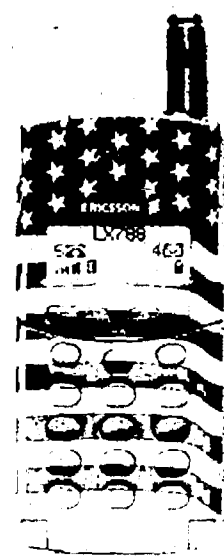
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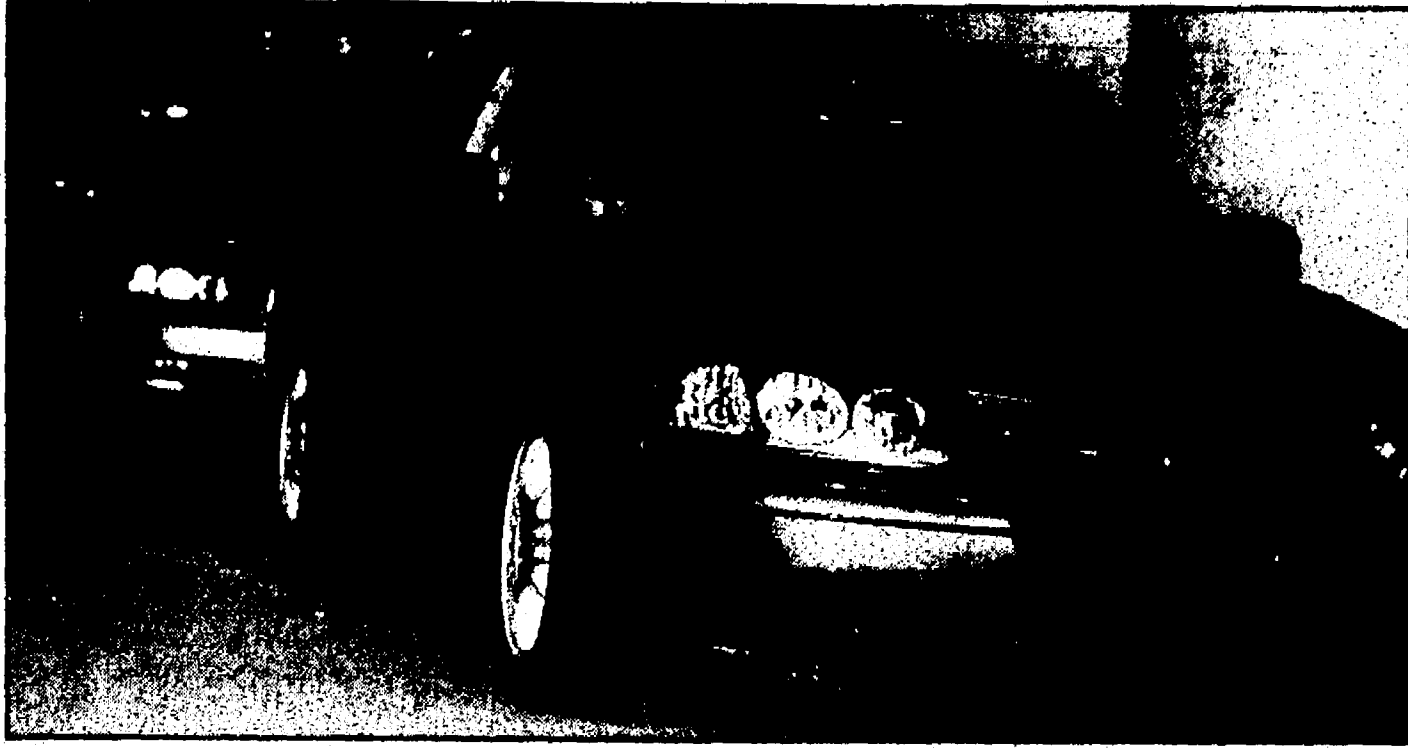
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Encore: Chevrolet will reintroduce the Impala as a 2000 model this year.

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ratio rack-and-pinion steering system delivers nimble cornering and excellent response.

Among the options available is a voice-activated control system, enabling operation of the primary climate control functions, the audio system and the telephone by voice commands.

The S-type is built at Castle Bromwich near Birmingham, England.

Mercedes-Benz S-Class

Rolled out for the first time at the Paris Auto Show, the S-Class makes its U.S. debut at the North American International Auto Show.

The new S-Class, which has shed about 600 pounds by using aluminum and lightweight steel, will arrive at U.S. dealers in the spring as a 2000 model.

The lineup will consist of two V8-powered sedans, the S430 and S500. Both are loaded with bells and whistles, including distance-monitoring cruise control and keyless operation. A console with a fiber-optic data connection incorporates navigation, radio, TV, compact disc player and telephone functions on a color screen.

Nissan Xterra

Designed to appeal to young people who can't afford upscale SUVs, the Xterra will be built at Nissan's Smyrna, Tenn., plant.

Saab 9-5 Wagon

After launching two new models last year, the 9-3 and 9-5, Saab introduces a station wagon version of the 9-5 in the U.S. this spring. Saab seeks to offer station wagon owners the same performance-oriented driving characteristics and high levels of safety and comfort as the 9-5 provides but with more room and versatility. The new wagon is powered by either a 3-liter V6, or a 2.3-liter, four-cylinder light pressure turbocharged mill.

Volkswagen Cabrio

The Cabrio, which traces its roots back to the classic Beetle Cabriolet, has new styling for 1999. The car comes in two versions; a value-packaged GL priced under \$20,000 and a better equipped GLS. Both come with a new 2-liter, four-cylinder engine rated at 115 horsepower.

Volkswagen Golf

The fourth-generation Golf has been redesigned inside and out. Exterior and interior dimensions have grown slightly, and the overall structure has been made more rigid. The car is powered by a new 2-liter, four-cylinder engine rated at 115 horsepower, or an optional 1.9-liter, turbo direct injection diesel.

Volkswagen Jetta

The fourth-generation Jetta was expected to go on sale by the end of 1998. Available in three versions - GL, GLS and GLX - the Jetta comes standard with a new 2-liter, four-cylinder engine rated at 115 horsepower. GLX buyers can get an optional 174-horse VR6 engine. Later this year, Volkswagen will offer the Jetta with a turbo-diesel engine that gets up to 49 miles per gallon.

Honda VV

Honda is calling the half-gas, half-electric, 70-mpg VV a proto-

type, but plans to put it on sale in the U.S. later this year. The car uses a 1-liter, three-cylinder, gas-powered engine in combination with an electric motor and five-speed manual transmission to achieve the phenomenal fuel economy. Weight-saving measures have kept the car's weight under a ton. Although the VV is small, it will incorporate automatic climate control, anti-lock brakes, electric power steering, dual air bags, radio-cassette stereo system, digital instrument panel and a security system.

Honda S2000 roadster

This lightweight two-seater is powered by a 2-liter, four-cylinder, 240-horsepower mill and incorporates technological advances developed by Honda engineers in 40 years of racing around the world. Features include double-wishbone front and rear suspension, a six-speed manual transmission, contoured leather seats, cruise control, air conditioning, a power soft top, anti-lock brakes and a roll bar. The car will be built in Japan and is expected to be on sale here in the fall.

Ford Focus

The trend in small-car design nowadays is to incorporate more luxury features, and the Focus is Ford's contribution. The automaker hopes the Escort's replacement will appeal to single people under 35, young couples and empty nesters.

Already available in Europe, where it won the car of the year award for that continent, the Focus goes on sale here in the fall. Three body styles are available: three-door hatchback, four-door sedan and station wagon.

Focus has a fully-independent rear suspension system and a high roofline to provide more headroom. Powerplant choices are a standard 2-liter four-banger and the more-powerful "Zetec" version of the same engine. Manual and automatic transmissions are available.

Dodge Neon

The new Neon incorporates many standard features not traditionally found on small cars, including a radio-cassette stereo with six speakers ("dome tweeters" even), Big Gulp size cup holders, split rear folding seats, intermittent wipers with mist feature and a rear-window defroster.

Optional equipment includes four-wheel disc, anti-lock brakes, keyless entry, security system, tilt steering, cruise control, power windows and air conditioning. "We're out of the base car business," said Neon planning executive Walt Battle in a press release. "We've made many traditional options standard because the compact customer demands more."

The Neon is built at Daimler-Chrysler's Belvidere, Ill., plant and will go on sale early this year.

Toyota Echo

"Echo is the first in a line of vehicles being developed by Toyota to target the specific, unique demands of young new-car buyers," said Toyota Vice President Don Esmond as the new car was rolled out Monday.

Toyota even coined a word to describe these young buyers

whose business it covets: "Net-Gen," as in Internet Generation. Toyota promises that Echo will be "one of the highest mileage vehicles ever offered in America by Toyota" (45 mpg estimated) and "one of the most economical Toyotas ever built in the areas of periodic maintenance and parts replacement costs."

Many of the car's parts are designed to be recyclable once their useful life ends. Power comes from a new 1.5-liter four-banger with a plastic composite intake manifold. Other features include a choice of audio systems, center-mounted instrument cluster, and "the interior roominess of a compact sedan within the exterior dimensions of a typical subcompact."

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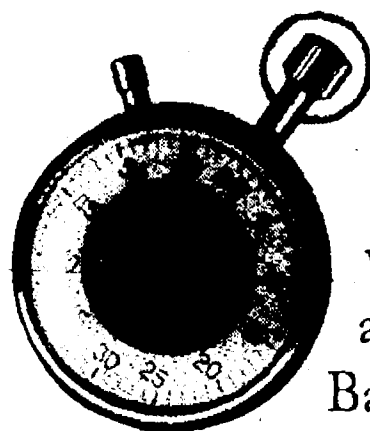
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Bug, Cherokee win awards

The Volkswagen Beetle and Jeep Grand Cherokee were named winners of the North American Car and Truck of the Year awards, respectively, by the organizing committee Monday at the North American International Auto Show.

The Beetle finished with 292

points over two other finalists, Honda Odyssey and Chrysler 300M. The Cherokee got 300 points, beating out Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra.

The awards are made by an independent jury of 48 journalists who cover the auto industry.



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Concept cars steal the show, as usual

The 1999 North American International Auto Show promises to be another blockbuster year for concept car and truck introductions.

In the last 10 years, more than 200 concept cars and trucks have made their worldwide or North American debut here.

This year Detroit's automakers are all introducing concept vehicles — some as many as six.

This year's offering of more than two dozen concept vehicles range from high-performance, luxury sports cars to environmentally-friendly vehicles that produce high fuel economy and low emissions.

A definite theme of this year's concept vehicle offering is "category busters," vehicles that defy pigeonholing into any of the traditional categories, but rather straddle two or more segments.

The following is not a complete list of the concept cars on display at the auto show, but a representative sample.

Ford Thunderbird

This car, slated for production as a 2001 model, drew more attention from journalists at the auto show Monday than any other Ford product. Unlike the last Thunderbird, this one follows the recent nostalgia trend in that it looks a lot more like the Thunderbird of the 1950s, right down to the porthole windows in back. Like the original, the concept T-bird is a two-seat, rear-drive, V8-powered coupe with a removable hard top. "The unbridled optimism and the confident attitude of the 1950s comes through in an absolutely modern design," said Ford Vice President J. Mays in a press release. Oddly enough, Ford press releases say nothing of the

car's engine other than it's a V8.

Cadillac Evoq

This luxury V8-powered roadster is the first true Cadillac concept car in more than 10 years. The rear-wheel drive, two-seater comes with a three-piece, retractable hardtop. The Evoq (pronounced evoke) "is envisioned as a flagship model that defines the soul of Cadillac," as the press release has it. "The name is derived from the fact that the car is intended to evoke the power, emotion and innovation that has long been a Cadillac signature through time."

Mitsubishi Mad Max

The Mad Max is intended to be a category buster, combining the attributes of the Japanese company's 3000GT VR-4 grand touring sports car and Dakar Rally-winning Montero luxury sport utility vehicle. Built at Mitsubishi's design center in Cypress, Calif., the four-door, four-wheel drive vehicle has flexible seating, a twin-turbo, 300-horse V6 mill and a console-mounted computer that incorporates the audio system and climate control.

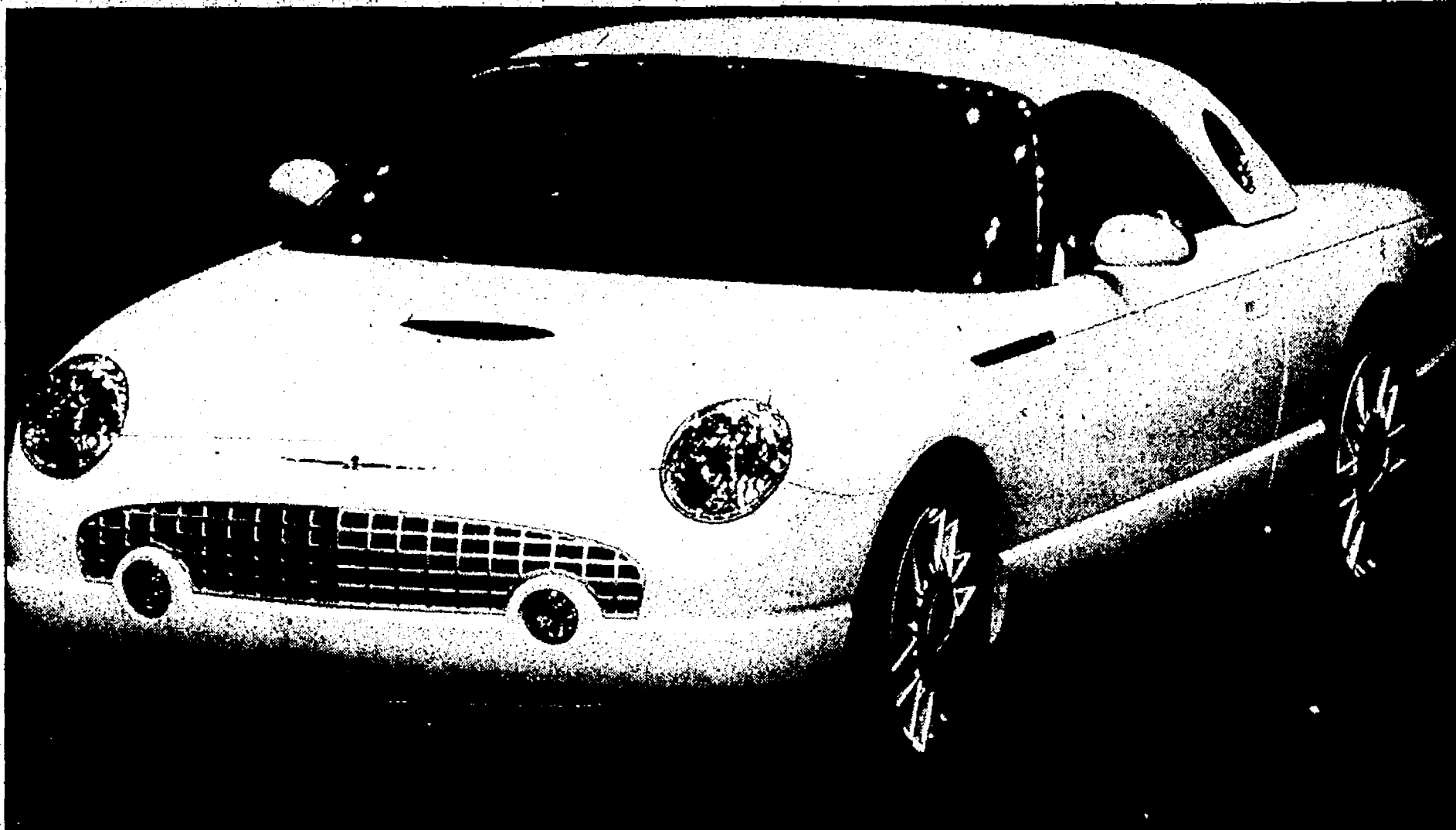
Nissan Z

Nissan plays on nostalgia with the unveiling of a concept version of its famous Z sports car.

As Nissan focuses on a sporty image and performance across its product line, the Z car, which resembles the original 240Z and is being considered for production, would serve as the flagship for the charge.

Jaguar XK180

Jaguar brings this car to the U.S. for the first time. The XK180 is Jaguar's new vision of a classic roadster. Inspired by



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Car star: The Ford Thunderbird concept car, scheduled for production as a 2001 model, seems to attract more attention than any other Ford offering this year.

the Jag roadsters of the '50s and '60s, the XK180 was created to showcase the skills and talents of Jag stylists, craftsmen and engineers and is not intended for production. The car is based on a shortened version of the supercharged XKR convertible, introduced in 1988. The AJ-V8 mill is modified to produce 450 ponies. The brakes, wheels and suspension are upgraded to match engine performance. The speedometer goes up to 200 mph.

Buick Cielo

The Cielo is a four-door convertible with a segmented, retractable hardtop, roof rails and many voice-activated systems. Controls and gauges are hidden from view until needed. Rear doors are hinged at the back and open from front to back. (What they used to call "suicide doors.")

Pontiac Aztec

The Aztec is a crossover con-

cept that combines the attributes of a midsize sedan, a van and an SUV to accommodate the lifestyle of young people. The yellow Aztec at the auto show is displayed with a matching yellow personal watercraft on a trailer behind.

Chevrolet Nomad

The Nomad is another crossover vehicle, combining the performance and handling of a sports sedan with the access and flexibility of a sports utility vehicle. Its looks are futuristic yet reminiscent of the old Nomad, a Chevy station wagon from the 1950s based on that era's Corvette. The new Nomad is equipped with a small-block V8, independent rear suspension, shift-by-wire transmission, retractable roof and an extended load floor.

Chrysler Citadel

The Citadel is similar to the Chevy Nomad in that it's intended to combine the driveability of a sports sedan with the cargo room of a minivan. Unlike the Nomad, however, the Citadel draws power from two sources. A 3.5-liter V6 gas engine propels the rear wheels. An electric motor drives the front wheels.

The car has dual power sliding rear doors (like a van) and a retracting cargo door that slides under the floor.

Jeep Commander

This concept SUV closely resembles the familiar Jeep Cherokee but features electric power to complement the usual four-wheel drive. It carries an on-board chemical factory that theoretically could produce hydrogen from methanol for the fuel cells, which generate electricity for the vehicle's power. The technology is unlikely to see production until 2010, according to DaimlerChrysler officials.

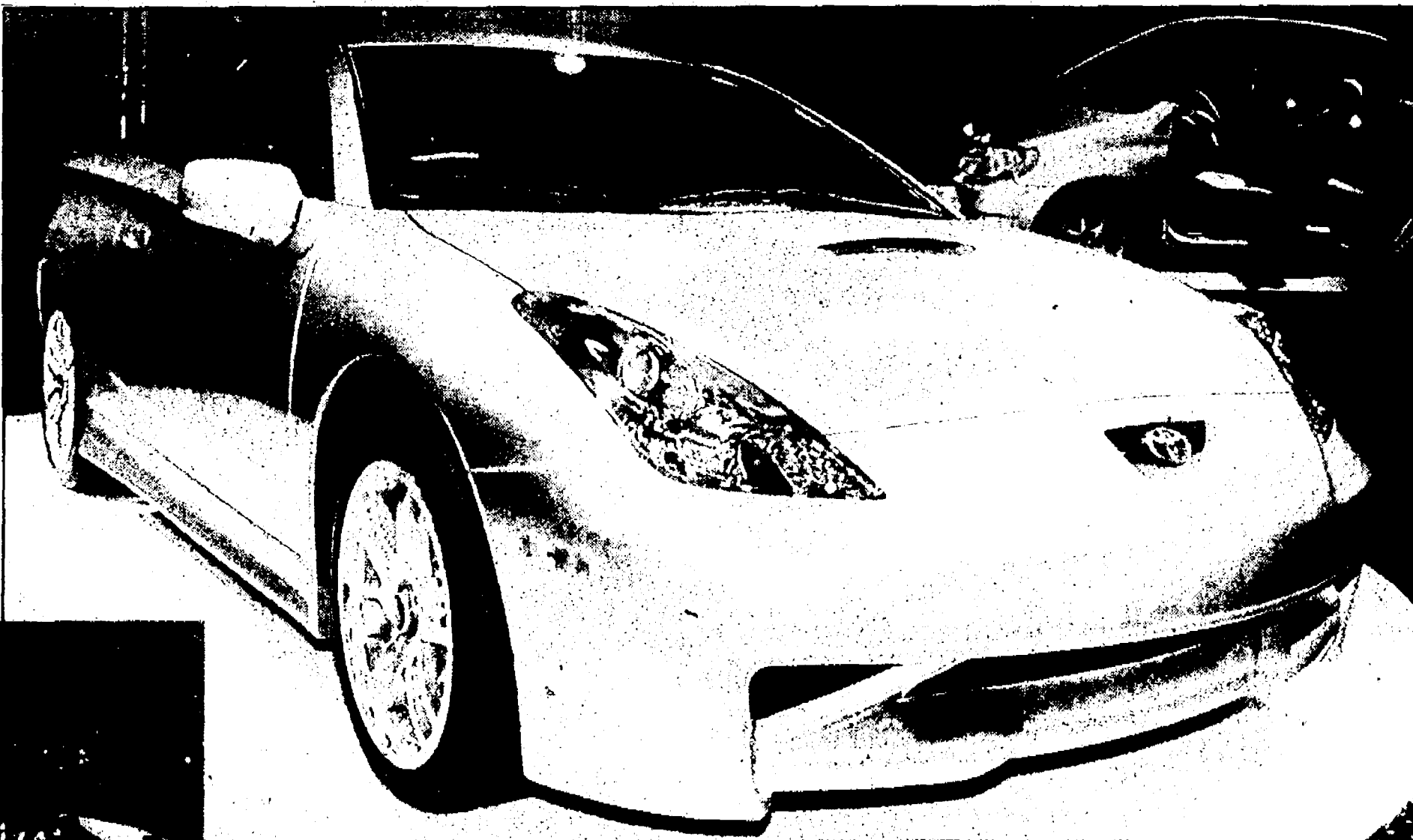
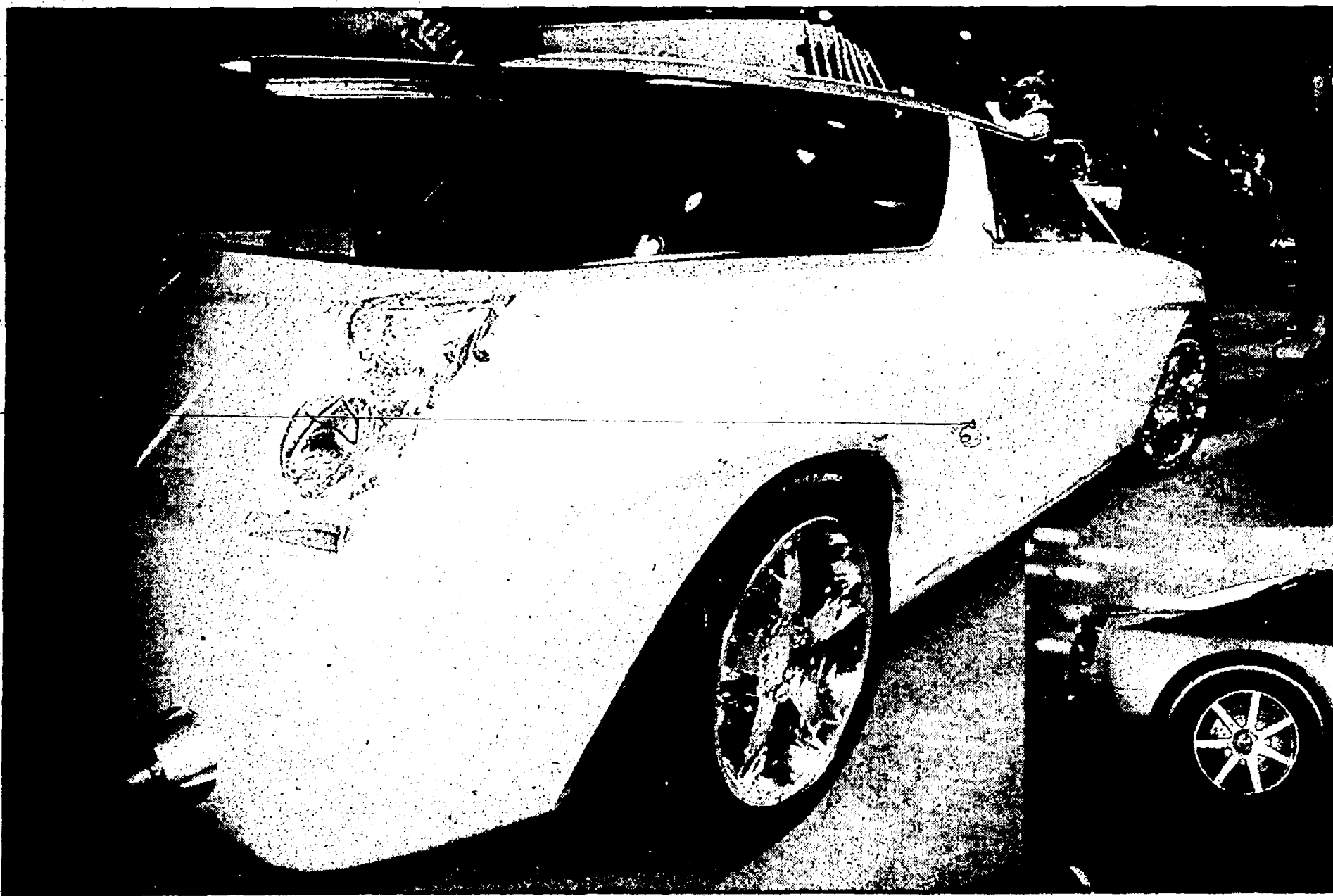
Oldsmobile Recon

The Recon is a compact SUV that looks like nothing you've ever seen, unless it's the Ford P2000, which is quite similar (in appearance at least). The Recon features a two-panel, power sunroof that extends over front and rear-seat passengers, interactive cluster control, Internet access and a reconfigurable interior.

Ford P2000

This one resembles the Olds Recon off the outside, with remarkably similar styling, and

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STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Vast array: Expect to see dozens of concept cars at the North American International Auto Show as manufacturers showcase the visible evidence of what they're considering for production in the future. Shown here, clockwise from top left, are the Chevrolet Nomad, a sporty station wagon, Cadillac Evoq, a two-seater roadster, Toyota XYR, an outright sports car, Pontiac Aztec, a miniature SUV, and Dodge Power Wagon, a pickup truck meant to pick up where a similarly names truck left off in the 1940s.

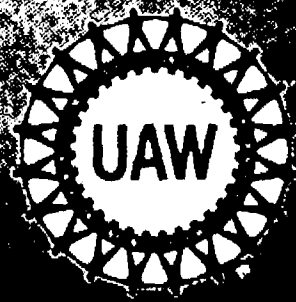


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the Jeep Commander on the inside, where it also features an experimental methanol-to-hydrogen-to-electricity powerplant.

Chrysler PT Cruiser

This concept car is different from the others in that it's intended to go into production in time to be introduced as a 2001 model in early 2000. The front-drive Cruiser will be built in Mexico and feature a new 2.4-liter engine with a choice of automatic or manual transmission. To look at the PT Cruiser you'd probably say it's a cross between a 1950s hardtop hot rod and one of today's SUVs. DaimlerChrysler calls it "a segment breaker too cool to categorize."

Dodge Charger

The Charger, expected to go into production for the 2004 model year, looks a lot like the old Charger, right down to the gas cap on top of the right-rear fender. It's powered by a 4.7-liter supercharged V8 but has extremely low emissions because it runs on compressed natural gas. Though the original Charger was a two-door coupe, this one is a four-door sedan, albeit with performance bucket seats front and rear.

Dodge Power Wagon

This futuristic-looking pick-up truck is meant to recall the workhorse Dodge truck introduced in 1946. It's equipped with a 7.2-liter six-cylinder, turbocharged diesel. Standing taller than the original Power Wagon, the concept's 35-inch tires place its overall height at 77 inches, three inches taller than today's Dodge Ram.

Pick-ups have come a long way in luxurious accommodations in the last several years; so much so that a press release refers to the original Power Wagon's interior as "crude." The new version features "Cognac leather" as the primary interior color and "blonde European ash" wood lining the bed.

Toyota YXR sports coupe

This lightweight (2,500 pounds), high-performance (180 horsepower), front-wheel-drive vehicle is powered by a new aluminum alloy 1.8-liter, twin-cam engine, co-developed with Yamaha, featuring continuously-variable valve timing and continuously-adjustable valve lift, depending on rpm. The vehicle follows Toyota's renewed emphasis on appeal to younger auto buyers. Toyota Vice President Don Esmond stressed the automaker's goal to "re-establish our connection with the young new car buyer" at the company's press conference Monday.

Bugatti EB 118

In creating the EB 118, Italdesign, headed by Giorgetto Giugiaro, harkened back to the classic Bugatti touring cars. Therefore, like many concept vehicles this year, the EB 118 looks like something old and something new at the same time. The biggest topic of conversation surrounding the EB 118 will probably be the 6.3-liter, 18-cylinder, 550-horse engine, the first of its kind in automotive history. Three banks of six cylinders are coupled into a W shape. Four-wheel drive assures good traction when you put the hammer down.

Pickups gaining amenities

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The trend in pickup trucks continues to move away from pure utility and toward luxury as buyers clearly prefer the latter as much as, if not more than, the former.

Just check out the new full-size truck offerings from Dodge, Ford, Nissan and Toyota. All feature short beds and large cabs seating four or more people. Indeed, Ford President Jim O'Connor told reporters Monday that 70 percent of full-size truck buyers are looking for "super-cabs" with front and back seats.

Ford

With that in mind, Ford is bringing out two similar vehicles: The 2001 F150 truck with a large cab and 5.5-foot bed and the 2001 Explorer Sport Track, which is nearly identical to the F150. Both are expected to be in the showrooms in early 2000. Asked what the difference is between the two vehicles, an industry analyst who requested anonymity, pointed to the Explorer and said, "Big Bucks," pointed to the F150 and said,

"Huge Bucks."

Not to be outdone, Dodge and Toyota introduced supercab pickups this year, too.

Dodge

The Dodge Dakota Quad Cab is the same length as its predecessor, the Dakota Club Cab truck, but features full-size rear doors, roll-down windows and a roomy back seat. The cargo box was shortened to reflect Dodge research indicating that 98 percent of truck buyers choose the short-bed option anyway.

Dodge calls the new Dakota a "compact pickup," but there's nothing compact about the 3.9-liter V6 and 4.7-liter V8 engine options.

Expect to see the new Dakota in dealerships late this year.

Toyota

Toyota will beat Ford and Dodge to the punch by shipping its full-size truck, the Tundra, to dealers in May. The new "Access Cab" features large double doors and "one of the most expansive entry areas in the segment," or so says the press release. And it's the only four-door pickup to feature an exterior handle on each

door. Amenities include cup holder, a hidden storage compartment, dual contoured captain's chairs, cassette or CD storage space and an eight-way power seat adjustment for the driver.

Tundra locomotion comes from a 4.7-liter V8, or a 3.4-liter V6. It will be built exclusively at a new factory in Princeton, Ind.

Nissan

Nissan's Frontier Crew Cab truck is billed as "the first compact truck with four full-size forward-hinged doors offered for sale in the United States." Like the Tundra, this Nissan specimen goes on sale in May.

Nissan press releases tout the Crew Cab's passenger carrying ability - two in front, three in back - and freely admit that the bed is 18 inches shorter than the standard Frontier truck. The double-wall bed features inner bed rope hooks, single-handle rear gate operation and a removable tail gate but is 9 percent smaller in volume than competing extended-cab trucks.

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Good manners ... GW style

Natalie and Phil still laugh about their standard lesson in table manners when they were small children. We used to correct them by saying, "Would you eat like that at a state dinner at the White House?"

Of course, rules of civility have changed since 1801 when John Adams took up residence as the first president to live in the White House. Good behavior was a complicated and formal matter. It was so important that Adams' predecessor, George Washington, had taken the time in his early life to record his version of decent manners.

A lot had to do with how to position yourself and others, according to social rank, whether sitting at the dining table or walking in public — their aristocratic mindset was well-ingrained. Those aside, here are a few other intriguing rules — paraphrased — that you would need to know to get along in Washington's day.

- Don't spit in the fire.
- Don't warm your feet at the fire, especially if there's meat there.
- Don't clean your teeth with the tablecloth napkin.
- Don't make loud noises when breathing.
- Don't gnaw your nails.
- Don't talk while you're yawning.
- Don't blow your nose at the table unless you have to.
- Don't eat off the blade of your knife.
- Don't comment on someone's blemishes.
- Don't dip into the salt dish with a greasy knife.
- Be discreet about picking lice off yourself or others. Thank them for doing you the favor.
- Don't get close enough to people that you spray in their face while talking. (I think that means, "Give them their personal space.")

Tough rules for today

Several of Washington's standards might prove difficult for us to adjust to:

- Don't joke with people who are sick; it will only make them feel worse. (They hadn't yet discovered that laughter is the best medicine.)
- Don't hum or sing to yourself in public. (My husband, Don, would be in trouble.)
- Don't wear dirty or torn clothes. Don't roll your eyes. Don't go out of the bedroom half-dressed. (Teenagers would never survive.)
- Don't fuss with your appearance after leaving the house. (That etiquette was still in place in the 1950s; reapplying lipstick at the table in a restaurant was a definite no-no.)
- Don't laugh at your own jokes. (I'd be in trouble.)
- Don't mock anything serious or make biting jokes. (Letterman and Leno would be in trouble.)
- Don't believe disparaging stories about others. (The tabloids and their faithful following would be in trouble.)
- Don't read in front of others without asking their leave to do so. (This was the 18th- and 19th-century version of channel surfing. Males dominated that arena, too, it seems.)

Rules Washington's mom must have written

There are bits of universal, maternal wisdom that apply to all generations. The following advice must have come from Washington's mother:

- Don't stuff your mouth with food or talk with your mouth full.
- Don't put on airs or act superior with people who don't have the same advantages as you.
- Don't hand out free medical advice when you're not an expert.
- Don't pretend to be an expert on a subject when talking with someone who is an expert. The corollary is: Don't embarrass people by engaging them in conversations about which you know they are unknowledgeable.
- Keep good company since bad company will reflect on your own reputation.
- Be gentle in your corrections of o

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCKMANN

Listen here: Pete Knoop portrays a modern-day version of Ezekiel the Prophet in a skit during a recent meeting of the Novi-Northville Young Life chapter. More than 100 teens crowded into the family room and kitchen of Pam Karasz' parents home in Novi for the Christian fellowship get-together.

Young Life attracts youths

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As a teenager growing up in Bloomfield Hills, Julie O'Brien couldn't relate to the Scriptures and lessons she heard in church.

"Basically, I didn't see the applicability of anything in the church, nothing spiritually toward me, my life or people my age," O'Brien explained.

The youth group at Kensington Community Church in Troy offered insight into religion.

"They took the time to spend time with me so I could look at my life and see how the message of Jesus Christ can be relevant to

me," said O'Brien, a 1994 graduate of Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills.

Now, at age 23, O'Brien is taking her feelings as a teenager and using them to help renew teenagers' faith in God. She is starting a Young Life branch in the Plymouth and Canton areas.

Young Life is a nationwide, nondenominational Christian organization committed to reaching the adolescent youth of the community with the message of Jesus Christ.

She is hoping to formally begin a group with students at Plymouth Salem and Canton high schools in the spring. Soon,

O'Brien explained, groups should pop up in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Walled Lake and Farmington and Farmington Hills.

For now, kids who are interested in Young Life in those cities meet with others in neighboring groups in, for example, Novi and Northville.

"The primary goal of Young Life is to connect with kids in a way that's relevant to them and introduce them and walk with them as they learn about Christ and learn about God," said O'Brien, the assistant coach of Plymouth Canton High School's cross country team. "The thing that makes it unique is it ends up being a school thing. It's targeted toward public schools.

"The way it becomes a school thing is kids are able to experience it with all sorts of their friends who go to church, who don't go to church, kids that are in their biology class, everyone."

O'Brien, the director of Young Life in Plymouth and Canton, has met interested students through networking, other Young Life leaders, spending time at high schools and going to the schools' sporting events.

She encourages kids to visit the club, a weekly meeting held at members' homes. The kids get together and talk, play games and share in a short message at the end of the meeting.

"It has a big 'everyone's invited' party time kind of atmosphere,"

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Signing up: Christa Knoll and Lauren Bowdell add their names to the list for future meetings following a meeting of the Novi-Northville Young Life chapter.



YoungLife

Reaches out to teenagers

Young Life is a nationwide, nondenominational Christian organization committed to reaching the adolescent youth of the community with the message of Jesus Christ.

The organization will be reaching out into Plymouth, Canton, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Walled Lake, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

Young Life's activities include weekly club meetings and visits to Young Life Camp.

Julie O'Brien works out of Young Life's Farmington Hills office. For more information about the group, write to the group at P.O. Box 269, Plymouth 48170-0269, or visit the office at 37630 Interchange Drive, Farmington Hills. She can also be reached by calling (248) 477-5001.

'Community' helps First Step deliver services

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When the members of St. Aidan's Church in Livonia provided food baskets and toys at Thanksgiving and Christmas for a 10th straight year, First Step was thankful.

When members of Phi Theta Kappa at Schoolcraft College delivered 33 food baskets packed to the brim with everything a family could need for their holiday dinner and more, First Step was thankful.

When a 10-year-old Girl Scout made 30 Christmas stockings and cataloged by age and gender the contents, collected by fellow Girl Scouts, again First Step was thankful.

For more than 20 years, the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence has been relying on "the community" and grants to support its many programs.

"We have a lot of ongoing support from the community — large workplace agencies like Ford, churches and individuals too numerous to mention," said Judith Barr, associate director of the

First Step Shelter, which provides a safe place for 43 women and children forced to leave their homes because of domestic violence. "The community is very generous. There's a lot of tears around here this time of the year. It's an amazing time to work at an agency like First Step."

Donations are especially important at the shelter. A former nursing home, the facility has its fair share of maintenance and repairs, so it was a blessing when members of Suburban West Business and Professional Women's Club came in and remodeled its 40-by-14-foot dining room.

For the third consecutive year, members and family members and friends went to the shelter for the one-day workathon. In the previous years, club members made over two bedrooms at the shelter.

"We went to see them and asked what room needed the most help and they said this room; everybody uses it," said Karen Wilmering, who organized the project. "People think it's a wonderful thing we're doing and everyone in

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Hard at work: Helping make over the dining room of the shelter were Marie Lamberg (from left), Bob St. Clair, Sandy Arrow-smith, Karen Wilmering, Chelsea Lamberg, Dan Lofgren, Denise Allen, Sherri Rogin and Judy Lofgren.

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the group likes it because they feel they're doing something other than giving money."

Colorful scheme

Drawing on her talents as interior designer/owner of About Interiors in Livonia, Wilmering came up with the color scheme for the room, based on a light blue, yellow, mint green and white checkered wallpaper border.

The four walls were painted in each of the different colors, and a cabinet near the kitchen was painted white with its inlaid panels on the doors and sides done in yellow, blue and green.

Wilmering relied on the talents of "John at Anderson Paint" to custom mix the paint to the match the border, and found bed sheets that were banded in yellow and green and transformed into window curtains, tiebacks and valances by member Mahnoush St. Clair.

"Mahnoush made three-quarters of the curtains while she

'Nothing he puts back isn't better than before. The shades were put up for life and the window treatments were put in to stay because we knew the children would play with them.'

*Karen Wilmering
-Suburban West BPW*

was there," Wilmering said. "She brought her equipment with her and did a wonderful job. They fitted like a glove."

To maintain privacy and with durability in mind, McDonald Wholesale in Detroit, working on a tight schedule, custom made the six roller window shades and delivered them the night before the scheduled makeover.

The installation of the shades and window treatments was handled by veteran volunteer Cliff Lamberg who "has every tool known to man and the know-how to do what you ask," Wilmering said. "Nothing he puts back isn't better than before. The shades were put up

for life and the window treatments were put in to stay because we knew the children would play with them."

In all, the club members kicked in \$600 for the dining room project and spent close to 12 hours working at the shelter. Manning the paint rollers, wallpaper steamers and spray cans were Lamberg, his wife, Marie, daughter Chelsea and son Connor, St. Clair, her husband Bob and daughter Roya, Wilmering, her husband Richard and daughter Courtney, Judy and Dan Lofgren, Denise Allen, Sherri Rogin, Sandy Arrowsmith, Kelly Procallo and Vicki Elster.

Welcome sight

Such work at the shelter doesn't go unnoticed by the women and children who stay there or First Step itself. The residents were excited the group was coming by and First Step Executive Director Judy Ellis, in a letter to the club, pointed out that Suburban West's "contribution increases our ability to reach out to those in need and meet the growing demands for services."

"Community support helps us move one step closer to ending domestic violence and sexual

assault in our community," she said.

But the agency's needs don't end there. There's a need for things like painting and building repairs, lawn maintenance, rubbish and snow removal, even nonperishable food.

At one time, a company provided rubbish removal, but stopped when it moved out of Wayne County; First Step no longer receives funding for food purchases.

"We want the community how much we appreciate what they do for us and gently remind them that it's an ongoing need all year long," Barr said.

Volunteerism - "people power" - also helps First Step meet the growing demand for services. More than 300 active volunteers do everything from clerical work and providing transportation to counseling clients and working on the 24-hour response team for sexual assault victims.

"The whole area of people power is huge for First Step," said Barr. "It's impossible to put a dollar amount on the donations and volunteerism, but the clients, especially the shelter clients, are overwhelmed by the giving and the feelings behind it."

With ending domestic violence one of its projects, helping redecorate the shelter is a natural for Suburban West. "Our members are very dedicated to this," said Wilmering. "Domestic violence is one of the things this group is working to overturn."



Careful aim: Marie Lamberg holds a plastic sheet as a shield while her husband, Cliff, applies white spray paint on a railing to stairs leading into the dining room.

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others, and give thought to whether it should be done publicly or in private.

Don't cast blame when you have faults yourself.

Don't gossip or use hurtful words.

Above all, keep a healthy conscience and listen to its wise counsel.

Looking back at the etiquette

of bygone days, we find much that is amusing.

However, when all is said and done, it seems the best rules of civility are timeless: courtesy and respect never go out of style.

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, January 12, 1999, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, county of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 6376 Hix Road, Westland, MI County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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84	Ford	Tempo	Gray	1FABP19X7FK235573
85	Dodge	Ram Van	Silver	2B7FK13G5FR109618
86	Mazda	4Dr	Blue	JM18F2323G0122085
96	Pont	4Dr Sunfire	Red	1G2B5246T7517041
90	Ford	4Dr Tempo	White	2FAP36X6LB115394

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she said. "It ends up being a come-one, come all kind of thing. It ends up being really fun."

'Nice, positive thing'

Joan Noricks, president of the nonprofit organization Canton Community Foundation, said area parents agree and she's pleased that Young Life has come into the township.

"What I'm understanding is that the Novi/Northville group that started two years ago, they've got 80 to 100 kids who are very active," Noricks said. "It's not just a denomination kind of thing. It's very focused in helping young people develop their Christian morals and things like that."

"It's just a nice positive thing. I have not heard anything negative. Some churches may feel threatened with their own respective youth groups. They may be afraid of it, but that's not their (Young Life's) intent at all. They're trying to reach out to kids who are not involved ... those who would not go to a church youth group."

Bill and Kathy McGlone of Canton got involved as commit-

tee members for Young Life after hearing about the Novi and Northville group. They - along with Dave and Robyn Loewe of Plymouth, Todd and Deb Laird of Canton, and Jim and Madelyn Cosens of Plymouth and volunteer leader Vaughn Lamer of Plymouth - work to raise funds for the Plymouth and Canton group.

"In the midst of turmoil, kids need unconditional love and they can find that in this organization because of the caring adults in Young Life and how they reach out to kids," Kathy McGlone explained. "They establish relationships with them. As they build those relationships they communicate how Jesus can make a difference in their lives."

Young Life is nothing new to the United States. It was started 60 years ago by Jim Rayburn, who is quoted in Young Life literature as saying "Christ is the strongest, grandest, most attractive personality ever to grace the earth. It is a crime to bore anyone with the gospel."

O'Brien said there are several active Young Life branches in

the western part of Michigan and in Washtenaw County. She should know. O'Brien got her start as a University of Michigan student volunteering with the Pioneer High School Young Life group in Ann Arbor. She earned a degree in psychology and economics from U-M in 1998.

In June 1998, she was hired to gather a team of volunteer leaders and to facilitate the direct ministry with the kids at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem High Schools.

Getting started

To get the ball rolling, a group of teenagers from the area attended Young Life's summer camp, Castaway Club, in northern Minnesota, in the summers of 1997 and 1998.

"There's been like nine or 10 boys from Plymouth that have gone to camp," Kathy McGlone explained. "They said it's fun to tell about all they learned when they were at camp. They had just a blast. On the other hand, they really learned what a difference Christ can make in their teen lives."

O'Brien's goal is to begin

weekly club meetings by the end of the 1998-99 school year. She sees several benefits to joining Young Life.

"First of all, it's not like a club where you have mandatory participation," she said. "It's not like a club where you pay dues. It's very informal. The benefits are kids have a ton of fun. That's any kind of kids - the athletic ones, the super academic ones, the artsy ones, the popular ones. They all have a great, great time."

"Also, kids get to learn about what I think is a vastly important part of life. They get to do that in a nonthreatening way and in a way that's relative and applicable to their life. They get to do that with their friends. That's a huge plus."

And it's a two-way street and a plus for the leaders, like O'Brien.

"They (the kids) get to develop a mentor relationship with someone who's older than them and not out-of-touch older than them; that's really neat to see," she said. "Those leaders walk with those kids for four years of high school life and beyond."

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Carlson-Kluthe

Brian James Carlson and Catherine Marie Kluthe were married Oct. 31 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lexington, Ky. The Rev. Dan Noll officiated.

The bride is the daughter of William and Mary Kay Kluthe of Edgewood, Ky. The groom is the son of Micheline Carlson of Livonia and the late Gerald Carlson.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Centre College in Danville, Ky. She is a molecular biologist with Transduction Laboratories.

The groom is a 1986 graduate of Catholic Central High School and Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He is a controller at Book Wholesalers in Lexington.

The bride asked Kara Daniel to serve as maid of honor, with Sara Flatt, Beth Kluthe, Joanna Kluthe, Karen Kluthe and Tessa Kluthe as bridesmaids.



The groom asked Steve LaChance to serve as best man, with Mike Moylan, Dave Carlson and Don Carlson as groomsmen and Tom Kluthe as usher.

The couple received guests at a costume party at the Bell House before leaving on a tour of the northern states. They are making their home in Lexington.

Brazin-Kuchar

Gary and Susan Sitner of Howell and James and Susan Brazin of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Mechelle Ann Brazin, to Vincent James Kuchar, the son of William and Rita Kuchar of New Lothrop and Jim and Sally Sewejkis of Ft. Pierce, Fla.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. She expects to graduate from Michigan State University in May with a master's degree in clinical social work.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of New Lothrop High School and a 1994 graduate of Ferris State University. He is employed at Heller Appraisal Service in



Farmington and as a cash crop farmer in Chesaning. An August wedding in Flushing is being planned.

Artuso-Cowden

Robert and Sheena Kliza of Livonia and Mario Artuso of Pinckney announce the engagement of their daughter, April Anne Artuso, to Dr. Daniel Joseph Cowden, the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Cowden of Columbia, Mo., formerly of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in audiology and speech and a 1996 graduate of Wayne State University with a master of arts degree in speech pathology. She is employed by the Detroit Medical Center at Grace Hospital as a speech-language pathologist.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Brother Rice High School, a 1993 graduate of Michigan State University's College of Business with a bachelor of arts degree in economics and a 1998 graduate of Wayne State University



School of Medicine with a doctor of medicine degree. He is employed by the University of Missouri Hospitals as a surgical resident.

A January wedding is planned at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church in Bloomfield Hills.

WRC offers divorce support group

People contemplating, in the process or having difficulty adjusting to divorce are invited to join the divorce support group, sponsored by Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center. The group meets 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, January through April, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on the college's Livonia campus, Haggerty north of Six Mile.

There is no fee to attend and registration isn't required. For

more information, call the resource center at (734) 462-4443.

On Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 9 and April 13, there will be group discussions facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

On Jan. 26, attorney Sandra Larson will discuss the legal aspects of divorce, while Jacqueline Gold, a certified divorce planner and financial consultant, will discuss money matters and the financial aspects of

divorce in "The Dollars and Sense of Divorce" on Feb. 23.

Attorney Theodore Johnson will provide an overview of the process of filing for divorce and what to expect on March 23, and Ellen Slutzky, a clinical psychologist, will focus her April 27 presentation on helping divorcing individuals to develop more self-confidence as they face the challenges of a new life.

People also can take advantage of "Ask an Attorney," a free

walk-in program offered 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the Women's Resource Center. The program is being offered through May.

An attorney from the firm of Woll & Woll will be available to answer questions about divorce and family law. Clients will be served on a first come, first served basis. Sign-in will start at 4:30 p.m.

Workshop helps kids in dealing with grief

An eight-week workshop for children dealing with the loss of a loved one and for the adults who care for them is being offered by Angela Hospice's "My Nest Is Best" pediatric program. "Growing Through Grief" will be offered 6-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 21 through March 11, at Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia.

The workshop will provide children ages 5-18 with creative and supportive activities to help them explore their thoughts and feelings about their losses. It also will help them learn about grief.

It will give parents the opportunity to discuss the challenges of helping a child through the grieving process, often while dealing with their own grief.

According to Leslie Feret, a pediatric social worker for "My Nest Is Best," some workshop participants at first are hesitant about attending, but can hardly wait to return after being part of the group discussion.

"Peer support allows children to realize, to their relief, that their fears and feelings are normal and that other children are sharing their same experiences," Feret said.

The classes will be guided by a specialized pediatric team, including a psychologist, social worker and nurse.

The workshop is open to the public. Confidential fees will contribute to the program. For more information or to register, call Angela Hospice at (734) 464-7810.

ANNIVERSARIES

Miller

Frank and Wathena Miller of Dexter, formerly of Plymouth, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a surprise family gathering and garden party, given by their eight children.

The couple married Aug. 1, 1938, in Armada. She is the former Wathena May Burk.

The couple has eight children - Wathena Jane Ferris and husband Walt of Livonia, Dawney Menary and husband Earl (Skip) of Potter, Wis., Suzanne Thaxton and husband Hobart (Butch) of Canton, Nancy Comstock and husband Robert of Whitewater, Wis., Douglas and wife Janet of North Bend, Wash., Virginia Cruzen of Princeton, Ky., Kathy Bourget and husband Paul of Dexter and Deborah Hults and husband Tim of Addison. They also have 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He retired 17 years ago after



working for Tishken Products for 29 years. She retired 15 years ago from Sears where she worked for 19 years.

Their hobbies and interests include gardening and traveling to visit their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Kaledas

Leonard and Helen Kaledas of Garden City celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a lunch with family and friends at daughter Carol's home.

The couple married Nov. 24, 1938, at Shenandoah, Pa. She is the former Helen Zegiestowsky.

The couple has seven children - Connie, Leonard, Carol, Donna, Bill, Ronald and Richard. They also have 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A World War II veteran, he was employed by the Ford Motor Co. for 42 years before retiring 17 years ago. She is a homemaker.

They are former members of the Moose and American Legion. Their interests include working out three times a week at Fit-



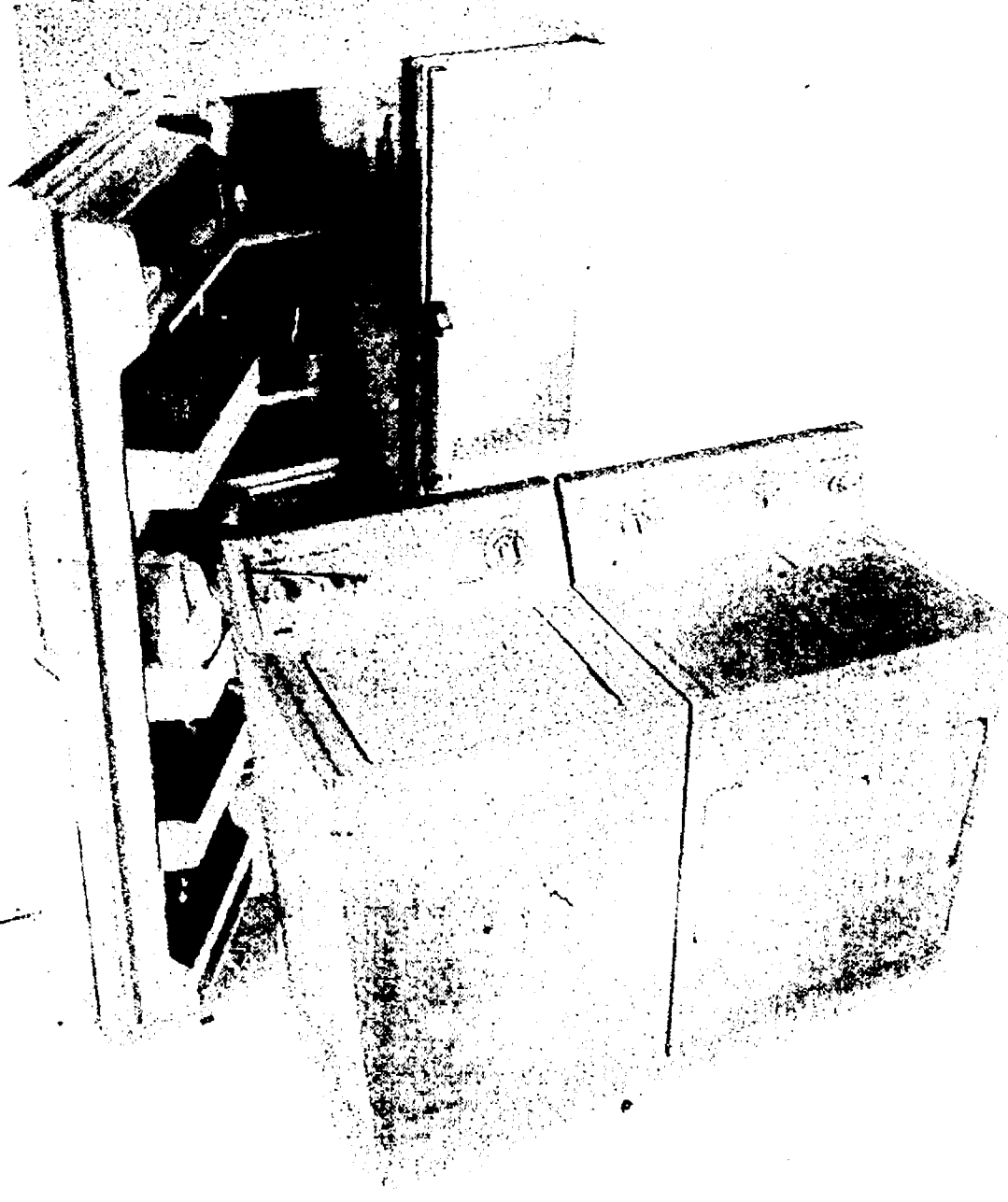
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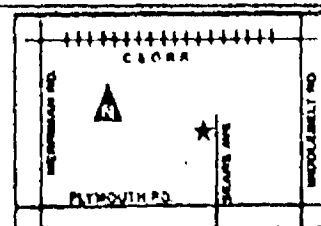
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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAYCEES ANNIVERSARY
The Westland Jaycees are planning a 40th anniversary party for Jan. 23 and are trying to contact all past members of the chapter. Call Mike or Debbie Kehrer for more information at (734) 595-0659.

FOR KIDS

GRIEF SERIES
Connections, a children's grief series, is scheduled for 6:30-8 p.m. every Tuesday, Jan. 12 through Feb. 16, at the Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. Westland office, 32932 Warren Road, northwest corner of Warren and Venoy. The series is designed to help children ages 5-16 "connect" and learn to share and talk about their feelings of loss and grief. Call (734) 522-4244.

WESTLAND CENTER

WALKERS CLUB
The Westland Walkers meet the second Wednesday of each month, except during the summer. Westland Center opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m. through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen. Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

AT THE CHAMBER

LUNCHEON
The "State of the Schools" address will be presented by Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland Schools superintendent, at the January Westland Chamber of Commerce luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at Joy Manor, Joy Road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Westland.

BOWLING OUTING
As part of Westland Winterfest 1999, the Westland Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Winterfest Bowling Outing 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. Lane sponsorships are available by contacting the chamber, (734) 326-7222.

JOBS AND CAREERS FAIR
The third annual Jobs and Careers Fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, at Westland Shopping Center. An advance signup list for tables and sponsorships is being compiled by the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222.

RECREATION

RECREATION AND FUN
A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled is the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. Call (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 exercise. Practices are 6-8:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. Call (734) 722-1001.

VOLUNTEERS

EDUCATION PROGRAM
A volunteer education program for Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. will be 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday Feb. 2 through March 23 at the Westland office, 32932 Warren Road, northwest corner of Warren and Venoy. Training involves a variety of jobs including working with patients and

families to general office duties. Call (734) 522-4244.

SCHOOLS

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

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

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

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, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. Call (734) 728-3559.

GARDEN CITY CO-OP
The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through 4 years. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings and 3- and 4-year-olds meets Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708.

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 has begun. Call (313) 274-6270.

YWCA READINESS
The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (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 access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

LITTLE LAMBS
Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is accepting registration for the 1998-99 school year. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. Call (248) 471-2077.

FRANKLIN PTSA
The Franklin High PTSA is seeking 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 in Livonia 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4:50-6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

Children, ages newborn to 6, and their mothers are invited to a "Mom's Morning Out" 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh, Livonia. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. This program is an optional cop, with parents working once each month. Call (734) 422-0149.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool at 9601 W. Chicago, has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds. To enroll, call Donna at (734) 266-8185.

HISTORY ON VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM
The Westland Historical Museum has a display of dolls from around the world and a display of toys for boys. The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays (except during the holiday weekends) at 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET
Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Call President Jim Franklin at (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

SENIOR CHOIR
A Friendship senior choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, has been started at the Westland-Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Those who enjoy singing are invited to join. The choir meets at 9 a.m. Thursdays.

EXERCISE
Musical Chairs is a new program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low to moderate workout geared for the older adult which improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates



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. Call (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.

resistance exercises using rubber tubing and light weights with walking and jogging patterns. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Robert Cassidy is the certified Jazzercise instructor. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meets 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. Call (734) 722-7632.

CARD GROUP

The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets at 2 p.m. People play 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.

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE

The Wayne Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal for people 50 and older 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road two blocks south of Ford. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music and door prizes. Call (734) 728-5010.

WORK REFERRAL

Information Center Inc. refers workers to 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. Call (734) 422-1052.

DYER CENTER

The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be 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.

CLUBS IN ACTION

MOMS CLUB

The MOMS Club of Westland, a nonprofit, nonreligious support group for stay-at-home moms, will be holding its next meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, in the Brayman Lounge in the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road. The group will be discussing upcoming winter activities. The MOMS Club is a national support group for mothers who stay home with their children, including those who have home-based businesses or who work part time but are home with their children during the day. The group offers activities, including special programs for mothers, play groups for children and get-togethers for the whole family.

CHADD

CHADD of Northwest Wayne County meets the first Thursday of the

month throughout the school year at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. CHADD is a nonprofit, parent-based, volunteer organization whose aim is to better the lives of individuals with attention difficulties. Call (313) 438-3099.

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M128, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets weekly: Weigh-in is 6-7:15 p.m.; meeting is 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Med-Max building, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call Suzanne at (734) 728-8437.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) urges people who want to learn the art of public speaking to attend the club's weekly meetings at 6 p.m. each Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 326-5419.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are 8:30-9:30 p.m. Sundays and Wednesdays at Garden City Hospital (north entrance), 5254 Inkster Road in Garden City. Call Woody, (734) 776-3415.

BINGO

DEM'S BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the M.J. Hall, 35412 Michigan, next to the Farmer Jack Supermarket in Wayne. Call 421-1517.

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Bingo games are held 6:45 p.m. Fridays in St. Mel Church's activities building, on Inkster Road north of Warren Road. Doors open at 4 p.m. Food is available.

WFCL BINGO

The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold bingo games 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for the girls' softball program. The bingo games are at the Wayne Ford Civic League hall on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford.

MORE BINGO

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army and School for the Blind. Call 422-5025 or 729-8681.

SHAMROCK BINGO

There will be bingo 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road, Wayne. Doors open at 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. Call 728-3020.

SMOKELESS BINGO

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

K OF C BINGO

Pope John XXIII Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays. The games are in the Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman, Livonia. Call 425-2246.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

SCREENINGS

Free breast and Pap screenings are available at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center, on Annapolis west of Venoy in Wayne. Appointments are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 467-5555 for early registration.

RATIONAL RECOVERY

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

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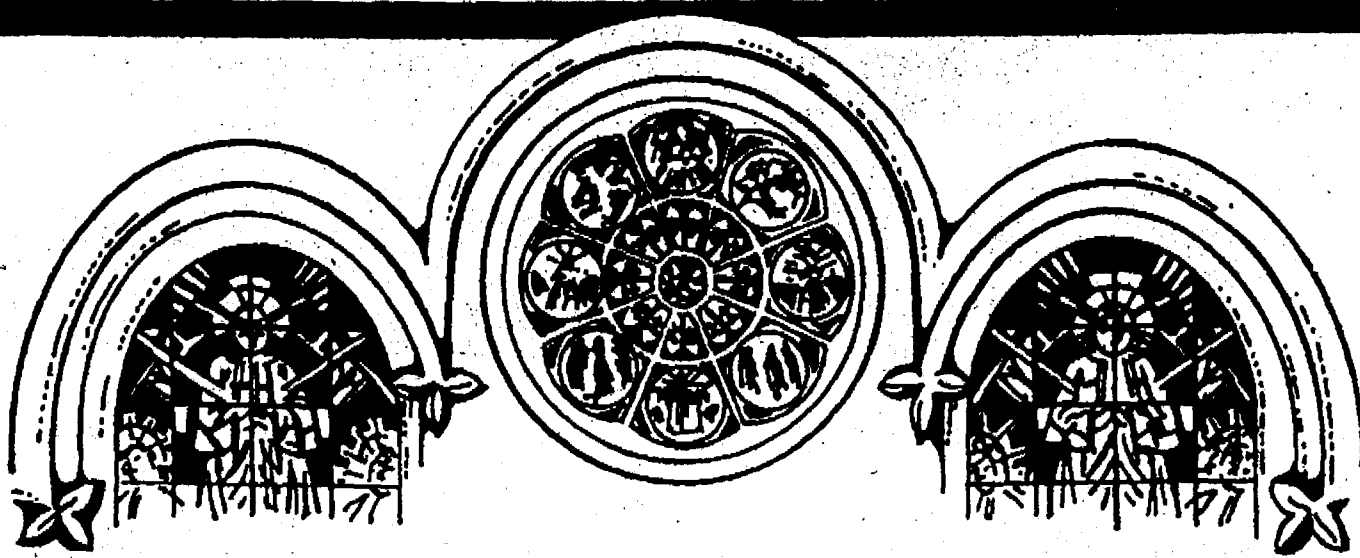
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HEART TO HEART This athletic, employed SWCM, 34, 5'9", enjoys a variety of sports and hopes to meet a SWCF, over 24, who likes the same. Give him a chance and call. Ad# 4163

ARE YOU COMPATIBLE? Outgoing DBCM, 45, 6'2", would like to meet a kind SWF, 25-40, without children at home. He enjoys amusement parks, Bible studies, cooking, quiet dinners for two and conversation. Ad# 5550

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SEARCHING SWM, 60, 5'5", 165lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys long walks, movies, flea markets and art galleries, seeks a medium-built SWF, 54-62. Ad# 2526

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SOMEONE SPECIAL FOR ME He is a fun-loving, sincere, passionate, romantic, athletic SWM, 26, 6'2", who enjoys movies, dining out and spending time with friends. He is searching for a slender SWF, 22-45. Ad# 2222

JUST YOU AND I Catholic SWM, 44, 6', who enjoys youth ministry, seeks a slender, Catholic S/DWF, 25-40, who is marriage-minded, fun-loving and sincere. Ad# 4232

IT HAS TO BE YOU Handsome SWM, 44, 6'1", 190lbs., who enjoys outdoor activities, dining out and quiet times at home, is searching for a slender, romantic SWF, 28-44. Ad# 1313

A TRUE GENTLEMAN Hardworking Catholic SWM, 29, 6', is searching for a Catholic SWF, over 23, who is romantic and kind, patient with children and the elderly, loves horses and puppies. Ad# 3208

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FRIENDLY NATURE Professional, Catholic SWM, 36, 5'10", with a good sense of humor, enjoys working out and romantic dinners. He is in search of a fit, Catholic SWF, 23-36, with similar interests. Ad# 7001

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JUST YOU AND I Catholic SWM, 40, 6'1", 195lbs., with brown hair/eyes, is searching for a SWF, 29-39, to share laughter, photography, music, movies and more. Ad# 1907

LET'S MINGLE SWM, 30, 5'9", 180lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, going to church and concerts, is seeking a SWF, 26-34. Ad# 9614

IT COULD BE YOU! SBCM, 28, 5', who enjoys dining out, sporting events and good conversation, is seeking a SBCF, 18-30, who enjoys life. Ad# 7453

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DON'T PASS ME BY Understanding, professional, Catholic SWM, 29, 6'2", 180lbs., with light brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys sports, biking, music and would like to meet a slender SWCF, 23-32, who has good values. Ad# 8868

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NEW BEGINNINGS
"Moving On" will be the topic when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

NEWBURGH NIGHT OUT
Newburgh United Methodist Church's midweek evening of education, fellowship, drama and music for all ages, Newburgh Night Out, will meet Thursdays, Jan. 7-Feb. 25, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Dinner, costing \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 10 years and younger, will be served 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The programs will run 6:30-8 p.m. and include Noah's Ark for preschoolers through second-graders, Mysteries of the Bible, That the World May Know, Dealing with Change, Moving through Grief and Loss, quilting, Cherub Choir for kindergartners through second-graders, Children's Choir for grades three-six, Youth Choir for grades seven-12, youth drama for grades seven-12 and children's drama for grades three-six.

The church-wide game night will be 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, in the Gathering Area of the Education Wing. Families, singles and couples should bring their favorite games and snacks. Beverages will be provided.

For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0149.

BOWLING LEAGUE
An 18-week Christian-oriented singles bowling league is being organized at Oak Lanes, 8450 Middlebelt, Westland, beginning 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8. Teams will have three members. Cost will be \$13 per week per bowler and will include three games, first and second mystery game, special gift drawings each month prize fund and end-of-season pizza party.

There is a \$5 entry fee due at sign-up. The first night will include a free get-acquainted pizza party after bowling. For more information, call Oak Lanes at (734) 422-7420.

WOMEN'S AGLOW
Beverly Glenn will be the special guest at the Westland/Canton Chapter of Women's Aglow International meeting 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 9, at Auto-Nation USA's Community Room, 39600 Ford Road, east of I-275, between Hix and Lotz, Canton.

Glenn has ministered to others through her musical gifts as a singer and pianist as well as through a word of knowledge and a prophetic word from the Lord. Refreshments and coffee will be served. For more information, call Penni Schwandemann at (734) 261-5268.

SUPERBOOK OLYMPICS
Canton Free Methodist Church will hold the "Superbook Olympics" for children ages 5-12 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at the church, 44815 Cherry Hill, between Sheldon and Canton Center roads, Canton. The afternoon including Bible quizzing, songs, stories, crafts, games and lunch. Superbook Olympics is held the second Saturday of every month. For more information, call (734) 981-5350.

FAMILY EVENTS
Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford is hosting two events to bring the family together. A children's Saturday workshop for children ages 2-9 will be offered monthly 2:30-4 p.m., beginning Saturday, Jan. 9, at the church, 9600 Laverne, Redford. Activities include arts and crafts, creative hands-on snacks, songs and games. There is no fee to attend but advance registration is required by Jan. 8.

For families and friends, there's Let's Make a Deal Family Time 2:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. Participants should come dressed in their wackiest costume and bring a bag of miscellaneous goodies.

To register or for more information, call the church at (313) 937-2424.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church is hosting a Bring Your Own Sneakers to Livonia Family YMCA 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Stark Road Schoolcraft. Activities will include tennis, wallyball, volleyball, swimming and line dancing. The price is \$6 for adults, \$2 for school-aged children.

The next "Talk It Over" will feature Ken Davis 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township. Davis spent 15 years working in Youth for Christ, and in the last 20 years has become one of the nation's top motivational and inspirational speakers. There will be a free will offering.

For more information, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-5920.

MUSIC MINISTRY
The nationally recognized men's trio, Spiritbound, from Nashville, Tenn., will perform 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton. Spiritbound will present an inspirational and adult contemporary sound. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.

ALPHA COURSE

Northville Christian Assembly will begin the Alpha Course 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at the church, 41355 W. Six Mile, Northville Township. This 10-week introduction to the Christian faith offers answers to the most-asked questions about Christianity. It begins with refreshments and is followed by a large group learning session and concludes in small groups for discussion. To make reservations, call the church at (248) 348-9030 between 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WOW RESUMES
The Tuesday morning women's Bible study resumes Tuesday, Jan. 12, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville Township. Women of the Word (WOW) meets 9:30-11:15 a.m. in the lower level of the church.

The \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials, based on the Book of Psalms and Proverbs. Child care will be available for children through age 5. The study is open to all women. For more information, call the church at (248) 348-7600.

GOSPEL STUDY
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will study the gospel of Matthew

with Scripture scholar Sister Mary Joel Zobro 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 14-Feb. 11, in the Prayer/Parlor Room of the church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia.

The series will explore the meaning of Matthew's gospel for committed Christians today. Each session will cost \$5. To register, contact the church at (734) 464-0211.

MORNING OF REFLECTION
Sacred Heart Major Seminary will hold its third annual Morning of Reflection with Bishop Allen Vigneron 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 16, at the seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit.

A "gift of encouragement and hope," the morning of reflection is designed to educate and uplift those active in the pro-life movement and those who want to learn more about the "culture of life."

For more information about the free program, call (313) 883-8682.

TLC STORYTIME
For children and their parents, there will be a TLC Storytime on Saturday, Jan. 16 and Feb. 20, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Joy, Livonia. There will be crafts,

Christian stories, snacks and prizes. The books chosen are for children age 3-10. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a games night and ice cream social at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township. Participants should bring cards and/or games to play. The charge is \$5. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

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

GUEST SPEAKER
Internationally known author and reputed visionary John

Leary will speak about his messages from Jesus and Mary 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at Our Lady of Loretto Church, 17116 Olympia Road at Six Mile and Beech Daly roads, Redford. The Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m., followed by his presentation. For more information, call (313) 534-9000.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Timothy Lutheran Church's Book Discussion Group on parenting will begin meeting in January at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia.

Meetings will be held at four different times during the month - 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Jan. 24-25 and Feb. 24-25. The church will supply the books for parents who register at least a week in advance.

For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

COMEDY CONCERT

Comedian Ken Davis will perform 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, in the auditorium of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville.

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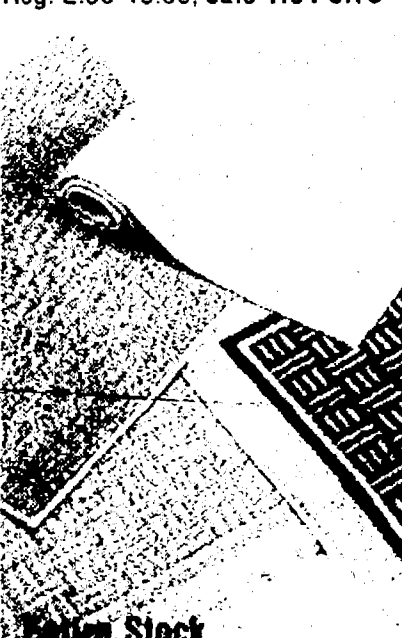
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Blackburn stars in net

Team USA captured only one of four games in the World Junior Ice Hockey Championships last week in Winnipeg, Manitoba, but the winning goaltender in a 5-2 victory over Canada was Michigan State University sophomore Joe Blackburn (Livonia Churchill).

Blackburn, who returns this week for the Spartans, made 36 saves to hand Canada its first defeat of the tournament.

Livonia Vipers victorious

Shawn Proctor scored a pair of goals, including the game-winner, to lead the Livonia Vipers squirt hockey team to a 4-2 win over the Livonia Flyers in the finals of the Wayne Hockey Association 1998 Christmas Tournament, Dec. 27 at the Wayne Civic Arena.

Proctor took tournament MVP honors.

Bruce Henderson and Jeff McMullen scored the other goals for the Vipers. Sean Nisun chipped in with three assists.

Scott Sergison and D.J. Kinnell tallied goals for the Flyers.

Goaltender Robert Sparks sparked the Vipers with shutout wins over the Wayne Wings, 3-0, and the Novi Cougars, 1-0.

McMullen scored twice in the win over the Wings, while Matt Moulard tallied the other goal. Proctor had the lone goal in the win over the Cougars.

Mike Bushey and Henderson each scored twice in a 4-1 win over the Novi Panthers.

Bushey and Kinnell of the Flyers were also named to the All-Tournament team.

Other members of the Vipers include Derek Ashburn, Mike Carpenter, Aaron Czajka, Martin Layne, Troy Martin, Eric Robinson, Justin Rochéleau, Kyle Zagata and Ben Ziegler.

The Vipers are coached by Bruce Henderson, Dave Bushey, Brian Wood and Doug Olson.

Cushman earns honor

Madonna University senior guard Katie Cushman (Flint Powers) was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Week after averaging 19.5 points and seven assists in two games as the Lady Crusaders (11-4) captured the Taylor University (Ind.) women's basketball tournament. See more on page C5.

CC mat invitational

The 34th annual Redford Catholic Central Wrestling Invitational will be held on Saturday in the school gym, starting at 10:30 a.m.

CC is located at 14200 Breakfast Drive, just south of Lyndon Road and east of Inkster Road.

Among the teams scheduled to compete are Observerland schools Westland John Glenn, Livonia Stevenson and Garden City. Others expected are Anchor Bay, defending champion Temperance Bedford, Birmingham Brother Rice, Clarkston, Davison, Fowlerville, Fruitport, Howell, Oxford, Romeo and Warren Lincoln.

Dolphin swim program

Active since 1971, the Wayne Dolphins will open their winter swim season from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday at the Wayne Memorial pool.

The competitive program is open to students ages 6-18 in the Wayne-Westland Schools attendance area. No experience is necessary. Workout emphasis on proper swim technique and practice of all competitive strokes.

The cost is \$45 per swimmer; \$85 for two or \$110 for three or more.

For more information, call Ken Raub at (734) 722-4831.

Youth baseball tryouts

•Tryouts for the Michigan 10-and-under AAU travel baseball club will be from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday at Saline High School Field House.

The Livonia-based team will play in six to seven AAU tournaments.

For registration information, call (313) 562-4667.

•The Wayne Bandits (ages 15-18), a Little Caesars baseball team, will be scheduling tryouts.

For more information, call (734) 326-5626 or (734) 326-4074.

Clarenceville sacks Donaldson

Playoff coach
fired in move
that surprises

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Chuck Donaldson, the only coach to guide Livonia Clarenceville to a state football playoff berth in school history, has been fired.

First-year Clarenceville athletic director and assistant principal Chuck Sorentino made the decision during holiday break.

The 31-year-old Donaldson, who was 26-20 during his five-year tenure, said the move came as a "total shock."

"I really had no idea," Donaldson said. "The only reason I received is that they were looking at the long-term range of the football program He (Sorentino) said without a JV or freshman team, he could see it collapsing in two or three years because of the numbers."

Despite the Trojans going 7-3 and qualifying for the first time ever in the 1998 state playoffs, Sorentino, with the apparent blessings of Clarenceville principal Dave Simowski, decided the program needed to go in a different direction.

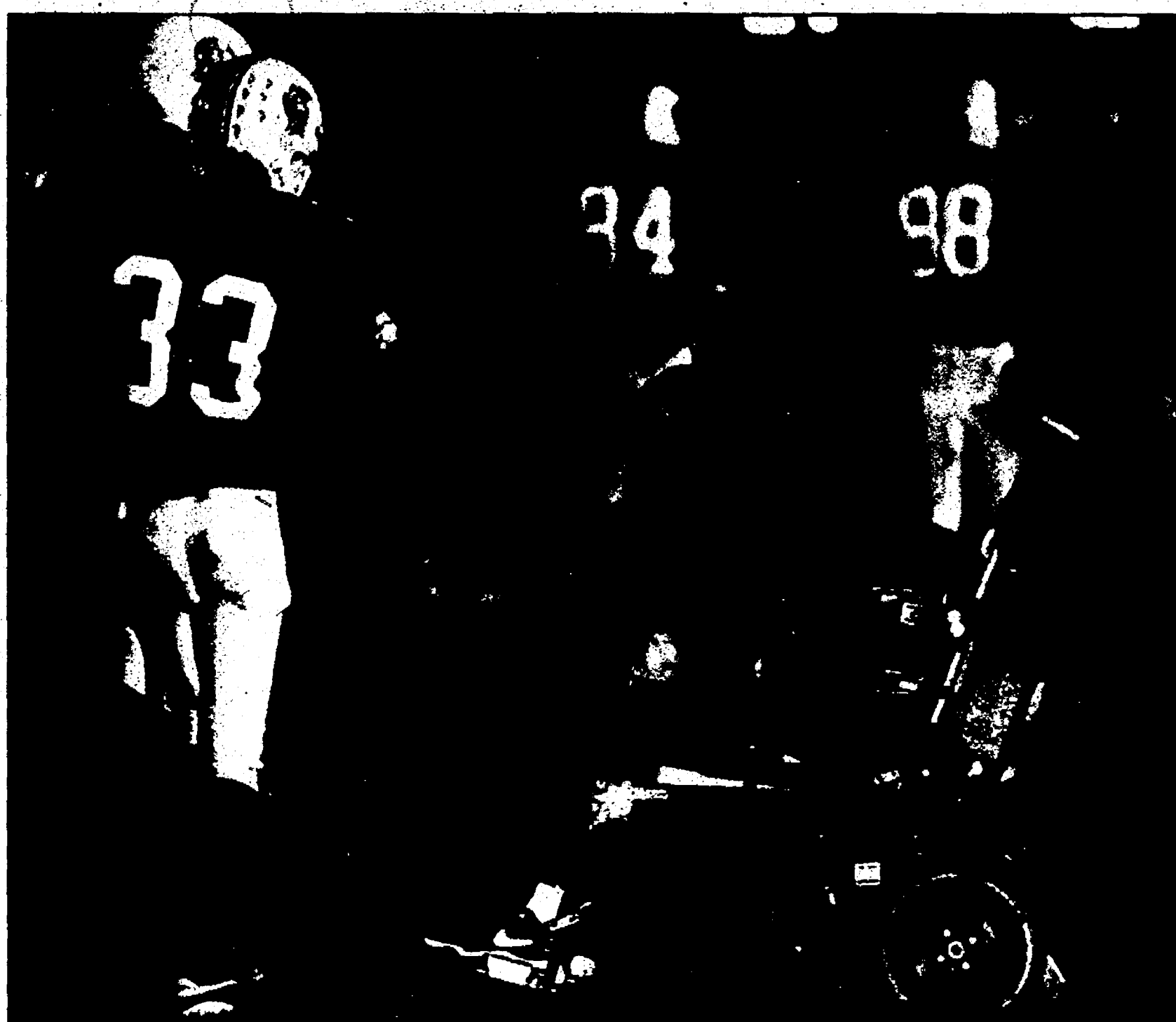
Simowski was unavailable for comment Tuesday night.

"Although it's unpleasant, I feel it's the right decision and the right thing to do," Sorentino said. "Evaluating coaches at the end of each sports season falls under my job. Did I consult others? Yes. Hiring and dismissing coaches is my job."

Sorentino believed the program was in danger of becoming extinct within three years if Donaldson continued.

Clarenceville, a member of the Metro Conference with an enrollment of 468 students, carried only 26 varsity players with no junior varsity or freshman squad.

"We really don't have a program," Sorentino said. "We had a successful



Last hurrah: Clarenceville coach Chuck Donaldson, here congratulating star running back Walter Ragland (No. 33), after an October victory, was fired as the school's varsity football coach.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

(varsity) season, but I'm worried about the big picture.

"There was really no off-season training. We don't really have the all the basics of a long-term program. We need somebody with some fresh or creative ideas of building a program because you can't survive with 25 kids. You have to bridge the gap with the middle

school program and build bridges with the varsity. We need to take steps. I know it hurts Chuck and it hurts me as well."

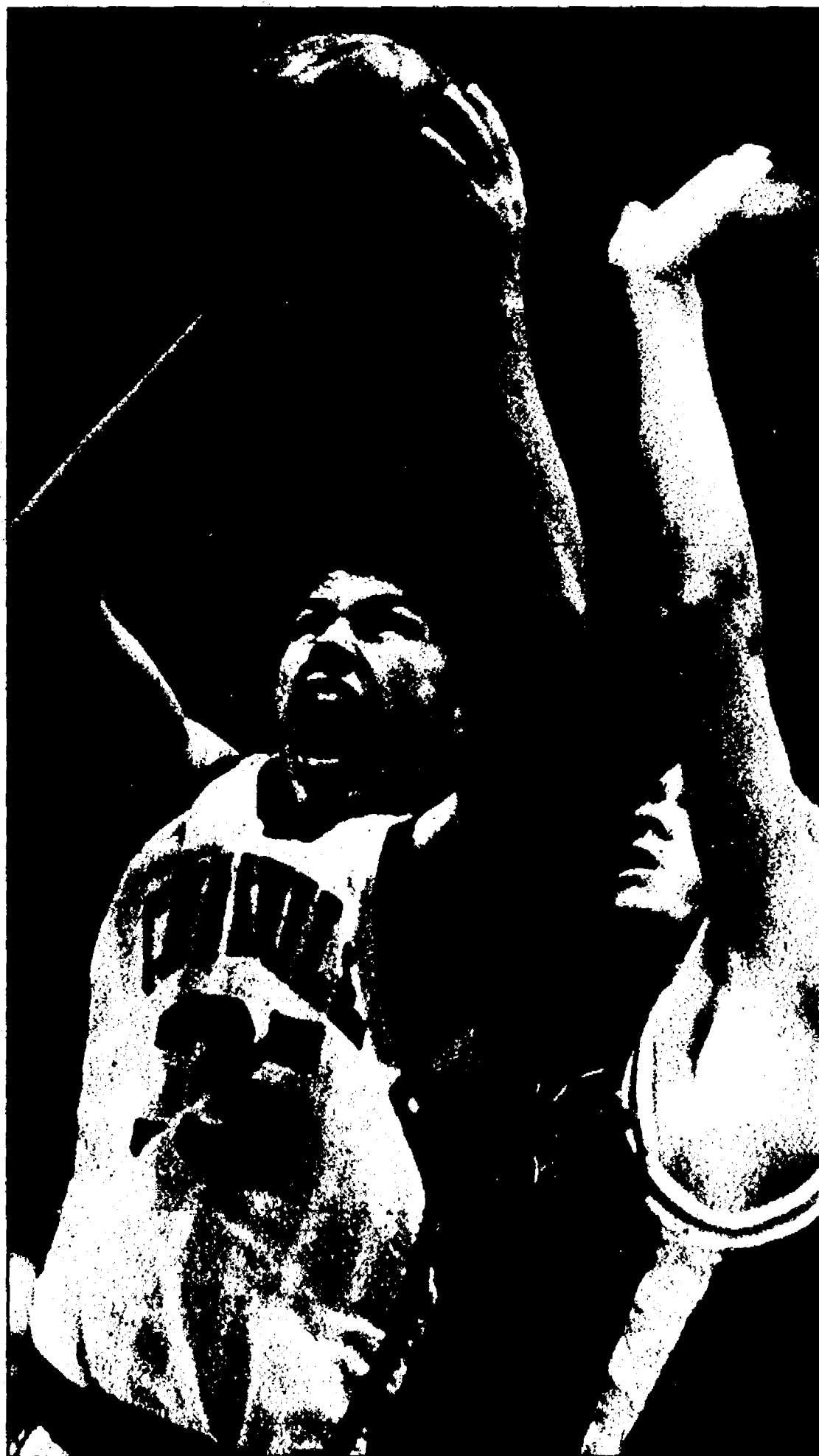
Donaldson, who teaches at Clarenceville, contends he made attempts to establish a total program.

"Every year I had meetings at the middle school, two or three times dur-

ing second semester to draw up interest," Donaldson said. "I called kids during the summer. But when it comes to football time and they don't show up, I don't know what else I could have done."

"You can't force a kid to play football. The kids who want play will play. I

Please see DONALDSON FIRED, C2



Charged up: Livonia Churchill's Ryan Cousino (left) takes the ball inside against Garden City defender Geoff Beckerleg during Tuesday's non-league encounter.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Bennett on fire in Charger win

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John Bennett's favorite player is Grant Hill.

And for one quarter, Livonia Churchill's 6-foot-4 junior forward put on a performance like the former Duke star and Detroit Piston, scoring 19 points Tuesday night to lift the host Chargers to a 62-57 boys basketball win over Garden City.

The win improved Churchill's record to 3-2 overall, while GC slips to 2-3.

Bennett, who went inside and outside en route to a game-high 27 points, helped stem a Garden City 26-10 third-quarter run.

He connected on three shots beyond the three-point arc in the fourth.

"We were just breaking the press and the team was giving me good passes and I was making cuts to the open spots," said Bennett, who played half of last season on the varsity. "When you get into a flow it just suits me better."

And why is Hill his favorite?
"He's a team player who likes to score and get others involved," Bennett said.

Junior guard Randall Boboige, who added 18 points for the Chargers, made three of four free throws during the final 31.6 seconds to seal the victory.

And Eric Lightle's block of a Garden City shot in the final minute proved to be a pivotal defensive play.

But it was the play of Bennett, who was eight of nine from the floor over the final eight minutes of action, that had Churchill coach Rick Austin excited. (Bennett's previous high was 25 against Dearborn.)

"John hit some 'threes,' but actually most of his points came from the inside paint area," Austin said. "John struggled in the first half from the wing, but then we moved him to the low post. That turned out to be a key move because when he gets the ball in there, he knows only one thing — score."

"And he does so many things for us inside. He gives us some size and he's learning to rebound. And he knows

how to get open.)
Churchill led 26-14 at halftime as Garden City made just six of 25 shots from the floor (24 percent).

"We were not ready to play," Garden City coach Greg Williamson said. "You can't turn it on and off. You have to do it consistently. That's the mark of a good team."

But the third quarter was a different story.

The Cougars came out red-hot, hitting 10 of 13 shots from the floor to take a 40-36 advantage.

Junior guard Brian Harnos scored 10 of his team-high 17 points during GC's 26-10 run.

"It seems at this point of the season our intensity dips in the third quarter defensively," Austin said. "We have to learn to play as hard as the other team, even if we have a sizeable lead. Garden City show a lot of character. They stepped it up defensively."

But the Cougars couldn't sustain that momentum into the decisive fourth quarter.

Bennett's three-pointer with 3:20 remaining broke a 48-all tie and gave Churchill the lead for keeps.

GC pulled to within one, 53-52, with 2:35 left on a basket by Jess Webb, but Bennett came back with two clutch baskets.

"We didn't guard very well on the perimeter," Williamson said. "We didn't contest shots. It has to become personal and a team thing to close it off. We also let him (Bennett) cut to the basket."

Alan Marszalek and Geoff Beckerleg added 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Cougars.

"Every one of our games have been real close," Williamson said. "But we spend too much energy running and pressing trying to get back into the game. That's a lot to ask of them because some of them haven't played a lot of basketball."

Garden City returns to action Friday at home against Allen Park, while Churchill takes on Western Lakes Activities Association favorite Plymouth Salem.

Record applications on file for MHSAA scholar award

A record number of schools submitted applications for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award for the 1998-99 school year.

The program, which has been recognizing student-athletes since the 1989-90 school year, honors 24 individuals, one in each sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a post-season tournament.

Farm Bureau Insurance underwrites the program and presents a \$1,000 scholarship in each sport.

A record 504 MHSAA member schools submitted applications for this year's awards. The total number of applications, however, fell just short of last year's record of 2,785, with 2,784 applications received.

In addition, a record 1,094 student-athletes will be recognized as additional qualifiers for having met the eligibility criteria for the award, even though they were not a scholarship honoree for their school. All will be presented with certificates commemorating their achievement. This year's figure tops last year's record of 997.

The overall number of students recognized in this program set a record at 3,878; besting last year's mark of 3,782.

Every MHSAA member high school is allowed to select one student-athlete to represent it in each sport, and an individual may be nominated in more than one sport.

To be eligible for the award, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale), and have previously won a varsity letter in the sport which they are applying. Students were also asked to show involvement in other school and community activities, submit two letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

The applications will be judged by a 58-member committee of school coaches, counselors, faculty members, administrators and board members from MHSAA member schools.

Finalists in all sports will be announced on Jan. 29. Fall sports recipients will be announced on Feb. 10; winter recipients, Feb. 17; and spring recipients, Feb. 24.

The 24 Scholar-Athlete Award recipients will be recognized in a ceremony during halftime of the Class C boys basketball finals, Saturday, March 27 at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing.

Here is a list of nominees and qualifiers (by school) from Livonia-Westland high schools:

Livonia Churchill: Julia Arciero, girls tennis; Brooke Allen, girls swimming; Debbie Balls, girls basketball; Jessica Cichon, girls track; Lilliana Cipollone, girls cross country; Kristin Derwich, girls swimming; Adrienne Doyle, girls swimming; Amanda Eszes, girls track; Ashley Filion, girls cross country; Tom Fitzstephens, boys golf; Mike Horka, boys tennis; Steacy Kissau, girls track; Ken Kozlow, boys soccer; Christina Lewis, girls basketball; Courtney Lim, girls volleyball; Peter Lin, boys track; Stacy Loucks, girls golf; Mike Lucaj, football; John McCallum, boys track; Jessica McKay, girls volleyball; Ashley Mehl, girls tennis; Lindsay Novara, girls swimming; Carolyn O'Keefe, girls swimming; Gwen Ostrosky, girls track; Paul Perez, boys track; Scott Risner, boys tennis; Adam Rourke, boys tennis; Joe Robinson, boys track; Lauren Rupprecht, girls basketball; Kenny Tseng, boys cross country; Julie Wodyka, girls swimming; Rochelle Ziegel, girls cross country; Lindsey Zielinski, girls swimming.

Livonia Stevenson: Stephanie Dutz, girls volleyball and basketball; Marcheta Fedrigo, girls track; Susan George, girls track; Amy Hinkle, girls track and cross country; Brett Koch, boys basketball; Marie Kopka, girls track; Matt Nizol, boys track; Christina McEvoy, Katie Mitchell, girls track; Katie Sherron, girls cross country and track; Melissa Sobier, girls track; Carolyn Suveg, girls cross country and track; Christy Tzilos, girls cross country and track; Joe Verellen, boys cross country; Sarah Wittrock, girls soccer; Emily Yambasky, girls track and swimming; Kevin Yunasz, boys golf and baseball.

Westland John Glenn: Rola Amad, girls basketball and soccer; Amanda Bell, girls volleyball; Izabel Bota, girls tennis; Kevin Durigon, boys track and soccer; Kevin Durigon, boys track and cross country; Kathryn Hover, girls soccer; Jiayi Huang, girls tennis; Renae Kolb, girls tennis and softball; David Kovacs, boys tennis; Dan Kovacs, boys tennis; Lelliani Lawrence, girls track; Shreya Master, girls track; James McPartlin, boys swimming and soccer; Kristi Mendenhall, girls basketball; Michell Merandi, girls swimming; Jessica Nowaczek, girls tennis and track; Matt Taylor, boys soccer; Darrin Turner, boys tennis.

Wayne Memorial: Adam Chasson, boys golf and swimming; Amanda Jayska, girls track; Kristin Keher, girls volleyball.

Lutheran Westland: Sharon Greer, girls softball; Rebekah Hoffmeier, girls track; Anna Schweske, girls basketball.

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran: Anya Day, girls volleyball.

Redford Catholic Central: Ryan Cibor, tennis; Nick DiBella, baseball; Brian Hanah, cross country; John LaRuffa, swimming; Dave Lusk, basketball and football; Chris Morelli, ice hockey; Ronald Sarata, wrestling; Mark Sukowski, soccer.

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actually had JV coaches hired, but I doesn't justify a JV team. But I was hoping making the playoffs would breed some interest."

Donaldson's final game at Clarenceville was a 48-28 playoff loss to Capac. The Trojans earned a berth in Class CC-Region IV by leapfrogging four teams on the final weekend.

They were the talk of the state tournament and Observerland.

Donaldson's story of coaching from a wheelchair also came to light in both Detroit daily newspapers.

Hired in the spring of 1993, Donaldson was left a quadriplegic just two months later in a car accident.

Michigan State Police reports revealed Donaldson, who collided with a Canton police officer during the early-morning hours, registered a high blood-alcohol content.

After spending five months in

the hospital, Donaldson, though unable to walk along with limited use of his arms, began his first season in 1994.

This past season culminated in him being named Class CC-Region IV Coach of the Year.

"I could see if I was cheating, stealing or abusing kids, or even losing, I would have resigned," said Donaldson, a former Livonia Stevenson High quarterback and Central Michigan University graduate. "We haven't won any state titles, but we've had pretty good success and we've been competitive. And people who know me know that I can't stand losing."

Does Donaldson believe that being handicapped played a factor in his dismissal?

"I'm kind of thinking that now the more people mention it," he said. "I'm saying to myself, 'God, maybe it's me being in a chair.' It's been known to happen."

Sorentino said Donaldson's

removal was "nothing personal."

"I've tried to treat Chuck with the utmost respect," the athletic director said. "He's a tremendous individual and a courageous person. If everybody is as courageous as him, the world would be a better place, but we felt it was time as far as making a change."

Sorentino, who came to Clarenceville after serving as a counselor for nine years at Dearborn Divine Child, also reopened the varsity boys basketball job, replacing five-year coach Rick Larson in favor of DC assistant Bill Dyer.

The Clarenceville A.D. said he has no particular candidate in mind.

"What we're looking for is somebody, with varsity experience," Sorentino said. "We'll post it tomorrow (Wednesday) and see what happens."

Meanwhile, Donaldson is not sure about his future in coaching.

"I can't see coming back, I have some bitter feelings right now and I'm really livid," he said. "It doesn't seem like due process."

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Whalers back at full strength

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

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One of the Ontario Hockey League's hottest teams was snowed under during its latest road swing.

Playing four games in five days, the Plymouth Whalers returned home Sunday night from Oshawa a bit weary, bruised and battered, going 0-3-1.

The West Division leaders (27-8-3), playing without five regulars — all competing at the World Junior Championships in Winnipeg, Manitoba — lost 2-1 to the host Generals in the final game of the trip.

The Whalers finished 3-4-1 during the eight-game stretch without defenseman Paul Mara (U.S.) and Nikos Tselios (U.S.), along with forwards David Legwand (U.S.), Harold Druken (Canada) and Tomek Valtonen (Finland).

All five are expected to return by Friday, including Druken, who played in Tuesday's World Junior Championship final against Russia.

"The whole way was bad travel — bad roads, bad trip," Whalers coach Pete DeBoer said. "But I feel the team played a little above expectations given the fact that we were missing five impact players — all at once — and we played close to .500 hockey."

In the Oshawa loss, rookie goaltender Derek Dolson stopped 21 shots, while Whaler counterpart Robert Holsinger turned away 32.

Andrew Peters scored the game-winner for Oshawa (19-14-3) with 8:43 to go in the final period.

Each team tallied a goal in the opening period. Oshawa's Kevin Colley notched his 21st of the year, while Plymouth's Rick Smith tallied a power-play goal, his 14th of the season.

On Saturday, Central Division-leading Barrie and the Whalers played to a 2-2 draw before 4,092.

Whalers backup goaltender Rob Zepp turned away 34 of 36 shots, while Barrie netminder Ben Vanderklok made 22 stops.

Adam DeLeeuw scored his 13th and 14th goals in the first and second periods, respectively, for Barrie.

Troy Smith scored a short-handed goal for Plymouth in the second and Mark McMahon tallied the equalizer from Adam Colagiaco and Shaun Fisher at 6:16 of the third period.

On Friday, East Division opponent Belleville skated to a 6-3 win over the Whalers.

It was 1-1 after one period as Derek Campbell scored for the Bulls and Eric Gooldy (from Smith and Randy Fitzgerald) countered for the Whalers.

Although outshot 36-31 on the night, Belleville scored five of the next six goals — Kevin Baker (his 23rd), Michael Jacobsen, Randy Rowe, Justin Papineau (his 27th) and Kelly Paddon.

Fisher scored his fifth for the Whalers in the second period from Colagiaco and Fitzgerald.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS				
East Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa 67's	31	4	3	65
Peterborough Petes	23	13	1	47
Belleville Bulls	20	12	6	46
Oshawa Generals	19	14	3	41
Kingston Frontenacs	12	23	2	26
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	27	6	4	58
North Bay Centennials	16	21	4	36
Sudbury Wolves	12	20	6	30
Toronto St. M. Majors	11	21	4	26
Miss. Ice Dogs	1	33	3	5
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Plymouth Whalers	27	8	3	57
SSM Greyhounds	20	12	4	44
Sarnia Sting	18	12	4	40
London Knights	14	21	2	30
Windsor Spitfires	10	22	5	25
Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Guelph Storm	25	11	2	52
Owen Sound Platers	19	15	5	43
Erle Otters	17	18	1	35
Kitchener Rangers	12	23	2	26
Brampton Battalion	5	30	2	12

Smith scored in the third period from Colagiaco and Gooldy.

Holsinger stopped 19 of 25 shots, while the Bulls' Cory Campbell turned back 30 of 33.

Belleville defenseman Jason Lawmaster (Westland John Glenn) was penalized three times.

The four-game swing began Wednesday before 2,402 in Owen Sound with the host Platers winning 4-2, despite being outshot, 35-24. Owen Sound goaltender Curtis Sanford made 33 saves.

After a scoreless first period, Owen Sound outscored Plymouth 3-1 in the second on goals by Wes Goldie (his 15th), Chad Woolard (his 20th) and Joel Ward (his 15th). Platers leading scorer Dan Snyder also beat Holsinger in the third period.

Rick Smith scored for the Whalers from Colagiaco and Fitzgerald in the second. Left winger Jamie Lalonde added a goal in the third from Smith and Kevin Haddridge.

"I thought all of our rookies stepped it up, starting with Zepp on up," DeBoer said. "We have an older, experienced team and a lot of them (rookies) haven't had an opportunity to play as much, but once they got thrown into the fire, they more than held their own."

The Whalers return to action Friday night at Midwest Division-leading Guelph before coming home for a weekend home stand Saturday with Belleville (7:30 p.m. start) and Sunday against Sault Ste. Marie (6:30 p.m. start).

"We have another tough stretch, three games in three nights," DeBoer said. "We gave them Monday off and we were back at it today (Tuesday). Everybody is pretty much returning to health."

Whalers eye bid to host Memorial Cup tournament

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The Plymouth Whalers are among four Ontario Hockey League teams putting in a bid for the North America's most prized junior tournament — the Memorial Cup, held annually in May.

Whalers general manager and coach Pete DeBoer confirmed that Compuware Arena, which seats 4,300 in Plymouth Township, will make a presentation for the tournament on Jan. 20.

Other OHL division-leading teams in the hunt include Ottawa, Barrie and Guelph.

Bids will also be considered by teams in the Western Hockey League and Quebec Junior Majors.

If the Whalers were awarded a bid, they would automatically gain the right to play in the four-team tournament along with the OHL, WHL and Quebec playoff winners.

"The last time we had a chance to bid on it we passed, but now with our new facility and with our community support, we feel we can make a strong bid," DeBoer said.

Last year's Memorial Cup was played in Spokane, Wash.

"Our location, being in a major metropolitan area with Windsor and Detroit airports close by, we feel we have all the elements in place," said DeBoer, who will help make the presentation on behalf of the Whalers. "We'll be going before an arm's length committee, totally independent of the any league."

Another factor going against Plymouth is that the Memorial Cup was just hosted by a U.S. city and it may return to Canada, making Ottawa the front-runner.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Rodriguez earns 700th career win

Redford Catholic Central's wrestling team has a 3-2 record in dual meets, giving coach Mike Rodriguez 701 career wins.

Rodriguez, 66, is 701-207 in 42 years, 31 at CC. His teams have won seven state championships, the last in 1988.

It's been as long since the Shamrocks have won their own wrestling invitational, which celebrates its 34th year this Saturday.

Wrestling starts at 10:30 a.m. Fourteen teams are coming, including state powers Clarkston and Temperance Bedford.

Bedford is the favorite after finishing second at last week's Goodrich Tournament behind champion Rochester Adams.

The Shamrocks were sixth there despite having one champion, heavyweight Casey Rogowski, and a runnerup: Brocc Naysmith at 215 pounds.

Mitch Hancock was third place at 160 pounds and Chris O'Hara third at 103.

"If God smiles on us, we might (challenge for first place)," Rodriguez said. "We're better than last year but still got a long way to go."

Rodriguez has been in coaching so long, he's now coaching his grandchildren: Brocc Naysmith and freshman Brandon Naysmith, a 160-pounder.

His son, Dave Rodriguez, is one of his assistant coaches.

Former CC wrestlers frequently stop by the room to see their former coach. Jeff Pascol, a 1998 graduate, stopped by at Tuesday's practice.

He was easy to recognize because of his long hair at a school that has an ear code. He wouldn't dare wear earrings around Rodriguez, though.

"No earrings, just long hair," said Pascol, a 160-pounder last year, who looks like he could compete two weight classes up, especially after the holidays.

Rodriguez prepped at Ann Arbor Pioneer and was an All-America wrestler at the University of Michigan.

He was an alternate for the 1960 U.S. Olympic Team for the Games in Rome Italy.

Here are results of recent CC matches.

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 35 PORTAGE CENTRAL 34 Dec. 31 at Portage Central

103 pounds: Chris O'Hara (CC) dec. Kyle Greenberg (PC), 2-0; 112: Curtis Trinkle (PC) pinned Tom Buddenborg, 2:53; 119: Corey Fuller (PC) p. Chris Peterson, 5:52; 125: Ed Lendrum (CC) p. Eric Bouck, 0:49; 130: Kyle Sparks (PC) won on disqualification; 135: J.D. Meisling (PC) p. Jeff Wheeler, 3:43; 140: Mike Hoppingarner (PC) dec. Jay Abshire, 12:4; 145: Troy Miller (PC) p. Ryan Rogowski, 1:23; 152: Mitch Hancock (CC) won on pin, 3:18; 160: Ryan Zajdel (CC) p. Chris Kordella, 3:47; 171: Ryan Matheson (CC) dec. Randy Slade, 7:4; 189: Andy Conlin (CC) dec. Dan Higgs, 7:4; 215: Brocc Naysmith (CC) dec. Eric Fisher, 13:5; heavy weight: Casey Rogowski (CC) dec. Jim Killayne, 12:2.

ROCKFORD 43 REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 27 Dec. 31 at Portage Central

103: Nate Roersma (R) dec. Chris O'Hara, 6:4; 112: Craig Shutich (R) pinned Tom Buddenborg, 3:43; 119: Joe Swendrowski (R) p. Chris Peterson, 1:13; 125: Joe Apkarian (R) p. Ed Lendrum, 5:06; 130: Brandon Cook (R) dec. Peter Mazzarese, 10:4; 135: Jeff Wheeler (CC) dec. Tom Nichols, 6:5; 140: Nathan Vansoest (R) dec. Jay Abshire, 9:2; 145: Jeremy Johnson (R) pinned Ryan Rogowski, :53; 152: Ryan Zajdel (CC) p. Travis Chappell, 5:55; 160: Mitch Hancock (CC) pinned Chris Olson, 0:44; 171: Paul Kerekes (R) p. Ryan Matheson, 2:34; 189: Ryan Kerekes (R) dec. Andy Conlin, 10:1; 215: Brocc Naysmith (CC) p. Ben Miller, 4:46; heavy weight: Casey Rogowski (CC) p. Sean Czarnopis, 0:43; CC's dual meet record: 3-2.

On Thursday, February 4th, 1999 the Elysia Pefley Foundation will host their 3rd Annual Skate-A-Thon with the Detroit Red Wings at Joe Louis Arena.



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For those who want to participate please complete the donor sheet, collect donations in advance and submit them to the foundation. Early registrants will receive ice time preferences. Donations can still be accepted after one has registered, just bring the additional funds on February 4th.

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Borgess trumps Shamrocks again, 71-67

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
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It's tough to be hot when you're rusty and cold. Redford Bishop Borgess chilled literally — Redford Catholic

Central, 71-67, Tuesday night in their Catholic League Central Division season opener.

Both teams had limited practice time since their last games Dec. 30. Borgess had a half-hour

of floor work plus some film time in an unheated gym — it's own — on Monday while Catholic Central worked out Saturday and Monday.

So that made for a certain

PREP BASKETBALL

amount of rust Tuesday. What made it worse was that the Borgess gym (there was no school Tuesday) was only at a temperature of about 60 degrees by game time.

The visiting Shamrocks hit a frosty 29.7 percent on 22-of-74 shooting. The host Spartans also made 22 field goals, but only took 45 shots to do so.

This is the second time the teams met in a week. The Spartans beat the Shamrocks, 75-74, in the second-round of the Motor City Roundball Classic on Tuesday, Dec. 29 at U-D Jesuit.

"They were in the same boat as we were," Coach Rick Coratti of Catholic Central said. "They played well. They hit a lot of free throws."

Indeed, Bishop Borgess went to the line 45 times and sank 30 while Catholic Central was 18-for-23 in free throws. Curtis Allen of the Spartans protected the margin by making 7-of-12 free throws in the fourth quarter.

"We did a good job down the stretch," Coach Roosevelt Barnes of Bishop Borgess said. "We ran our delay and Curtis Allen and Kendrell Jones both went to the basket and made a couple of key baskets."

Allen's three-point play with

68 seconds left gave the Spartans a 67-62 lead. Jones made his with 1:52 to play to make it 62-58.

Bishop Borgess went into its delay clinging to a 55-54 lead with 5:05 to play and more than a minute off the clock before Catholic Central started fouling Allen.

Allen wound up with 20 points, center Marcuz Young had 18, Jones scored 15 in his first start and Justin McClain scored 10.

Nick Moore led Catholic Central with 20 points but it was a quiet 20 as he had a nippy night shooting. So did Dan Jess, whose six points came off two of the many threes he shot.

Matt Loidas scored 15 for the Shamrocks, Rob Sparks had 13 and Anthony Tomey 10.

Bishop Borgess started strong, holding a 20-14 lead after one period, but Catholic Central dominated the second period and led, 36-32, at the half.

"We had a chance to pull away in the third quarter," Coratti said, "but we turned the ball over too many times. That's what killed us."

The Shamrocks were up, 45-37, after Moore hit a triple with 4:43 left in the third quarter. But they committed five turnovers and made just one basket the remainder of the quarter as the Spartans hauled themselves into a 48-48 tie.

Missing their first eight shots of the final quarter put the Shamrocks in a 54-48 hole. They came back to forge a 58-58 deadlock with 2:32 left but Kahlil Mims knocked down a shot from inside the free throw line and the Spartans never trailed from there.

Sparks fouled out with two minutes to play "and that hurt us," Coratti said. Borgess scored on every possession after that.

"Allen is showing good leadership," Barnes said. "He's a smart young man. Academically, too. I think he'll make somebody a good point guard in college."

Barnes mixed his defenses effectively, switching between full-court pressure to double-teams to half-court man-to-man.

His Spartans also did a good job of keeping the Shamrocks from exploiting their zones. Catholic Central got some effectiveness out of disguising its zone by having its guards play man-to-man or having the man on top chase the ball-handler.

Catholic Central held a 44-41 rebounding edge but was dominant in the second half, although it had problems making even the chippies.

"You've got to score," Coratti said after his team sank to 4-3 overall following its Catholic League opener. Barnes' team is 3-3, with two wins over Catholic Central (the first a one-pointer in a holiday tournament).

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School closings cause games to be postponed

School closings due to frigid temperatures and snow played havoc Tuesday with scheduled area high school basketball games.

One postponement, however, did not result in either.

Failure to reclose a main door to Livonia Franklin's gymnasium caused the school officials to cancel the Patriots' non-league game with Milford.

Among other games postponed and yet to be rescheduled: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran at Flint Valley; Harper Woods Lutheran East at Livonia

Clarenceville; Redford Union at Livonia Stevenson.

Westland John Glenn's non-leaguer with visiting Ypsilanti will not be made up according to Glenn athletic director Gerald Szukaitis.

The Riverview at Wayne Memorial game was replayed Wednesday (Jan. 6). Results of that game will appear in Sunday's Observer.

The Grosse Pointe University-Liggett at Lutheran Westland Metro Conference game has been rescheduled for 3:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16.

In men's college basketball, the Flint Mott at Schoolcraft College game will be replayed sometime in February. Madonna University's game with host Aquinas is scheduled for 7:30 tonight.

In women's college basketball, Mott at Schoolcraft will be rescheduled for February. Madonna, meanwhile, opens its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference scheduled at 7 tonight against Aquinas.

Both the Madonna men's and women's games were originally scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 6.

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Franklin seizes 3 runner-up finishes

Three tournaments, three runner-up finishes for the Livonia Franklin girls volleyball team, but the 13-6-1 Patriots are feeling anything but bridesmaids.

Five of their six losses have come against Portage schools.

On Dec. 30, Franklin reached the championship match of the UM-Dearborn Invitational before losing to Dearborn High, 15-1, 11-15, 20-18.

In pool play, Franklin finished 3-0-1, defeating Dearborn Heights Crestwood (15-1, 15-1), Utica (15-6, 15-8), Bay City John Glenn (15-1, 15-1) and splitting with Clawson (15-1, 13-15).

In elimination play, Franklin defeated Dexter (11-15, 15-5, 15-11) and Utica (15-9, 15-9).

Andrea Kmet was Franklin's top attacker with 45 kills, a .494 hitting percent. Tera Morrill added 43 kills, while Nicole Boyd and Alexis Bowman contributed 27 and 22, respectively.

Morrill was the top server with 15 aces, while Lindsay Duprey and Bowman added four apiece. Duprey was 67 of 67.

In the Portage Northern tournament (Dec. 26), Franklin fell to the host Huskies, 0-15, 1-15.

Franklin advanced to the championship with a 16-14, 15-13 quarterfinal win over

■ GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Concord and a 15-10, 15-5 semifinal victory over Woodhaven.

In pool play, Franklin beat Battle Creek Lakeview (15-12, 15-8) and Parchment (15-6, 15-9). The Patriots lost to Norther (0-15, 5-15) and Portage Central (3-15, 12-15).

Morrill led with 29 kills on the day, while Kmet and Kerstin Marshall contributed 29 and 13, respectively. Morrill also had 15 aces, while setter Lindsay Sopko recorded 71 assists, making good on 164 of 166 attempts.

Franklin's first action of the season under rookie coach Mary Helen Diegel came Dec. 12 at the Saginaw Valley Invitational.

Franklin's only loss came in the finals against nine-time state Class A champion Portage Northern, 7-15, 5-15.

The Patriots beat Flushing twice, Bay City Glenn and Saginaw Carrollton to reach the championship match.

Morrill averaged 2.4 kills per game with 31 total in 46 attempts. She also had nine aces.

Kmet added 30 in 50 tries (2.3). Boyd added 17 kills. Sopko had 80 assists in 143 attempts (6.2 per game).

Monica Little contributed six aces, while Bowman added five.

Cushman covers all facets

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When Katie Cushman arrived at Madonna University, she was almost immediately christened as the offensive savior for the women's basketball team.

That was more than three years ago. Cushman lived up to that early designation by leading the Lady Crusaders in scoring.

But that was then, when she was a freshman. Cushman is no longer Madonna's designated scorer. Indeed, after leading the Crusaders in scoring her first two seasons on campus, she has tapered off; now, as a senior, she's just one of five players with an average scoring rate in double figures, behind team leader Chris Dietrich.

Has her status diminished? Not a chance.

Madonna coach Marylou Jansen summed it up quite succinctly: "Katie's doing everything better. She's a much better player now than she was two years ago."

Cushman's numbers provide proof. She's ranked in the top 10 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in three categories, but while her scoring average (13.3 points) is just 10th she leads the league in assists (6.1) and ranks second in steals (2.3).

That last figure best verifies



Katie Cushman Madonna ace

where the 5-foot-6 senior point guard has improved most.

"Katie's been an impact player every year she's been here," said Jansen, who is in her third season as coach of the Crusaders.

"But when she first got here, Katie just didn't concentrate on defense. She'd score 26 points, and the two girls she'd be covering would score 36."

"She's gone from being our worst defensive guard two years ago to our best defensive guard this year."

It hasn't exactly been a sudden defensive turnaround. Cushman's performance against players she was assigned to check was markedly better last season. This season, she's taken that a step further by upgrading her help defense — one reason her steal average is so high.

"I think my defense is what I've had to work on most," Cushman said. "I realized you have to play at both ends of the court. I've really worked hard at that, and I think I've come a long way."

Last week, Cushman was named WHAC player of the week for the second time this

■ COLLEGE HOOPS

season after being selected as the Taylor University Tournament's most valuable player, scoring 24 points in the championship game, a 79-74 Madonna victory. Cushman totaled 39 points and seven assists in the two tournament games.

"She's gone from setting up Katie's offense to setting up everyone else," said Jansen. "She's worked very, very hard. Katie doesn't do anything half way."

Cushman's motivation is easy to pinpoint. "The fact that it's my senior year has come into play," she explained. "I won't get any of these games back, so I give it my all every night."

Putting points on the scoreboard aren't a necessity any longer, thanks to the Crusaders' improved depth. "The team we have now, it's hard for (opponents) to focus on just one of us," said Cushman. "We have so much depth, they can't double-team one player. Which helps me, because I have so many other options."

All of which adds up to more fun and more wins. Madonna takes an 11-4 record into Thursday's WHAC season-opener at home against Aquinas College (game time is 7 p.m.).

"This is the most fun team I've been on," said Cushman. "The personnel bring more to the table than any other (Madonna) team. When we're hot, we're really hot. The momentum picks up and we feed off that."

Cushman and her Crusader teammates would both like to prolong that feeding frenzy, with the ultimate aim to take them to a WHAC title and into the NAIA Tournament. Madonna qualified for the NAIA Regionals in Cushman's sophomore season.

"I definitely want to win the league," the team co-captain said. "That would get us back to nationals, and that's an experience that's hard to explain to people."

Cushman's doing all she can to paint a clear picture to her teammates. Said Jansen: "That's been a big thing with her, her leadership. This year she's been a total joy. She's such a positive force."

"She's low maintenance and high fun. I always respected her as a player, but now I respect her as much as a person. I wouldn't change anything she's done this year."

A player with that kind of inspirational leadership qualities can carry a team a long way. But for Cushman and her teammates, it's nice to know she won't have to do it alone.

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DWF, 44, financially secure, professional musician, sexy, classy, blonde/blue, romantic. Seeking an outgoing, secure, college-educated SDWM, 35-50, passion for life for a possible LTR. #1650

BEAUTIFUL SMILE
Very attractive athletic slender, degreed DWF, 49, 5'7", enjoys sports, concerts, movies, laughter. Seeking tall, athletic, healthy, degreed, sophisticated, widowed or DWM, 48-53, with sense of humor. Birmingham area. #1558

YOUNGER MAN DESIRED
For romance and interesting times. Degreed, fit, fun-loving, feisty, pretty blonde, 50s. You're N.S., sporty, savvy, educated, kind. Will enjoy travel, fine dining, movies, theater, concerts, outdoor. Call soon. #1907

SLENDER AND STYLISH
Active, independent, intelligent, ambitious, attractive, blue-eyed blonde, 40s, (looks 30s), 5'8", Birmingham home-owner, seeks professional, witty, fit, handsome, unencumbered male counterpart, 6+, for extreme fun, romance, and adventure. #1811

PRETTY, 45, NO KIDS
Bright, sweet, playful DWF, 5'8", 275lbs, curly, blonde, enjoys arts, beaches, sports, movies, reading. Seeking male friend/lover, to share time, talking, flirting, etc. #1625

SEKS CONFIDENT, SECURE MAN
Pretty, classy, slim, secure, open, hp gal, 5'7", no children, enjoys SWPM, average/attractive, trustworthy, emotionally/financially stable, fun, hip guy, 48-52, 5'8"-5'11". No games. You won't be disappointed. #1513

BUSINESS OWNER WANTED...
Very pretty, full-figured, blonde-eyed blonde SF, youthful 48, 5'8" smoker, lives in Troy, seeks warm, intelligent man for friendship. #1472

INCURABLE ROMANTIC
Energetic, pretty, kind-hearted DWF, 43, 5'2", 125lbs, brown/brown, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys walking, tennis, cooking, dining out, movies, seeks SWM, late 30s or 40s, for best friend first. LTR. #2263

LOVE IN THE NEW YEAR
Attractive, financially/romantically secure DWF, young 50, 5'4", blonde/blue, N.S. enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel and romance. Seeking handsome, sincere, caring, financially secure, compassionate SWM, 45-55, for friendship, leading to LTR. #2083

COWBOY WANTED
DWF wants a financially secure cowboy, over 50, over 5'9", weight unimportant, smoker, social drinker. Must be a two-stepper. #2053

SEEKING SENSE OF HUMOR
DWF, 43, medium build, N.S., seeks a SDWM, 43-50, N.S., employed, who likes children, outdoors, sports, for a possible LTR. #1998

GOOD THINGS/ SMALL PACKAGES
Well-packaged emotionally, spiritually and intellectually, petite DFF, charming, adventurous, passionate about life, likes the sublime to outrageous. Seeking a SM, for a monogamous relationship. #1997

FALL, ATTRACTIVE
DFF, 39, 5'8", enjoys dancing, jazz, affection. Seeking SBM, 40s, 6+, who wants more than just the physical, for LTR. Serious replies only please! #1995

52 YEAR-OLD PROFESSIONAL
Pretty, successful, humorous, charming, interesting, giving female, 52, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, fine dining, cooking, boating, loves people. Seeking someone in a successful, sincere W/M, 45-75. Please reply. #1162

GENTLY USED
Blonde lady, late 50s, 5'3", 125lbs, enjoys life. Seeking gentleman, mid-50s-60s, to enjoy life with, friends first. #1906

PRETTY NATURE LOVER
SWF, 43, 5'7", 127lbs, studying alternative medicine, enjoys growth, woods, walking, singing, natural health, laughing, speaking truth, life. I'm sporty, unique, loving. Seeking N.S. social connection SWM, 38-48, #9723

PASSION FOR LIFE
Classy, sporty, posed DWF, 59, 5'2", seeks man of integrity, 58-65, N.S., romantic and trim, to share interests which include: dancing, traveling, movies, dining out. For friendship, leading to LTR. #1908

ARE YOU READY TO SOAR...
on eagles wings? Do you believe all things are possible including finding that special someone? If you dare to believe God call and let's fly together. Seeking SBDM, 40-60, #1099

FRIENDSHIP SEARCH
SBF, college graduate, N.S. loves laughter, home movies, long drives. Seeking someone with whom to share friendship, possible LTR. #1620

THE CALL YOU WON'T REGRET
Mature, kind-hearted, quiet SBF, 22, 5'6", 160lbs, enjoys books and movies, seeks ambitious SWM, 24-30, for friendship first, possible LTR. #1628

WANT TO FALL IN LOVE?
SWF, 38, brown/hazel, enjoys cooking, going up North, boating, dancing, seeks humorous, trustworthy, sensitive, physically fit, Catholic SWM, 35-40, 6+, N.S. for friendship, possible LTR. #1655

TAKE A CHANCE
Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining out, animals, walking, swimming, works part-time, free to spend with loving, caring white gentleman, 60s. #1657

WHERE ARE YOU?
Employed, active DWF, 59, 5'4", 145lbs, with varied interests, has searched far and wide for a SWM interested in LTR. I haven't found you yet. #1595

SHARE MY LIFE
Early, easygoing, independent, creative, young-at-heart SWF, 46, 5'10", enjoys antiquies, animals, and log cabins. Seeking affectionate, secure gentleman, 6+, who enjoys the outdoors. #1597

EXPRESSIVE
Youthful, active, energetic, outgoing SBF, 58, 5'9", seeks to meet SWM with similar traits for friendship possible relationship. #1536

MOVIE BUFF
SWPM, 39, 5'11", N.S., with no children, enjoys the arts, tennis, travel, walking and bookstores. Seeking SWF, 32-45, with similar interests. #1592

NEW TO REDFORD
Tall, affectionate, attractive SWM, 28, 6'5", 240lbs, brown/blue, nice physique, enjoys working out, cooking, outdoors, sports, movies, music. Seeking SWF, 21-35, looks unimportant, for companionship and fun times together. #2266

SEEKING AN ANGEL
Attractive SWPM, 36, 5'6", N.S., ND, fit, financially stable, never married, no dependents, enjoys a variety of activities. Seeking SWF, similar qualities, for friendship. Possible LTR. #2173

HAPPY NEW YEAR WITH YOU
Fit, handsome, honest, open-minded SBM, 35, 5'11", seeks like-minded SF, race open. Respond to this ad and make both our days...or more! #2085

KIND...
sincere SWM, 37, enjoys music, movies, laughter, and spectator sports. Seeking SWF, 27-38, for friendship, possible LTR. Kindness, honesty, and straightforwardness are important. #1106

PLEASURES OF LIFE
Double swiss mocha, bookstore browsing, warm cozy nights, afternoon matinee, walk in the park, chicken salad on rye, Dr. Brown cream soda. SWM, 46, seeks slim, spiritual SWF, soulmate, 30-45. #2177

WANTED...BEST FRIEND/LOVER
Nice-looking SWM, 46, 5'11", 180lbs, enjoys most things, just lacking that special someone. She's attractive, warm-hearted, honest, and loyal, age open, smoker, ok. Wayne/Westland area. #2172

TALK TO MY DAD
Warm, fun, sensitive, down-to-earth DWM, 40, 5'7", brown/hazel, custodial parent of two, social drinker, enjoys cooking, Cedar Point, camping, socializing. Seeking DWF, with kids, for companionship, serious relationship. West Bloomfield. #2272

ROY ROGERS SEEKS DALE EVANS
Horseman seeks horsewoman SWM, 42, 6', 230lbs, beard, vegetarian, N.S. loves horses, animals, canoeing, nature, poetry. Looking for fun, romance, adventure. I'm open, humorous, sincere, down-to-earth. #2265

TAKE A CHANCE
French, widowed female, teaches at home 3 days a week, seeks kind, widowed or DWM, with good moral character, who likes to dine out, go dancing for friendship, possible relationship. #2000

SEEKING SOULMATE
SM, 63, seeks kindred soul with SF person attached. He spans-speaking, intelligent, cultured, sensitive, imperfect, attractive, healthy, sensual, agnostic, loves music, the arts, hiking, dancing, poetry and romance. #2264

A QUALITY GUY
Sincere, romantic DWM, 52, 5'10", seeks honest woman with sense of humor, for dining out, (at) concerts, dancing, plays, weekend getaways, travel. Seeking special friend to share quality times with. #2260

STARTING OVER
Honest, hard-working, old-fashioned SWM, 37, 6'2", 175lbs, black/brown, enjoys sports, music, movies, quiet evenings at home. Seeking old-fashioned, honest, attractive, SDWF, 25-40, for LTR. Children ok. #1989

OUTGOING
Good-looking SWPM, 29, 5'10", 155lbs, with dark hair and eyes, enjoys sports, evening, traveling, conversation, working out, rollerblading, humor, and much more. Seeking an outgoing and fun woman. #1722

VERY ATTRACTIVE
SWM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, very outgoing, professionally employed, seeks attractive SWF, 18-35, HW proportionate. Must be outgoing and enjoy sports. #1904

SINGLE IN DETROIT
Honest, down-to-earth SBM, mid-30s, would like to meet special SBF, 25-45, for friendship, possible relationship. Like movies, concerts, special times together. #1286

TALL AND ATTRACTIVE
Humorous, attractive SWM, 37, 6'4", seeks attractive SWF, 27-40, who enjoys comedies, movies, walking, or just fun. Plymouth area. #1815

SINCERE FIRST TIMER
Shy, sincere SWM, 29, 6', 150lbs, brown/blue, art student, enjoys running, movies. Seeking sweet, honest SWF, 27-31, N.S., with great sense of humor, similar interests, for friendship first, possible LTR. #1901

ONE-WOMAN MAN
Good-looking professional DWM, N.S. enjoys golf, movies, and cruising. Seeking female, 35-47, N.S. for possible relationship. #2175

ASIAN FEMALE WANTED
Down-to-earth, intelligent, passionate, honest, very giving, sincere SWM, 35, extremely fit, knows how to treat a lady, loves kids. Seeking slim, soft, feminine, sweet-hearted, SBF, soulmate. For monogamous LTR. #1714

AFFECTIONATE GENTLEMAN
Kind, caring, loving, easygoing SWM, 31, 5'8", medium build, dark brown/blue, N.S. social drinker, whose interests include: bowling, boating, cooking, camping, snowmobiling, seeks female, 18-35, kids ok. #2261

LOVE IS REAL
SHM, 43, 5'8", 170, no kids, creative, passionate, likes art and nature. Seeking a pretty or cute SWF, 29-39, with no kids, for true love, romance and friendship. #2176

DEAR FRIEND
Fit, lonely DWM, 47 years young, 5'7", enjoys movies, dining, running, bowling, seeks #1 girl, 35-47, N.S. Slimmed up, build a plus. #2087

LOTS TO OFFER
Humorous, yet intellectual, outgoing active SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys outdoor activities, reading, writing, theater, and movies. Seeking N.S. friend, outgoing SDWF, 35-45, petite to medium build, for possible relationship. #2538

LOVELY IN GARDEN CITY
SWM, 52, 5'6", 175lbs, social drinker, enjoys motorcycling, blues and quiet times. One dependent. Seeks financially secure SDWF, 35-48, with slim build and good sense of humor. Friends first. #2088

SEEKING A COMMITMENT
DWM, 58, employed, full-time, N.S., ND, drug-free, interests vary from concerts to craft shows to family outings. Seeking SWF, 40-55, for LTR. Please call me. #9544

ROMANCE, LOYALTY...
laughs and passion is what I have to offer. Italian male, 40, 6', 180lbs who loves kids, sports, family, life. seeks attractive SWF, 30-38. I want to fall madly in love. #2082

NON-SMOKER
Very active, healthy SWM, 50 years young, graduate student who is not through earning and learning. Good social skills to balance school and work load. Seeking SF. #2079

FOR X-MAS AND THEREAFTER
Semi-retired, secure, unencumbered active DWM, 61' from enjoys travel, dining out, animals, theater, travel. Seeking attractive SF, average height, slender, degreed for possible LTR. #2080

EASYGOING
Very attractive, athletic SWM, 27, 5'10", 170lbs seeks attractive, fit SWF, 23-35 who enjoys exercising, shooting, pool, movies and pin out fun and dating. LTR. #1664

UNIQUE, BALANCED...
good-looking professional SWM, 51, 5'9", homeowner, enjoys bicycling, art, music, reading, travel. Young body, mind, and soul. Sincere, active, romantic, intelligent, spontaneous, communicative, humorous. Seeking attractive, multi-dimensional, slender, soulmate. #2171

FRESH ON THE SCENE
Handsome, spiritual, humorous, athletic, kind, gentle SWM, 38, 6', 185 lbs, never married, seeks attractive woman, with good values, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. Please call. #2178

UNCLAIMED TREASURE!!!
Exceptional, practical, playful, caring, tall, handsome SWPM, 40-ish, dark, blonde/blue, blue, seeks attractive, slim SWF, under 46, N.S. with similar qualities, who's seriously interested in a relationship. See you soon. #9554

BETHOVEN IS HERE
Friendly, outgoing SWM, 26, 5'11", 170lbs, smoker, enjoys camping, fishing, hunting, bowling, movies. Seeking SWBF, 18-30, with similar interests for friendship, possible LTR. No games, please. Kids ok. #1999

PLAIN JANE OK!
Delightful, down-to-earth SWM, 43, seeks female, average/unimportant, for playful friendship and possible romance. Please call me. #1994

STARTING OVER
Hard-working, honest, sensitive, humorous DWM, 42, 5'9", 165lbs, with 2 children, enjoys cooking, outdoors, and quiet times. Seeking SDWF, 35-42, fit who enjoys children, for possible LTR. #1991

PLAY WITH ME
Fun to play with, you might become attached, lovable, affectionate DWM, 47, 5'11", you take me for walks, or show to your friends, college degree papers available upon request. #1107

HEART-OF-GOLD
Handsome, fit SWPM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, great shape, enjoys outdoors, volleyball, rock music, playing dancing, custodial dad of 12 year old son. Seeking attractive, slender, independent female, with similar interests. #1818

LIVONIA AREA
Secure SWM, 55, likes movies, sports, travel, doing quiet times. Seeking SWF, 43-55, N.S., ND for companionship to LTR. #1542

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

WEST SIDE AREA
Attractive, financially secure DWM, 46, 6'1", 185lbs, brown/blue, mustache, N.S. light drinker, enjoys traveling, movies, music of 60s. Seeking attractive, slender, honest SWF, 38-50, who's emotionally ready for LTR. #3724

BE MY PARTNER
Spiritual, growth-minded, caring, understanding, happy SWM, 41, seeks stable, proportional, open-minded SWF, 32-42. Mothers are welcome. #1990

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
SWM, 23, 5'10", 175lbs, into candles, movies, cooking, walking, camping, concerts, sports, flowers, travel, poems. Seeking SWF, 20-40, with same interests. Smoker/kids ok. #1961

LOOKING FOR MS. RIGHT
SWM, 60, 5'7", 165lbs, enjoys walks, dining out, flea markets, movies, art galleries, enjoys seeking, petite lady, 45-60, slender to medium build. #1964

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SM, 38, 5'11", 190lbs, long brown hair, N.S. social drinker, enjoys rollerblading, bowling, dancing, talking, cuddling, walking in the rain, storms. Seeking SWF with similar interests. #1965

TOSS CAUTION TO THE WIND
Athletic, articulate, attractive SWM, 24, 6'1", 190lbs, looking for slim, attractive, romantic SF, 18-24, for romantic, passionate relationship. No games. #1966

NICE GUYS FINISH LAST
Handsome DWM, 48, 6', 155 lbs, brown/blue, mustache, 2 college children, smoker, social drinker, seeks attractive, slim SWF, 40-52, for friendship. LTR. #1905

SHARE LIFE
Sincere, caring, fit, active SWM, 61, 170lbs, N.S. college graduate, foster parent, enjoys the outdoors, travel, outdoor, humor, and good conversation. Seeking retired SWF, 50s, LTR to share life adventures. #1014

FUN-LOVING
Honest SWM, 42, seeks full-figured, affectionate, adventurous SF, for fun, romantic times, travel and conversations possible LTR. All calls answered. #1903

GOOD-HEARTED
Sincere, fun, affectionate SWM, 50ish, seeks female, 45-65, who would love attention. Big smiles assured. All calls answered. Height and weight unimportant. #1899

PROBABLY NOT YOUR TYPE
DWM, 50, 5'8", 145lbs, gray/brown, smoker, boater, call lover. Seeking a companion/friend in SWF, 40-52, for possible relationship. #1900

COOCHING TOO LONG?
Me too! Let's get social for the Holi days. Handsome, hard-working, humorous SWM, 45, varied interests, seeks nice gal, who's time has come to meet her man. #1898

CHARACTER MATTERS
Thoughtful, N.S., understanding, sincerity, everyday warmth, coupled with romantic play are paramount to a quality monogamous, romantic relationship. Athletic, articulate SWPM, 6'1", seeks You, slim, trim, petite WF, for monogamous LTR. #2140

LOOKING FOR SENSITIVE LADY
Sincere, caring DWM, 40, 5'9", 175 lbs, enjoys moonlight walks, exercising, window-shopping, rollerblading, bicycling. Seeking sincere, sensitive SDWF, ND, smokers ok. HW unimportant for a long-lasting, committed relationship. #1993

DESIRES SOULMATE
Handsome DWM, 44, desires physically fit, emotionally/financially secure, essential, romantic SF, 35-50, for healthy friendship first and hopefully more. #1992

XMAS COMPANION
Blond, handsome SWM, 33, 5'9", 190lbs, looking for a Galactic SWF, 26-34, for friendship. #1957

VERY FRIENDLY
SWM, 30, seeks someone to lose weight with, I play tennis, racquetball, and use Neutrogena equipment. All calls answered. #2143

SENIORS

CALL AND FOLLOW THROUGH
Blonde, sporty, attractive, senior, widowed WF, 53', seeks SWM, 60s, ND, who likes pets, going dancing, families, nature, dining, driving. #1859

OUTGOING AND FRIENDLY
Active, widowed WF, 73, N.S. enjoys dancing, cards, traveling, looking for our going afternoons. WM, who is self-sufficient, but desires companionship. #1900

ADVENTUROUS
Passionate, romantic, widower W/M, 70, 6', 165lb, sense of humor, enjoys big hands, light drinker, enjoys traveling, fishing, Seeking passive, active WF, 60s, medium build, for living relationship. West-36. #1539

Local MAC standouts



MAC nuggets: Livonia Stevenson graduate Eric Curt (top photo, right) and Redford Catholic Central graduate Gino DiGiandomenico (bottom, right), also of Livonia, played major roles for the Bowling Green State University and Miami (Ohio) football teams, respectively. Curt earned All-Academic honors in the Mid-American Conference, starting all 11 games at offensive guard as a sophomore for BGSU, which finished 4-7 overall. DiGiandomenico, a defensive tackle, was second on Miami in sacks with three for a loss of 24 yards. The red-shirt freshman had 27 tackles, including eight for losses, and a team-high two fumble recoveries. The Redskins finished 10-1 overall and second behind Marshall in the Mid-American Conference East Division. The Redskins were overlooked for a bowl bid despite starting the season with a 13-10 victory over North Carolina, which went to the Las Vegas Bowl with a 6-5 record.



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Saturday 9 a.m. Juniors: Michael

Ligeski, 203/535; Kyle Tabaka, 206/553.
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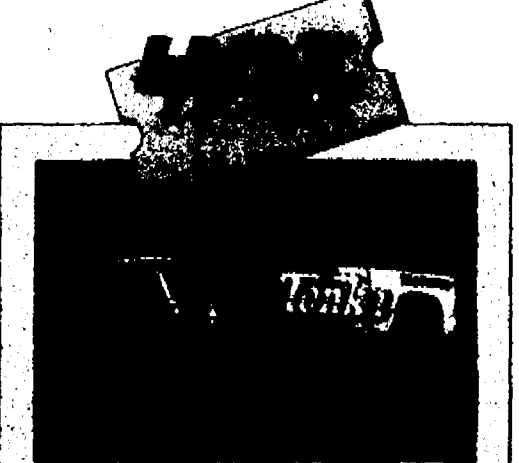


Susan Calloway celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guest Michelle Penn, 8 p.m. at Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are \$6 at Ticketmaster outlets for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com>

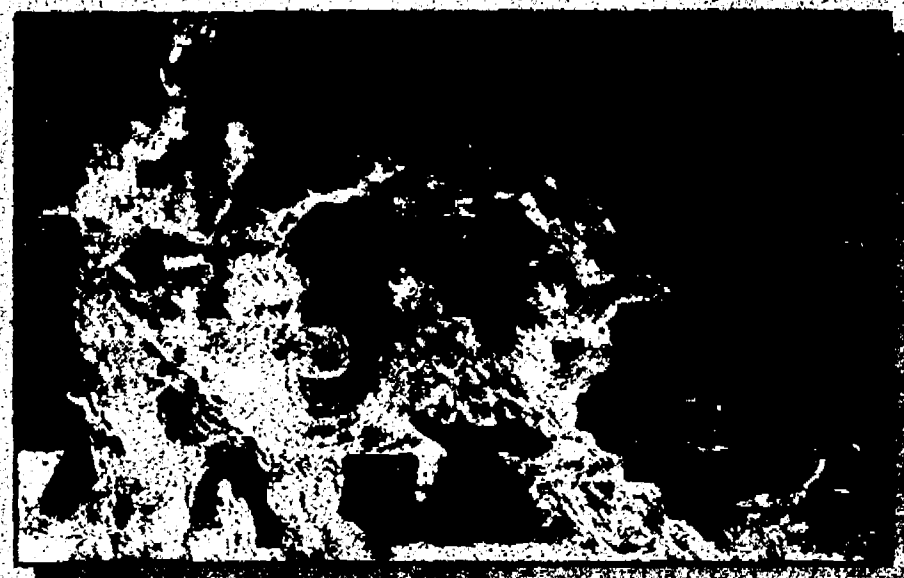
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Audrey Morgan (top) and Sylvia Carter perform as two wit and wisdom-filled centenarian sisters, Bessie and Sadie Delany in "Having Our Say," 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University. Tickets \$26.50 (2 p.m.) and \$24 (6:30 p.m.), call (248) 377-3300.



There's lots to see and do at the 1999 North American International Auto Show. Chevrolet's Tonka Truck will be one of the many concept vehicles on display. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, through Sunday, Jan. 17, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at Cobo Center in Detroit. No one will be admitted after 9 p.m. (or 6 p.m. on the last day). Tickets are free for people age 12 and under (when accompanied by parent or guardian), \$9 for people age 13-64 and \$4 for people age 65 and up. Tickets can be purchased at the door or through the show's Web site at www.naias.com.



Judges favorite: "Riding the Grey Winds," an ice sculpture carved by Peter Slavin and Marty Long of Philadelphia, won a Gold Medal in the 1998 Professional Team Competition at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. It featured a female figure and four hounds.

ICE CARVERS

FOR THE GO

By Linda Ann Cronin
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The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, by its very nature, will never grow old. New ideas by award-winning and emerging carvers insure the art of creating sculptures from ice remains an exciting spectator sport for the 750,000 visitors who come annually to watch everything from sea creatures to abstract sculptures take form.

The oldest and largest ice carving event in North America, the Spectacular pits more than 100 U.S. and Japanese carvers against each other in Plymouth's Kellogg Park and the Central Parking Structure Jan. 15-17. Sanctioned by the American Culinary Federation, the competitions award \$10,000 in prize money and scholarships. In addition to amateur and professional carvers, students from Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills; Schoolcraft College, Livonia; Henry Ford, Macomb and Monroe Community Colleges, and local high schools will compete.

"The show is really all new every year," said Mike Watts, Spectacular coordinator. "The medium being what it is, it's a fleeting material which is around, depending on the weather, for a brief time."

Using a power saw to cut a large circle from a slab of ice, Canton carver Ted Wakar warms up for the competitions by creating dozens of sculptures to be placed in front of businesses during the Plymouth International Ice Spec-

ular Wednesday-Monday, Jan. 13-18. Wakar will compete in the 20-hour professional team category with J.R. Lorentz of Garden City. The two won first place at the Miesel Sysco Food Show in September in Novi. An award winning carver, Wakar and partner Jim Bur, Jr., a graduate of Livonia's Churchill High School, won the world championship in Japan in 1996 and competed at the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan in January. With weather in the sin-

gle digits, Lorentz, Wakar and Bur, Jr. work to fill the refrigerated truck parked behind Wakar's Frozen Images Studio in Plymouth's Old Village with the street sculptures. Bur, Jr., a manager at Bozell Worldwide in Southfield, competes in the professional individual category.

"Winning is only a part of it," said Wakar, a product manager at Ford Motor Co. and former executive chef at World Headquarters in Dearborn. "For many of us, it's an escape from our day to day lives. It's a way to express an inner part of ourselves. It's baring your soul and opening yourself up for criticism."

Spectators never seem to tire of watching competitors chisel and chainsaw their way through the 300 pound blocks of ice. In the early years, most of the carvers who competed were chefs. A percentage of the competitors still work in the culinary field but more and more professional ice carvers and those who just like to compete are taking part in the

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Figurative fantasy: Ohio carver Aaron Costic took top prize in the professional individual category at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular in January 1998.

PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE SCULPTURE SPECTACULAR

WHAT: A free winter festival featuring ice carving competitions for professionals, amateurs, and high school and college students, a Fantasyland displaying dozens of wild and crazy bugs carved from ice, celebrity charity carving event, a 24-hour light show, a Plymouth Whalers ice skating party, and a warming area in the Masonic Lodge on Penniman. Virtual Engineering and Frozen Images Studio of Plymouth will create a working timepiece from ice. Have Train, Will Travel, a Farmington Hills business, will provide the electric trains running through some of the displays in Fantasyland in The Gathering.

WHEN: Open 24 hours a day from Wednesday, Jan. 13 to Monday, Jan. 18 in downtown Plymouth. For more information or directions, call (734) 459-9157 or <http://www.oeonline.com/plymouthice/>

WHERE: Kellogg Park, The Gathering and Central Parking Structure in downtown Plymouth.

POPULAR MUSIC

Al Hill takes his time for 'Willie Mae'

By Christina Fuoco
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Blues singer/boogie woogie pianist Al Hill has been told for years that he should put his music to CD.

"I just kept saying, 'soon,'" Hill said with a laugh.

Then when he and the Love Butlers' debut CD "Willie Mae" was released late last year, he realized what a good idea it was.

"When you make a record, when it takes that long to make, you lose perspective. There were times when I loved the record, times when I thought this was no good, and times when you put it out and you just don't know anymore," Hill explained.

"The response that I've gotten has gone way past what I would have hoped for. Maybe I should hope higher."

More than 500 people showed up to his CD release party at the Cavern Club in Ann Arbor and he sold 120 CDs that night.

"The people have been just so cool with it. I think it's sincere. It's not just your friends saying, 'Nice job.'"

Public radio stations including WDET-FM and WEMU-FM have added songs from "Willie Mae" to its playlist. The same for a blues and jazz station in Los Angeles.

It's been a long road for Hill, a lifelong Ann Arbor resident. He attended Pioneer High School before transferring to the first alternative school in Ann Arbor, the Free School, which has since been known as Earth Works and Community High School.

As a sophomore in high school in the early 1970s, Hill and his brothers, who played guitar and bass, collaborated with a drummer friend to perform at roadhouses and honky tonks in and around Ann Arbor.

"I haven't really done my own thing until this band," Hill said of the Love Butlers. "I've been in a ton of different bands. The one that had the most notoriety is Jeanne and the Dreams."

In the mid-80s, Hill treated Jeanne and the Dreams as a side project to his Al Hill and the Headlights. But before that project got off the ground, Jeanne and the Dreams took off.

"I ended up doing that band for a number of years. It was only when that folded that I decided to get started doing my own thing and doing some writing. This band is the closest I've ever come to realizing my own musical vision," he explained.

Starting his own band, Hill explained, was also due to technological advances.

"I've always played blues and boogie piano and it wasn't until sometime in the last 10 years that the technology was there to have a decent 88-key piano that I could feel comfortable playing music on. Maybe that's why I played guitar so much."

In the meantime, Hill's voice was frequently heard on WCSX-FM, the clas-



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

Boogie down: Al Hill and the Love Butlers are celebrating the release of their debut CD "Willie Mae."

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Finally on CD: Boogie-woogie piano player/blues singer Al Hill and his Love Butlers have finally preserved their sound on CD in "Willie Mae."

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sic rock radio station.

"I used to sing a lot of demos for WCSX. If you ever heard 'Isiah and the Bad Boys' when the Pistons were winning, I sang some of that. I did 'Red Wings Be Good' when the Red Wings thought they were doing something. I did 'Ballpark Blues' about Tiger Stadium," he said.

"I did other studio work and some other jingles and played on some other people's albums around here. But to do your own record is a whole 'nother ball game. I also produced it ('Willie Mae') which was a hat that I had not worn."

Hill and the Love Butlers recorded "Willie Mae" with engineer Geoff Michael at Big Sky Recording and Solid Sound studios for 1-1/2 years with a revolving group of musicians. One musician left the band because his wife had twins, another, he suspects, got tired of waiting.

"It took a long time. It took over a year and a half. Part of that was because I financed it myself with loans from various people. When I had the money, I worked on it. When I didn't have money, I just sat there," he said with a chuckle.

"It started out as a band pro-

ject but before too long it was my own project. I had had a handful of songs that I went in to record. Since it took a year and a half, there was also some writing going on. It really evolved from when I started to when it came out."

There were times, Hill admitted, when he was stumped lyrically. When that happened, he knew he could rely on his wife Whit, a former choreographer.

"She's pretty quick with them. She's a very prolific writer. I'm the tortoise and she's the hare. When it comes to putting together pop songs that can take a year or so. Sometimes a song will come out when I'm driving down the road. I'll sing a complete verse and have a song by the end of the day."

"To be honest, this album wouldn't have happened the way that it happened without her input."

Hill is anticipating a return to the studio sometime this year. But for now he wants to work "Willie Mae" "for awhile."

"I have a friend who plays with Lee Rocker, who used to be in the Stray Cats. He does side gigs too and he's working on getting me into B.B. King's club."

"I was just hoping to make a splash with this one. Now I feel like avenues are opening. Who knows what could happen with it."

Al Hill and The Love Butlers, and special guest the Blue Rays, perform at 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$5 for the 21 and older show. For more information, call (734) 213-6000. Other upcoming shows include: 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Thursdays Jan. 21 and 28, at the Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. The 21 and older show is free. (734) 213-1393 or <http://www.arborbrewing.com>; and 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190.

"Willie Mae" is available at all Harmony House stores, Desirable Discs in Ferndale, Switched On in Novi, Flipside Records in Clawson, the Beat Hotel in Berkley, Off the Record in Royal Oak, Repeat the Beat stores in Dearborn and Royal Oak, Dearborn Music in Dearborn, and independent record stores in Ann Arbor.

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Spectacular.

This year's judges are Dean Carlson of Florida; certified executive chef Roland Czekelios, Vermont, and Dan Hugelier and Joe Decker, chef instructors at Schoolcraft College.

"As an art form, ice carving is in its youth," said Wakar. "I try to utilize the knowledge other artists use while creating something that's challenging to us. If we can perform it properly, we hope the judges will find it as interesting as we do."

Lorentz carves ice for a living. J.R.'s Ice Sculptures provides ice punch bowls, sculptures and carving blocks for weddings, bridal showers, banquets, parties, and corporate promotions in the tri-county area. A 1995 graduate of the ice carving program directed by Richard Teeple at Henry Ford Community College, Lorentz shows dozens of photographs taken of a bronze sculpture on which he and Wakar will pattern their carving. As with most of the competitors, they want to keep the design a secret.

"It's real daring because most of the weight of the sculpture is off center," said Lorentz.

Dueling planes

Dan Huntsbarger will be practicing his carving techniques in front of the Moveable Feast in Ann Arbor. Huntsbarger owns the restaurant so no one can complain about the whirring power saw as he carves two World War I bi-planes from 20 blocks of ice. Formerly executive chef and general manager of the Gandy Dancer, Huntsbarger first learned the art of ice carving while a student at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde

Park, New York. He's competed in Plymouth for more than 10 years and this year enters the professional team competition with partner John Hosford. He'll practice cold and warm weather designs in front of the restaurant housed in an 1870s Victorian home on weekends until the Plymouth competition.

"Ice carving was done originally for buffet use," said Huntsbarger. "Then they started to compete and that's when the level of ice carving skills increased. Now there are competitions all over the country and lots of talented carvers. I do it because it's quite relaxing, and for the fun of carving. If you enjoy art at all, it's an interesting medium to work with."

While the competitions last only three days, the Spectacular offers six days to view ice sculptures, including a Fantasyland displaying dozens of wild and crazy bugs. A celebrity charity carving event, 24-hour light show, a middle school art design contest sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, a working timepiece created from ice by Virtual Engineering and Frozen Images Studio of Plymouth, and electric trains from Have Trains, Will Travel of Farmington Hills add to the excitement of the free winter festival. There's free parking in the Central Parking Structure and Central Middle School's lot but be prepared to walk a few blocks.

Family fun

Watts proudly displays the letters and drawings he received from a class of third graders from Westview Elementary in Warren after they attended the

Spectacular in January.

"Seeing the families come out and the kids get excited, is the most rewarding part of the festival for me," said Watts, who is currently in negotiations with the 2002 Winter Olympics Committee in Salt Lake City to bring ice carving to the event. "It's the most interesting and unique family festival in the U.S. in winter. I don't know of any major family activity today that's free. We have to start three to four weeks in advance with the street carvings. The carvers usually surprise me with the subjects they choose to carve. We really want people to be surprised."

Michigan residents aren't the only ones interested in the festival. Last year, the Spectacular's internet site received over 50,000 hits from the United Kingdom, Australia, Japan, Germany, Canada, France, South Korea, Israel, Denmark, and the rest of the U.S.

"The internet's a boon for us because we can give people directions and a schedule of the competitions and events," said Watts. "We had a couple of freak warmings, and were trying to keep it alive. We've been fortunate to have cold weather the last eight years, and support from the community and sponsors but ice has gotten more expensive, labor has gotten more expensive. We're going to have to raise more money. We're a non-profit foundation so we're going to be scouring the countryside for new sponsors, and we hope to increase the donations we receive from the public in the boxes in Kellogg Park and The Gathering so we can keep the festival free."

Exhibit on Detroiters at work

The Detroit Historical Museum is presenting the first 200 years of the city's history in a whole new way with "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at work 1701-1901."

"No one else tells this story of Detroit's history," said Maud Margaret Lyon, director of the Detroit Historical Museum. "This new exhibit is a dramatic improvement of what has been shown previously."

The Detroit Historical Museum,

on the corner of Woodward and Kirby in Detroit's Cultural Center, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Admission is \$3 adults, \$1.50 for seniors and children ages 12-18, and free for children under 12.

"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work" includes the following sections:

■ Introduction - A new interactive map of the Great Lakes region illustrates major exploration routes into the area with emphasis on the route used by Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac when he founded Detroit in 1701.

■ The First People - Story of the Native American people in the Detroit area before Cadillac, and how they lived. It includes artifacts from the museum's collections.

■ Furs, Forts and Fire - Covers the period from 1701 to 1825 and addresses Cadillac's arrival, the growth of the village of Detroit, the first of 1805 and the Woodward plan to reshape the city, the Moran Trading Post, and french farming techniques. An interactive video presentation "Early Detroiters," features a cross section of settlers from the era.

■ City of Commerce, 1825-1865 - This section illustrates the growth that took place from 1825 to 1865, as improved transportation via steamship and train brought more people from a variety of cultures to Detroit. A touch-screen interactive called "From Many Places" explains why and when people from many ethnic backgrounds settled in the city. The first industries in the city and the people responsible for them are also profiled.

■ City of Industry - Displays the stories of prominent industrialists and their companies. It

also features a new interactive video "Working in Detroit." The viewer selects a character and sees a short story on that individual's role in late 19th century Detroit. Roles of men and women of various ethnic backgrounds are presented.

■ Heavy Industry - Using photos, graphics, large photographic backdrops and artifacts, this section shows the national impact and prominence of Detroit's major industries in the 1890s, including the manufacturing of railroad cars, ships, and stoves. A video theater in this area shows an overview of the entire exhibit.

■ Making Goods for Detroiters - Sanders, Kresge's, Stroh's, Hudson's and Parke-Davis, are all Detroit institutions that came into prominence in post-Civil War Detroit. This display explains how these and other famous Detroit products and businesses were born.

■ The City Where Life is Worth Living - This was the slogan for Detroit in the 1890s. This section features an interactive street map of the era in which viewers push buttons to light a picture of a Detroit landmark and see a corresponding light at its location on the map.

■ Ready to be the Motor City - As the 20th century dawned, Detroit stood poised to become the Automotive Capital of the World. This display looks at the connection between Detroit's 1890s industries and automobile manufacturing, as well as the innovators who helped move the city into the "car culture" - Henry Leland, Henry Ford, and Ransome Olds.

■ In Business for a Century - This section of the exhibit is devoted to Detroit businesses that have been in continuous operation for 100 years or more.

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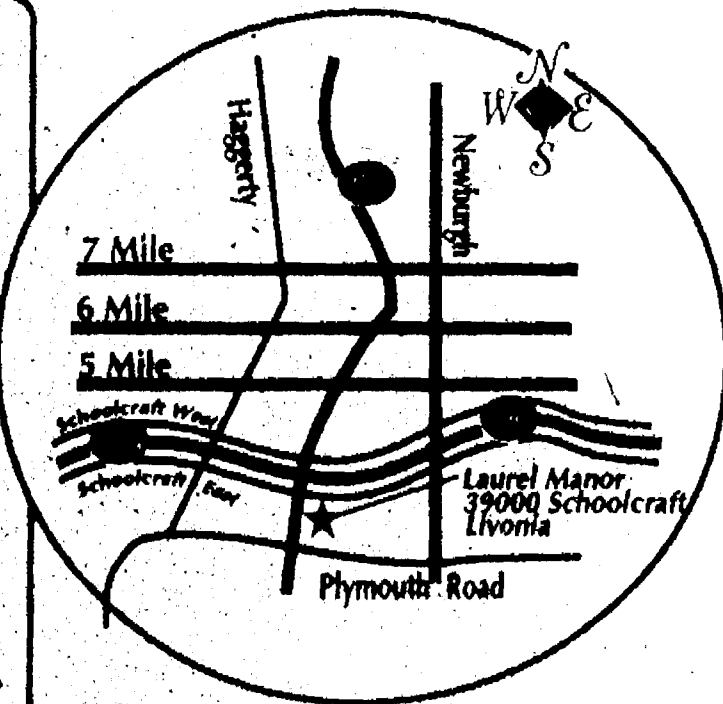
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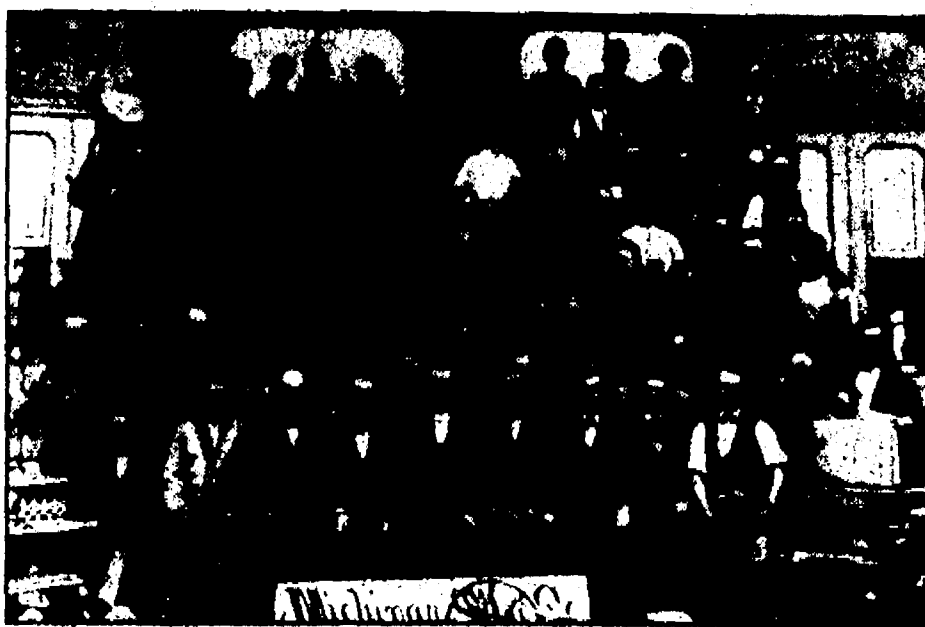
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Stove capital: Workers at the Michigan Stove Company in 1872 pose for a photograph. This image tells just one of many stories in the new "Frontiers to Factories" exhibit, now open at the Detroit Historical Museum. Before it was known as the Motor City, Detroit was known as stove making capital of the world.

Livonia Philharmonic continues 40-year tradition

The Livonia Philharmonic of Michigan is open to students through age 18. It is requested that members take private lessons, demonstrate competency and who a deep personal interest in musicianship. Rehearsals continue 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, January through May at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Auditions will be held Saturday, Jan. 16. Call (734) 591-7649 or (248) 476-6341 to schedule an audition appointment.

BY THERESA CAVANAUGH
SPECIAL WRITER

On most Saturdays from September to May, 120 families from 22 communities, travel to Livonia to participate in the weekly rehearsal with the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan. By 8:55 a.m., the family car curls along the drive in front of Churchill High School on the corner of Newburgh and Joy Road. Car doors open and passengers ranging in age from four through 19 step out. Juggling a music case in one hand and sheet music in the other, they hurry up to glass doors and maneuver their way inside.

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is based on a youth orchestra program that was founded in Livonia 40 years ago. The non-profit organization is designed to further the music

education and talent of its members. Participants audition for placement into one of three orchestras or the Flute Choir.

Unpacking their instruments, students in the Concert Strings Orchestra, leave their cases scattered about the floor. By 9 a.m. the students find their seat in the traditional arch of an orchestra and they face their conductor, Timario Wilkins.

The Concert String Orchestra is rehearsing the "Canon in G" composed by Pachelbel. There is a big of boggle in the second violin section and Wilkins counts out, "2 and 3 and 4 and," he paces them, then, "stronger seconds" he encourages. Responding, the second violins catch up and return a bigger sound.

"Great job to third violins on the C sharp, but you guys," Wilkins points to the first violin section with his baton, "you're rushing at 36, take it a little slower."

Instruments and bows are poised; the cue is given, play resumes. The students play a few measures and Wilkins stops them. Addressing the first violins, Wilkins reminds them, "you are playing as one person, stay together."

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan strives to teach students to listen and watch each other. To react to each other and communicate to

each other across the orchestra. While it is important to read music, to learn what the symbols are, the students are encouraged to get their heads out of the score. It is important to instill in the students the need to play beyond the notes and find the real music in the piece.

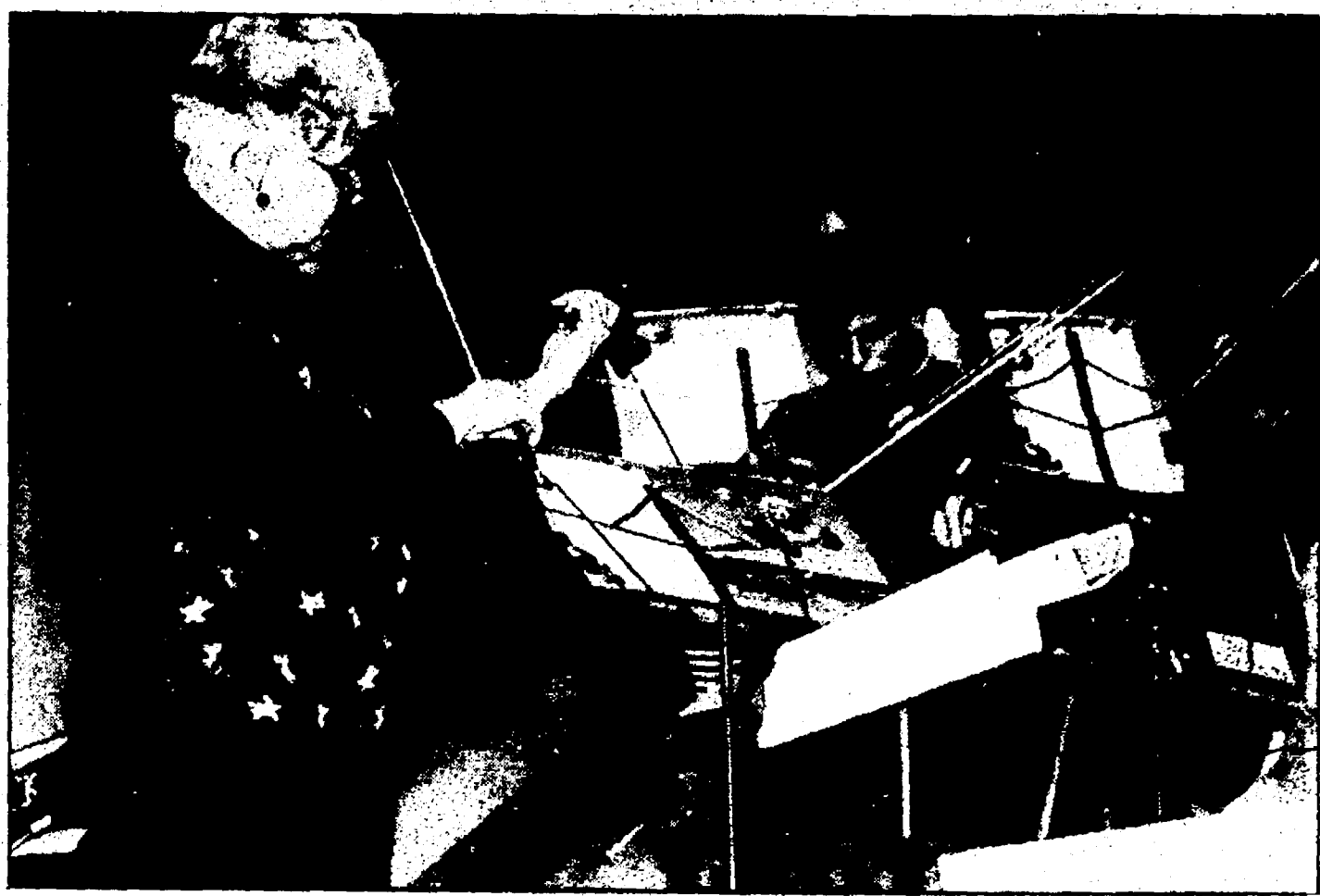
In room G-16, Derek Weller, conductor of the Philharmonic Orchestra, makes a dramatic lunge to his left. The movement prompts the first violins into action. Student eyes dart back and forth, from conductor to music. Quickly, they scan the notes, transposing spots on a page into sounds that harmonize and become a melody.

Weller has some definite ideas about how students learn music. "It's a lot like learning to speak," he said. "When you were very little no one sat you down and said, 'this is a verb or that is a noun; you just grew up hearing the words. Eventually, your words become sentences and you are communicating. The real study of language comes years after you begin using it. Music is like language, in that a person can play or sing musically years before understanding that those black dots on a page are symbols for a sound."

The orchestra plays the opening strains of Verdi's "Aida" with a vigor that belies the early morning hour. The sound is big. One would suspect an adult orchestra is playing. Instead, the Philharmonic includes students whose ages range from 10 through 18 years.

Weller is quick to underscore the importance of music education for very young students. "Not every child who studies music will become a professional musician," he said. "But every child who studies music will grow to understand something about it and support it as an adult."

Weller is the principal bass and performs with the Michigan Opera Theater. He also teaches the double bass at Eastern Michigan University, is a sub in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and gives private instruction to students studying the bass, but he keeps Saturday morning open for the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan.



Strings: Conductor Julia Kurtyka works with students in the Advanced Strings Orchestra, including Trae McMaken, Maureen Case and Tara Stanley.

Julia Kurtyka is Executive Director of the Plymouth Symphony and conducts the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan's youngest participants in the Advanced Strings Orchestra. Some of these children began music lessons at the age of two, and some are preteens just discovering music, and are beginning string students.

"It is important to provide a solid foundation for young children studying music right from the start," she said. Kurtyka advises parents to provide the best teachers they can in an attempt to avoid their children learning improper techniques and bad posture.

"As most parents of small children know, it is difficult to break a bad habit," she said. "If children learn the wrong fingering techniques it can be very frustrating for both the child and the teacher to reestablish the correct

form."

Linda Ignagni the organization's string specialist agrees, "as important as quality instruction is, another key factor in music education is the instrument." With small children the size of the instrument is everything, not necessarily the grade of the instrument. It should fit the child and not be too large or too small for the student."

Ignagni visits each string orchestra every Saturday. She spends her time adjusting and tuning the younger student's instruments.

Often working at the direction of the conductors, Ignagni will coach students individually or in small groups. "It can be very intimidating for students to come into a group like the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan and be give a large, imposing piece of music to read,"

Wilkins points out. "At the first run through the piece is awful and the students insist they can't play it. What is wonderful about music is how it is studied. We break it down into smaller pieces and study it measure by measure. Not only does difficult music become manageable, but the students get an immediate boost of confidence. They end the rehearsal feeling better about themselves because they know even though the piece is hard they can work it out."

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is an independent youth music organization designed to complement existing school programs by developing ensemble performance skills.

Theresa Cavanaugh is immediate past president of the board of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan.



Festive flutes: Conductor Dennis Carter rehearses with Flute Choir members Danielle Morton, Adrienne Walker and Kaylie Newill.

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MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"Having Our Say," continues through Jan. 31 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. (248) 377-3300

OPERA

RENEE FLEMING
Soprano performs with pianist Helen Yorke, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$14, \$26, \$30 and \$40. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>.

VIDA MILMANTOS
Opera singer performs with pianist Tatyana Zat, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Free. (248) 967-4030

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE
"Scapin," in rotating repertory to Feb. 3; Charles Dickens classic "A Tale of Two Cities," runs in rotating repertory to March 4, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

THE ACTORS' COMPANY
"Agnes of God," John Pielmeier's gripping adult drama, Jan. 8-10, 15-16, and 22-23, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, between I-275 and Haggerty, Livonia. \$15. (248) 988-7032

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Deathtrap," a mystery thriller, Jan. 8-10, 15-17 and 22-23, 8 p.m. evenings, 2 p.m. Sunday matinees, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$12, \$10 children ages 18 and younger. (248) 644-2075

NOVI THEATRES' PERFORMANCE PLUS
Performs "A One-Act Festival" of plays including "Who Calls?" a turn-of-the-century English mystery, the comedy "Who Am I This Time?" an emotional drama "Trifles," and the hilarious new "Radio TBS," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi. \$8, \$7 in advance. (248) 347-0440

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS
"The View from Here," a comedy a woman trapped in her house by agoraphobia, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 8-9, 15-16 and 22-23, and 3 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 17 and 24. \$11, \$10 seniors/students at Sunday performances. (248) 988-7049

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABBRACCI! ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE
"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

SPECIAL EVENTS

BEANNE BABY SHOW
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$5, \$2 kids ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

DETROIT SOCIETY FOR GENEOLOGICAL RESEARCH
Presents a special program consisting of a tour through the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at the museum, Warren and Frederick Douglas avenues, Detroit. Limited to 100 people, pre-registration is required. (734) 722-6305

MARTIN LUTHER KING BREAKFAST
With guest speaker Anthony Lauro, son of slain civil rights worker Viola Lauro, and a children's choir, 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15, the Student Center Arena of Highland Lake campus of



All-wheel drive: The 1999 Chevrolet Astro, the official vehicle of the U.S. Ski Team, is just one of the vehicles on display at the 1999 North American International Auto Show. The show is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, through Sunday, Jan. 17, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at Cobo Center in Detroit. No one will be admitted after 9 p.m. (or 6 p.m. on the last day). Tickets are free for people age 12 and under (when accompanied by parent or guardian), \$9 for people age 13-64 and \$4 for people age 65 and up. Tickets can be purchased at the door or through the show's Web site at www.naias.com

Oakland Community College, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. \$8. (248) 360-3186

METRO-DETROIT WOODWORKING SHOW

Features demonstration and sales of machinery, power and hand tools and supplies, seminars, free workshops and more, noon to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 and until 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi. \$7, children age 12 and under free. (800) 826-8257

PINK FLOYD LASER SPECTACULAR
7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17 in advance, \$19 day of show; \$22 for reserved seating. First show, all ages, second show 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE SPECTACULAR
The oldest and largest ice carving event in North America features professional and amateur competitors awarding over \$10,000 in prize money, a free family winter festival with celebrity charity carving competition, the artwork of Lloyd Ostendorf, and skating party, Wednesday-Monday, Jan. 13-18 in downtown Plymouth. (734) 459-9157 or visit the Internet site at <http://www.iceonline.com/plymouthice/>

SCHOOLKIDS AUCTION
Silent and live auctions of Schoolkids Records memorabilia, hosted by Matt Watroba and Mr. B, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$5. All ages. (734) 761-1451

FAMILY EVENTS

DOUG COTLER
The singer/songwriter and Grammy Award winning composer performs insightful and humorous songs about Jewish events and hopes for families, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. \$5, \$8 non-members. (248) 661-7649

"GREASE ON ICE"
Starring Nancy Kerrigan as Sandy, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 and 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$40, \$27.50 and \$17.50. (248) 645-6666

MAGICIAN WALT SMITH
Performs feats of magic for the Kids Concert (ages 4-10 years old), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022

CHAMPIONS ON ICE
Features Michelle Kwan, Todd Eldredge, Elvis Stojko, Oksana Baiul, Phillippe Candeloro, Brian Boitano, Surya Bonaly, Elizabeth Punsalan & Jerod Swallow, Rudy Galindo, Viktor Petrenko, and Nicole Bobek, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 24, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. Tickets: \$55, \$40 and \$25. (248) 645-6666, (313) 983-6606 or www.ticketmaster.com

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALS
Presents "National Federation of Music Clubs Day" with performances by soprano Kaye Rittinger, pianist Marian Siatczynski, and an instrumental trio of Sylvia Starkman, oboe, Patricia Snyder, bassoon and Claudia Hook, viola, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at The Community House, 360 South Bates Street, Birmingham. \$2. (248) 475-5978

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Pianist Boris Berman begins the DSO's complete cycle of Beethoven Piano Concertos with a performance of the composer's Fifth Concerto for piano, subtitled the "Emperor," DSO concertmaster Emmanuelle Boisvert, principal second violin Geoffrey Applegate, and acting principal cello Marcy Chanteux will be featured in Handel's Concerto Grosso, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$13 to \$63. (313) 576-5111

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
An ensemble of seven orchestra members perform classical chamber, jazz and pop music, LSO president Robert Bennett gives a short talk on orchestra operations, conductor Volodymyr Schesliuk talks following the program, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. Free for Friends of Library, all others by purchasing a \$5 membership. (734) 464-2741

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
Winter Movie Series begins with Sean Connery and Robert Shaw in "From Russia With Love," 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8 (organ overture by Ron Reseligh at 7:30 p.m.), and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 (organ overtures start 30 minutes earlier), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

POPS/SWING

CANTON STEPHEN DUBOY
With pianist Marty Mandelbaum, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Jaffe Hall, Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Luncheon at noon. \$2.25, reservations by Friday, Jan. 15. (248) 967-4030

"BERSHWIN SING AND UNSUNG"
With American soprano Dana Hencherd and Broadway musical

theater star Ted Keegan, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$20 and \$35. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS
1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, as part of the Detroit Rockers game, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Admission charge. (248) 645-6666; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (western swing)

AUDITIONS /CALL FOR ARTISTS

AVON PLAYERS
Open auditions for five women, nine girls and one male for Lillian Hellman's adult drama "The Children's Hour," 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10 and 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. For performances March 5-7, 12-14 and 18-20. (248) 280-0206

FRANKLIN VILLAGE BAND
Invites all adult musicians from southeastern Michigan "to get your instruments out of storage and start playing again." All instruments welcome, but there is a special need for clarinets and flutes. Rehearse Monday evenings in the social hall of Franklin Community Church on Franklin Road, (between 13 and 14 Mile Roads) just west of Telegraph. Call Bill Prisk (248) 474-8869 or Bob Zimmerman (313) 535-4119 for details.

BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP
Invites women who read music and enjoy singing to join the group. Founded 40 years ago, group members are women who enjoy rehearsing and performing a variety of music including light classical, show tunes and seasonal favorites. Rehearse Monday evenings February-June in Southfield. Call Jane Miller (248) 642-3216 or Katie Parcels (313) 640-0123.

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
Auditions for two casts for the musical "Jack and the Beanstalk," be prepared to sing and read from script, no appointment necessary, auditions will be taken as they arrive, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, January 10, at the Historic Players Club, 3321 East Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall, Detroit. For performances Saturdays-Sundays from Feb. 27 to May 24 at the Historic Players Club. (810) 662-8118

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC OF MICHIGAN
Open auditions for the orchestra 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, the Livonia Youth Philharmonic provides orchestral instruction and performance opportunities for all wind and

string music students from elementary through high school, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. (734) 591-7649/(248) 476-8341

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY
Rehearsals 7:15 p.m. Mondays, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. "Mass In G" by Schubert, and "Chichester Psalms" by Bernstein will be performed. Scores may be purchased for \$7 and \$9, respectively. No auditions required. (734) 455-8353

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR
Auditions for experienced singers of all voice parts, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 12 and 19, in the Forum Building, Room 530 on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. To schedule audition, call (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS
Auditions for ages five and up for the music "The Fabulous Fable Factory," 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday, Jan. 10-12, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 North Sheldon, at Junction, Plymouth. Participation fee due upon casting, \$100 members, \$125 nonmembers. (734) 416-4278

ZAMIR CHORALE OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT
The Independent Jewish choir holds auditions for all voice parts during open rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the Agency for Jewish Education, 21550 W. 12 Mile, Southfield. (313) 861-8990/(248) 851-8560

CHORAL

"THE GOSPEL AT COLONUS"
With J.D. Steele and Jevetta Steele, Clarence Fountain and The Blind Boys of Alabama, The Original Soul Stirrers, the Rev. Earl Miller and The Duke Ellington Centennial Choir, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, and 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$16, \$20, \$28 and \$34. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.764-2538>

JAZZ

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Jan. 7, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

CHARLES GREEN
Performs contemporary jazz 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Ja-Da, 546 East Larned between Beaubien and St. Antoine, Detroit. (313) 965-1700

HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS
7:30-9:30 p.m. Sundays in January at the Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 416-9288, \$3 cover; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333 (vocal/piano/bass)

BETTY JOPLIN
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 8-9, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

JUBILATION RUN
The New Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club in cooperation with Steak 'N Ale presents New Orleans Jazz 3-6 p.m. beginning Saturday, Jan. 9, in the lounge at 14 Mile and I-75. \$4. (248) 588-4450/(248) 476-2674

SHEILA LANDIS
With guitarist Rick Matie, 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, The Coffee Beanery, 152 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 646-6022

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With Cary Kocher, vibes, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, with Marcus Belgrave, trumpet, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Botstorf Inn, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-4800

C.J. MORRIS
With the Back Alley Blues Band playing electric blues, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Ja-Da, 546 East Larned between Beaubien and St. Antoine, Detroit. (313) 965-1700

POPNANT PLEOSTOMUS
With Foz and James in Flames,

9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Blind Pig, 206-207 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (acid jazz/rock)

TAMMY RAFFERTY
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

GARY SCHUNK TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Jan. 14, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, Jan. 8 and 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax and vocal/piano/bass)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUSSON
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

BARBARA WARE & THE MATT MICHAELS TRIO
Part of the Birmingham Vespers series 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, First Baptist Church, corner of Willits and Bates St., one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward Ave. Free-will offering. (248) 644-0550.

WORLD MUSIC

IMMIGRANT SONS
With The Hentchmen and Fez, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (Eastern European/rock)

IMMUNITY
10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16, Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Free. 21 and older. (248) 682-2295 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

CRY, CRY, CRY
Featuring Dar Williams, Richard Shindell and Lucy Kaplansky, with special guest Cliff Eberhardt, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$21. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

THE GRUNYONS
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, the Student Center Arena of Highland Lakes campus of Oakland Community College, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. \$10, \$8 students and seniors. (248) 360-3186

JAN KRIST
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 8-9, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101

RFD BOYS
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 (bluegrass)

POETRY / SPOKEN WORD

JIM CARROLL
Author of "The Basketball Diaries" does a spoken-word performance, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance, 18 and older; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com>

"MARK TWAIN AND THE LAUGHING RIVER"
Featuring storyteller Jim Post as Mark Twain, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

DANCE

COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS
Contra Dance with live music by Peter Baker and Donna Baird, all dances taught, no partner needed, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 (open jam for stringband musicians of all levels 4-6 p.m., free), at Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 685-8863/(734) 426-0241

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Guays a Week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Christina Fuoco; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

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ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING
Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance presents a workshop and dancing with live music by David West and Donna Baird, all dances taught, previous experience and partners not required, 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

TRINITY IRISH DANCE COMPANY
8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 7-8, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$14, \$20, \$26 and \$30. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

COMEDY

"HIT MEN OF COMEDY"
Featuring D.C. Curry, Arnez J., Sheryl Underwood and hosted by Schucky Ducky, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$35. All ages. (248) 433-1515

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Kevin McPeck, Alyce Faye and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 7-9 (\$12); Moody McCarthy, Jamie Lissow and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 14-16 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Maryellen Hooper, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 8-9 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Will Durst, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 15-16 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

SECOND CITY
"Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, "The Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Media Roundtable" with a panel of African American journalists including Chuck Stokes of WXYZ-TV, Gerald Smith of Detroit Public Television, Nkenge Zola of WDET-FM, and Michael Goodin of the Michigan Chronicle, discuss the impact of Dr. King more than 30 years after his death, free with museum admission; "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world; "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses," through Jan. 31; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings

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DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM
11 a.m./Saturday, Jan. 16, Tetherboat Racing on Belle Isle lecture and movies, these small gasoline-powered boats which ran on a thin wire were long associated with Belle Isle; the newest exhibit "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," a historical look at competitive and recreational sailing with hands-on activities, continues 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, in the museum on Detroit's Belle Isle. \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18. (313) 852-4051

POPULAR MUSIC

AHADA
8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

THE ALLIGATORS
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

ATOMIC NUMBERS
With Catherine and Papa Vegas, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.xtcom.com> (pop)

GORDON BENNETT
9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (rock)

BERGHEIM 34
9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (electronic)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"
With Sleeping on Silver, Swinehearts, Low Frequency Sapphire, and The Zits, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLOOD FOR BLOOD
With Turmoil and One King Down, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance, \$8 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

BLUE HAWAIIANS
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE MISTRO
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, New Way Bar, 23130 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 541-9870 (blues)

BLUE SUIT
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

BLUECAT
10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 683-5458 (blues)

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 8-9, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (R&B)

SUSAN CALLOWAY
Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guest Michelle Penn, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> or <http://www.susan-calloway.com> (pop/rock)

CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA DAVIS
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (R&B)

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 8-9, Hennessy's, 49110 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free. 21 and older. (248) 348-4404/(313) 582-5837 (blues)

CLASS ACT
8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

CLIMAX DIVINE
With Beamship and Annie Scream, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 (experimental)

CODE BLOOM
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

TIM DIAZ AND GARY RASMUSSEN
8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (acoustic rock)

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (jam rock)

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO
With Smokestack and Eternal Groove, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funk)

ELIZA
9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 7 and 14, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (pop)

FLOMOJO
With Paper Tiger, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (rock)

40 ACRE DONUT
With Spat! and Culture Bandits, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, New Way Bar, 23130 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 541-9810 (rock)

G.R.R.
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (rock)

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
With the Blue Rays, 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000; 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

LISA HUNTER
7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Borders Books and Music, 45290 Utica Park Boulevard, Utica. Free. All ages. (810) 726-8555 (acoustic rock)

J-TRAIN
10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (R&B)

JARIMEL
With Park and Gretchen Busam Ensemble, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.xtcom.com> (rock)

KNEE DEEP SHAG
With Merge, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funk)

WAYNE KRAMER
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355/(313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

JOHN D. LAMB
5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, Rio Bravo, 240 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages. (313) 271-2900 (rock)

LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BLUES
9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (blues)

MASCHINA
With Gravity Well and Crick, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

SCOTT MORGAN
With Slide Off Saturn and Sublimation, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

MUDPUDDY
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Fifth

ing funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.xtcom.com>

ASCENSION U.K.
"Lykiska's Rapture" dream pop dance night, 9 p.m. Thursdays; "Colin's Ethereal Infusion" trip grooves, 9 p.m. Fridays; "Apocalypse," Toni's industrial/goth mic, 9 p.m. Saturdays; "Vampire: The Masquerade" with Bruce Brandenburg, 9 p.m. Sundays; "French Cuisine and Other Foreign Pop Delicacies," 9 p.m. Wednesdays; and "Healing Paths" with Mark J., 9 p.m. Wednesdays, at the club, Grand River Avenue between Griswold Road and Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Cover charge. All ages. (313) 961-5333 or <http://www.ascensionuk.com>

BLIND PIG
"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons from 7-9 p.m. Sundays with DJ Del Villareal, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, \$3 after 9 p.m.; "Solar" night with DJs Derek Plaisaiko and Keith Kemp on six turntables, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the club. \$6. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET
"Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

THE GROOVE ROOM
Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D, Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly, 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or <http://www.thegrooveroom.com>

MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER
"Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick, 18 and older. Free. "Work Release," Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimentary food from the Majestic Cafe, 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bowl. \$6. 18 and older; "Rock 'n' Bowl" with DJ Del Villareal, 9 p.m. Fridays and DJ Gutterball, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garden Bowl. Free. 18 and older; "The Bird's Nest," punk rock night with live performances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick. Free. 18 and older; "Soul Shakedown" with DJ Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick. Free. 21 and older. (313) 833-9700

MOTOR LOUNGE
"Back Room Mondays," service industries employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 21 and older; "Community Presents" with resident DJs, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. \$3. 18 and older; "Maximum Overload," 9 p.m. Fridays. \$6. 18 and older; "Divine" with DJs Mike Clark, Mark Flash and Brian Gillespie, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. \$6. 21 and older, all at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or <http://www.motorloounge.com>

ONE X
"Men 4 Men" New York-style dance party with DJ St. Andy spinning high-energy, progressive house, 10 p.m. Fridays; "Family Funktion Internal Groove" DJ Alton Miller, 10 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 2575 Michigan Ave., in Detroit's Corktown area. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-7040

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER
"Three Floors of Fun," 9 p.m. Fridays \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward, 18 and older; Alt X2K dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter \$6. 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

STATE THEATRE
"Ignition" dance night, 9 p.m. Saturdays at the club, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover

charge. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

24 KARAT CLUB
"Latin Dance Night" with DJ Ronny Lucas, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Thursdays. \$3; Live music Fridays and Saturdays (see popular music calendar); Swing lessons for advanced dancers, 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), and for beginners, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), at the club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. (734) 513-5030

GALLERY (OPENINGS)

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Jan. 8 - "Spirit of Memory," paintings and prints by Sawan Elgamal. Through Jan. 30, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Jan. 8 - "Picturing Paris: 1850 to the Present," photographs from the Detroit Institute of Arts, through Feb. 21, 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills; (248) 370-3005.

SWANN GALLERY
Jan. 8 - "Tribute to the J.L. Hudson Building," a photography show, through Feb. 6, 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

YAW GALLERY
Jan. 8 - "A Gathering of Spoons," works by sculptor/silversmith Jonathan Bonner, through Jan. 30, 550 N. Old Woodward Ave., (248) 647-5470.

CARY GALLERY
Jan. 9 - "Michael Mahoney: Paintings and Works on Paper," through Feb. 6, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

HENRY FORD COMM. COLLEGE
Jan. 11 - "Art of the Iris," works by various artists, through Feb. 5, Reception 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Sisson Gallery, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn; (734) 845-6487.

PLYMOUTH COMM. ARTS COUNCIL
Jan. 12 - "Hirose Revisited," featuring Yoriko Hirono Cronin and Emi Kumagai Watts, through Feb. 10, Reception 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 416-4ART.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY
Jan. 14 - "Extraordinary Stitches: The art of fiber & thread," featuring works of 23 artists, through Feb. 25, Reception 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Jan. 15 - "Diversity: Victims & Survivors," paintings by Richard Kozlow, selected interviews from the university's "Holocaust Survivor Oral Histories," an archival collection assembled by UM-D Professor of History Dr. Sidney Boikosky, through Feb. 14, 4901 Evergreen Road, #1165 AB, Dearborn; (734) 593-5058.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

BARCLAY GALLERY
"In the Shadow of Mount Fuji," a collection of Japanese prints, 580 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 645-5430.

GALLERY 212
"Behind the Mask," featuring works by six local artists, 212 S. Main, Ann Arbor; (734) 665-8224.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
Works by metalsmith and jeweler Miro J. Masuda, 24350 Southfield Road, just south of 10 Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 354-4224.

GALERIE BLU
Through Jan. 9 - Papier-mâché artist Stephen Hansen, 568 N. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham; (248) 594-0472.

HILBERRY GALLERY
Through Jan. 9 - Painting, sculpture, works on paper by Yayoi Kusama, 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

CLUB NIGHTS

ALVIN'S
The Sugar Shack, ladies only dance night, 10 p.m. Sundays. The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and DJ Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featur-

Disney's 'Mighty Joe Young' is family friendly

BY MELISSA R. KING
SPECIAL WRITER

Imagine life in an idyllic setting, lush green forests, crystal waterfalls flowing into lakes bluer than the sky peeking between the leaves, bananas growing freely and always within arms reach. While we're in fantasyland, let's give you a best friend who protects you from harm and plays endless games of hide and seek with you, all while keeping the outside world from coming in and spoiling your fun.

A regular ape paradise, don't you think? What happens when there's trouble in paradise, trouble bigger than even you, a two-thousand pound gorilla?

So begins "Mighty Joe Young," Disney's latest family friendly film, but instead of a mouse, there's Joe Young, a gentle giant of an ape. We first meet Joe at six months old, playing a game of peek-a-boo with Jill Young, daughter of the noted Dr. Ruth Young, who is in Africa studying the animals on the Pangani mountains. Joe seems to be unusually large for an infant, he's already as big as gorillas much older than he.

Sadly, before Dr. Young can find out why, tragedy strikes, leaving Jill and Joe both orphaned, their mothers killed by poachers. Twelve years later, we meet Joe again, but now he's the legendary Monster of the

Mountain, the creature whose tale is told around campfires. Meeting him is certain death, so the story goes, no one who has ever gone on the mountain looking for him has ever been heard from again.

Zoologist Gregg O'Hara (Bill Paxton) knows all about the legend but still wants to explore the mountain to research the wildlife there and see if there's anything new up there to be discovered. Imagine his surprise when he meets a 15-foot-tall Tanzanian gorilla. After a wild chase through the mountain, in which Joe displayed amazing intelligence and creativity, O'Hara finally gets Joe cornered, but the tables quickly turn, as is

usual when dealing with an animal three or four times your size. Gregg regains consciousness in a hospital, remembering a really big gorilla and a beautiful savior who told the gorilla to put him down.

Who is his savior? You guessed it, Jill Young (Charlize Theron), all grown up and keeping her promise to her mother to keep Joe safe. Jill and Joe have a close relationship, she is quite fierce in her protection of him, he plays games (hide and seek is his favorite) and keeps her from being lonely. She learns from Gregg that it's going to be a lot harder keeping Joe safe, the group accompanying him up the mountain also saw Joe. Now everybody wants a piece of Joe, literally; he is quite valuable on the endangered species black market.

Gregg convinces Jill that Joe would be safer in California on his wildlife preserve, so they pack up and move to the West Coast. America proves to be a jungle of a completely different type, smoggy, caged and cramped. Neither Jill or Joe like the cages much, but they adjust, and while they do, they attract a lot of attention, including the attention of the poacher who murdered both Joe and Jill's mothers, Strasser (Rade Serbedzija).

Strasser and his team concoct a dastardly scheme to turn Joe from a perfect gentleman gorilla to a villain who couldn't be trusted. After a jail break, Joe goes on the run again, this time with a heavily armed police force in pursuit. Does Joe prove himself



RON BATZDORF/Disney Enterprises

Friends: To most people, Joe (left) is a myth and a legend. To his only friend, Jill (Charlize Theron), he is like a brother, father, protector and companion. And to zoologist Gregg O'Hara (Bill Paxton, right), he is the most amazing creature on the planet in "Mighty Joe Young."

the sweet guy we all know he is? Or does a tragic incident involving a screaming woman and a tall building bring his downfall?

"Mighty Joe Young" is a touching movie that successfully brings a deep message in a light-hearted fashion, which is no easy

feat. Who protects the endangered animals who don't have a best friend like Jill? The movie states that in the time it takes you to get in your car and drive to a destination not far from home, three entire species will disappear from the Earth.

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Robin Williams as Patch Adams is a sure cure for what ails you

BY BOB THOMAS
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Like the late Norman Cousins, Hunter (Patch) Adams was convinced of the healing power of laughter. Cousins wrote a popular book describing how he overcame a crippling illness by watching movies of the Marx Brothers and other comedians.

Adams wrote his own book telling of his adventures in trying to bring mirth to seriously ill patients while he was a medical student at the Medical College of Virginia. His use of bulbous red noses and bizarre costumes brought the censure of the school's head doctor, who accused him of "excessive happiness."

"Patch Adams" is one of the growing number of films bearing what has become a cliché: "Based on a true story." However true it is, the movie provides an ideal vehicle for Robin Williams, who returns to form after his last outing, the dismal "What Dreams May Come."

The film opens in a mental hospital where Adams is a patient. He doesn't seem deranged, but he is tossed into what resembles a prison cell

occupied by a wild-eyed man who fears he is being attacked by animals. Desperate, Adams gets his roommate to laugh away his besiegers.

That experience inspires Adams to become a doctor so he can practice his healing methods professionally. At 46, Robin Williams does seem a bit long in the tooth to portray a premed student, but let's face it, he can pull off almost anything.

Rebelling at the by-the-book teachings of his instructors, Adams tries out his comic shtick on severely ill patients. These are the most appealing scenes in the film, especially his efforts to reach a ward full of ailing children and a dying misanthrope (Peter Coyote). His stunts draw the wrath of the hard-nosed dean (Bob Gunton).

"If you want to be a clown, join the circus," Adams is warned. Despite threat of expulsion, Adams continues his campaign. He is joined by his roommate Truman (Daniel London). More difficult to enlist is fellow student Carin (Monica Potter), an aloof beauty who has been abused by men. Adams uses his

intense persuasiveness to win her over, romantically as well.

Along with his studies, Adams establishes a mountaintop refuge where he applies his theories to despondent patients. The avenging dean seeks to terminate Adams' experiments and his education by legal means.

Basing the script on Adams' own book, "Gesundheit: Good Health Is a Laughing Matter," Steve Oedekerk has fashioned a surefire character for Robin Williams' Olympian talents. Tom Shadyac's direction lets the humanity as well as the comedy shine through.

One Scrooge-like comment: Too bad the filmmakers had to resort to a Capraesque finale for all that extra dose of feel-goodness.

Nonetheless, Williams continues to astonish with his protean brilliance. Good work also is contributed by newcomers Potter and London, as well as a cast that includes Philip Seymour Hoffman, Harold Gould, Harve Presnell and Richard Kiley.

"Patch Adams" is a Universal Pictures release produced by Barry Kemp, Mike Farrell, Marvin Minoff and Charles Newirth.

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 - "A CIVIL ACTION"**
True story about an attorney willing to risk everything to represent several families who seemingly lost their children to leukemia because of a nearby toxic waste dump. Stars John Travolta, Robert Duvall.
 - "THE TWIN RED LINE"**
The story of an American rifle company during several months of one of the fiercest struggles of the twentieth century - the Battle of Guadalcanal. Stars Sean Penn, George Clooney, Woody Harrelson, and John Travolta.
 - "HILARY AND JACKIE"**
Biographical drama about the flamboyant and richly talented cellist Jacqueline du Pre who died in 1987 at the age of 42, suffering from multiple sclerosis. Stars Emily Watson.
 - "THE M-LO COUNTRY"**
Intimate drama set in the post World War II era recounts the enduring friendships between two men and how that friendship is challenged by their desires for the same woman. Stars Woody Harrelson, Patricia Arquette and Sam Elliott.
 - "HURLYBURLY"**
Dark tale about four malcontents who come dangerously to self-destruction as they struggle to find some greater meaning in their unfocused lives. Stars Sean Penn, Kevin Spacey, Chazz Palminteri.
 - "WASTY BLUES"**
Story about the travails of five high school football players in a small Texas town. Stars Jon Voight, Scott Caan.
- "VIRUS"**
Thriller in which an American boat crew finds refuge aboard a secret Soviet research vessel that has been annihilated by an alien form. Stars Jamie Lee Curtis, William Baldwin, Donald Sutherland.
- Scheduled to open Friday, January 15**
 - "AT FIRST SIGHT"**
A true story of a blind man who undergoes experimental surgery to restore his sight. Stars Val Kilmer, Mira Sorvino.
 - "IN DREAMS"**
Psychological thriller about a woman who, following a family tragedy, discovers her dreams are the portent of real-life nightmares. Stars Annette Bening, Robert Downey Jr.
- Scheduled to open Friday, January 22**
 - "PLAYING BY HEART"**
A drama about the sometimes funny, sometimes painful, and always complex ways love can touch your life. Stars Gillian Anderson, Ellen Burstyn, Sean Connery.
 - Scheduled to open Friday, January 29**
 - "SHE'S ALL THAT"**
Comedy about sex, style and popularity. At a snobbish LA high school the most popular guy sets out to transform a young woman, who knows her own mind, into the prom queen on a bet. He has now idea who he's tampering with. Stars Freddie Prinze Jr., Anna Paquin.
 - Scheduled to open Friday, February 5**
 - "ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE"**
A tragic love story set in the world of thieves and heroin addicts in Tulsa, Oklahoma in the 1970s. Stars James Woods and Melanie Griffith.
 - Scheduled to open Friday, February 12**
 - "MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE"**
While walking on a beach a journalist finds a bottle containing a love letter from a man to his wife. She falls in love with the letter writer and sets out to find him. Stars Kevin Costner, Paul Newman, Robin Wright Penn and John Savage.
 - "SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE"**
Contemporary love story about a woman with a restaurant and a department store executive who fall in love. But as strange things begin to happen, the man begins to wonder if there isn't witchcraft involved. Stars Sarah Michelle Geller, Sean Patrick Flanery.
 - Scheduled to open Friday, February 19**
 - "OFFICE SPACE"**
A frustrated computer programmer and some equally frustrated colleagues hatch a plot which could lead to a very lucrative and early retirement. Stars Jennifer Aniston, Robert Livingston.
 - Scheduled to open Friday, March 5**
 - "ANALYZE THIS"**
A psychiatrist helps a domineering mob boss overcome his various psychological troubles, not the least of which is ordering a hit. Stars Robert De Niro, Billy Crystal.
 - Scheduled to open Friday, March 19**
 - "KING AND I"**
Animated musical telling of the story of the patient school teacher and the overbearing King of Siam.

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'Tony n' Tina's Wedding' memorable experience

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theater show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run at Baci Abbracci Italian Chophouse, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Performances 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. Call (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666 for information.

By Jon Kats
SPECIAL WRITER

Watching "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," you wonder whether the marriage will last through the Chicken Dance. The Nunzio and Vitale families have been feuding for generations; Tina's old boyfriend is drunk and out for revenge; one bridesmaid is very pregnant, another is a terrible

singer; and old Uncle Luigi's theme song might well be "Get Me to the John on Time." And don't even get us started on Tony's dad's girlfriend.

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," the live, interactive, 90 percent-improvised production is now in an open-ended run at Baci Abbracci Italian Chophouse in downtown Pontiac. The show has been playing in New York for 11 years, in Chicago for eight and Minneapolis for five. The audience members are the guests and participants. And if the couple does survive the ceremony, almost anything goes until they leave for their honeymoon at the Soaring Eagle Casino some three hours later.

But that's in the script, what little there is of it. Off-stage, there is a love fest going on of-forgive us-unbridled proportions. It's an uneasy love between the actors and the unknown.

"I hadn't done improvisations since I studied in New York

decades ago," said Henrietta Hermelin, a mainstay of local stages who plays Grandma Nunzio, the senior member on the groom's side. "There is a certain security to the structure of the scripts I'm used to performing. On the other hand, if you're working with a director who blocks every word, it gets to feel like a tight-fitting piece of clothing."

Actor's dream

"You don't improv Shakespeare," said classically-trained Kyril Evanoff, aka Tony. Evanoff is a 1990 graduate of Troy High School who took time off from his acting studies in New York to see his family, heard about the auditions and won the lead. "It's an actor's dream to do this type of theater," he said. "I love the combination of having set lines and improvising in-between the lines."

"It's basically organized madness," allowed Joe Corcoran, the show's original producer, in from New York for opening night.

And as time goes by, that madness may become cult-like, akin to the fervor over "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Over twenty years after its release, audiences still show up to midnight screenings with umbrellas and bags of rice, knowing exactly when to use them.

With "Tony n' Tina," however, the audience can initiate or change the continuity, in addition to being a part of an existing, albeit purposely-thin plot line.

Evanoff already knows. "They come up to you and say 'Hey Tony, where's that \$5,000 the Don wants?' And you just go with it. People even bring gifts. You never know where the action's going to come from."

"Father Mark" is William O'Brien Jr.'s first acting role. He's getting his baptism by fire. "I've got people coming up to me with their confessions. So I listen and I give them penance, like washing the church van."

And yes, even little old Grand-



The cast: You'll swear that's your grandma on stage in "Tony n' Tina's Wedding." The cast of characters got together for this group portrait.

ma Nunzio has to be on her cane-aided toes. "One person said she was my granddaughter," recalled Hermelin. "I said 'Is a no possible; I only have two grandsons.' And then we went on and created a whole new family."

Expecting the unexpected

To prepare the actors to expect the unexpected, director/co-creator Kevin Alexander required each performer to compose a background for his or her character. "There is a history that we are given, but we fill in a lot ourselves," said Hermelin. "I have pictures in my purse of my character's family, her dog...I even have coupons." Guests can expect Grandma and other family members to come shmoozing during and after the Italian dinner; it's part of the show's uniqueness...and its success.

"The audience can relate to these characters, because they're

like your neighbors and family," said producer Corcoran. "You look at the grandmother and say 'My grandmother's just like that.' This show could have been a Jewish wedding, Polish, African-American, Irish, anything. That's the real essence of why people are so attracted to this show, and why they enjoy it as much as they do."

Indeed, the show's universality as well as the localization of the characters (it's made clear that Tony and his ushers are Bishop Gallagher grade) are two components that endear "Tony n' Tina" to its guests.

"It crosses all lines and barriers," said the show's local producer David Nederlander with pride. "The Detroit production is the first one to have an African American lady in it, and the first one to also offer Kosher nights-which sold out just like that."

Will "Tony n' Tina" settle in for

a long run here as it has elsewhere? With group sales already being booked into next June, the producers are high on its prospects, and on the area in general.

"Pontiac is the perfect spot for what we would like to see as another theater destination for Metro Detroit," said Nederlander. "We're very interested in the development of northern Oakland County. There's tremendous growth."

If "Tony n' Tina's Wedding" is a memorable experience for its guests, it's positively indelible for its actors.

"Tony is everything I would love to be," declares Evanoff. "He's bigger than life. I'm much more shy than he is. But every now and then I'll catch myself doing his walk; I'll just start struttin', like 'Stayin' Alive' is playing."

Happy couple:
Kyril Evanoff
and Jennifer
Beth Kahn
star in "Tony
n' Tina's
Wedding."



Break out of the ordinary and discover exciting arts

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

What's the one New Year's resolution that is easy to keep, non-fattening and chases those cabin fever blues away?

How about making this a year of discovery? Visit the theaters, performance halls, galleries and clubs that offer some new experiences. Believe me, the hottest tickets aren't always the best attractions.

Many of us are much more adventurous in sampling theater, music, art exhibits and other cultural activities when we're on a long weekend getaway to New York, Chicago, or Toronto than we are when we're closer to home. Let us help you rectify this glitch before the century ends by introducing you to the best on the arts scene each week in this column and Backstage Pass editions on Detroit Public Television.

Remember last fall when an anticipated traffic nightmare of a simultaneous Lions game at the Silverdome and Barenaked Ladies concert at the Palace caused fans to set out for those venues at around daybreak?

Well, the early departure paid off for concert goers who caught all of the opening band's set. Cowboy Mouth generated so much excitement, we've had many new fans ask when their in-studio performance taped that day was going to be featured on Backstage Pass. The answer is this Sunday, and it's an unforgettable performance with drummer/frontman Fred LeBlanc, lead guitarist John Thomas Griffith and the rest of the New Orleans-based pop/rock group. Watch LeBlanc fulfill a prophecy from a French Quarter fortune teller, who told him as a teenage hell-raiser that his reason for being was to remind others of the joy of living. While he reminds us, do your friends a favor and remind them to tune in.

Speaking of the French Quarter, get an earful of that distinctive Mardi Gras sound with the Detroit-based band Bon Temps Roule, another example of how you don't have to travel far to enjoy a new musical or cultural experience. You can catch the band at a local club or sample its new CD entitled "Swaggy Dog."

When I suggested that this be your year of discovery, maybe I was inspired by the words and experiences of acclaimed choreographer Bill T. Jones, whose work has often been described as

a fusion of dance and theatre. In a Backstage Pass interview airing this week, Jones describes how the ending of his dance company's new performance, "We Set Out Early...Visibility Was Poor," was left unchoreographed until it got in the studio.

"I saw one young apprentice over to the side doing hip hop. I asked him what it was and he started showing me these steps. Many of the dancers came

around and said, 'yeah, I know this step'... and I realized this was a whole language of a generation of people," says Jones.

His discovery provided a powerful ending to the performance, under the theme of "one man's community is another man's rat race."

Blended into the gumbo of the new year's first new edition of Backstage Pass is a visit to a Harmonie Park studio which

restores damaged and deteriorating works of art, such as a recent project at the Detroit Athletic Club. Later this month, the hilarious off-Broadway smash "Tony n' Tina's Wedding" gets a new cast member for a night. This friendly and loving spoof of an Italian-American wedding has invited hundreds of audience members to participate during its run in Pontiac. Now it's my turn, and you're the critic. I hope it's not just one of our pro-

ducer's diabolical ways to get me to do the chicken dance.

Let us know if you've had a new cultural experience that we should know about by visiting the Backstage Pass web site at www.wtvs.org.

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'Grease on Ice' tour will stop in Detroit

(PRNewswire) - Audiences nationwide are about to see Grease's Pink Ladies and the T-Birds as they've never seen them before - on ice skates! Award-winning choreographer Barry Lather, renowned for his work with pop sensations Janet Jackson and Paula Abdul, takes the classic stage production to new heights in Grease on Ice, a gritty, high-energy rock musical on ice, complete with dazzling sets that will have all eyes dancing. Fans will jam to familiar favorites in ways they never expected with two-time Olympic medalist Nancy Kerrigan, who delivers a cutting-edge portrayal of Sandy, and a slick cast of beloved char-

acters: Danny, Rizzo, Kenickie and the rest of the gang.

Brought to fans by Feld Entertainment and The Troika Organization, the 1998 North American Tour of Grease on Ice heads to Detroit's Joe Louis Arena for two performances only 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17.

Tickets (\$40, \$27.50, & \$17.50) are on sale now and can be purchased at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices and all Ticketmaster outlets including Hudson's, Harmony House and Repeat the Beat. To purchase group tickets (20 or more), call (313) 471-3099. To charge by phone, call (248) 645-6666.

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P.F. Chang's China Bistro balances Yin and Yang

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Dining at Somerset Collection South in Troy uncovers Yin and Yang at P.F. Chang's China Bistro that opened late November. Formerly occupied by Sebastian's, P.F. Chang's has a dramatic new menu and decor, both inside and out.

On the exterior, bonsai trees and two eight-foot Ming horses greet diners. Entering from within the mall, the feel is like an art gallery.

P.F. Chang's specializes in dishes from five major regions of China (Canton, Szechwan, Shanghai, Hunan and Mongolia). Before getting into the moderately-sized menu, there's plenty of eye candy to admire for 215 diners at booths, tables and the semi-circular, contemporary bar inside the front entrance.

High energy is the hallmark of P.F. Chang's with its open kitchen and exhibi-

P.F. Chang's China Bistro
Where: Somerset Collection (South), 2801 W. Big Beaver, Troy (248) 816-8000.
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday until midnight.
Menu: In a casual, yet upscale atmosphere, dishes from five major regions of China balance the Yin and Yang principles of fan (rice, noodles, grains and dumplings) and t'sai (vegetables, seafood, poultry and meat) dishes.
Cost: Moderate with lunch \$6-8 and dinner \$8-13.
Reservations: not accepted except for two captain's tables, seating 8-18, that can be reserved at 5, 7 and 9 p.m.
Parking: Complimentary valet
Credit cards: All majors accepted.

large back-lit disks and custom hand-blown lighting fixtures.

Back-lit terra cotta soldiers, replicas from the Ming Dynasty dating back to the 11th century B.C. flank the walls. Two hand-painted 12th century B.C. narrative murals depict life in that period. Contemporary music says new-age.

P.F. Chang's merges authentic Far-Eastern Chinese cuisine

deliberately chosen," noted Operating Partner Dean Wood. "We believe P.F. Chang's concept is unusual and complements the unique stores in the mall."

Wood, now a Rochester Hills resident, was raised in Troy and before joining Chang's was Food & Beverage Director for the Palace of Auburn Hills.

P. F. Chang's China Bistro is the brainchild of Paul Fleming (P.F. in the name) who consulted with Philip Chiang of Beverly Hills, California, to develop the authentic Chinese menu served first in 1993 at its original location, Scottsdale, Arizona. There are now 22 locations nationwide.

Wood is front-of-the-house complement to Executive Chef Ted Teeter, a 1982 graduate of the culinary department at Oakland Community College. He was restaurant chef at Bo's Brewery & Bistro in Pontiac, before leaving to train at P.F. Chang's in Las Vegas for his current position.

Teeter is responsible for chefs working four double wok stations and a host of other kitchen staff who cut, chop and plate fresh, uncooked ingredients for each wok station. There are no steam tables. Each dish is cooked to order - even the fried rice. That's really unusual.

Your dining experience begins with a server, who not only takes your order, but is skilled in table-side service. Servers learn your preferences with a few brief questions, then begin by introducing you to P.F. Chang's and



Taste of China: Operating Partner Dean Wood at P.F. Chang's China Bistro at Somerset Collection South in Troy.

Specialty dish:
Chef Roy's Favorite Chicken with oyster sauce and scallions, served on a bed of fresh steamed rice, is one of the items you'll find on the menu at P.F. Chang's China Bistro.



tion wok cooking. Yet hardwood dark mahogany and slate flooring sets a quiet, relaxing mood. Shades of gold, brown and deep red are warmed by

with Western world, American-style service, but it goes beyond.

"The Somerset location was

Trio Sauce, a medley of rice wine vinegar, chili oil, soy sauce, garlic and scallions. To this bowl at the table, the server adds chili paste, hot Chinese mustard and perhaps a little plum sauce to suit your taste.

To experience more table-side service, order the signature Chang's Chicken in Soothing Lettuce Wrap appetizer or the Dan Dan Noodles as a main dish.

Among other appetizers are Northern Style Short Ribs, no sticky sauce, and more like dry rub which can be accented with house-made five-spice powder.

Shrimp dumplings are steamed tender and served with ginger chili soy sauce.

Lemon Pepper Shrimp and Beef a la Szechwan are winners. For the latter, beef is twice cooked with celery and carrots, resulting in a crispy texture and true to the menu billing "unlike anything you're used to."

There's no kid's menu at Chang's, but lots of things kids like to eat such as noodles and five chicken choices.

In addition to a full-service bar, Chang's has an ambitious wine list organized by the latest concept, a progressive wine list

that makes wine more friendly and easy to choose. Wines are listed from light and easy-to-drink to bolder, more robust styles. Most wines are served by the glass and there are a number of very good choices at \$25 and under per bottle.

When you've chosen to eat Chinese in the past, you probably chose a small owner-operated eatery. Selecting a chain operation has not entered your mind. That's the Yin and Yang. P.F. Chang's China Bistro is out to change your mind with both atmosphere and food, lit under the spotlight at each t

WHAT'S COOKING

■ **A Southwest Feast** - 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27 at Morels (248) 642-1094 and Thursday, Jan. 28 at No. VI Chophouse & Lobster Bar, (248) 305-5210. Cost \$34.95 per person, not including tax and gratuity. Call for reservations/information.

■ **Pick-A-Bone Rib House & Saloon** - 30325 Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 762-RIBS or (734) 762-2063, celebrates its one-year anniversary on Jan. 28. Restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, closed Sunday.

■ **Panera Bread** - Has opened two new bakery-cafes in Livonia and Troy. The new bakery-cafes and meeting places offer more than a dozen varieties

of fresh-baked bread, along with bagels, fruit-filled croissants, cinnamon rolls, muffins, desserts, plus hot and cold espresso beverages. The Livonia store is in the Newburgh Plaza, 37133 Six Mile road (at the intersection of Newburgh), (734) 642-0532, and in Troy at the Troy Commons, 823 E. Big Beaver Road (on the corner of Rochester Road), (248) 526-0822. Hours are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. Other metro-Detroit Panera Bread Bakery-Cafe locations include 27651 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village; 8399 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; and 25875 Novi Road, Novi.

■ **Little Caesars** - Complete an entry form at participating Little Caesars restaurants to

win a chance to attend a special pizza party with Detroit Red Wings Captain Steve Yzerman at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. One winner will be chosen from every Little Caesars Pizza restaurant in the metro-Detroit area. You can also enter the contest by hand-printing your name,

address, phone number, the name of the participating Little Caesars nearest you, and writing "Little Caesars Pizza! Pizza! Party with Steve Yzerman" on a 3-by-5-inch card. Mail to 1000 Town Center, Suite 1500, Southfield, MI 48075. All entries must be received no later than mid-

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