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Love & Marriage

The Observer would like to feature you in the Feb. 14 special wedding and anniversary section.
We're planning to run testimonials on happy marriages from couples that have been married 25 years or more.
Submissions, including a wedding photo and a recent photo, must be mailed by Wednesday, Jan. 20, to Special Projects Editor Ralph R. Echlinaw, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of your photographs.
We're also planning a story on bridesmaids and groomsmen and would like to hear from people who have been one or the other at least five times.
Please contact Special Projects Editor Ralph R. Echlinaw by Friday, Jan. 22. Call him at (734) 953-2054, or send e-mail to rechlinaw@oe.homecomm.net.

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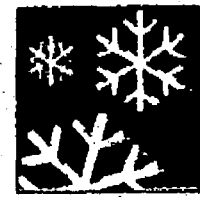
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Storms keep city snowed under



Officials hoped for a warming trend as Westland was hit with several more doses of snow this week on top of what was already on the ground. A snow emergency was declared to give plows room to get through.

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A new Westland snow emergency loomed Wednesday as city work crews battled new accumulations this week, in the aftermath of storms that start-

ed Jan. 2.
Westland Public Services Director Richard Dittmar warned all residents to heed a snow emergency that he said would start Wednesday morning and possibly last 48 hours or longer.
"Keep cars off the street," he said.

City road crews have received mostly favorable comments about their snowplowing efforts - aside from a few isolated complaints.

Dittmar held out hope for a warming trend and an end to wintry weather that has plagued the city this month.

"Our guys are tired. Our equipment is tired," he said Tuesday as more snow fell.

Even the Westland public library - a place where it seems residents

could escape winter by delving into a good book - has had problems.

The library reopened Friday after closing for two days due to a faulty radiator control valve that spewed hot water and steam in the front lobby, Library Director Sandra Wilson said.

"We had to close for two days," she said.

Water and chemicals spewed and ruined two benches and left a black

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Quiet refuge: Vanessa Pettway of Westland, who is thinking of going back to school, researches different occupations at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland Monday. The library provides a warm, quiet refuge during the bad weather, but the library has faced its share of weather woes.

Snowplows hit 3 cars; city to pay for repairs

BY DARRELL CLEM
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The city will pay for repairs to three vehicles hit by snowplows during street-clearing efforts prodded by snowstorm 1999.

"We hit three vehicles," Westland Public Services Director Richard Dittmar said. "We will pay for the

repairs."
That came as welcome news to Patrick Derrig, who said his 1987 Cavalier Z-24 suffered an estimated \$1,200 to \$1,800 in damages on the night of Jan. 6.

A snowplow that hit his car on Parkwood kept going, and it apparently was the same truck that hit Wade Crall's company van about the

same time - just a few houses away.
The owner of a third damaged vehicle didn't contact the Observer.

Dittmar said no city drivers notified him of the accidents, but he said the snow trucks are so heavy that employees might not have even noticed they had sideswiped the two vehicles on Parkwood.

Derrig and Crall said other family

members looked out of windows after hearing loud noises and saw a city truck leaving the scene around 10 p.m. Jan. 6.

Dittmar said the damaged vehicles shouldn't have been parked on the street because a snow emergency had been declared, but he conceded that

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Disabled man plagued by leaky apartment roof

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With two legs amputated and one arm rendered useless from a stroke, Tommie Thomas said he faces a grueling snowstorm problem.

A leaking roof at his Westwood Village apartment has dumped an esti-

mated 300 gallons of water into buckets that he struggles to empty.

"It's almost a steady stream of water," Thomas, 59, said Tuesday.

He claimed that Westwood Village's management has failed to address a bedroom water leak that has plagued him and his 69-year-old wife since last Thursday.

"They haven't been doing nothing

for me," Thomas said, adding that his wife is aging and can't effectively lift buckets of water, either.

Help may be coming soon, the Observer finally learned Tuesday, but getting an answer wasn't easy.

One man who answered an office phone simply laughed at the inquiry about Thomas' problem and suggested calling back after other workers

returned from a morning break. He said to ask for Bob or Martha but didn't provide last names.

When reached later, a man who said he was Bob - again, no last name - refused to cooperate.

"I've got no comment, sir. Goodbye," he said.

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WinterFest melts down to kids' activities program

BY DARRELL CLEM
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In its fifth year, Westland's WinterFest will be scaled back dramatically from past events that included sleigh rides, dances, ice sculpture displays, pancake breakfasts, musical performances and running competitions.

Organizers estimated last year's attendance at a disappointing 800 to 1,000 people, and they said events such as musical performances drew embarrassingly small crowds.

"I don't see a big outcry out there for the WinterFest," co-chairwoman Sharon Scott said Monday.

The festival that started as a three-day event in



1995 isn't dead yet, but this year's WinterFest will be reduced to a mere five hours - from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Bailey Recreation Center.

What's more, organizers are gearing the entire festival toward children's activities.

"We tried to do a lot of different things last year and it just didn't work," Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said. "We're seeing that the kids are what we really have to aim at, and we're really looking to put on a show for them."

Organizers say the success or failure of 1999's WinterFest may determine whether the city will even bother with an event in 2000.

Among this year's attractions:

- Large, inflatable slides and other playthings will fill the Bailey Center gymnasium.
- Max the Moose puppets will lead children in a sing-along.
- A yo-yo exhibition will show children an old hobby that is seeing renewed popularity.
- Skits will be performed by Westland All Stars.
- Magician Randy Shaw will perform.
- Children will get to see a show featuring live birds, snakes and other living things.
- Youngsters will attend an arts and crafts show to create their own keepsakes.
- Food such as pizza and popcorn will be sold.

By appealing to a younger crowd, organizers hope

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Click. The phone slammed down: Thomas had said it wouldn't be easy getting answers from management at the apartment complex on Joy Road between Newburgh and Hix.

Finally, however, some help came from Richard Wade, property manager for Paragon Properties, which operates Westwood Village and apartment complexes in nine communities.

Wade apologized for office staff members whom he said have been under a lot of storm-related stress, and he said Paragon Properties hired a roofer to try to address leaking problems at all of its apartments.

Roof workers just hadn't gotten to Westwood Villa as of Tuesday afternoon, but Wade said they should be arriving soon and that Thomas' apartment would be "one of the first" to get repairs.

Wade said ice has formed a dam of sorts on the outer edges of some buildings, blocking areas where water would normally drain and causing indoor leaks.

"But roof workers have proceeded at a snail's pace" because of treacherous working conditions, he said.

"I'd like nothing better than to have wings and get up there with some heat device," Wade

said. **'The landlords are stuck between a rock and a hard spot.'**

Richard Wade
-property manager

He diverted much of the blame to building codes that he suggested may be inadequate during situations like snowstorm 1999. He said engineers and builders follow the codes - then landlords face problems when situations such as ceiling leaks occur.

"The landlords are stuck between a rock and a hard spot," Wade said.

He also noted that the snowstorm has been among the worst in recent history.

"This is unheard of for the lower part of Michigan," Wade said.

"Every day the list (of problems) grows," he added. "We're doing what we can."

In the meantime, Wade said Paragon Properties has offered to clean or replace Thomas' carpet and to offer him a reduction in his rent, although he didn't specify how much.

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confusing information had appeared on local cable TV.

Derrig and Crall said they just want their vehicle repairs paid by the city, although early on it appeared they might face some hurdles.

The two men filed separate police reports and talked to City Hall employees who initially indicated that they might have to wait several weeks for results of insurance claims.

Derrig said he considered the incident a hit-and-run and vowed to file a lawsuit if necessary.

"If I hit a car and left the scene of an accident, I would be held responsible," he said. "I think the city should, too. It's a double standard."

Crall made a similar statement.

"When they hit my van, they should at least have had the decency to come to the door and tell me," he said.

Derrig, who works for a retail chain and has a master's degree in business administration, said his Cavalier was damaged all down the driver's side.

"The right rear panel had a huge, gaping hole," he said. "It knocked off the molding on the driver's side and scraped all down the side. It knocked off my mirror and my window fell down."

Derrig said his mother saw a city truck leaving the scene, "and she's willing to take a polygraph test or whatever."

He criticized the initial treat-

DPS Director Richard Dittmar urged residents not to park on city streets until they are sure the snow emergency has been lifted.

ment he received by city employees.

"It's the arrogance of the city," he said Monday. "If I treated a customer like that, I'd be out of a job."

By Tuesday, Derrig had received encouraging news of the city's willingness to pay for his repairs.

"It looks like the city is going to work with me at this point," he said.

Crall, a maintenance technician, said the company van he drives suffered close to \$3,000 in damages on the driver's side based on three estimates he received.

Derrig and Crall said other vehicles were parked along Parkwood at the time the car and van were hit, indicating that they weren't the only ones unaware of a snow emergency.

On Tuesday, Dittmar announced that a new snow emergency would be declared for Wednesday morning so that city workers could clear new snow from streets.

He urged residents not to park on city streets until they are sure the emergency has been lifted.

INFORMATION

Public Library of Westland

post it on the YA Student Board.

Tags Not counting 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25

Stop by the Teen Net meeting and discuss the types of books, music, software and programs you would most like to see at the library. Teen Net, the teen advisory group, meets 4 p.m. the last Monday of each month.

Preschool Fun Club

Toddler tales
1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 19, 26
10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 20, 27
A session of developmentally appropriate storytimes for children 18-36 months old. Includes movement, singing and stories. Registration is required. Register by phone or in person at the Children's Desk.

Just for Me Preschool Time
1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 19, 26
10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 20, 27
A session of thematic storytimes for 3- to 5-year-olds. These storytimes are intended to be independent experiences for the child. Registration is required. Register by phone or in person at the Children's Desk.

Session II: Weeks of March 1 through April 26. Registration begins Feb. 1.

Children's quilt
2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16
2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30
Make a square for a quilt using fabric paints, glitter, lace and other craft supplies. Upon its completion, the quilt will be displayed in the library for public viewing. Community Meeting Room B. No reservation required. No fee.

From The Friends

Have some spare time? Join the Friends of the Library. The Friends raise money through the sale of used books and printer paper to help fund library programs. The Friends of the Library meet 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in Community Meeting Room A.

Computer class

6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26
In celebration of National High-Tech Month, the library is sponsoring a two-hour training session designed to help you get the most out of your home computer. In Community Meeting Room A/B. All age and ability levels are welcome. Registration required. Limited to 75 people.

Book discussion group

The group will discuss "I, Robot" by Isaac Asimov 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, in Community Meeting Room A. No registration required. Please read the book prior to the discussion. Call the library to reserve a copy.

April homework session

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16
9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20
Topics include: using the Internet, how to research using Netscape Navigator, how to search for information and how to use search engines. First hour is in Spanish format, second hour will be in English. Session terminates. Class capacity is 20. No registration is required. Meeting is on a first-come basis. Community Meeting Room B.

Young Adult Awareness

Book club
Attention, young adults: The library wants to hear what you have to say. Pick up a green "Book Bite" form in the Young Adult area and tell about the latest book you've read. The library staff will read your review and

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to boost attendance at WinterFest.

"We decided that we would try something different," Scott said. "Unfortunately it hasn't been as popular as I would like it to have been in the past."

"We'll see how this works out this year," she added. "I'd like to see it take off. If it doesn't, we may have to look at revamping it or canceling it."

Most of WinterFest's responsibilities have fallen each year on the same organizers, and some say they would welcome new planners.

"I'd like to see a whole group of people come in," Scott said.

Westland City Council members have allocated \$20,000 for WinterFest 1999, but Scott predicted that little more than \$4,000 will actually be spent.

Festival organizers have had their share of weather-related bad luck in past years.

Early on, WinterFest suffered due to subzero wind chills that Scott said kept many people in the warm comfort of their homes. And one year temperatures rose too high and caused ice sculptures to melt away.

"I think the weather has prohibited it from being successful," Scott said.

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film in the front lobby area, prompting cleanup efforts.

"Everything was dripping wet," Wilson said, although fortunately the problem occurred in a lobby area away from library books.

Last week's closings followed a shutdown on Jan. 3-4 that Wilson blamed on heavy snowfall.

Library employees had to wait for city work crews to clear park-

ing areas before opening for business in the wake of early-January snowfall.

Across the city, residents and officials alike have voiced repeated frustrations with seemingly endless snow that has fallen through much of January.

Dittmar has labeled the series of storms among the worst he has seen in his 27 years as a Westland city employee.

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OBITUARIES

JESSE A. JACKSON
Funeral services for Jesse Jackson, 76, of Wayne were Jan. 8 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.
Mr. Jackson, who died Jan. 3 in Escanaba, was born April 25, 1922, in Adrian. He was a machine setter in the automotive industry.
Surviving are his wife, Margaret; sons, John, Richard, Robert and Timothy; daughter, Kathy Carter of Westland; sister, Lorraine Palmer; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

DOUGLAS E. WILLIAMS
Funeral services for Douglas Williams, 77, of Westland were Jan. 13 in John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Jonathan D. Allen from Garden City Community Baptist Church.
Mr. Williams, who died Jan. 9 in Garden City, was born March 5, 1921, in Detroit. He was owner of his own construction company.
Surviving are his son, Randall (Elfriede); daughters, Gloria Hayes and Diane (Bill) McKendry; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.
Mr. Williams was preceded in death by his wife, Sylvia.

TED BYERS
Funeral services for Ted Byers, 62, of Plymouth were Jan. 11 in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial at Riverside Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Thomas Lubeck.
Mr. Byers, who died Jan. 8 in Plymouth Township, was born Sept. 24, 1936. He was a lifelong resident of Plymouth. He worked at McAllister's Party Store from age 14 until the late 1980s. For the past four years he worked at the Plymouth Market Place. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1954. Mr. Byers served in the U.S. Army. He enjoyed his family and backyard barbecues.
Surviving are his children, Roberta (Mazen Aburabid)

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Fun with friends



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

By the books: Brooke Zywick, 5, (left) and Emily Whitesall, 5, (right) both of Westland, wear snowsuits while they enjoy looking at books at the Faust Public Library in Westland Monday.



On-line: Noah Blaszczyk, 3, of Dearborn Heights works on the computers in the children's area of the William P. Faust Library in Westland Monday.

Planned adult playground draws neighbors' concerns

BY LILLY A. EVANS
STAFF WRITER

Some Haggerty Road residents aren't willing to welcome a high-tech adult playground into their neighborhood, for fear of more traffic jams.

At a recent Canton Planning Commission meeting, concerned residents said their piece about the possibility of increased traffic at Haggerty and Ford roads to accommodate Electropolitan, an entertainment destination for metro Detroiters planned by the owner of the Electric Stick in Westland.

The commission tabled the recommendation for approval to have coin-operated amusement at the proposed site on Haggerty Road between Ford and Cherry Hill roads until the Michigan Department of Transportation and the township completes traffic analysis. Discussion will continue at the Jan. 18 meeting.

Owner George Marvaso hopes to have 80,000 square feet comprised of arcades, billiards, a restaurant, a lounge, comedy club, theater, wide-screen televisions, waterfalls, fireplaces and high-tech light and sounds. The hours of operation would be 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Marion Stanton, who lives off Haggerty Road in Bedford Villas Condominiums, across the street, said she is opposed to the once-residential area becoming a place for adults to frolic into the night.

"It already takes 15 minutes to get to Ford Road and why do we need adult entertainment in Canton?" she said. "There's a school down the street, kids will be skipping school to go there."

Resident Linda Condash of Bedford Villas said she doesn't want to see traffic at 2 a.m.

Carol Ferenc, also of Bedford Villas, said she doesn't want the complex in her neighborhood and she will do everything in her power to stop it.

"I think they should build it on the east side of (the I-275 freeway) or a different location," Ferenc said. "I will get up a petition and go to every business and residence in the area and convince them that it's a bad idea."

Owner of the only house adjacent to the proposed site, Ted Robinson said he wasn't opposed to Electropolitan. He came to the meeting to see if they were going to discuss site plans.

Ferenc, though, cited Robinson's potential to profit by the sale of his home to developers.

Another resident said that since the Super Kmart opened on the northwest corner of Ford and Haggerty roads in 1997, it has become the worst intersection in Michigan.

Attorney Bryan Amann, representing Marvaso, added that Canton is lacking entertainment; people won't have to travel to Royal Oak or Ann Arbor if it's offered.

Amann suggested the commission grant conditional approval of the traffic survey.

Amann said he was disappointed the commission tabled the recommendation for approval of the coin operated amusement devices because now him and his client can't move on to the next step.

Commission Chairman Vic Gustafson said he was for tabling the issue because he said this is a vast project and he wants it to go through correctly.

Marvaso also owns Electric Stick billiards in Westland. He said that billiards are going to be a very small part of Electropolitan.

"I have traveled the United States to come up with something as unique as Electropolitan," he said.

Obituaries from page A2

Head of Novi, Theresa (Dave) Painter of Westland, Pam (Bob) Leflew of Garden City and Melissa (Tim) Groth of Canton; mother, Sylvia Byers of Plymouth; sister, Marjorie (Edwin) Hyde of South Lyon; and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Byers was preceded in death by his sister, Wanda Kirby.

JULIA DWYER

Funeral services for Julia Dwyer, 91, of Westland were Jan. 8 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. Daniel Zalewski.

Miss Dwyer, who died Jan. 6 in Livonia, was born May 27, 1907, in County Cork, Ireland. She was a domestic worker. She was a member of St. Theodore Catholic Church more than 10 years. Surviving is her nephew, Patrick Sheehan of Ireland.

HARDIN ELKINS

Funeral services for Hardin Elkins, 90, of Westland were Jan. 12 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Elkins, who died Jan. 9 in his Westland residence, was born Aug. 1, 1908, in Hardin, Ky. He was a quality control inspector in the automotive industry. He was a member of Dearborn Church of God and a Sunday School teacher for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Paula; sons, Samuel (Mildred) of Murray, Ky. and Charles of Westland, daughters, Helen (John) Levergood of Monroe and Linda (John) Fody of Stockbridge; brother, Willie Clay; sisters, Floy Patterson and Elizabeth Kellerman; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Elkins was preceded in death by his sister, Ressie McQuiston.

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Ryan C. Somerville, son of Kathleen Boyk of Dearborn and Charles Somerville of Westland, enlisted in the United States Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program Aug. 19, 1998.



Somerville

Somerville, a 1998 graduate of John Glenn High School, enlisted in the regular Air Force Nov. 18. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six week basic training course in

San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training as a security forces apprentice.

He will earn credits toward an associate's degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

Michael R. Novack, son of Lauren and Clifford Novack of Westland, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment program June 30.

Novack, who will graduate from John Glenn High School in 1999, will enlist in the Regular Air Force Aug. 11, 1999.

Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course in San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training as an aerospace ground equipment apprentice.

He will earn credits toward an associate's degree in applied sci-

ences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Todd W. Bulmer, a 1985 Garden City High School graduate, has been named recruiter of the year for the 339th Recruiting Squadron and top recruiter without experience.

He also placed within the 367th recruiting group's top 10 and won the senior recruiter award.

Bulmer is assigned to the 339th Recruiting Squadron in Macomb County's Clinton Township.

The sergeant is the son of Thelma Bulmer of Westland and Lawrence J. Bulmer of Canton.

His wife, Kelli, is the daughter of Charles E. and Helen L. Wilmoth of Onaway

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An optimistic Bennett launches 2nd term

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Loren Bennett was used to feeling the heat long before he became a state senator.

As a teenager, he worked in the painting booth of the Fisher Body Plant at Willow Run. It was good money for a young man trying to work his way through college, but it wasn't easy.

"I painted cars for a summer," said Bennett, now 47. "It was a tough, tough job. The heat, the fumes. It was hot. I was right outside the ovens where cars would go in to have the paint baked."

The job didn't last. But the lifetime resident of Canton never lost his desire to tackle a tough job.

Bennett is beginning his second term as 8th District state senator. The Republican handily defeated Wayne Mayor Kenneth Warfield in November to win reelection.

Besides excellent family support, party backing and hard campaigning, Bennett credits a positive attitude for his victory.

"We all have our ups and downs, but I always try to look for the bright side of things," he said. "We've got to look for the positive in people and the positive in everything."

"You've got to be positive, you've got to be upbeat. That's part of the secret for success."

Bennett's success in politics is a first for his family. His parents both worked for Wayne County, but never held an office. Neither of his older brothers, John or Sandy, had interest in politics.

While his father didn't hold office, he did have a strong party affiliation.

"He was a staunch Democrat," said Bennett. "He never voted for a Republican in his life."

Later start

Unlike many in the legislature, the township native didn't have a lifelong desire for political life.

The impetus for his career, in fact, came from a Canton Board of Trustees meeting in the late 1970s. As part of the Jaycees, he went to the meeting to help get an approval for an upcoming haunted house event.

"I sat there for the entire meeting hoping to be impressed," Bennett said. "I said to myself, 'This is my township board, I want to be impressed.' Well, I left feeling not impressed because of the bickering that was on the board and the way certain members treated people with a lack of respect."

"It was at that meeting that I decided, 'I can do this and I can do it better.'"

His quest to improve local government began by running for township trustee. Bennett was one of four new members elected to the board in 1980.

"I was a bit overwhelmed," he said. "It was like, 'You've worked so hard, now what?' I can remember studying every book, reading everything the township sent me."

He won the seat at age 29. "Everyone seemed much more experienced than I," Bennett said. "They had all served on the township board at one time or another. I was the only true novice person. I felt I had a lot of catching up to do."

He remained a trustee for eight years, then became Canton's clerk in 1988. Bennett described the job, which he held until 1993, as one he "absolutely loved."

He would've been content to remain clerk, but the Republican Party came calling in 1993. Bennett was asked to run for state



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At home: State Sen. Loren Bennett takes a call at home during a recent holiday recess. Bennett recently began his second term as state senator.

8TH DISTRICT

Senate

"I was so happy where I was at," he said, "I wasn't sure I wanted to do it."

Family affair

So Bennett sought the advice of his top aides — daughters Wendy and Cindy. He gave both girls veto power over his decision to run for the office.

Wendy told her dad to go for it. Cindy wasn't so sure, though.

"My youngest daughter said 'I'll get back to you,'" Bennett joked. By December of 1993,

Cindy had "signed off" on his bid. His campaign began in earnest in April of 1994.

"A month before the election, (Cindy) wanted to change her mind about signing off," said Bennett. "She had had quite enough of campaigning."

Fortunately, Loren convinced his daughter that they should finish what they had started. Bennett won the state Senate seat by 1,700 votes.

His first term in Lansing proved to be a learning experience for himself and his family. Bennett said it also paid dividends when Wendy began college at Michigan State University in the fall of 1997.

He and his eldest daughter were able to meet for dinner, an ice cream cone or a walk around campus about once a week.

"It helped her with the transition and it helped me as far as just being able to spend time together," said Bennett. "It was one of the greatest experiences I've had."

While time is scarce between

his work and the daily commute to Lansing, Bennett still finds time to be a soccer dad. He's extremely proud of Cindy, a 14-year-old Belleville High School freshman.

"She's our soccer star," he said. "She's in the Olympic Development Program. She is, for her age group, one of four goalkeepers for the state of Michigan."

The teenager, he says, plays constantly and works with a trainer once a week on skills and techniques.

"She has worked very hard and played soccer since she was 5 years old," Bennett added.

The job of being senator is important to him as is the job of Canton clerk to his wife, Terry, who was elected to fill the post in 1994. But the positions aren't top priority.

"Our two daughters are absolutely the most important things in our lives," said Loren.

Loren and Terry, an Ann Arbor native, were married in 1973 when they were both in their early 20s.

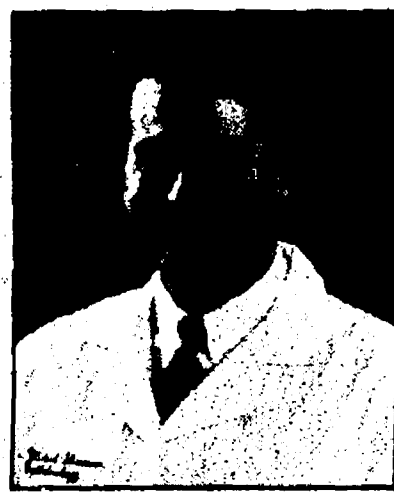
"By the standards of the early 1970s, we waited a long time," the senator said. "A lot of people I graduated with got married a year out of high school."

While Terry will remain clerk for the foreseeable future, Loren's time in the Senate will be up in four years. Bennett isn't sure what he'll do after leaving the Michigan Legislature. He knows what he doesn't want to do, however.

"I don't want to run for Congress," he said. "I see people going off to Congress and not a lot happening. I see so much that needs to be undone on the federal level and they seem always to be so paralyzed by politics. That's my perception, that they are paralyzed by politics."

Bennett said politics are put aside for the business of the people at the state level once election season ends.

"I just don't see politics as much of an issue on the state level," he added. "On the federal level, it seems like that's all there is."



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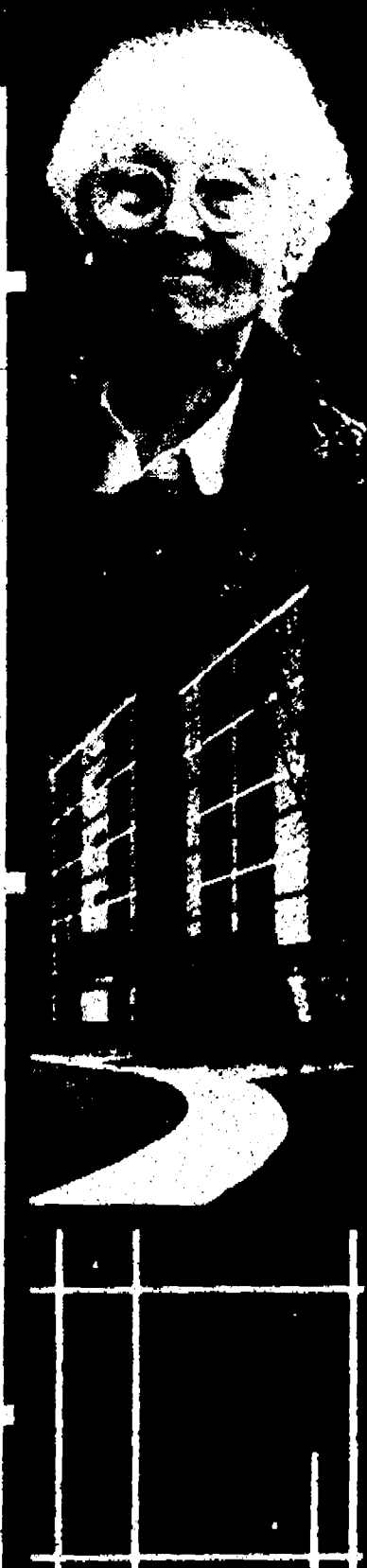
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Blanchard won't rule out run for Senate in 2000

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An "aw, shucks" look comes over Jim Blanchard's face when President Bill Clinton calls him "the best ambassador to Canada we ever had."

"That's Bill Clinton," shrugged Blanchard, who was ambassador from 1993-96 after four terms as a U.S. representative from Oakland County and two terms as governor of Michigan.

But retired Northwest Airlines executive Arch Yawn agrees with Clinton. "Northwest got the greatest benefit from his 'Open Skies' agreement. He (Blanchard) was good to us. All U.S. airlines benefited," said Yawn, now a resident of Kennesaw, Ga., but visiting the Dearborn Hyatt Hotel Jan. 11 to hear Blanchard address the Detroit Economic Club.

Blanchard, 56, boosted his book, "Behind the Embassy Door: Canada, Clinton and

Quebec," saying the role of ambassador is more than sending faxes to the White House and pouring champagne at diplomatic receptions.

He put his own stamp on relations with the U.S.'s and Michigan's largest single trading partner in the "Open Skies" deal signed in February of 1995 to open up commercial airline flight paths between the two nations' largest cities.

"Within the next three years, U.S.-Canada passenger traffic increased 37 percent," Blanchard wrote in Chapter 6, "over 40 new pairs of cities received direct service for the first time, and traffic levels between many old markets such as Toronto-New York or Vancouver-Los Angeles increased dramatically.

Cities linked

"The combined net economic gain for both countries in activities and jobs was estimated in the billions of dollars, and all

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Jim Blanchard
-former governor



the airlines entered into creative joint ventures that resulted in better customer service and higher company profits."

Before that deal, Blanchard noted in 1993, "we had to fly from Baltimore because there was no direct Washington-Ottawa flight linking our two capitals."

His book is among the top 10

"Canadian readers are very interested in what Americans think about them, at least if the writer has a reputation for caring about them and spending some serious time with them," he said.

Running in 2000?

Any clues about a future political race, such as against Republican U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham in 2000? A few:

■ "I saw the job (as ambassador) as building a career rather than capping it," he wrote.

■ He had a lot of encouragement, and gave serious thought, to run in 1994, but decided he wanted to do the Canadian job first. Besides, 1994 was a bad year for Democrats.

■ "I don't have any plans (pause) to run for office (pause) at this time. To tell the whole truth - which some people have trouble doing occasionally (chuckling) - it's still too early

... I don't rule anything out," he said in a news conference.

■ Blanchard has had book signings in Brighton, Birmingham, Ann Arbor, Flint and Kalamazoo as well as in Washington and many Canadian cities. Grand Rapids, Traverse City and the Upper Peninsula are on his spring schedule.

■ His time is allocated to 60 percent to Michigan (his home is Beverly Hills), 20 percent in Washington (where he's a corporate lawyer in trade negotiations), and 20 percent on the road, mainly in book promotions.

The bad side of politics, he went on, is "raising money - spending more time raising money than learning issues, more time raising money than with their families, more time raising money than getting acquainted with the voters."

That, he said, is worse than the common notion that politicians sell their votes when

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County offices closed Monday

Wayne County offices will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, except for those departments providing essential services, such as the Wayne County Sheriffs and, if it snows, the county road crews.

Westland will be closed, but the nearby Wayne County Sheriffs facility on Henry Ruff will remain open that day.

All county offices are scheduled to open on Tuesday.

The closings affect those offices at the Wayne County Building in Detroit, including the county executive and the county commissioners, and the City-County Building, such as the county clerk's office. Wayne County Circuit Court will be closed at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

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ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-6

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND WESTLAND ZONING ORDINANCE 248, BY ADDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 3:9.2m, and AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 3:12.5; ADDING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6:7f; AMENDING ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 7:2.2m, 7:8c, and 7:10; AMENDING ARTICLE IX, SECTIONS 9:4.1, 9:4.2, 9:5.2, AND 9:6.2; AMENDING ARTICLE XI, SECTIONS 11:3.1b(2), 11:3.2a, 11:3.3a, 11:5.1 and 11:5.2; ARTICLE XII, SECTIONS 12:3.3, 12:4.9, and 12:5.3; AMENDING ARTICLE XIV, SECTIONS 14:4g, and 14:7; ARTICLE XV, AMENDING SECTIONS 15:3.2, 15:6.9, and ADDING 15:8.1; ARTICLE XVI, ADDING SECTION 16:2.2 60; AMENDING ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 17:5(c), and 17:11(d)

Section 1. That Article III, Section 3:9.2 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to add the following:

m. An electronic CAD (Computer Aided Design) copy of the property legal description and the legal description of all utility easements and all improvements to the site shall be provided to the Engineering Division for inclusion into the City of Westland GIS data base.

Section 2. That Article III, Section 3:12.5 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended as follows:

Not less than 15 days' notice of time and place of such hearing shall be published at least once in the official newspaper or a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Westland. Notice of the hearing shall be given to the owners of the subject property and to all persons to whom real property is assessed within three hundred (300) feet of the boundary of the property in question, and to the occupants of all structures within three hundred (300) feet. In the case of general text and/or zoning map amendments, not less than 15 days' notice of the time and place of the public hearing shall be given by mail to each public utility company and to each railroad company owning or operating any public utility or railroad within the district or zones affected that registers its name and mailing address with the City Clerk for the purpose of receiving the notice. Such notice to be delivered personally or by mail addressed to the respective owners at the address given in the last assessment roll. Other such publication or posting may be required by the Planning Director which may include the placement of a Rezoning Sign on the property proposed to be rezoned prior to the Public Hearing at the Planning Commission. The size message and location of the rezoning sign shall be determined by the Planning Director. The cost of preparation of the Rezoning Sign and the placement on the property shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

Section 3. That Article VI, Section 6:7 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to add the following:

f. The exterior materials indicated on the site plan shall not be painted or stained unless approved by the City Council.

Section 4. That Article VII, Section 7:2.2m of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended as follows:

m. Recreation and social facilities, as follows:
Golf courses, driving ranges, pitch and putt, or miniature golf courses.
Recreation buildings and community centers, noncommercial.
Swimming pools, noncommercial.
Tennis clubs and courts, noncommercial.

Section 5. That Article VII, Section 7:8c of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended as follows:

c. An unobstructed private road which provides access to a public street, providing said private road has an easement or right-of-way of at least thirty (30) feet at all points and is improved to the asphalt hard surface requirements of the City of Westland Engineering Department standards.

Section 6. That Article VII, Section 7:10 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to add the following:

FOOTNOTE:

3. The Building Director, upon good cause shown, may in his discretion, and only with respect to the construction of a new single family residence, waive a setback requirement of this schedule up to a distance not exceeding six (6) inches, and further provided such waiver will not act to increase the size or square footage of the structure beyond those dimensions as set forth in the building plans previously approved by the Building Director.

Section 7. That Article IX, Section 9:4.1 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Permitted Principal Uses

The following land and/or structure uses shall be permitted by right in the CB-1 Commercial Business District.

- d. Comparison Commercial Uses:
Bicycle sales, rental, and repair shops.
Electrical showrooms and shops.
Garden supply stores.
Hobby shops.
Household, appliance stores.
Household, notions and dry goods.
Music, video and record sales and rental stores.
Novelty shops.
Paint, glass, and wallpaper stores.
Pet stores.
Plumbing showrooms and shops.
Sporting goods.
Toy stores.

Section 8. That Article IX, Section 9:4.2 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to add the following:

Special Land Uses

- d. Clothing stores.

Section 9. That Article IX, Section 9:5.2 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to add the following:

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- d. Clothing stores.

Section 10. That Article IX, Section 9:6.2 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to add the following:

Special Land Uses

- d. Clothing stores.

Section 11. That Article XI, Section 11:3.1b(2) of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

(2) The buffer strip shall be graded with a continuous berm at least three (3) feet above the grade elevation at the grade of the highest level of either property at the common property line, or at the curb level of the abutting street, or at the height of the abutting public sidewalk located in a dedicated public street, whichever is the highest with side slopes having a minimum ratio of three feet of run for every one foot of rise. A three (3) foot-high brick or other decorative masonry screen wall be substituted for the berm, or used as a retaining wall in conjunction with a half-berm.

Section 12. That Article XI, Section 11:3.2a of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

a. The buffer strip shall be a minimum of twenty feet in depth or the applicable setback for the zoning district. It shall be graded with a continuous berm at least three (3) feet above the zoning district. It shall be graded with a continuous berm at least three (3) feet above the grade elevation at the grade of the highest level of either property at the common property line, or at the curb level of the abutting street, or at the height of the abutting public sidewalk located in a dedicated public street, whichever is the highest with side slopes having a minimum ratio of three feet of run for every one foot of rise. A three (3) foot-high brick or other decorative masonry screen wall may be substituted for the berm, or used as a retaining wall in conjunction with a half-berm.

Section 13. That Article XI, Section 11:3.3a of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

a. Off-street parking areas shall be screened from public thoroughfares and residential districts by a thirty-six (36) inch high brick or other decorative masonry wall around the periphery of the parking area. The wall may be interrupted at not more than twenty (20) percent of its required length if necessary to provide for vehicular access, except that the wall may be interrupted at more than (20) percent of its required length if necessary to provide for one (1) vehicular access and one (1) egress lane. A thirty-six (36) inch berm planted with grass, ground cover, or other suitable material may be substituted for the wall. It shall be graded with a continuous berm at least three (3) feet above the grade elevation at the grade of the highest level of either property at the common property line, or at the curb level of the abutting street, or at the height of the abutting public sidewalk located in a dedicated public street, whichever is the highest with side slopes having a minimum ratio of three feet of run for every foot of rise and planted in accordance with Section 11:3.1(b). The plant materials may be clustered if the City Council determines that a particular clustering configuration would improve the effectiveness of the buffer strip in screening the property in question from adjacent property. The wall (or berm) shall not be required along the portion of parking and vehicular-use area periphery which lies adjacent to a protection screen wall of the type required in Section 11:3.1(a) of this Article, or along the portion of the parking and vehicular-use area periphery which lies adjacent to a building on the same lot as the parking area. In multiple-family districts the wall (or berm) shall not be required along the portion of an off-street parking area which lies adjacent to an off-street parking area in an adjoining multiple-family development. In industrial districts, said wall shall not be required for parking areas which are adjacent to or visible from a public thoroughfare which functions primarily to carry local industrial traffic provided said parking areas are at least twenty-five (25) feet from the thoroughfare and not adjacent to or visible from a residential area.

Section 14. That Article XI, Section 11:5.1 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Installation

Landscaping shall be installed in a sound workmanlike manner and according to accepted planning procedures with the quality of plant materials as hereinafter described. Landscaped areas must be protected from vehicular encroachment, by such means as, but not limited to, wheel stops. Landscape areas shall be elevated above the pavement to a height adequate to protect plant materials from snow removal operations, salt and other hazards. If building or paving construction is completed in an off-planting season, the temporary certificates of occupancy will be issued only after the owner provides cash, irrevocable letter of credit or other acceptable financing guarantees to ensure installation of required landscaping in the next planting season. A specific listing of plant materials shall be provided by the owner of the development which shall include a cost estimate for the landscaping to be installed. The minimum estimate shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Commission Fee Schedule as adopted by the City Council.

Section 15. That Article XI, Section 11:5.2 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Maintenance

The owner of landscaping required by this Ordinance shall maintain such landscaping in good condition so as to present a healthy, neat and orderly appearance, free from refuse and debris. All unhealthy and dead material shall be replaced within one (1) year or the next appropriate planting period, whichever comes first. All required landscape areas shall be provided with a sprinkling system. Maintenance of landscaped areas in public rights-of-way adjacent to required landscape areas shall be the responsibility of the owner of the adjacent private property.

Section 16. That Article XII, Section 12:3.3 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to add the following:

u. The location, size and capacity of a storm water management plan and attendant facilities shall be provided in accordance with the City of Westland Best Management Practices standards for the management of storm water runoff.

Section 17. That Article XII, Section 12:3.3d of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

d. Floor plans with dimensions of each delineated space by type of intended use by square footage to include tenant space and owner occupied space. In the case of residential units, the number and location of each type of residential unit (one-bedroom units, two-bedroom units, etc.) with typical floor plans for each type of unit and the square footage of floor area by unit type.

Section 18. That Article XII, Section 12:4.9 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Exterior lighting shall be of a type and design and so arranged that light is deflected away from adjacent properties and shall not exceed one footcandle of intensity as measured at the property line. The light shall not impede the vision of traffic along adjacent streets. Flashing or intermittent lights shall not be permitted. All parking lot lighting shall be turned on at sunset and remain illuminated during the hours of operation of the principal use of the premise and remain illuminated for one hour after the business closes for the day.

Section 19. That Article XII, Section 12:5.3 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to add the following:

d. Issuance of temporary certificates of occupancy is permitted for not more than seventy-five (75) percent of the dwelling units within the limits of the approved site plan. Once this point of occupancy is reached, all site improvements as depicted upon the approved site plan must be completely installed.

Section 20. That Article XIV, Section 14:4g of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

g. The Planning Commission's recommendation and all related reports shall be submitted to the City Council for its consideration.

Section 21. That Article XIV, Section 14:7 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Minor changes to a previously approved final phase PUD development plan

may be approved by the Planning Director after the plan has been reviewed by the Planning Director, Fire Chief, Building Director and City Engineer, and they certify in writing that the proposed revision meets all requirements of this Ordinance and constitutes a minor alteration and does not alter the basic design nor any specific conditions of the plan as agreed upon by the Planning Commission and the City Council. The Planning Director shall record all such changes on the original final phase PUD development plan and shall advise the Planning Commission of all said minor revisions. Minor alterations or revisions under this Section shall include:

- New fire escape.
- Change in building height that does not create new floor area.
- Relocation of sidewalks.
- Rearrangement of parking lot and drives.
- Decrease in building size.
- Moving a building no more than twenty (20) feet or twenty (20) percent of the distance to the closest property line, whichever is smaller.
- Other proposed amendments must follow the approval procedures for a new Planned Unit Development.

Section 22. That Article XV, Section 15:3.2 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to add the following:

s. High intensity search lights used for the attraction of business patrons and customers but not including any emergency lighting as may be required by police, fire, or other emergency personnel.

Section 23. That Article XV, Section 15:6.9 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to add the following:

f. Such sign shall be set back a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from the front lot line of the parcel or lot of the individual use.

Section 24. That Article XV, Section 15:6.11 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby added to provide the following:

Super-Regional Shopping Center Sign Regulation. The following sign regulations shall apply to shopping centers which contain a minimum of 900,000 square feet of floor area in one contiguous building.

Wall-Mounted Identification and Business Signs
Wall-mounted on-premise signs shall be permitted in commercial districts subject to the:

- Area and Number: The gross area in square feet of all signs on a zoned lot shall not exceed one and one-half (1 1/2) square feet for each linear foot of building frontage, or one-half (1/2) square foot for each linear foot of lot frontage, whichever results in the larger sign area, however, the maximum total of all permitted signs for any single establishment shall not exceed four hundred (400) square feet.
- Location: No such sign shall project more than eighteen (18) inches from the face of the wall of the building. The top of such sign shall be no higher than the lower of:
 - Twenty-five (25) feet above grade.
 - The top of the sills of the first level or windows above the first story; and,
 - The height of the building at the eaves facing the street on which the sign is located.

Free-Standing Signs

For shopping centers in single ownership or under unified control, or individual uses with a minimum frontage of two hundred (200) feet, one (1) additional on-premise sign on each street frontage, other than those regulated, shall be permitted, subject to the following controls:

- Area: The gross area in square feet permitted for the additional sign on a zoning lot shall not exceed one-half (1/2) square foot for each linear foot of frontage of such zoning lot, or a total of one hundred (100) square feet, whichever is less.
- Setback: Such sign shall be set back a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from the front lot line of such center or individual use. For each five (5) feet of sign setback in excess of the fifteen (15) foot minimum, the allowable sign height of such sign may be increased by ten (10) percent of the maximum permitted below.
- Height: No sign shall project higher than fourteen (14) feet above curb level.
- Distance from Other Permitted Signs: Such sign shall be located at least fifty (50) feet from any other permitted sign on the zoning lot and fifty (50) feet from any existing freestanding sign on an adjacent zoning lot.

Section 25. That Article XVI, Section 16:2.2 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to add the following:

Specific Requirements

OFF-STREET PARKING TABLE (PARKING CLASSES)

60. Drive-up windows or pick-up stations. Eight (8) stacking spaces for the first drive-up window or station and six (6) additional stacking spaces per each additional window or pick-up station.

Section 26. That Article XVII, Section 17:5(c) of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

(c) Activities of municipal departments, utility companies or public tree trimming agencies.

Section 27. That Article XVII, Section 17:11(d) of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

(d) Where it is not feasible and desirable to relocate or replace trees on-site or at another approved location in the City, the tree permit grantee shall pay into the City Tree Fund, which fund is hereby created, an amount of money approximating the current market value of the replacement trees that would otherwise be required. The City shall use the City Tree Fund for the purpose of maintaining and preserving wooded areas, for planting and maintaining trees within the City and for expenses related to the administration and enforcement of this Article. Prior to the issuance of a tree permit, the applicant shall make a cash deposit with the City of Westland for the value of the trees proposed for removal in accordance with this Section.

Section 28. That all other provisions of the Westland Zoning Ordinance #248 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 29. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 30. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 31. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 32. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS
Westland City Clerk

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SC may get 2nd chance at grant for tech center

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Schoolcraft College may have a second chance at state Jobs Commission money for advanced information technology training, said CEO Doug Rothwell.

Schoolcraft wasn't one of the eight finalists when the \$30 million was passed out Jan. 12. Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills Campus and Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn got \$5 million grants.

"Because of the number of strong applications received," said Rothwell in a press release, "there is also the possibility that additional capital funding will be made available to build more centers."

"Once the centers are open and fully operational, we expect about 30,000 students to be trained annually. And by providing more funding, even more Michigan men and women will be prepared to take the high-wage, high-skill, high-demand jobs of the 21st Century."

Rothwell, a heavy-hitter in Gov. John Engler's administration, heads the agency that includes parts of the old Commerce, Labor and Education departments. Engler in 1998 proposed and got a total of \$50 million - \$30 million for plant and equipment, \$20 million for scholarships.

The Jobs Commission had planned to award five grants. Instead it awarded eight, said Christine Smiggen, an education and training consultant for the department. And she said other sites may get M-TEC certifica-

tions. This held out hope for institutions such as Schoolcraft, Focus:HOPE in Detroit and Macomb Community College which had competed stiffly for grants.

Other winners besides OCC and Henry Ford: Kalamazoo Valley Community College, \$5 million; Northwestern Michigan Community College near Traverse City, \$4.4 million; Lake Michigan College near Benton Harbor, \$4.1 million; Grand Rapids Community College, \$3 million; Bay de Noc in the Upper Peninsula, \$2.3 million; and Kellogg Community College at Battle Creek, \$683,000.

Schoolcraft proposal

Schoolcraft had proposed a \$6 million 32,000-square-foot technology center addition 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 multiphase 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."

"We at Schoolcraft continue to believe that the focus, the delivery methodology and the value added business approach of our project is sound," wrote Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell to Cindy Ballard of the Michigan Jobs Commission.

"I sincerely hope that should the Governor be successful in securing additional funding, that Schoolcraft will receive strong consideration," McDowell wrote.

OCC plans

Because the Jobs Commission was slow picking through the 26 proposals, OCC won't meet a June 2000 target for completing construction. "We'll start classes before the building is up," said Cheryl Kozell, who wrote OCC's grant. "We're not gonna wait for that building to open."

Goal: to train 16,000 students over five years for work as personal computer support technicians, applications technicians, network technicians, database systems technicians, and operating systems technicians.

Staff writer Susan Rosiek contributed to this story.

Court blocks tax on county building

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A Court of Appeals panel has blocked the city of Detroit's effort to levy property taxes against the Wayne County Building at 600 Randolph in Detroit.

On Dec. 28, the appeals court said the issue has already been decided by the state Tax Tribunal, which ruled against the city in 1992 for the 1991 tax year.

Court of Appeals Judges Peter O'Connell, Roman Gribbs and Michael Talbot signed the opinion.

The city of Detroit sought to tax the building for the 1992-97 tax years on the grounds that it was "property owned by, or being acquired pursuant to, an installment pur-

chase agreement" by a county. In the mid-1980s the county sold the building, the buyer renovated it, and the county is leasing it back.

After the Tax Tribunal's negative ruling, Detroit attempted to tax it for 1991. The Tax Tribunal declined to hear the case, applying the legal doctrine of res judicata — the question already has been decided.

Detroit had argued that "res judicata" does not apply to Tax Tribunal decisions, but the appellate judges disagreed. "The Tax Tribunal is a 'quasi-judicial agency.'"

"Because by its nature the appeal process does not contemplate a new, original action, decisions of the Tribunal are clearly intended to be final decisions on the merits."

The court added: "Indeed, public policy would be poorly served if, in the face of unchanged circumstances, taxing authorities were at liberty to renew annually the assessment of taxes against a taxpayer who had won recognition of a right to avoid those taxes."

Mary Nassar, Wayne County assistant corporation counsel, said the county's argument that the statute allows property to be exempt when it is in the process of being purchased by the county.

John Ronayne, an attorney from the Detroit firm of Kasiborski, Ronayne & Flaska who represented the city of Detroit, could not be reached for comment on whether Detroit would appeal the ruling.

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ALL THAT & MORE

Slender, upbeat SWF, 42, 5'6", who enjoys outdoor activities, country music and dining out, is looking for a possible relationship with a gentle, active SWM, 42-55, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 2655

NO COUCH POTATOES

Here's a professional WWWCF, 63, that a SWCM, 58-65, will love to meet and be friends with. She loves to laugh, listen to music, travel and go to the theater. Ad# 1612

ATTRACTIVE

Outgoing DW mom, 38, 5'7", 110lbs., a green-eyed blonde, who enjoys working out, dining out, movies, reading and the outdoors, is looking for a handsome SWCM, 37-45. Ad# 5165

GIVE LOVE A CHANCE

SWF, 35, enjoys gardening, animals and spectator sports. She would like to meet a SWM, N/S, who likes meaningful conversations. Hopefully, a serious relationship will develop. Ad# 3693

GOOD LISTENER

Here's a laid-back, but fun DB mom, 34, 5', who's waiting to hear from you, a SBM, 32-42, who loves children and going to church. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, long conversations and dining. Ad# 1234

THOUGHTFUL

Catholic DW, 56, 5'2", a green-eyed blonde, seeks a loving WWWM, 51-60, N/S, who enjoys picnics in the park, travel, family barbecues, dining out, music and more. Ad# 1863

FRIENDSHIP

Catholic SWF, 31, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, is seeking a Catholic SWM, 30-38, who enjoys movies, the theater, music, biking, rollerblading and more. Ad# 1010

KINDRED SPIRIT

Outgoing, friendly DW, 50, 5'6", medium-built, with blonde hair, who likes jazz and R&B music, concerts, dining out and quiet nights, is seeking an honest SCM, 50-64, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 4224

SHARE MY WORLD

Catholic SWF, 48, 5'3", is looking for a Catholic SWM, 40-55, without children at home, for fun and a possible relationship. She likes bowling and social events. Ad# 9642

MEANT TO BE

Sincere SWF, 49, 5'4", with green eyes, is looking to share interests and friendship with a caring, considerate SWM, 50-54. Ad# 3161

QUIET EVENINGS

Never-married SWCF, 33, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, loves the outdoors, concerts, movies and line dancing. She seeks a never-married SWCM, 28-36. Ad# 2933

TAKE NOTE

Professional SWF, 28, 5'6", slender, is looking to share interests and a long-term relationship with an adventurous, levelheaded SWM, 24-31. Ad# 3656

THE MARRYING KIND

SWCF, 35, 5'9", who enjoys dining out, movies, concerts, traveling and church activities, is seeking a SWCM, 30-45, for friendship first, possible long-term relationship. Ad# 2436

FAMILY-ORIENTED

Catholic DW, 49, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, concerts, movies, dining out and the outdoors, seeks an honest, sincere, Catholic D/WWWM, 45-55, N/S. Ad# 5689

IS THAT YOU?

Secure Catholic DW, 48, 5'1", who enjoys long walks and weekend getaways, is seeking a warm, compassionate SWM, 46-54, who enjoys life. Ad# 2223

DO YOU QUALIFY?

Caring, petite SWF, 70, who enjoys playing cards, dancing, bowling, traveling and dining out, wants to meet a happy SWM, 68-72, N/S, to spend time with. Ad# 7127

SIMPLY MARVELOUS

Down-to-earth, Born-Again DWCF, 44, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, N/S, enjoys bicycling, Bible studies, dancing and more. She is seeking a compatible Born-Again DWCM, 35-50. Ad# 4240

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST

Professional and spontaneous DW, 41, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, is seeking a SWM, 38-48, who enjoys dining out, music and movies, the outdoors and more. Ad# 2375

TOO MUCH TO LIST

DW, 39, 5'1", with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys camping, fishing, bowling, dancing and sports, is seeking a SWM under 50, to spend time with. Ad# 6345

TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL

This Born-Again SWCF, 30, 5'6", 125lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, enjoys Bible study, is hoping to get together with a SWM, 25-45, for a possible relationship. Ad# 4956

AMAZING GRACE

Pretty WWWCF, 50, 5'3", slender, with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys dancing, movies, bowling, country drives. She seeks a tall, handsome DWCM, 45-50, 5'10"+, without kids at home. Ad# 2130

HOPES & DREAMS

Soft-spoken DW, 21, 5'2", with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys the outdoors, theater, music and more. She is looking for a romantic SWM, 20-33, who likes children. Ad# 5253

SHARE HER DREAMS

Energetic, educated DW, 27, 5'8", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys bicycling, working out, swimming and horseback riding, seeks a SWCM, age unimportant. Ad# 3919

FIT AND TRIM

Professional, educated SWCF, 34, 5'1", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, church functions and dining out, is seeking a SWCM, 30-45. Ad# 2164

STRESS FREE LIVING

Professional SWCF, 32, 5'3", who enjoys dining out, movies, traveling, music, cooking and gardening, is seeking a SWCM, 28-39, to share life with. Ad# 7286

EXTRA NICE

Pleasant and employed WWWCF, 63, 5'4", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who loves walking, cooking, country music, and is active in Bible study. She is looking for a WWWCM, 58-65, with similar interests. Ad# 3824

FRIENDS FIRST

Meet this energetic, outgoing, full-figured, well-employed SBC mom, 38, 5'3", who enjoys long moonlit walks, dining out and meaningful conversation, is in search of a SBCM, 30-45, who likes children. Ad# 1437

FRIENDS FIRST

Attractive DWCF, 48, 5'3", is in search of a SWCM, 44-55, who enjoys dining out, sports and long romantic walks. Ad# 7081

NEW BEGINNINGS

Sincere DW mom of one, 40, 5'4", who enjoys art, movies and romance, is looking for a SWCM, 40-51, with similar interests. Ad# 9136

AT THIS POINT OF LIFE

Are you interested in meeting a special lady? I'm an outgoing, friendly SWF, 34, 5'5", who enjoys photography, art, a variety of music and movies, going to church and all outdoor activities. I would like to enjoy the company of a SWM, 33-38. Ad# 6155

HEAR ME OUT

Outgoing DW, 51, 5'5", who enjoys living life to its fullest, is in search of a SWM, 50-60, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 1106

MAKE THE CONNECTION

Affectionate, caring Catholic DW, 50, 5'4", who enjoys dancing, gardening, movies, indoor and outdoor activities, is in search of an affectionate, Catholic SWM, 45-55, with good morals. Ad# 1217

DIVERSE INTERESTS

DW mom of two, 47, 5'3", with dark hair, who enjoys the outdoors, biking, reading, music, Bible study and the outdoors, is seeking a SWCM, for a possible relationship. Ad# 7388

SPECIAL LADY

You'll have a great time with this outgoing, loving SWF, 35, 5'9", N/S, who enjoys church, movies, concerts, sporting events, quiet times and more. If you are a secure SWM, 35-42, N/S, who shares similar interests, call now. Ad# 1963

MY SPECIAL SOMEONE?

Professional, brown-eyed WWWF, 51, 5'3", who enjoys traveling, the outdoors and quiet evenings at home. She seeks a caring, romantic SWM, under 58, for a possible relationship. Ad# 4641

TRUE BLUE

She's an outgoing, attractive SBCF, 45, 5'4", 135lbs., who enjoys personal growth, traveling, reading and is in search of a spiritual, educated SBCM, 40-53, with similar interests. Ad# 1652

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SOMEONE SPECIAL

Professional SBM, 37, 6'2", is looking to meet a slender, attractive, outgoing SWF, for a monogamous relationship. He enjoys dining out, movies and working out. Ad# 1961

MEANT TO BE

SW PM, 39, 5'11", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys traveling, meeting new people and just keeping active, would like to meet a SWF, 32-45, to share his life with. Ad# 5511

DELIGHTFUL

You might want to meet this never-married Catholic SWM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., who is active in his church choir. He also enjoys kids, dancing, walking, movies, music and good conversation. He wants to meet a good SWCF, under 50, for possible marriage. Ad# 3580

SEARCHING FOR LOVE

A good-hearted, affectionate SWM, 50, seeks a SF, 45-65, who would love attention. Ad# 1233

A GOOD GUY TO KNOW

Hoping to meet you soon is this friendly DWCM, 47, 5'11", who enjoys movies, sports, good conversation and dining out. Leave him a message if you're a DWCF, with similar interests. Ad# 8709

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

SO AMAZING

A shy and reserved SWM, 38, 6'1", wants to break out of his shell. If you're a SWF, 19-39 and are athletic, value family life and want to meet a good man, you could be the one. Ad# 2580

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Born-Again DWCM, 48, 5'8", 165lbs., enjoys sports, music and is looking for a SWCF, 25-54, for a long-term, compatible relationship. Ad# 7878

CAN YOU RELATE ?

He's a Catholic SWM, 42, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who's educated, employed and outgoing. He enjoys music, the arts and being around family and friends. He seeks a passionate and caring SWF, 27-42, who enjoys similar interests. Ad# 4242

ENHANCE MY LIFE

Tall, dark, handsome SWM, 40, 5'10", who enjoys sports and physical activities, is looking to share interests and a meaningful friendship with an outgoing, sincere, attractive SWF, age unimportant. Ad# 3931

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME

Handsome SBCM, 24, 5'9", is seeking a beautiful, caring SBCF, 22-35, who enjoys dining out, spending time with friends, the outdoors and more. Ad# 3615

SHARE MY WORLD

SWC dad of one, 43, 6', a professional, who enjoys dining out, music and movies, the outdoors and family activities, is searching for a SWCF, under 40, for a lifetime of happiness. Ad# 2100

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

FOCUS HERE

I'm a well-built SWM, 27, 6'3", 240lbs., with brown hair and eyes, who enjoys quiet times. I'm seeking a loving, humorous SWF, 23-35, for possible relationship. Ad# 5150

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

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A TRUE GENTLEMAN

Hardworking Catholic SWM

Snow won't stop Plymouth ice fest

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
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We've all had our fill of snow, and now it's time for the ice.

The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular continues through Monday in Kellogg Park.

Ice show organizer Mike Watts and Plymouth Municipal Services Director Paul Sincock say the snow won't hinder the show or block access to parking.

"I think we'll be fine," Watts said. "There's a lot more stress than we'd like, but that's what we're here for."

Sincock said city crews and private contractors are clearing streets and parking lots and hauling the snow to the parking lot at a ball field at Plymouth and Haggerty roads.

The annual event is the oldest and largest ice carving event in North America and usually draws more than 500,000 visitors to see hundreds of artisans transform 400,000 pounds of block ice into works of art. Admission is free.

"Most people who are into ice carving want to come to this event," Watts said. That includes carvers from Canada, Japan, Norway, Russia and Switzerland.

The event is composed of dis-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Let the carving begin! Blocks of ice lined up in The Gathering in downtown Plymouth await ice carvers. Plymouth officials say snow and parking should not be a problem for visitors to the Ice Spectacular.

plays and competitions. The competitions are sanctioned by the American Culinary Federation. More than \$10,000 in prize money, scholarships and awards will be given away.

Many of the carvers are culinary arts students from area community colleges.

Expected to participate this year are students and chef instructors from Schoolcraft College, Henry Ford Community College, Oakland Community

College, Macomb Community College and Monroe Community College.

Chef Dan Hugelier will bring 20 students from Schoolcraft College and help them build a City of Atlantis scene.

HFCC will be represented by the Ice and Snow Sculpturing Club and chef Richard Teeple. They will carve a "Star Wars" scene out of 30 blocks of ice this year with Darth Vader engaged in a light saber battle with Luke

Skywalker as R2D2 and C3PO look on.

Oakland Community College culinary arts students will contribute a group of carvings representing characters from the movie "A Bug's Life."

Chef Jeff Wolf plans to bring 16 culinary arts students from Macomb Community College to the Plymouth ice show. They intend to build Noah's Ark and several pairs of animals from 48 blocks of ice.

A team of engineers from Virtual Engineering of Plymouth plan to build a working clock with nothing but ice.

Children will enjoy the Farmer Jack Fantasyland, located in the Gathering. This year's theme is "Insects Inside" and features displays of wild and crazy bugs. Electric trains will complement the Fantasyland display, weaving in and out of the sculptures.

The ice spectacular is open 24 hours a day, and some say the best way to beat the crowd is to go after the 11 p.m. news when the sculptures are lit for your viewing pleasure.

For more information, call the event hotline number (734) 459-9157, or visit <http://oeonline.com/plymouthice> on the World Wide Web.

SC hosts financial aid seminar

Schoolcraft College's Financial Aid Night will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, in the Waterman Center. The program is designed for college-bound high school students and their parents, or current college students who will apply for aid for the

first time. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation.

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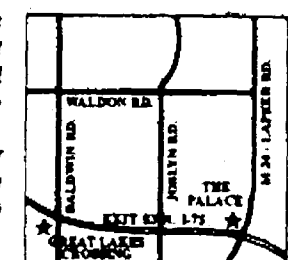
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they raise money.

Languages needed

Blanchard touched on a subject he raised in 1985 as governor - the need for foreign language instruction in public schools at elementary, middle and high school levels. It was recommended by his blue-ribbon commission.

Canada officially is bilingual - English and French. All store products are in two languages. In Quebec, the "language police" yanked kosher products off the shelves because labels were in Hebrew rather than French, he recalled.

Blanchard still believes foreign languages - notably French (the diplomatic language) and Spanish (for Mexico, Central and South America), and perhaps Chinese - are important. His two years of high school

French got him into Michigan State University, but he admitted he could only "communicate, not converse," in French now, even after State Department coaching.

Three things are unlikely to happen, he predicted:

- Quebec's separation. In a direct election, it would go down "2-1."

- A common currency, like the European euro, for Canada, the U.S. and Mexico, the three partners in NAFTA. "We're not ready for that. The value of the Canadian dollar is 64 or 65 cents in our money. It's not workable at this time," he told the Economic Club audience.

- U.S. adoption of the metric system. "Political suicide," a senior congressman advised him - even though manufacturing, drug and liquor companies use it.

Jail crews to shovel snow

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano will extend the use of jail work crews to shovel and remove snow from community locations throughout the county.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1999

Celebrations

Take time to honor King

He had a dream that lives on — and Westland residents will have a couple of chances to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. next week.

We hope residents will take the opportunity to celebrate the life of a man who truly had vision in his work for civil rights. Two local events are planned — one during the morning and one during the evening — offering opportunities to fit most schedules.

■ In honor of the slain civil rights leader's birthday the city will host its second annual march to begin at 9 a.m. Jan. 18 at the Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Center on Marquette and continue to the senior citizen Friendship Center on Newburgh. The march route has changed. Last year, marchers walked from the city's Bailey Recreation Center to the Westland public library.

■ Another celebration will begin at 6 p.m. at the Westland-based Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, where church choirs and student skits will honor King.

The keynote speaker will be Col. Franklyn Thompson, divisional commander of The Salvation Army.

The morning march will move west on Marquette from the Dyer Center and then north on Newburgh to the Friendship Center for a variety of activities.

A performance by the John Glenn High

School Singers and a recitation of King's much-celebrated "I Have A Dream" speech by the Rev. George Johnson, among other activities, will be featured.

The Friendship Center program will be led by master of ceremonies John Franklin, a longtime Westland political activist.

At 6 p.m. The Salvation Army celebration is expected to draw participants from Westland, Inkster, Wayne, Romulus and other cities.

The Salvation Army program will include church choirs and Adams Middle School students performing skits recalling the civil rights movement.

King's work and leadership with the civil rights movement continue to be felt today. Events marking his birthday will be held all across the nation and the local celebrations offer us the opportunity to get involved near home.

While the city was tardy in implementing a King celebration, the idea of making the King birthday a city holiday is still being considered. Even as that issue is debated in contract talks, Monday's celebrations offer a chance to pay tribute and to remember a man who made a difference.

Attending local events not only help us in remembering King and his message, they help us realize how far we've yet to go in furthering civil rights in this country.

New breed of judges on bench

Ri-i-ight face! Forward (we hope) march!!

Gov. John Engler is using his power of appointment to put an interesting new face on Wayne County's judiciary.

He elevated Court of Appeals Judge Robert Young Jr., a member of the Federalist Society, to the state Supreme Court.

He elevated Circuit Judge Brian Zahra, a member of the Federalist Society, to a 1st District Court of Appeals vacancy.

He elevated Washtenaw Judge Kurtis Wilder, a member of the Federalist Society, to another 1st District Court of Appeals vacancy.

Late last year, he promoted Redford District Judge Daniel Ryan, a member of the Federalist Society, to the Wayne Circuit bench.

Also in the last year or so, he promoted Wayne Circuit Judge Michael Talbot, a member of the Federalist Society, to a 1st District Court of Appeals vacancy.

In 1997, he promoted Appeals Judge Clifford Taylor, a Federalist Society member, to the Supreme Court.

In 1998, he engineered the nomination of Appeals Judge Maura Corrigan, a Federalist Society member, for the Supreme Court and helped get her elected.

More than mere Republicanism is involved here.

The Federalist Society was founded, we are told, at Harvard University in the early 1980s. Its members — lawyers, judges and the likes of U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham — believe judges should apply the law (statutes and constitutions) as written. They abhor substituting one's personal view for the written law. It sounds close to the "strict constructionist" philosophy.

Well, we shall see. It would be unfair to judge the judges before they have done a year or two of judging.

We can note, however, that Taylor and Corrigan were reversed when the state Supreme

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Court decided a renters' civil rights case in favor of the renters. Taylor and Corrigan were sharply reversed by the Supreme Court in a lost-pay case for a wrongly fired janitor.

Those cases were decided prior to Jan. 1, when Corrigan joined the court and in which Taylor took no part. So the court has changed sharply as of 1999. It can be expected to be tougher on plaintiffs in civil rights and labor cases.

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So judge-made law is far from all bad.

We hope the Federalist Society members, as they apply the written law, will also recognize Americans' great reverence for common-sense decency. We remind them of the question the late U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren used to ask attorneys during oral arguments: "Yes, yes, but is it fair?"

Familiar scene



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Snow scene: Driving through snowy conditions is getting to be an almost daily occurrence so far this year in southeastern Michigan. Westland has again declared a snow emergency, meaning residents shouldn't park their vehicles on the streets so that plows can get through to remove snow.

LETTERS

Blizzard of '99

Was the great Blizzard of '99 a message from God? I say yes. Which is pretty scary, since I'm usually an agnostic on religious matters.

During the blizzard, we got a preview of what I call the economics of chaos. With roads impassable, many of us were trapped in our homes with minimal provisions hoping the electricity would stay on.

Others were in long lines at the supermarkets. Still others were seeking out snow shovels and snow blowers, at any price. But was all this merely a preview of bigger things to come?

Consider: Washington is trapped in a totally loony impeachment trial. And Wall Street is like an old friend exhibiting increasingly psychotic tendencies. Manic one day, depressive the next.

Meanwhile, Bill, Monica, Saddam and the starving millions of Russians seem like Hollywood central casting's selections for Book of Revelations, The Movie.

And, later this year, the Y2K computer bug is threatening many aspects of life as we know it — like the electrical grid, the banking system and air travel, to name only a few.

Finally, our beloved U.S. dollar is being attacked from Asia by the Kamikaze Japanese yen, and from Europe by a blitz from the newly minted European euro.

If 1999 is going to be the year of the great blizzard, then maybe it's time for us to remember the old Boy Scout motto: Be prepared.

Walter Warren
Westland

port public education and hundreds of thousands more to send their children to schools where they knew they'd get a better education?

■ Does "they" refer to the increasing number of parents who, while they still pay taxes for public schools, have become so turned off by public schools that they'd rather teach them at home?

■ Does "they" refer to people who have children in public schools, but worry about lack of discipline, lack of academic standards, and would like to be able to choose another public school?

■ Does "they" refer to people who would like to use their own tax money to support their own children's education.

■ Does "they" refer to people who feel that they should have choices where to spend their own tax money for education like they have choice in what cars to buy and where to live?

Getting past that first word, I found out that "they" referred rather to the radical right who pay no taxes and use gimmicks and propaganda to cover up their real motives of destroying public schools. Turns out that Tim Richard is as perceptive as Hillary Clinton, who also warned us about this group.

Edmund Starrett Ed.D
Livonia

The 'they' is us

I just finished reading Tim Richard's article regarding state aid for private schools. And as much as I've tried to understand what he had to say, the very first word "they" stuck in my throat. "They didn't wait to start the great propaganda war for state aid to private schools." And I wondered just who the "they" were.

■ Does "they" refer to people like my mother and father who paid hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes over their lifetime to sup-

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What kind of job do you think the city of Westland has done at clearing snow from streets?

We asked this question at the Westland public library.



"Fairly good, I think, but the sidewalks aren't very clear for people to walk on."
Barbara Dermody
Visits mother in Westland



"I think they've done a very, very good job. They cleaned our street right after the storm."
Ed Pilon
Lives on Carrousel



"I'm happy with it. My street has been clear."
Cindy Campanella
Lives on Chief Lane



"Not bad."
Paul Woodard
Lives on Glen

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POINTS OF VIEW

Are airport, county officials just offering a snow job?

My almost 4-year-old granddaughter learned a new word last week: "canceled."

Her Jan. 4 Northwest flight from Boston to Detroit was "canceled," she told me sadly over the phone. "I can't get home and I miss my cats." "Guess what," I told her with false brightness from Juno Beach, Fla. "Papa's and my flight was canceled, too."

That, of course, was our Jan. 2 Northwest flight from West Palm Beach, as well as our rebooked Jan. 4 flight that also did not fly.

She and her parents finally got home in the wee hours of Jan. 6, after their rebooked flight was delayed more than three hours and their baggage for two.

We finally got home by standing by for a Jan. 6 Northwest flight, which was reputedly overbooked. As it turned out, even after the standbys had been boarded, 10 seats flew empty to Detroit.

Like many, ours was a story of inconvenience caused by the largest winter storm to hit metro Detroit in

20 years. Meryl Rackley of Birmingham tells of taking her daughter to the airport on the afternoon of Jan. 3, after her morning flight back to college in Minnesota had been ... you guessed it, canceled.

They kept an ear to the radio, and continually called Northwest. "It took a lot of maneuvering to get there — and four hours out of our day. If they could only have announced not to bother coming to the airport," she says.

Because as they approached through the glassed-in passageway between the parking deck and the Northwest Terminal, "It looked like Dante's Inferno," Rackley describes. "People were writhing around."

Once they entered the terminal, "The check-in was a five-hour wait, people were angry, tempers were short, most of the people in line had been stranded," Rackley recounts. "It looked like a homeless shelter with families lined up against the wall."

Rackley saw, and then heard, the difference between inconvenience and



JUDITH DONER BERNE

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real hardship. Because before they headed for home — daughter Alison finally got out on Jan. 6 — they ran into one of Alison's former Seaholm High School classmates, who had been there for 27 hours trying to get to Philadelphia. In retrospect, Rackley couldn't be sure whether that

included his eight hours on a runway.

Perhaps he'll decide to join the class-action lawsuit filed a week ago against Wayne County and Northwest Airlines. I can't say I blame those who were confined to a plane immobilized on the runway without food, water and adequate bathroom facilities for up to eight hours.

It shouldn't have happened, but when it did, good sense and good manners demanded more than a mere apology from Northwest. Immediately awarding each wronged passenger a sizable number of miles of free air travel in 1999, plus a year's free entrance to their airport clubs, might have dispelled such a lawsuit.

My personal experience is that a lawsuit takes on a life of its own, regardless of common sense. And, as we've all seen with the magnification of President Bill Clinton's sexual dalliance into a full-blown constitutional crisis, it's nearly impossible to stem the legal process once it is set in motion.

Northwest and the Wayne County

officials who run Metro first blamed one another for the catastrophe. But as rumors of the lawsuit took hold, they put up a united front without further recriminations. It was reported that they agreed to "tweak" the airport's snow removal process, including putting an airport representative in the airlines control tower during snow plowing, and to think twice about landing planes in Detroit unless assured they can be accommodated.

We'll have to wait to see whether their public unity is a whiteout primarily designed to subvert legal action or a real effort to plow through the drifts of poor cooperation and planning.

Meantime, here's another cancellation: the notion of Detroit Metro as any (air)port in a storm.

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City's King event offers chance to reach out to others

It's January and I'm snowed in, so I might as well put away holiday decorations and set my goals for 1999. As I read the holiday cards for the last time before recycling them, I'm struck by the frequency of the greeting "Peace on earth and goodwill to all." None of the cards said "Goodwill to those who think, worship and look like you," but they said "Goodwill to all." So I stop packing decorations and explore what this means to me.

As I look around Westland, I realize how rich we are in diversity. I see it in the variety of religions and places of worship, the ethnic restaurants, grocery stores and other shops and the new faces in our schools, neighborhoods and stores.

Communities such as Westland are not composed of people with similar styles and tastes, or even of people who necessarily like and understand each other. They are built of people who feel they are part of something that is bigger than themselves, and that "something bigger" is the responsibility of teaching future generations respect through what we say and the way we act toward each other, whether we are a parent, neighbor, mentor, teacher, employer, relative or friend. As parents, our values are constantly called into question by our children who ask the most embarrassing questions about the way others dress, look, speak or act. As parents and role models, we have to figure out



RONALE BOWMAN

how to respond in a way youth will understand what it is we believe; then we have to live what we say.

My beliefs and experiences indicate that Westland has entered a new phase of unity-building among racial and cultural groups. On Jan. 18, the

city of Westland will be sponsoring the second annual Martin Luther King Jr. program. It will be held at the Friendship Center at 9:30 a.m., preceded by a walk from the Dyer Center on Marquette at 9 a.m.

It is my hope that this event will inspire us to learn more about the ethnic, cultural, religious and racial groups present in Westland. Studies indicate that prejudice, stereotypes, mistrust and fear are the result of a lack of one-to-one contact with people we perceive as different. As we approach the new millennium, wouldn't it be exciting if each person or family in Westland reached out to at least one other person or family of a different race, culture, or religion in

an effort to really listen to and learn from each other and to establish a relationship?

Returning to my holiday greetings of "Peace on earth and goodwill to all" I'm reminded of a Chinese proverb: "If there is right in the soul, there will be beauty in the person. If there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be peace in the world." My goal for 1999 is peace and harmony.

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Religion has role in our culture

By my count, most Michigan stores started taking down their Christmas decorations at midnight on Dec. 25. Everybody knows — especially kids — that the post-Christmas sales start on Dec. 26.

By biblical count, it took 12 days for the wise men to travel to Bethlehem to pay homage to the infant Jesus. Although relatively few know it, that's the origin of the "12 days of Christmas," which ended last week on Jan. 6.

Score a small one for the progressive secularization and commercialization of our society.

More insidiously, consider the kids at Scotch Elementary School in West Bloomfield. Holiday decorations in the school halls this season consisted of Dana, the unisex plastic foam life-sized snowperson, who collects donations for needy families.

According to a story in the Detroit Free Press, Donald Cohen, director of the Michigan Anti-Defamation League, says, "It's best for schools not to focus on religion or any one particular holiday at this time of year. The only reasonable way to deal with the holidays at school is as a secular or seasonal activity."

Score a big one for the progressive purging of values from our culture.

Holidays are tough for schools. School officials are afraid of offending parents. They don't want to exclude children who don't celebrate mainstream holidays. And they are scared of being sued by violating the constitutional separation of church and state.

When I was growing up, schools without a second thought wholeheartedly embraced Christmas as an accepted holiday of a majority Christian culture. I learned the verses (all of 'em) to the Christmas carols in school, and I'll bet most readers my age did, too.

After people realized there were others than Christians in our nation who might want their particular holidays and culture recognized, schools tried to celebrate a variety of holidays — Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah. But such attempts at inclusion have fallen afoul of the culture police.

This year, the Anti-Defamation League sent a letter to Detroit metro area school superintendents reminding them that "religious neutrality is essential in our public schools."

Last year, schools in Farmington adopted a district policy on religion. Public holidays such as Christmas can be recognized with parties and parades, but not observed. The policy says that observance would "commemorate or instill commitment to the values and beliefs represented by the holiday."

Score yet another big one for the progressive value-free secularization of our culture.



PHILIP POWER

If schools are not going to help "instill commitment to the values and beliefs represented" by religious holidays, how is it going to be done? "By the family," answer progressives, probably rightly in theory. But anybody who has tried to raise kids these days knows full well there are lots more influences on the development of culture in a young person than solely the warm family hearth.

Answer me this: Does Mattel Corp., the company that makes all the toys, have as much to do with the culture assimilated by young people as family discussions around the dinner table? Does watching MTV have as much impact on forming a kid's cultural norms as high-minded discussions of ethics on PBS?

As long as we purge religious understanding from our schools, we cut ourselves off from one of a diminishing number of sources by which a culture of values can be communicated throughout our society.

I'm not about to go whole hog with the religious right and claim that we must bring prayers back to the schools. I must admit those folks have a point when they talk about the progressive secularization of our culture, the elimination of values and ethics from our schools, the substitution of the common for the sublime.

As a society, we seem to be in the midst of letting the entertainment industry define our national culture because we can't find a good way to communicate values beyond the commercial and the secular without supposedly offending somebody with quick access to a lawyer.

At a time when our political system is has been brought to chaos by considering whether to remove a president who has debased his office through prosecution by the House of Representatives that has debased the Constitution, that's a sorry state of affairs.

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Enjoy the snow at these area Metroparks

Huron-Clinton Metroparks, are ready for skiers and other winter warriors ready to hit snow-covered landscapes.

The parks provide cross-country ski trails and some provide ski rentals.

Ski rental rates are \$5 for four hours on weekdays and \$6.50 for a complete set on weekends and holidays. An insurance fee of \$2 per set is required on all equipment, along with proper identification to be left at the time of rental. Half of the fee is returned when the equipment is returned in satisfactory condition.

A \$3 vehicle entry permit is required to use all Metroparks, except on Wednesdays. Annual permits are \$15 and \$8 for seniors. Call the metropark before visiting because facility operations depend upon winter conditions.

Here is a listing of metroparks and details about winter activities:

■ Kensington Metropark, near Milford/Brighton offers more than 12 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails (for both skate and traditional style skiing) suit-

able for novice, intermediate and advanced skiers on scenic and hilly wooded terrain. The Ski Touring Center, open daily, is located at the golf course with restrooms and food services. Special equipment rental rates are available for organized groups on weekdays.

Facilities for ice skating, tobogganing and sledding are also available. The Kensington Farm center is open daily demonstrating winter farm activities. Horse-drawn sleigh rides are offered noon to 4 p.m. on weekends. Park hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

For ice or snow conditions call (800)477-3178 or (248)685-1561.

■ Huron Meadows Metropark in Green Oak Township south of Brighton has more than six miles of groomed cross-country ski trails, with varied terrain. The Ski Touring Center, at the Activity and Golf Starter building, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends only for rental. It has coin-operated lockers, a heated lounge, restrooms and food service. Groups of 10 or more can make arrangements to rent skis during the week. Phone

(800)477-3191 for information and snow conditions.

■ Hudson Mills Metropark near Dexter/Ann Arbor has more than four miles of groomed cross-country ski trails over varied terrain. The Ski Touring Center, at the Activity Center Building, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends only for ski rentals. It has a heated lounge, food service, restrooms and coin-operated lockers. Groups of 10 or more can make arrangements to rent skis during the week. Phone (800)477-3191.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Snow fun: Ron and Holli Curl of Livonia skied recently in the woods near their home on Gary Lane. Groomed trails are available in area Metroparks.

(800)477-3191 for information and snow conditions.

■ Lower Huron Metropark near Belleville has areas for cross-country skiing (no groomed trails), two nature trails for walking and more than four miles of hike-bike trails and ice

skating. Heated restrooms are available in the Sycamore Bend and Foxwoods picnic areas. The park's ponds become natural ice rinks when the weather permits. Park visitors should call before their visit to check skating conditions. Call (800)477-3182 or (734)697-9181.

■ Willow Metropark, located near New Boston provides more than six miles of groomed cross-country ski trails, mostly over flat terrain and including nearby Oakwoods Metropark. The Ski Touring Center is located at the Washago Pond Building, which has a heated lounge and food service. It is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with the last rentals at 4 p.m. Special rental rates are available for organized groups of at least 10 people. Sledding and equipment rental is available at Washago Pond and at the Chestnut Picnic Area. Phone (734)697-9181 or (800)477-3182.

■ Lake Erie Metropark in Brownstown Township near Gibraltar and Rockwood has 4.25 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails on relatively flat terrain. The Ski Touring

Center, open daily, is located at the Food Bar Building, which has a heated lounge, food service and restrooms. Special rental rates are available for groups of 10 or more, two-week advance registration is suggested. Ice skating is available on one rink, which is adjacent to the ski center parking lot. There is also a sledding hill for tots, located west of the ski center. The Marshlands Museum and Nature Center is open 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Several winter nature interpretive programs are scheduled. The park entrance is located at 32481 W. Jefferson Ave. in Brownstown Township, near Huron River Drive. Phone (800)477-3189 or (734)379-5020 for reservations.

■ Oakwoods Metropark near Flat Rock features nature trails, winter bird feeding stations and nature programs, plus marked cross-country ski trails. Hours are dawn to dusk. Call (800)477-3182 or (734)697-9181.

For information about Huron-Clinton Metroparks, call (800)47-PARKS.

State tax checkoff will help children

As hundreds of thousands of Michigan State Income Tax Forms are arriving in mail boxes, another major campaign to prevent child abuse and neglect across the state begins. The tax season is also the biggest season for donations to the Children's Trust Fund, a nonprofit organization that funds child abuse and neglect prevention in local communities and across the state.

The money raised through the Michigan State Tax Form Check-Off campaign will fund essential child abuse prevention and neglect services to local program grant funding.

"Over the years, CTF has provided funding to programs that have touched the lives of over 2.7 million children and 600,000 families. So much has been accomplished, yet so much needs to be done," said Candace Sorensen, Children's Trust Fund chairwoman.

According to Sorensen, there are three ways that you can make a difference for children with CTF:

■ Donations through the Michigan State Income Tax Form Check-Off.

■ By making a direct check or money order donation to CTF at P.O. Box 30037, Lansing, MI 48909.

■ By participating in CTF's local fund-raising activities.

For more information on the Children's Trust Fund, call (517) 373-4320.

S'craft seeks outstanding alumni

Schoolcraft College is seeking nominations for outstanding alumni who have made significant contributions to their profession, the community and the college.

The award winner will be honored at commencement exercises Saturday, May 8.

Nominees must have earned 30 credit hours at Schoolcraft, excelled in or achieved special distinction in civic affairs, a professional field or volunteerism and have contributed to Schoolcraft while a student or alumnus. The Distinguished Alumni Committee created this award to recognize the overall success of Schoolcraft College students.

The deadline for applications is Friday, March 26. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Department of Marketing and Development at (734) 482-4417.

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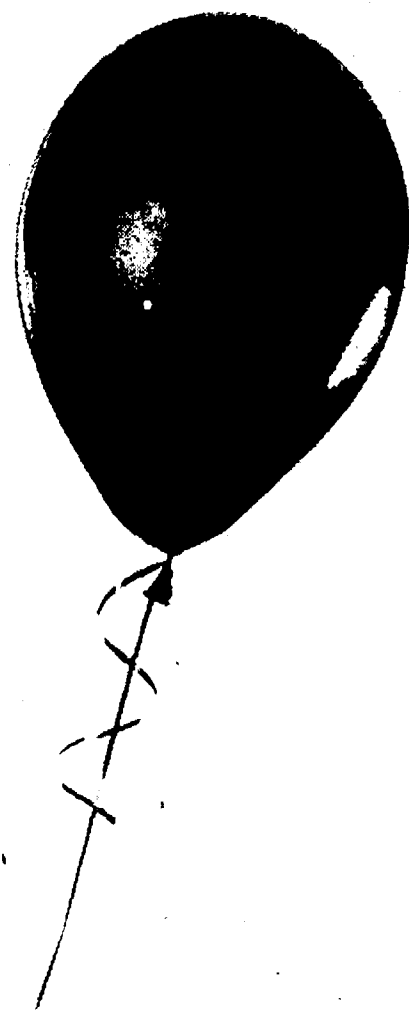
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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Parents need to connect with schools

By now, the fall parent/teacher conferences have come and gone. Many parents are exasperated by what the teacher has said about their child; many students are feeling defeated and tired of trying.

These children have not only started complaining that school is boring, they complain of headaches and stomach aches and may even say out loud that, "The teacher hates me."

Not knowing quite what to do, the parent often does nothing.

Numerous studies have proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that the parents who get very connected to their child's school will have children who fare better academically.

Preventive measures start when parents do three things:

■ First, introduce yourself to the teachers during the first few weeks of school. Staying in touch with them by phone or notes lets them know that you care about your child's school experience.

■ Second, let the teachers know when you are available. It gives the teacher permission to share with you their observations about your child and possibly preempt potential problems.

"I've noticed that Megan has seemed really sleepy in school. Can you think of any reason why she would be tired?"

Together, you and the teacher can problem solve before it becomes too much of an issue.

■ Third, make a point of telling the teacher about changes at home that may affect your child. Teachers can be more helpful to children when they understand what may be going on at home.

Children can become consumed with their parents' divorce, or a new baby, causing them to pay little attention in school. Often, kids who seem to have wandering minds have something of importance on their mind.

But let's say that you have not gotten involved at school, and you are faced with a cranky child who now doesn't want to go to school. What do you do?

It's time to understand what might be going on.

■ Check with other parents to see how their kids feel about that class. If other children are experiencing the same symptoms, you and other parents may want to lobby for some changes.

■ Call the teacher and ask if you can sit in on the class. This will give you a better perspective on how your child interacts with the rest of the class.

You may discover that your child is too social in the class and doesn't get any of the work done. You may find that they are intimidated by the teacher raising his or her voice and your child is very sensitive to it.

■ Involve your child in the solution. Together with your child, meet the teacher after school and talk about what's gone wrong as well as ways that your child can do better.

Ask your child in front of the teacher if they're happy about the way things are - for example, their grades, their stomach aches, the teacher being angry with them. Rarely is there a child who thinks that the situation is just fine the way it is.

To engage them in the solution, have everyone tell what they could do to help the situation. The teacher may offer to send a note each week, indicating the homework assignments that aren't finished. You could say that you will spend time each evening going over the assignments with your child.

■ Last but not least, your child must offer up what they will do to change. If they shrug their shoulders and just sit there, prompt them with statements like, "It sounds like you get yourself in trouble every time you are around, Timmy. How could you change that?" or "It seems like you

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That's 'eeee': Stefan Jackel of Germany has been an au pair for less than two months and already is teaching Nancy Malone's 4-year-old son Jonathan the alphabet by showing him tricks with each letter.

Foreign flair

Families turn to au pairs for care

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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A single mother of three children, Nancy Malone was having panic attacks trying to balance her family, her Canton home and her work as a home care physical therapist.

She didn't realize that other parents weren't staying up all night trying to finish housework and other odds and ends around the home.

Noticing Malone's fragility, one of her friends suggested that maybe she should get an au pair to help out.

"I had three kids; they're all very active and I was running all the time. I started to have panic attacks," Malone explained. "I'm busy all the time. I needed someone to take the kids to school and back."

Soon, the panic attacks subsided and she had more time for her children - all thanks to the au pairs that she has had.

"You never have a snow day. You know if they're sick. They're taking three weeks' vacation and you know what their vacation is," she said.

Kim Wisniewski of Canton was in situation similar to Malone. She and her husband, Dave, were constantly on the run with their four children - Michael, 7, Matt, 5, Taylor, 3, and Zachary, 16 months.

When a friend came over to help out for a day, Wisniewski realized that maybe she needed help. She is on her second au pair and hasn't turned back since.

"I love it," she said of having an au pair. "I could do without this one," she added as a joke about Britta Reiss, 20, of Germany. "It really helped a lot. I don't think I could do it by myself and be as involved with the kids as I am."

"The other benefit was that even



Sharing a book: German au pair Britta Reiss, 20, reads to Zachary Wisniewski, 15 months, and his sister Taylor, 3, at the Wisniewski home in Canton.

though I'm an at-home mom, I felt the kids weren't getting enough attention. This way I can take one of the kids out to lunch, or do something special with one of them. I have a lot more quality time with them."

Family affair

Malone's goal with her au pairs is to make them part of her family. When a foot of snow was recently dumped on the area, her latest au pair, Stefan Jackel of Germany, stepped right in.

"You saw him shoveling; he didn't have to do that," Malone explained. "He wasn't even working. One of the other au pairs wouldn't do that. But it's their job to be part of the family. When it all comes together, it's wonderful."

And that sums up his kindness. Although Jackel only came to the Unit-

ed States from Germany nine weeks ago, Malone said he's fitting in nicely.

He takes her 4-year-old son, Jonathan Malone, swimming at the Summit, and plays basketball with her 14-year-old son, T.J. Winowiecki. Danielle Malone, her 11-year-old daughter, teases Jackel like a younger sister would harass an older brother.

"It's pretty cool; I have someone to play with who's older. We play basketball. I try to work up to his level," T.J. explained shyly.

But T.J. has the upper hand - literally.

"He's a lot taller than me," Jackel said jokingly.

In a family of boys, Danielle was especially close to the family's first au

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Coordinators make au pair program work

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Kim Wisniewski has only been involved with au pairs for a short time, but she has a few recommendations for those interested in hiring an au pair.

"I think the most important thing is to find a coordinator that you feel comfortable with," Wisniewski said.

She and Nancy Malone went through Au Pair USA and coordinator Deb Martin, who agrees with Wisniewski.

"I think people should choose an au pair program for two reasons - the way the program matches and how it does their screening," said Martin who can be reached at (248) 645-0386. "They also need to make positively sure that the coordinator is someone they feel comfortable with. That way if the family needs support, there's someone locally they can count on."

The United States Information Agency designs and regulates the au pair programs. It does not allow au pairs to care for infants younger than 3 months. If the child is younger than age 2, the au pairs must have 200 hours of documented infant care experience.

It also regulates that au pairs are between the ages of 18 and 26, high school graduates, proficient in conversational English and hold international driver's licenses. The au pairs come Red Cross safety and CPR certified, according to Martin.

Au pairs don't come cheap. The application fee for Au Pair USA is \$250. When the family accepts an au pair, the placement fee is \$1,750. The \$2,320 program fee includes airfare, paperwork, medical insurance and the four-day training session in New York. Once au pairs move in with their host families, they are paid \$139.05 per week.

"Our program costs are a little less than most programs," said Martin, who has been an au pair coordinator for six years. "The \$139.05 is standard. That only changes if minimum wage changes."

The au pairs also arrive with J1 student visas which requires them to take up to six credit hours of study within 12 months. The host families pay up to \$500 of the au pairs' tuition.

With seven au pair organizations - EF Au Pair, Au Pair USA, Au Pair Care, Au Pair in America, Euro Au Pair, Au Pair Programme USA and Au Pair Intercultural - to choose from, Malone and Wisniewski would recommend Martin for two reasons.

Wisniewski was impressed that dossiers for each au pair included background information and references.

"Some organizations send the dossier to three or four families; I didn't like that," she said. "Before we looked at Britta's, we turned one down. She was a smoker. A lot of Europeans smoke."

Malone turned to Martin when she hit a trouble spot with one of her au pairs. She preferred not to disclose the problems.

"I was done then; I didn't want to go through that again," she said.

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Shopping with daughters: Skip the conflict

BY ALICE MCCARTHY
SPECIAL WRITER



Ask any mother and her adolescent daughter if they're looking forward to shopping for clothes, and they'll most likely say "no."

Ask them when they had their last big fight, and it may well have been when they shopped for back-to-school clothes or even the daughter's latest pair of blue jeans.

Why can't moms and

growing daughters shop in peace? According to the newsletter, "Daughters," some of the pressure comes from girls themselves. Adolescent girls often worry about a shopping trip weeks before it happens. They feel pressure to be the "right" size - a size that's considered pretty or popular.

By the time an adolescent girl enters the dressing room, she may be feeling miserable about her appearance. She's likely to be judging her body with an incredibly critical eye. She's hardly in the mood for a warm mother-daughter moment.

Some of the pressure can come from parents, too. If a mother or a father is worried about a girl or feels she/he is losing touch with a daughter, that anxiety is likely to play itself out in the clothing department.

"Daughters" has a few pointers for parents to try and see if they make a difference the next time they shop with their daughters:

■ Establish a shopping list and a budget before you go. Once there, let her make her own decisions as much as possible. (Her mistakes will teach her lessons. Bite your tongue when you have to.)

■ Avoid triggers. Ask your daughter to tell you one thing that you do when you're shopping together that drives her crazy. Then resolve to try not to do it. Ask her to refrain from one shopping behavior that upsets you, too.

■ Put yourself in her shoes. Remember that being inside a rapidly changing, adolescent female body can be frustrating, even frightening. If your daughter becomes angry when you shop, the source of her anger may be uncertainty about her changing shape.

■ Call the designer a dork. When clothing doesn't fit or flatter, criticize the clothes, not your daughter. Concentrate on buying things that fit, not things that will fit if she changes body size or shape. Try, "We can have it altered, if you change sizes."

■ Remember that she doesn't see her clothes the

way you do. In classrooms, "segregation by wardrobe" is common. Girls tend to be either hip-hops, preppies, grunge girls or PIBS (primarily in black). In other words, a girl is not simply shopping for clothes - she's shopping for identity. (The parent who takes a moment to reflect on his or her love beads and bell-bottoms will be more tolerant of a daughter's shopping agenda.)

■ If you and she end up in a conflict, ask, "What am I really worried about?" Sometimes parents yell about a girl's short skirt or her grungy clothes when they're really worried about choices she may be making in other parts of her life. Be certain you've talked openly about your expectations and her safety.

■ If you become locked in a conflict, be willing to go home empty-handed, talk things over and try again.

■ If you can't make peace with shopping together, try using a personal shopper. Many department stores and discount stores offer this free service. A shopper is trained to help your daughter find clothes that fit, flatter and work together.

"Daughters" is published eight times annually, and subscriptions cost \$25. For information, call (800) 829-1088, write to "Daughters," 1808 Ashwood Ave., Nashville, TN 37212, or visit its Web site at <http://daughters.newsletter.com>

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au pair, Kjersti Paulsen from Norway.

"She always had her bedroom door open for the kids," she said. "When she was off work, I would many days find the kids laying on her bed with her looking through her scrapbook or just talking and laughing. She became Danielle's sister."

"I want to be her au pair," Danielle said about Kjersti.

It's not all fun and games in the Malone household, however. One au pair taught the energetic Jonathan how to count, another taught him shapes. Jackel is working on teaching Jonathan the alphabet. To accomplish that, he teaches him little tricks

about each letter.

"For some reason, Jonathan thinks this looks like a hair spray. If you get hairspray and go see," Jackel said pushing on the top of the letter E. "You have to be tricky, otherwise it's not interesting."

Reiss' forte is arts and crafts. She taught the Wisniewski kids German and showed Zachary how to play peek-a-boo in German.

"She's nice. She plays with us. She pushes us on the swings," said 5-year-old Matt.

Reiss sings songs with toddler Taylor and made an Advent calendar for the kids with papier-mache balloons. Taylor and

Matt are so proud of their artwork that they take guests on tours of the home, showing off their accomplishments.

Two-way street

The learning process is a two-way street. The au pairs learn to clean, dust, cook, handle difficulties with the kids, handle a checking/savings account, do laundry and drive a car in all kinds of weather.

"Stefan keeps a diary of new words that he learns every day," Malone said. "After his first three days here, he came up and said very proudly that he had learned T.G.I.F., bug off and disgusting. You can tell he lives in a

family of teenagers."

In their free time, Reiss and Jackel both enjoy going to Windsor, the movies and parties.

Reiss is amazed at how Americans drive everywhere.

"The life here in America, you have to drive so many times with a car," she said.

One thing that fascinated Jackel are fast-food restaurants.

"The fast-food restaurant you get free refill here; you don't get it in Germany," he explained.

The naivete is charming, according to Malone, especially the innocence of their former au pair, Jerome Fontaine from France.

"We went up north for a few days and we were eating at a restaurant with an antique shop attached," she said. "Jerome had gone into the antique shop to look around. When I came in, he was holding up a portable phone and saying, 'Nancy, (look) free phone calls. This antique phone, I pick it up and dial my mom and she answer. Free phone calls.'"

It wasn't an antique phone. It was the storekeeper's portable phone that she had momentarily put down.

Like the other au pairs, Reiss and Jackel have the opportunity to learn more about the United

States. Au Pair USA hires the au pairs for 12-plus-one months. The 13th month is a paid vacation.

Au Pair USA coordinator Deb Martin meets with the au pairs twice a month and takes them on ski trips, vacations and canoe trips.

"My first trip ever in my life to New York was with 40 au pairs. There are pictures of me sleeping with my mouth open on a bus all over Europe," Martin said with a laugh.

"I want to give them the whole experience for what it's like to be

in the United States."

Wisniewski admitted that there's one downfall: "Sometimes I find hard that Zachary and Taylor really took to Britta. A lot of times when they are hurt or upset, they go to Britta even though I'm here."

For the most part, however, it's been a satisfying experience.

"After you've experienced some bad moments and good times with each other, the bonding to the kids happens and the love begins," said Malone. "That is the best part of this whole experience."

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"These kids come over and it's a big deal for them. To send them back, I didn't like to do that."

The most extreme case was that of English au pair Louise Woodward convicted of second-degree murder in the 1997 death of Matthew Eappen, the child of the family for which she was working. The verdict was later after her reduced to manslaughter and she was sentenced to time served.

"We definitely saw a response to the Louise Woodward case.

The au pair applications in Sweden dropped," said Lynn Kuessner of EF Au Pair, which can be reached at (800) 333-6056 or at aupair@ef.com. "We noticed nothing here in metro Detroit."

Wisniewski said her au pairs told her of the torment that others received overseas. One au pair was asked if she killed babies, another was afraid to admit that she was an au pair.

"I think the Louise Woodward case gave au pairs a bad name," she said.

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Books that also may be helpful for parents include:

- "The Romance of Risk: Why Teens Do the Things They Do" by Dr. Lynn E. Ponton, which truly explains risk-taking.
- "Cherishing Our Daughters: How Parents Can Raise Daughters to be Strong and Loving Women" by Evelyn Bassoff (Dutton 1997), which offers advice about nurturing a girl's spirit by treating her with respect.

- "How To Father a Successful Daughter" by Nicky Marone (Fawcett Book Group 1989), which gives men parenting skills that promote self-esteem and confidence in daughters.
- "Reviving Ophelia" by Mary B. Pipher (Ballentine Books 1995), the compelling best seller (for good reason) that helps parents understand why their daughters become depressed, have eating disorders and use

drugs.

Nationally known parent educator, writer, and editor Dr. Alice R. McCarthy of Birmingham is the mother of five children and grandmother to eight children. Her book, "Healthy Teens," is available by sending \$9.20 (includes shipping and handling) to Bridge Communications Inc., 1450 Pilgrim Road, Birmingham 48009.

Like the other au pairs, Reiss and Jackel have the opportunity to learn more about the United

CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 734-525-8814) on or before January 27, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. for the following items:

1999 STEP VAN SALT/MATERIAL SPREADERS TRAILERED ARROW PANEL DIGITAL DUPLICATOR

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

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

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk Treasurer

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 734-525-8814) on or before February 5, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. for the following items:

RECODIFICATION OF CITY ORDINANCES MAINTENANCE & REPAIR OF SANITARY LIFT STATIONS

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

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

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always race out of the house after school, claiming there's no homework. But from what Mrs. Smith says, homework isn't getting turned in. What could you do about that?"

Setting up small action steps and holding everyone to them, will not only help raise your child's self-esteem, but will improve their grades and their attitude about school.

The important thing is to nip the problems now before second

semester begins. Your child will only spiral downhill if no one intervenes now and helps make changes. Children rarely know how to stop an out-of-control train. But thankfully, we do!

Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A request for approval has been presented to the Westland Planning Commission for the following items:

- #1238D, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Assisted Living Center, Parcel #065-99-0001-021, West Side of Merriman Road, South of Cherry Hill Road, NE-22, Joseph Guido.
- #1917A, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Addition to Load & Lock Storage, 29810 Van Born, Parcel #83-99-0020-000, North Side of Van Born, East of Middlebelt, SW-36, Mike O'Lynger.
- #2004, Proposed Split Lots #4-13, Wayne Plymouth Subdivision and Parcel #52-99-0022-000, West Side of Newburgh Road, South of Marquette, SE-16, Alfonso G. Hysko.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 5, 1999.

Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan - 48185.

Robert C. Bowers, Chairman
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MEETING NO. 1-1/5/99

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

1: Approved: minutes of regular meeting held 12/21/98

- City Council continue conducting meetings on 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall except when meeting falls on holiday, then it will be held on following day
- Adopted joint prepared resolution proclaiming Monday, 1/18/99 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Introduced Budget Amendment 99-11: CWW Youth Assistance Grant
- Introduced Budget Amendment 99-12: Purchase of Police Vehicles
- Approved Cable Grant 02-39: Purchase of 2 video cameras & VCR for Police DARE officers, amt. \$1,500
- Approved Bid - Pavement Marking Bid to R S Contracting, amt. \$33,800
- Approved Change Order No. 1 & 2, Premacon, Inc. for Police Dept. Bldg. Addition, amt. \$22,047
- Approved request to go into closed study session on 1/4/99 to discuss negotiations with AFSCME Local 1602, Police Lts. & Sgts. Assoc., Supervisors Assoc. and Appointed Officials & Mayor's Office Pay Plan
- 2: Appointed and confirmed Michael J. Reddy to Ping Comm., term expires 1/4/2002
- 4: Adopted Amendments (248-A-6) to Zoning Ordinance 248
- 5: Approved Check List - \$1,131,596.92 & Prepaid #2,078,096.19

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.
Minutes available in City Clerk's Office

SANDRA A. CICIRELLI,
Council Present
PATRICIA A. GIBBONS,
City Clerk

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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:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
83	CHEV	2 DR CITATION	MAROON	1G1AX087DT140532
86	FORD	4 DR TEMPO	BLACK	2FABP22X0GB217833
87	BMW	2 DR	WHITE	WBAAB5401H9699231

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
89	PONT	2 DR SUNBIRD	MAROON	1G2JB11KOK7639305
88	MERC	4 DR MARQUIS	GRAY	2MEBM75P6JX653212
84	BUICK	2 DR SKYLARK	HURGY	1G4AS2706EK425911
86	FORD	4 DR TEMPO	GRAY	2FABP22X4GB266503
88	FORD	AEROSTAR VAN	BLUE/SILV	1FMCA11U2J2B52050
85	PONT	2 DR GRAND PRX	BLUE	2G2GJ37H9F2204591
93	CHEV	CAVALIER CONV	WHITE	1GJJC34T6P7202952
89	FORD	TAURUS WGN	WHITE	1FABP57U2K6184724
88	FORD	TEMPO 4 DR	WHITE	2FAPP36X3JB219945
81	LINCOLN	TOWN CAR 4 DR	BLACK	1MRBP95F7BY658728
91	FORD	ESCORT 2 DR	GREEN	1FAPP1286MW393501
86	FORD	T-BIRD 2 DR	PINK	1FABP46F4GH155868
87	CHEV	2 DR SPRINT	BLUE	JG1MR6152HK705234
86	FORD	4 DR TEMPO	GRAY	1FABP20XXGK101614
83	MERC	4 DR GR MARQUIS	GRAY	1MEBP95F4DZ691524
73	FORD	MUSTANG	BLUE	3FO5Q154308
87	FORD	4 DR TEMPO	GRAY	1FABP37X6HK217325
94	MERC	2 DR COUGAR	BLACK	1MELM240RH636645
86	MERC	4 DR MARQUIS	BROWN	1MEBP8937GG602815
89	FORD	AEROSTAR VAN	BLUE	1FMCA11U4KZA39248
90	PLYM	2 DR LASER	RED	4P3CS44UOLE079297
90	FORD	2 DR ESCORT	RED	1FAPP1917L168500
84	FORD	2 DR ESCORT	TAN	1FABPO420EW148367
79	CHEV	4 DR MALIBU	BROWN	1T19M9K563554

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 28, 1998

The Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City met in Regular Session on December 28, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briccoe, and Waynick. Absent none.

Also present were City Manager Bayless, Treasurer/City Clerk, Bettis, and City Attorney Salomone.

The Mayor announced it was time for Public Discussion for items not on the agenda.

There were no comments from the public.

Item 12-99-544
It was moved by Councilmember Dodge; supported by Councilmember Lynch:

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the meeting of December 21, 1998.

AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Briccoe, and Waynick.

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Kaledas.
Motion passed.

Item 12-99-545
It was moved by Councilmember Wiacek; supported by Councilmember Kaledas:

RESOLVED: To approve the 1999 City Council Meeting Schedule with the deletion of December 27, 1999.

AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briccoe, and Waynick.

NAYS: Councilmember Dodge.
Motion passed.

Item 12-99-546
It was moved by Councilmember Dodge; supported by Councilmember Lynch:

RESOLVED: To adopt the subject Investment Policy of the City of Garden City as per Michigan Public Act 20, as amended, and to direct the City Manager to suspend investment activities until Council is provided with investing procedures.

AYES: Unanimous

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

- 1998 CSO Project, Pay Estimate #17-Sunset Excavating.

Item 12-99-547
It was moved by Councilmember Briccoe; supported by Councilmember Waynick:

RESOLVED: To approve Pay Estimate #17 in the amount of \$106,744.64, to Sunset Excavating for the 1998 CSO Abatement Project, as recommended by the City Manager, charged to Account #475-000-337.000.

AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, Briccoe, and Waynick.

NAYS: Councilmembers Dodge and Kaledas.
Motion passed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, which affects property at the following location:

#1228B, Public Hearing for Proposed Rezoning CB-2 to GAR (Shopping Center Commercial Business to Garden Apartment Residence), Parcel #065-99-0001-021, West Side of Merriman Road, South of Cherry Hill Road, NE-22 Joseph Guido.

Present Zoning: CB-2 (Shopping Center Commercial Business District)
Proposed Zoning: GAR (Garden Apartment Residence)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 2, 1999.

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne county, Michigan, which affects property at the following location:

Case #2003, Public Hearing for Proposed Rezoning from CB-2 to CB-3 (Shopping Center Commercial Business to General Commercial Business), Parcel #015-99-0007-707, South Side of Nankin Boulevard, East of Wayne Road, SW-47, Daniel A. Swantko (Shellye Korah).

Present Zoning: CB-2 (Shopping Center Commercial Business District)
Proposed Zoning: CB-3 (General Commercial Business District)

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ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

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

GOSPEL STUDY

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will study the gospel of Matthew with Scripture scholar Sister Mary Joel Zebro 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, is having will have a games night and ice cream social 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. Participants should bring cards and/or games to play. The charge is \$5. For more information about the dance or games night. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3925.

The group also meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and 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 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinocle 7 p.m. every other Friday.

QUEST SPEAKER

Award-winning journalist Jack Lessenberry will speak on "Kevorkian and Clinton: Private Sins or Public Crimes" 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Lessenberry has won two Emmys for "Frontline" documentaries on Kevorkian and is contributing editor and weekly columnist for the Metro Times, Oakland Press and Toledo Blade. He is a member of the journalism faculty at Wayne State and Madonna universities

Mime presents 'foolosophies'

Internationally recognized mime artist Doug Berky will bring his one-man show to Merriman Road Baptist Church Sunday, Jan. 17.

A self-described as a "fool for Christ," Berky will perform at 6 p.m. at the church, 2065 Merriman Road, south of Ford Road, garden City. The performance is free of charge.

Using the antics of a clown, the disguise of a mask, the illusions of the mime and the suspense of a story, Berky proclaims the gospel of Jesus.

His "foolosophies" - hilarious images that probe common human frailties - paired with a time of serious reflection, encourage the audience to consider the impact of the Gospel

on individual lives. These "foolosophies" transcend age, race and culture and become the unlikely vehicles for sharing the Christian experience.

Berky first began performing with The Two Penny Circus, a New England touring theater. He has performed and taught at schools for the deaf, public schools and colleges in the United States and Canada.

He also has performed in Denmark, Poland, West Germany, Mexico and Sweden. He is currently listed on the North Carolina Arts Council Touring Program roster.

For more information, call the church at (734) 421-0472.



Doug Berky

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. 24-26 and Feb. 24-26. 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 Township. The show, open to those of all ages, is free. Complimentary tickets are available at the reception desk. Call (248) 374-5956 for more information.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Edith Parish will have a Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, in the church hall, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, or to make a blood donation appointment, call the Christian Service Office at (734) 464-2027.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Jeanne Hess will discuss the "Physical Aspects of Grief" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, 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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Feb. 5-7 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524.

and serves as a political adviser to WJBK-TV.

For more information or to register for classes or child care, call the church at (734) 422-1470.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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, at Six Mile and Beech Daly roads, Redford. The Rosary will be recited 7 p.m., followed by his presentation. For more information, call (313) 534-9000.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have Ken Davis as the speaker at "Talk It Over" 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 freewill offering.

Its 1999 Winter Divorce Recovery Workshop, for any divorced or separated person, is scheduled for 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays Feb. 11-March 25, at the church. The cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the

door, or \$15 for those who are repeating the program.

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

FAMILY EVENT

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford is hosting 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.

IN CONCERT

Recording artists Proclaim will present a concert 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 8828 Wormer, Redford. The winner of the talent competition at the 1994 National Quartet Convention, Proclaim will offer a fresh worship experience with a musical mix of traditional, a cappella, southern gospel and inspirational music. They will perform such original compositions as "Thankful Hearts" and "A Cappella Praise" and premiere songs from their new "All These Things" project. For more information, call the church at (313) 537-7480.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Feed the Need program and prepares meals for families who are experiencing illness or crisis.

Born on a farm near Gaylord, Gold recently celebrated her 80th birthday. In addition to sewing, she also enjoys growing vegetables, taking care of her home and socializing with her friends.

Lutheran World Relief every November. This year, 154 quilts were made.

Another area of her ministry is sewing paraments for the altar and pulpit. She covered all of the kneelers around the communion rail and made 18 purificators and 12 baptismal towels.

Gold also works with the funeral committee, preparing meals for families who have lost a family member and coordinates meal preparation for S.T.A.R., a monthly ministry at the Wayne County Family Center.

She also is involved in the

Christ Our Savior's Gold honored at luncheon

When the Council of Lutheran Women gathers for its annual luncheon next week, Sally Gold will be there.

A member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia, Gold will be honored as the church's 1999 Woman of the Year at the luncheon Tuesday, Jan. 19.

The 35th annual luncheon will be at 11:15 a.m. at Burton Manor in Livonia. Jan Struck will be the guest speaker.

"In my role as director of volunteers, I have never worked with a more humble servant of God," said Suann Dibble of

Christ Our Savior. "Sally Gold is a fantastic volunteer. She is truly deserving of this honor."

The Livonia resident is being recognized for her many areas of volunteer involvement. She is recording secretary for the Helping Hands Volunteer Corps for the Lutheran Home in Livonia, providing leadership to more than 100 volunteers who want to be part of the ministry that serves the elderly.

She also makes tote bags that fit on wheelchairs and spends her Tuesday mornings in Room 13 at the church, sewing up the sides of quilts that are sent to

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CALENDAR

EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

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.

AT THE LIBRARY

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.

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

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) 722-7820.

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 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. Call (734) 722-1091.

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 Hunfer, 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 Stottmeyer 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. Tot's 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, 4-5:30 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 co-op, 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 is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays 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

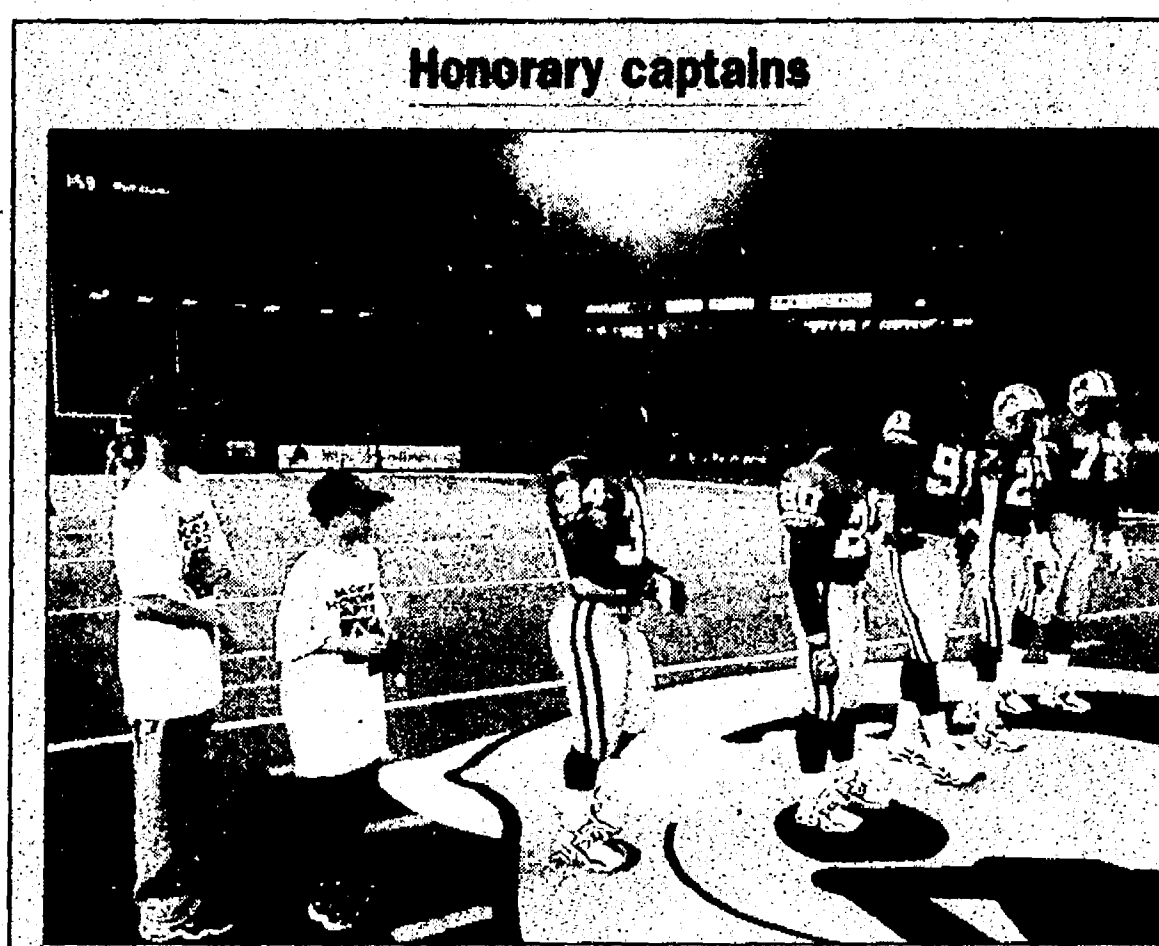
A Friendship senior choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, has been started at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Those who enjoy singing are invited to join. The choir meets 9 a.m. Thursdays.

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 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



Honorary captains
Coin toss: After escorting the Lions' captains to center field, McDonald's and Detroit Lions Honorary Captains Eddie Knapp (left), 14, of Westland and Jason Kolis, 10, of Dearborn Heights witness the coin toss at the beginning of the Dec. 20 game against Atlanta. The honorary captains were randomly selected from entries received at southeastern Michigan McDonald's restaurants. Each honorary captain also received four tickets to the game, a parking pass, hats, T-shirts and \$25 in McDonald's gift certificates.

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 2 p.m. People play euchre, pinochle, 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

Honorary captains

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

SWEET ADELINES

The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International is looking for women who love to sing. The group sings a cappella music in barbershop style and has begun preparations for an annual competition in May. Rehearsals are at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at UAW Local 898 at 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Paula at (734) 995-4110.

MOMS CLUB

The MOMS Club of Westland, a nonprofit, nonreligious support group for stay-at-home moms, will be holding its next meeting 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, in the Brayman Lounge in the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. 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 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 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

DEMS' BINGO

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

MORE DEMS' BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party holds bingo games 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. Call 421-1517.

ST. MEL CHURCH

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 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. Call 728-3020.

SMOKELESS BINGO

"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Ss. 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 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.

AIM

Anxiety or panic attacks? AIM (Agoraphobics In Motion) meets 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. AIM is a support group for those working on recovery from anxiety disorder or phobias. Call (248) 547-0400.

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.

CHILDBIRTH CLASSES

Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns, weekend childbirth instruction, a "refresher" childbirth education course and a new support group for expectant teenage women. For information on programs, call 458-4330.

CHILDBIRTH ASSOCIATION

Classes for childbirth preparation are offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes available. Registering now classes every month. Newborn care classes and Cesarean preparation also offered. Call 469-7477.

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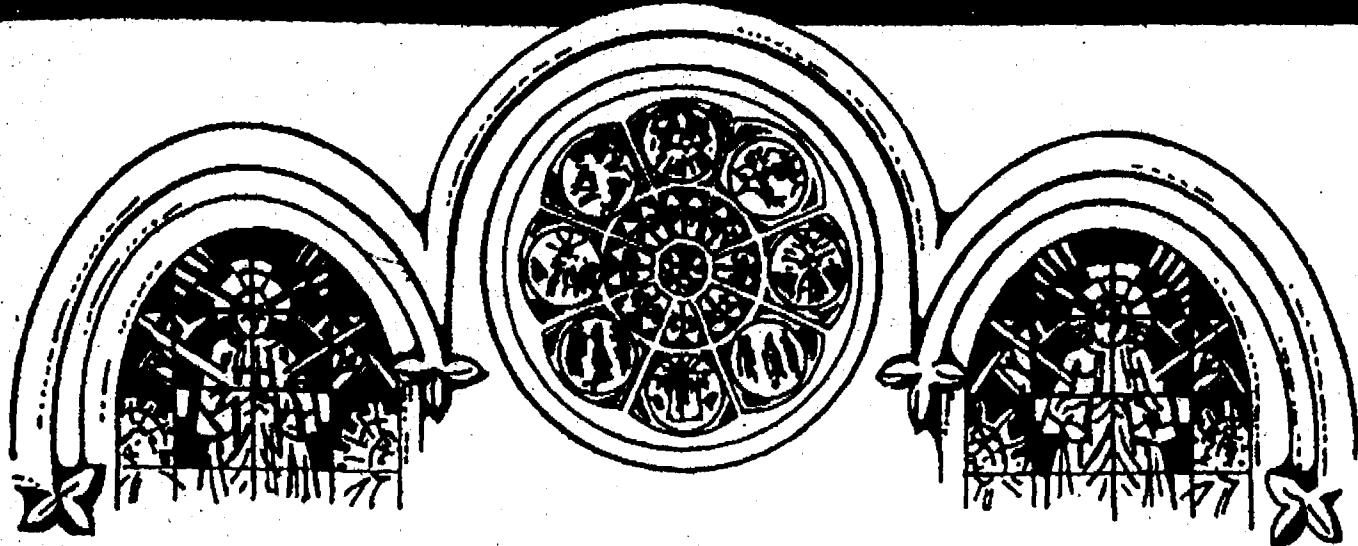
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Heath-Wojciechowski

Thomas Douglas Heath and Susan Marie Wojciechowski were married Nov. 21 at St. Edith Catholic Church by Deacon John Kenny.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Rosemary Wojciechowski of Livonia. The groom is the son of Michael and Sharon Heath of Northville.

The bride is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed at Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.

The groom is a graduate of Schoolcraft College. He is employed at Crown Lift Trucks.

The bride asked Karen Cottrell, Julie Wojciechowski, Diana Gale and Diane Schemanske to be her attendants.

The groom asked Jeff Heath, Bill Boote, Steve Nagi and Ray



Schemanske to be his attendants.

After greeting guests at St. Michael Orthodox Church, the couple honeymooned in Hawaii. They are making their home in Westland.

Krygier-Shottroff

Connie Krygier of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Jennifer Mae, to Jeffrey Noel Shottroff, the son of Chuck and Barbara Shottroff of Wolverine Lake and Shirley Shottroff of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education.

Her fiancé is a 1985 graduate of Farmington Hills Harrison High School and a 1991 graduate of Ferris State University with a bachelor of business administration. He is self-employed.

An October wedding is planned at the North Congrega-



tional Church in Farmington Hills.

Lindamood-Argonis

Benton and Ann Lindamood of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Julia Ann, to Daniel J. Argonis, the son of Joseph and Connie Argonis of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1984 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1988 graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She is employed as promotion and marketing director at The Edge, 105.1-FM.

Her fiancé is a 1984 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1988 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is the owner of Venture Outdoors in Plymouth.

A May wedding is planned at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills.



Members sought for foster care board

The State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court is seeking volunteers to serve on the Wayne County Foster Care Review Board.

Established in 1984 by the state legislature in an effort to improve children's foster care programs, the board is comprised of citizens who reflect a broad cross section of their communities. Minorities and men especially are encouraged to apply.

The board is seeking volunteers who have demonstrated

leadership in other settings. Employees of the Family Independence Agency, family court or private child placement locations are prohibited by law from serving on Foster Care Review Boards.

Volunteers selected for the board must attend a two-day orientation training in Southfield on March 25-26. The training is required to serve on the board. Board members also attend yearly training held in different locations throughout the state. Expenses for training are reimbursed.

The five-member board meets one day each month to review a representative sampling of cases of children who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect.

At the reviews, board members interview parents, foster parents, caseworkers, attorneys and other interested parties who may be involved in planning for the child.

The purpose of the review is to ensure that all agencies, including the court, have established a plan for the child and that

progress is being made toward achieving permanency in his or her life.

Advisory recommendations are formulated and sent to the court, child welfare agency, prosecuting attorney, parents and other interested parties.

Citizens interested in volunteering for the Wayne County Foster Care Review Board can call (517) 373-1956 for an application. The deadline for applying is Jan. 31. Interviews with prospective candidates will take place in February.

NEW VOICES

Shawn and Deena Bushaw of Garden City announce the birth of Alyssa Danielle Sept. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Shawn Eric Jr., 2.

Grandparents are Larry and Maria Janus of Westland, Dave and Connie Gillikin of Westland, Dan and Brenda Bushaw of Garden City and Dave and Sandy Reilly of Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Sean and Donna Hardaway of Westland announce the birth of Derek James Sept. 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jim and Carol Moore of Westland and Patsy Hardaway of West Branch.

Paul Carter and Laura Smith of Westland announce the birth of Lillian Elizabeth Sept. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings, Carrie, 10, Kristin, 6, Zachary, 5, and Brandon, 4. Grandparents are Mar-

lene Squire of Wayne, Michael Smith of Anaheim, Calif., Lenna Plachta of Taylor and Walter Carter of Newport.

Andrew and Pamela Klips of Woodhaven announce the birth of Autumn Marie Sept. 13 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Cameron, 2½. Grandparents are Frank and Sharon Stickney of Westland and Suzanne and Roger Davidson of Indiana.

Thomas Kush and Chasity McKinney of Redford Township announce the birth of Matthew Christopher Kush Sept. 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Alyssa, 3, and a brother, Brandon, 19 months. Grandparents are Warren Jr. and Pamela Brown of Southfield, Lenny and Eleanor Kush of Garden City and Pat McKinney of Belleville.

Marcus Pearson and Patsy Podsiad of Westland announce the birth of Logan Glenn Pear-

son Sept. 18 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Gladys Miller of Garden City and Glenn and Ella Pearson of Southfield.

Matthew Smith and Lucinda Wilson of Canton announce the birth of Hunter Kane Smith Sept. 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Anthony, 6, and sisters, Samantha, 6, and Karisa, 2. Grandparents are Lucian and Carolyn Wilson of Westland, Glenn Smith of Detroit and Roxanne McNulty of Wixom.

Louis Shefke and Nicole Johnson of Westland announce the birth of Jeremy Michael Shefke Sept. 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Sharon Johnson of Garden City and Warren and Rose Shefke of Westland.

Alan and Jennifer Elaine Wasinski of Westland announce the birth of Camerone Alexan-

der Sept. 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Nicole, 11, and a brother, Christopher, 4. Grandparents are Edmund and Vivian Wasinski of Westland and Mr. and Mrs. R. Lewis of Gaylord.

Nathan Brown and Carrie Hathorne of Westland announce the birth of Nathan. Andrew Brown Jr. Sept. 29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Steve and Carmen Stinebaugh of Dexter and Art and Teri Brown of Westland.

Kory Milam and Brandy Wilyard of Wayne announce the birth of Kamren Cecilia Milam Sept. 30 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Wayne and Pat Powell of Wayne and Caren Milam of Westland.

Information sought about preschools

In 1965, just 5 percent of 3-year-olds attended preschool or nursery school. Today, more than 41 percent of 3-year-olds attend a center-based program, and nearly 80 percent of all children have attended some type of formal program (preschool, nursery school or child care center) before entering first grade.

With an increased number of working mothers, there has been an increased need for preschools for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds. And that need has created the parental search for quality care for their children.

The Observer Newspapers' Community Life Section is preparing a story about preschool programs and a roundup of preschools, nursery schools and day care facilities (center- and home-based) in the Livonia, Redford, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth and Canton communities.

Programs interested in being part of a story can complete the following form and send it by no later than Friday, Jan. 22, to Sue Mason at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Program Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
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 Ages of Children: _____
 Enrollment Fees: _____
 Brief Description of Program: _____
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Goins eyes scoring mark

Wayne State University senior forward Tony Goins (Westland John Glenn) needs just 34 points to surpass Bob Solomon's career scoring record of 1,612 points set in 1973.

Goins is leading both the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference and WSU in scoring (20.2).

WSU, 12-2 overall and ranked fourth in the latest NCAA Division II poll, will battle 12-1 Findlay (Ohio) tonight at the Matthai Complex for first place in the GLIAC's South Division.

Both teams are 6-1 in conference play. (Game time is 7:30.)

Livonia Whalers 1st

Livonia Squirt Whalers recently captured a holiday tournament hosted by Farmington Hills Ice Arena capped by a 3-0 victory over the Farmington Stars in the championship game.

The Whalers also earned victories over the Plymouth Shark Shooters (6-3), Plymouth Tiger Sharks (7-0 and 3-1) and Farmington Hurricanes (4-0).

Whalers contributing goals include Dan Kozlowski (11), Mike Cullinan (2), Greg Cutsy (2), Peter Harkins and Nick Gilmore.

Goaltender Cory O'Neil was named team MVP with three shutouts.

Other members of the Whalers, who will represent Livonia in this year's district tournament, include: Sean Morgan, Morgan Sieber, Matt Marsh, James Dietz, Brad Rzetelny, Justin Oblak and Alan Perreault.

The Whalers are coached by Gary Cutsy, Joe Kozlowski, Scott Duvall, and John Caron. The team manager is Lori Dietz. The team sponsors are Gino's Gun Shop, Little Bill's Trophies and the Zap-Zone X-Treme.

Youth hockey runner-up

The Livonia Rangers Squirt hockey team skated to a silver medal in the 14-team NHL Skate Holiday 'B' Lieve Tournament, Dec. 26-28, in Birch Run.

The Royal Oak Bandits defeated the Rangers in the final, 3-2, as Justin Desentz and Brian King scored in a losing cause with assists coming from Tony Martinico and Lauren Nadeau.

The Rangers began their climb to the finals by defeating the Muskegon Chiefs, 6-4, Tony Rini led the way with a hat trick and an assist. Dustin Wischmeyer and Martinico completed the scoring.

Setting up this scoring trio were assists by Alan Fritsch (2), Justin Okerstrom (2), King (2), Martinico (2), and T.J. Stencel.

In the second round, the Rangers defeated Saginaw 2-1, on goals King and Wischmeyer assisted by Derek Swintek (2) and Martinico.

To reach the semifinals, the Rangers outscored the USA Arctic Cats, 5-3, as Wischmeyer set a team record with four goals, including the game-winner.

Rini also scored in the win, while assists went to Bryan Betke, Desentz, Fritsch, King, Andy Morgan, Nadeau and Swintek.

Martinico, Rini and Wischmeyer continued their scoring ways in a semifinal win over the USA Predators 3-2. Contributing with assists were Desentz, King and Martinico.

The aggressive defensive corps of Okerstrom, Fritsch, Stencel, Alex Dehne, Morgan and Rick Serylo helped the Rangers outscore the opposition 18-13 over the course of the tournament. Kevin Lyall and Carly Facchini contributed with dynamic play in the corners and in front of the net.

Goaltender Bryan Betke had a goals against average of 2.6.

The Rangers are coached by Sam Martinico, Doug Wischmeyer and Ron Dehne. Team Managers include Fred Rini and Susan Stencel.

Coaching vacancies

Walled Lake Central needs a head varsity football coach and Walled Lake Western is seeking a boys assistant golf coach and a girls assistant golf coach.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to: David Yarbrough, director of athletics and physical education, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, Educational Services Center, 850 Ladd Road, Bldg. D, Walled Lake, MI 48390.

Ocelots crack top 20 in NJCAA

Earning their first-ever national ranking, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team pounded host St. Clair on Saturday, 116-61.

Schoolcraft is now 12-0 overall and 2-0 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

When the initial NJCAA Division I ratings came out in December, Schoolcraft was honorable mention, but now the Ocelots have climbed into the top 20, moving all the way up to the No. 15 spot.

Barton County (Kan.), 16-0, and Indian Hills (Ia.), 17-1, garner the top two positions.

Schoolcraft, however, does lead all NJCAA teams in points per game (109.4).

"Our goal is to crack the top 10, but in order to do that we have to keep winning games," SC coach Carlos Briggs said. "The national ranking is a good thing, but we can't get complacent and we can't start overlooking teams."

SC certainly didn't overlook St. Clair, roaring out to a 69-26 halftime lead.

The Ocelots forced 35 turnovers and shot 45 of 78 from the floor (57 percent), including 13 of 28 from

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three-point range.

Derek McKelvey, the 6-foot-3 guard from Adrian headed to Tennessee-Martin, led the Ocelots with 18 points and six assists.

Eastern Conference Player-of-the-Week Lamar Bigby (Detroit Northern), added 17 points and eight rebounds.

Other standouts for SC included Dashawn Williams, 14 points and eight rebounds; Quentin Mitchell, 12 points and seven rebounds; Mike Murray, 11 points and five steals; and David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn), eight points, six assists and five steals.

O. Segede led St. Clair with 18 points.

"The first half was the best basketball we've played all season," Briggs said. "We shot the ball well, played with intensity on defense and pushed the ball up the floor."

The best news, however, wasn't Schoolcraft's first-ever appearance in the top 20, it was the

team's overall cumulative grade-point average of 2.66.

Every player on the current roster remains eligible.

"The LAC (Learning Assistance Center) deserves a lot of the credit for helping all the kids," Briggs said.

SCHOOLCRAFT 76 (WOMEN), ST. CLAIR 70: Schoolcraft College's women's team remained perfect in MCAA Eastern Conference play, thanks to balanced scoring and a strong second half Saturday at St. Clair County CC.

The win pushed SC's record to 10-3 overall, 2-0 in the conference. St. Clair is 5-9 overall, 2-1 in the conference.

The Lady Ocelots trailed 39-36 at the intermission, but outscored the Skippers 40-32 in the second half. Stacy Cavin led SC with 18 points and seven rebounds; Samantha Thelsen added 14 points and five boards; Esther Ross scored 12 points. Jackie Kocis had 10 points and six rebounds, Kim Washnock (from Farmington) had seven points and six boards; and Jamie Lewandowski collected four points, five rebounds and six assists.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Basketball Jones: Glenn junior guard Eric Jones, who had six points, tries to shoot inside over Harrison forward Nick Hall.

Glenn bounces back with win

Rockets hand Harrison 1st setback

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Westland John Glenn wasn't exactly at the crossroads of its boys basketball season.

But the Rockets were hoping a victory Tuesday against Farmington Hills Harrison could be used as a springboard to bigger and better things.

Behind Ty Haygood's 19 points and 16 rebounds, Glenn handed the visiting Hawks their first defeat of the season, 65-55.

Glenn is now 2-3 overall and 1-1 in Western Lakes Activities Association, while Harrison is 4-1 and 1-1.

The Rockets led most of the way and withstood fourth-quarter foul trouble from starters Eric Jones and Stephen Woods.

The win also helped erase some of the sting from Friday's 66-61 loss to unbeaten Walled Lake Western, a game where the Rockets squandered a 17-0 lead to start the game.

"The other night we played hard, but we deserved to be beaten," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said. "We had no excuses. Western outplayed us and we just came up five points short."

"We played just as hard tonight. We had to convince them they could win. That was the hardest part. We were hoping they would start believing in themselves and play with a 'finish-off' attitude instead of taking what happens."

The teams traded baskets for much of the first quarter, but Glenn forged ahead, 20-14, on Haygood's basket just before the buzzer.

The Rockets then opened up a 34-20 second-quarter lead, only to get reeled

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back in by the Hawks after a costly technical foul.

Harrison went on an 11-0 spurt just before the half to pull within three, 36-33.

"Harrison wasn't going to let a 14-point lead sit there," Schuette said. "I told them at the half that was as good a shot as they could come up with and they came up three short. We just had to keep playing hard and answer it in the second half."

Harrison was 16-of-30 from the field in the opening half but cooled off with a 8-for-29 stretch over the final 16 minutes.

"We stood around on offense, especially in the first half and defensively we were not a whole lot better," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "The first half it was one pass and a jumper. The second half we were rushing and not paying attention to the layup."

"We panicked. We wanted the 10-point play and it doesn't exist."

Glenn outscored the Hawks 14-8 in the third quarter to take a 50-41 lead.

Harrison got as close as three, 53-50, on a rebound basket by Lemar Wilson with 3:13 to go.

But the Hawks made four critical turnovers down the stretch, and the Rockets took advantage, making eight of 10 free throws in the final 2:31. They also got a big inside shot from 6-foot-4 Haygood with 1:01 remaining to clinch the win.

"What makes Ty so good is his competitiveness and the fact that he does

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Lady Crusaders suffer OT defeat vs. Aquinas, 104-95

BY C.J. RISAK
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If only it could have been snowed out again.

Any sense of relief in getting the twice-postponed Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball game between Aquinas College and Madonna University finally played could only have been felt by the visiting Saints. The snow-plagued ride they endured from Grand Rapids to Livonia seemed worthwhile after they grabbed a 104-95 overtime win over Madonna.

Aquinas evened its WHAC record at 1-1; its overall mark is 6-9. The Lady Crusaders fell to 11-6 overall and 0-2 in the WHAC with their second-straight league loss at home.

"I don't have an answer," said Madonna coach Marylou Jansen when asked what had happened to the team that had entered the WHAC season with such high hopes. "This is not what we were expecting. It's frustrating — and we have one day to fix it (Madonna played at Concordia last night)."

The final seconds of regulation best defined the Crusaders' plight against Aquinas. It had been close most of the evening, with neither team's lead ever reaching double figures.

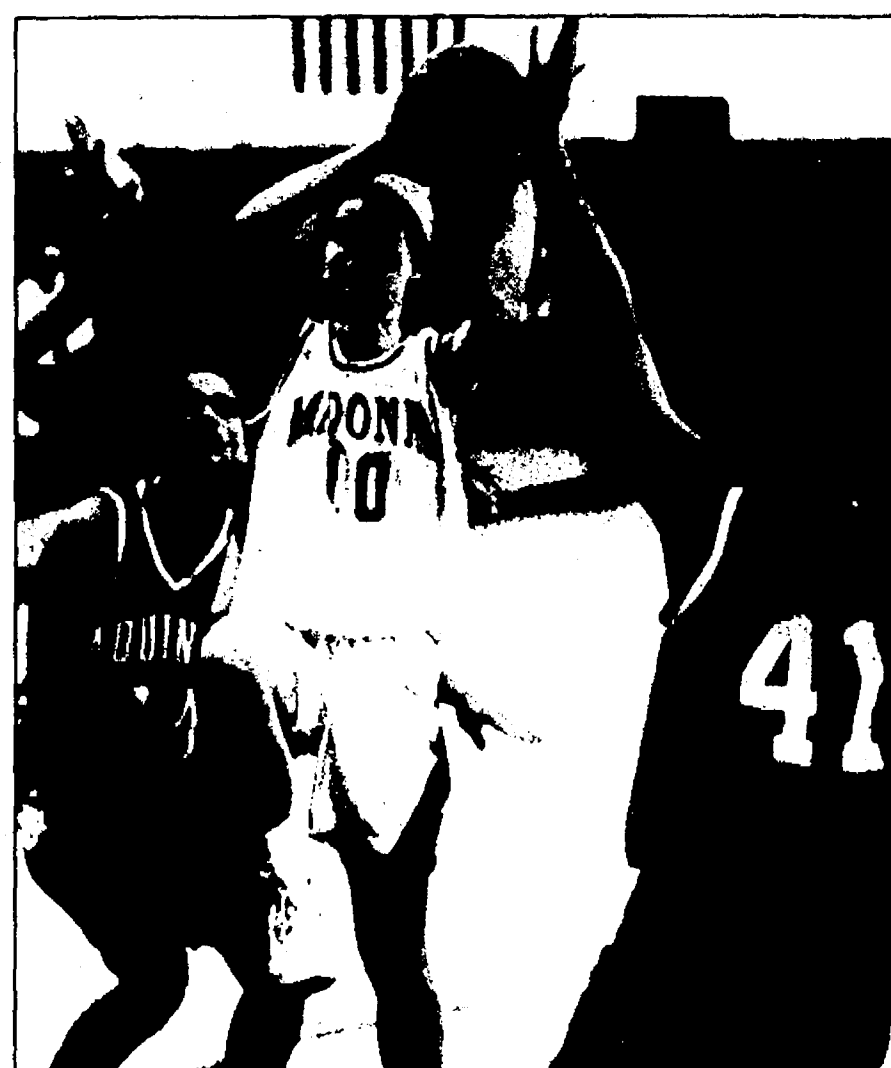
With the clock ticking down and the score tied at 90, Madonna had possession. Kathy Panganis drove from the wing toward the paint, where she was fouled by Julie Murray. But even as Panganis drained both free throws to put the Crusaders up by two with just 12.9 seconds remaining, the feeling was tangible:

Too much time left.

That suspicion was accurate. It took the Saints only 10 seconds to dribble the entire length of the floor and get a game-tying layup from guard Lindsay Simmon, off a dish from Jolene Loomis.

From that point on, it was the Carmen Brown show. The 5-foot-7 senior guard was playing in just her second game this season (she sat out the first semester), and she made the most of it. After a somewhat slow start, she caught fire in overtime, scoring six-straight points that allowed Aquinas to

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHESS

Driving the lane: Madonna University's Michelle Miela (No. 10) goes to the hoop in Monday's OT loss.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Misfiring Patriots fall in nonleaguer

Livonia Franklin's basketball team just can't get away from snow.

It snows outside, and it snows inside. Not literally within the gymnasium, but it sure must seem that way to Coach Dan Robinson of the Patriots.

Livonia Franklin got caught in a blizzard of points Tuesday night and lost to Milford, 57-34. The Patriots are still looking for their first victory of the season.

Franklin is winless in six tries while visiting Milford improved to 3-4.

"I can count 10 missed layups," Robinson said. "We'd work hard to get a shot, then miss it."

"But we have a young team. We have to play with more emotion."

Milford stormed out to an 11-4 lead after one period and increased it to 29-11 at the game's midway point.

Ryan Mekal scored 13 points for Milford and Mike Tobin had 10.

Derek Schema paced Franklin with 10 points and sophomore Joe Ruggiero contributed eight.

In other games played Tuesday:

WILLOW RUN 57, WAYNE 50: A solid second half still wasn't good enough to get the Zebras their second victory of the season.

Willow Run started out with an 11-6 lead after one quarter Tuesday night and was ahead, 26-20, at the half.

Wayne Memorial played the Flyers even in the second half (outscored by one) but that wasn't enough to prevent the Zebras from dropping to 1-6

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this season, which includes a 1-2 mark in the Michigan Mega Conference Red Division.

Willow Run, which got a game-best 22 points from junior guard Josh Allison, is 4-2 overall and 1-0 in the Mega Red.

Senior guard Jamar Davis paced Wayne with 15 points while Rod Burge scored eight and had nine rebounds and freshman center Jeff Longwood scored eight and added eight rebounds.

CRANBROOK 49, CLARENCEVILLE 38: Turnovers might sit on your stomach real well but they don't do a thing for a basketball coach.

A double-dozen turnovers Tuesday night doomed Livonia Clarenceville to a defeat at the hands of visiting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook in the Metro Conference game.

The Trojans overcame a 10-7 first quarter deficit to take a 19-18 halftime lead in their conference opener but giveaways and good free throw shooting down the stretch by the Cranes made the difference.

"We made 25 turnovers," Coach Bill Dyer said after his team saw its record fall to 1-4 overall. "We made too many unforced errors."

"We let it slip away from us. They hit a lot of free throws down the stretch and didn't miss hardly any of them. So we couldn't catch up."

Cranbrook improved to 2-4 overall and 2-1 in the Metro Conference.

The Trojans did not have a single player score in double figures.

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n't want to be out hustled, outscored or out-rebounded," Schuette said. "He wants to be the best he can be and hold the other team down."

Woods, who was saddled with four fouls, added 12 points, while Bill Foder contributed 11. The Rockets also got key efforts off the bench from Ben Harris (seven points) and David Collier (five points).

Andrew Burt, a senior, led Harrison with 13 points. Wilson contributed 11, but no other Hawk was in double figures.

"In the third quarter, we were poised to make

a run, but then we missed four 'puppies' in a row," Teachman said. "It was a complete team effort — we do one good thing and one bad thing."

"And Haygood hung around the basket enough to score."

Harrison returns to action Friday at home against Livonia Stevenson, while Glenn travels to Plymouth Canton.

"It seems there's a lot of equality in the teams this year," Schuette said. "Every team we play is going to be tough."

Massey effort wasted in loss

COLLEGE HOOP WRAP

A short-handed Madonna University men's basketball team couldn't keep pace with host Aquinas College Monday in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference contest, although the Fighting Crusaders didn't make it easy for the Saints.

With just seven players available — injuries and academic woes benched Nick Hurley (from Plymouth Canton), Mark Mitchell and Narvin Russaw; Ian Wincher and Matt Martinez have left the team — Madonna came up short, 68-63. The loss left the Crusaders at 0-2 in the WHAC, 4-13 overall; Aquinas is 8-8 overall, 1-1 in the WHAC.

Mike Massey carried most of the offensive load for Madonna, connecting on 10-of-18 shots from the floor including 5-of-10 three-pointers, while scoring a game-high 29 points. Mike Maryanski added 13 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots. No other Crusader scored more than seven.

Aquinas got 21 points and three steals from NaShune Hickman, 12 points from Courtney Norman and seven points, 11 rebounds and five assists from Mike Jackson.

The Saints enjoyed a 31-22 rebounding edge.

Last Saturday, Cornerstone poured it against visiting Madonna, walking away with a 114-63 triumph in the WHAC season-opener for the Crusaders. Cornerstone, ranked 10th in the NAIA, improved to a school-best 17-3 overall and to 2-0 in the WHAC.

Alan Gortmaker nailed 10-of-12 floor shots while scoring a game-high 30 points for the Golden Eagles; he also had three steals. Mark Zichterman collected 25 points and three steals; Mike Long had 18 points; Brad Tilma totaled 17

points, nine assists and five steals; and Brian Robinson got 11 points and four assists.

Madonna, which trailed 55-28 at halftime, was paced by Mike Maryanski with 20 points and Chad Putnam with 15. Again, the Crusaders had just seven available players, and three of them had fouled out by game's end.

CORNERSTONE (WOMEN) 60, MADONNA 67: Last Saturday, the host Crusaders were dominated on the boards (Cornerstone 51 rebounds to Madonna's 34) and the scoreboard in losing their WHAC opener.

The Golden Eagles improved to 6-9 overall and 2-0 in the WHAC.

Chris Dietrich provided most of the point-production for Madonna, scoring 30 points. She also had six rebounds and two steals. Kathy Panganis added 13 points, six rebounds, and four steals, and Carissa Gizicki netted 10 points. Katie Cushman, who averages 12.6 points and a league-best 5.75 assists per game, was limited to four points and one assist. She did have six steals.

Cornerstone got 22 points and 10 rebounds from Julie Vogelzang; 19 points and five assists from Laura Yonkers; 14 points from Delana Burnett; and 10 points, four assists and three steals from Sarah Haney.

Madonna, which trailed 38-35 at halftime, allowed the Golden Eagles to pull away with a 10-3 start to the second half. The Crusaders twice narrowed the gap to three, but could never overtake Cornerstone.

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pull away from a 95-95 tie with 2:15 left in the extra period.

"It was huge," said Saints' coach Linda Nash of the road win. "We've really been struggling putting 40 strong minutes together. It was a heckuva battle."

Brown finished with a team-high 22 points; she also had five rebounds, four assists and six turnovers. Nicole Mielhke added 20 points, 12 rebounds and three blocked shots; Simmon had 15 points, 10 boards and two blocks; Julie Murray totaled 14 points, eight rebounds and five assists; Mary Bond collected 12 points; and Loomis had 11 points and seven assists.

Panganis topped Madonna with 31 points, nine boards and three steals. Chris Dietrich collected 26 points and five assists, while Katie Cushman contributed 20 points and seven assists.

Dissect this Crusader performance and all sorts of reasons for their loss appear: poor defense in general, but in particular around the basket; bad rebounding at both ends (Aquinas had a 51-38 advantage, including a 16-9 edge on the

offensive boards); terrible bench support (points off the bench — Aquinas 37, Madonna 7).

It's tempting to factor in some key personnel losses, too. Power forward Mary Murray's knee injury that has sidelined her for the season is starting to take its toll, certainly; also missing Monday were back-up point guard Carissa Gizicki (ear infection) and guard Jennifer Dumm (academics), leaving Madonna with just nine available players.

But do that, and it must be remembered that the Saints had traveled 150 miles in a snowstorm to play the game, and were facing a similar return trip.

Anyway, Madonna did have opportunities to take control.

Its first-half offense was outstanding; after a Brown three-pointer put Aquinas up 16-15 with 13:27 left, the Crusaders went on a 12-2 run to open up a 27-18 lead with 9:40 remaining.

They stayed in front for the next nine minutes, but the Saints kept chipping away. Madonna's strong offensive display through those initial 20 minutes melted away in the final 1:05, with Aquinas scoring the

final eight points in that span — six of them on layups.

"That's been our downfall, our weakness," said Jansen of her team's inside play. "Our post defense has been poor. We're not a big team."

Madonna converted 16-of-33 first-half shots (48.5 percent), including 8-of-11 three-pointers (72.7 percent) — and still trailed by three, which made the Aquinas' coach's comments to her team midway through the half seem prophetic.

"There's no way they can keep up their torrid shooting," Harris said to her team during a timeout. She was right; in the second half, the Crusaders made just 15-of-38 from the floor (39.5 percent), and only 4-of-13 threes (30.8 percent).

The biggest lead of the second half for either team was a mere six points (Aquinas 67, Madonna 61).

But offense wasn't the Crusaders' problem.

It's really as simple as this: better defense plus better rebounding will equal a better outcome.

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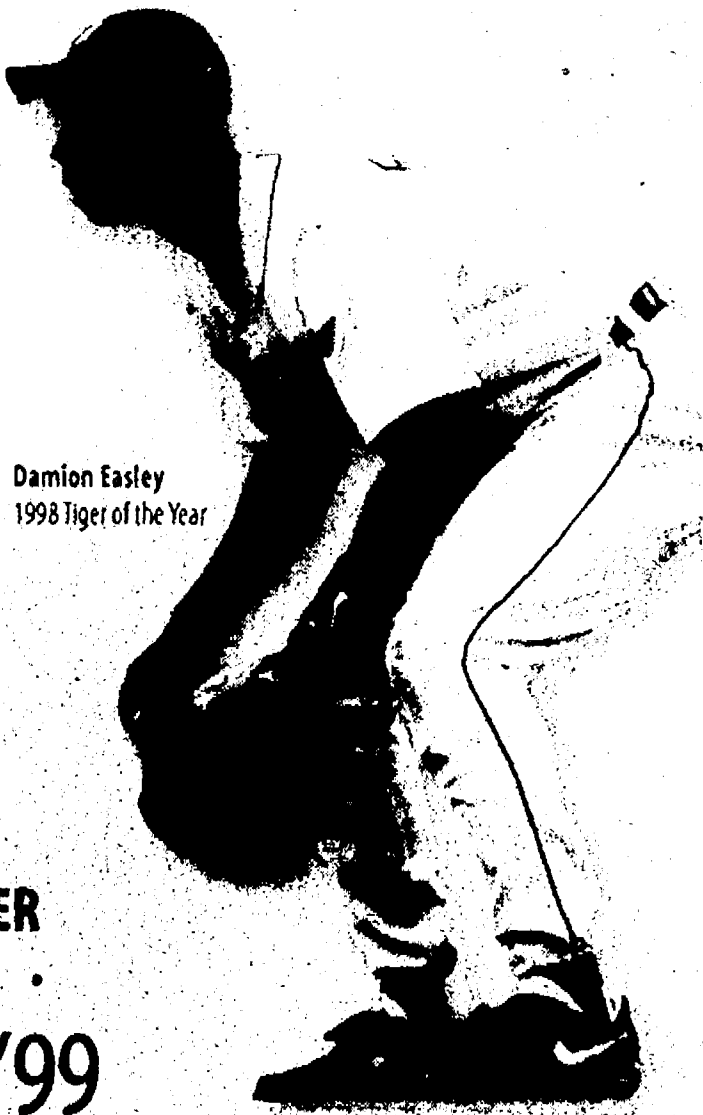
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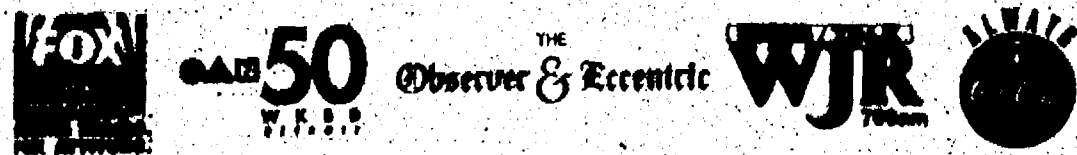
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BEST BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING PERFORMANCES

Following is a list of boys Observerland best swim times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by faxing information to (734) 591-7279 or calling (734) 953-2141.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
(state cut: 1:42.99)

North Farmington 1:43.26
Plymouth Salem 1:47.05
Livonia Stevenson 1:47.09
Westland John Glenn 1:51.01
Farmington 1:51.52

200 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 1:49.39)

Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:50.29
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 1:53.30
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:55.57
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 1:57.21
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 1:57.48
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 1:57.73
Danny Price (Harrison) 1:58.25
Sam Raub (Wayne) 1:59.55
Aaron Rycroft (N. Farmington) 2:00.74
Sermet Aher (N. Farmington) 2:02.10

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
(state cut: 2:03.99)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.50
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:04.36
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.34
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:12.20
Paul Perez (Salem) 2:13.86
Craig Paske (N. Farmington) 2:16.26
Sonny Webber (Wayne) 2:18.60
Garrett Stone (John Glenn) 2:18.77
John Kern (N. Farmington) 2:20.67
Tory Munaco (N. Farmington) 2:30.35

50 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 22.59)

Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 22.52
Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.86
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 23.00
Don LeClair (Canton) 23.09
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 23.34

James McPartlin (John Glenn) 23.92
Mark Wachsberg (N. Farmington) 23.94
Justin Smoes (Wayne) 24.38
Chris Supplee (Franklin) 24.74
Max Suttles (Harrison) 24.96

DIVING

Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 206.05
Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 198.75
Justin Goodwin (N. Farmington) 177.55
Mike Baskin (Stevenson) 157.00
Jason Zykowski (Stevenson) 133.95
Ken Douglass (Franklin) 114.30
Greg Sarkozi (Wayne) 109.45

100 BUTTERFLY
(state cut: 55.59)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 55.00
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 57.89
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 59.06
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 59.33
Mark Wachsberg (N. Farmington) 59.39
Paul Perez (Salem) 59.61
Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 1:01.00
Aaron Rycroft (N. Farmington) 1:02.32
Garrett Stone (John Glenn) 1:04.16
Adam Chiasson (Wayne) 1:11.50

100 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 49.49)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 49.09
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 49.53
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 49.99
Don LeClair (Canton) 50.59
Andrew Locke (Salem) 50.69
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 52.87
Oz Pearlman (N. Farmington) 54.78
Sam Raub (Wayne) 55.35
Dan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 56.11
Max Suttles (Harrison) 56.94

500 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)

Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:07.00
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:18.41
Danny Price (Harrison) 5:22.80
Lough Rycroft (N. Farmington) 5:23.54
Craig Paske (N. Farmington) 5:23.85

Ed Lesnap (Redford CC) 5:26.56
Aaron Rycroft (N. Farmington) 5:34.36
John Kern (N. Farmington) 5:42.87
David Bosman (Franklin) 6:50.25
Jeremy Johnston (Wayne) 6:09.92

200 FREESTYLE RELAY
(state cut: 1:31.99)

Plymouth Canton 1:33.38
Plymouth Salem 1:35.20
Redford Catholic Central 1:35.35
North Farmington 1:37.83
Livonia Stevenson 1:39.40

100 BACKSTROKE
(state cut: 58.39)

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 56.65
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 57.95
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 59.15
Matt Casillas (Salem) 1:00.57
Adam Chiasson (Wayne) 1:03.66
John Kern (N. Farmington) 1:04.05
Dan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 1:04.07
Dan Bowman (N. Farmington) 1:04.30
Chris Clayson (N. Farmington) 1:07.54
Rick Olivero (Harrison) 1:08.50

100 BREASTSTROKE
(state cut: 1:03.19)

Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:03.71
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:06.57
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:06.59
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 1:08.43
Sonny Webber (Wayne) 1:09.22
Jon Zaid (N. Farmington) 1:09.42
Justin Smoes (Wayne) 1:09.46
Scott Clausen (John Glenn) 1:14.48
Brian Clayson (N. Farmington) 1:16.88

400 FREESTYLE RELAY
(state cut: 3:23.09)

North Farmington 3:26.08
Plymouth Salem 3:32.75
Livonia Stevenson 3:33.00
Redford Catholic Central 3:33.49
Plymouth Canton 3:35.14

BOYS SWIMMING RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 131
REDFORD UNION 72
Jan. 12 at Churchill

freestyle relay: Churchill (Kyle Grant, Randall, Charlie Corazza, Joe Cavasin), 1:38.73; 100 backstroke: Grant (LC), 1:06.52; 100 breaststroke: Baker (RU), 1:15.18; 400 freestyle relay: Churchill (Grant, Ford, Cavasin, Randall), 3:50.19. Churchill's dual meet record: 1-1.

Coach Paul Carlson's comments: "We showed a great improvement from our first meets. Our swimmers are starting to execute the things they know to do in their events. We'll increase the knowledge and expect the performance to follow."



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SPORTS ROUNDUP

ST. EDITH FOOTBALL SIGNUP

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St. Edith is located on Newburgh Road, just south of 5 Mile. Boys who are eligible must be in grades four-eight next fall and parish members at St. Edith, St. Collette, St. Aidan, St. Kenneth and St. Maurice.

Coaches from Catholic Central, Divine Child, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Stevenson and Northville will be in attendance.

For more information, call Coach Bill Hamilton at (734) 462-3917 or Coach Brad Dickey at (734) 240-6130.

WAYNE-WESTLAND SOCCER

The Wayne/Westland Soccer League is conducting registration for the spring season

through Feb. 23. The league offers programs for boys and girls ages 5-19.

League representatives will be available in the lobby of the Westland Bailey Recreational Center from 6-8 p.m. on the first three Tuesdays in February (2, 9, and 16).

Flyers are available for pickup at the same location or at the Wayne Community Center.

For more information, call the league at (734) 458-7786 and leave a message. A league official will return the call.

RACING AT NORTHVILLE STOPPED

Snow and extreme wind chill prompted Northville Downs to push its harness racing opener back from Jan. 2 to Jan. 6.

"With most of our horses being ship-ins, that was our problem," said Sam McKee, new Northville Downs director of operations and simulcasting. "The snow stopped

us on Jan. 2 and Jan. 4, and state regulations won't let us race in weather as cold (-33 degree wind chill) as it was on Jan. 5.

"The track is now in excellent condition thanks to our track man, Jerry Coon. I think he is part genius."

Northville has remodeled the first floor of its clubhouse and added a Driver's Point Championship for the winter meet.

Track management has instituted a new graphics package for simulcast signals. Tracks in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas will receive Northville's picture for the first time.

YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Wayne Bandits will be conducting Little Caesars baseball tryouts (site and time to be announced) for 16-and-under (call 734-326-5626) and 10-and-under (call 734-729-8127).

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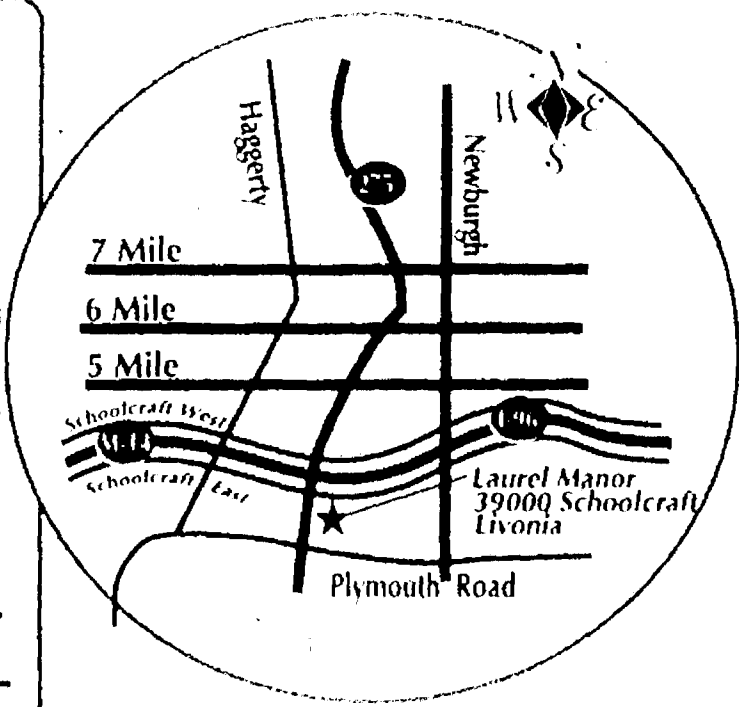
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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING RESULTS

34th annual REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL WRESTLING INVITATIONAL Jan. 9 at Redford CC

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Temperance Bedford, 179 points; 2. Holt, 169.5; 3. Davison, 153; 4. Redford Catholic Central, 107; 5. Clarkston, 105.5; 6. Romeo, 105; 7. Fowlerville, 88; 8. Oxford, 87; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 77.5; 10. Birmingham Brother Rice, 57.5; 11. Howell, 55; 12. Garden City, 48; 13. Warren Lincoln, 46; 14. Westland John Glenn, 34; 15. Fruitport, 31.5; 16. Anchor Bay, 26.5.

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS Heavyweight: Casey Rogowski (CC) pinned John Robinson (Clarkston), 0:46; consolation final: Carl Hammaker (Rice) p. Eric Gliacuc (Oxford), 3:59; 5th place: Nic LaFare (Davison) d. Art Snowberger (Bedford), 3-2.

103 pounds: Shawn Newton (Davison) p. Chris O'Hara (CC), 0:49; consolation: Joe Moreau (Stevenson) dec. Cainen Munsell (Lincoln), 17-2; 5th place: Craig Zube (Howell) p. Justin Craft (Oxford), 3:30.

112: Jack Scott (Holt) dec. Ryan Wasielewski (Bedford), 7-5; consolation: Pat Sayn (GC) dec. John Whitman (Davison), 14-

7; 5th place: Jesse Purdon (Glenn) dec. Thomas Conlon (AB), 13-6. 119: A.J. Grant (Clarkston) dec. Craig Tromby (AB), 12-4; consolation: Zack Brown (Bedford) dec. Charlie Myer (Oxford), 3-2; 5th place: Winnie Zoccoli (GC) p. Brian Sullivan (Rice), 2:25.

128: Scott Norton (Romeo) dec. Justin Bronkema (Bedford), 11-6; consolation: Ryan L'Amoreaux (Clarkston) dec. Clint Montgomery (Lincoln), 10-0; 5th place: Joe Whitman (Davison) dec. Alan Williford (Oxford), 6-5.

130: Chad Roush (Davison) dec. Jon Nagy (Romeo) 10-6; consolation: Brian Chism (Clarkston) dec. Eric Steckling (Rice), 9-5; 5th place: Jeff Albrecht (Glenn) dec. Jay Abshire (CC), 7-5.

135: Casey Roberts (Bedford) dec. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson) 14-5; consolation: Greg Parrot (Holt) dec. Jimmy McFall (Davison), 9-1; 5th place: Tony Ferguson (Fruitport) p. Jeff Wheeler (CC), 1:36.

140: Rob Dunnigan (Bedford) dec. R.J. Eding (Holt), 18-12; consolation: Wayne Roush (Davison) dec. Derek Stabley (Romeo), 19-2; 5th place: Jeremy Barrios (BR) dec. Scott Stevens (FI), 9-4.

145: Joe Streeter (Davison) p. Nick Cutver

(Howell), 1:50; consolation: Deven Lambert (Holt) dec. Justin Zink (Bedford), 11-4; fifth place: Ryan Zajdel (CC) p. Josh Fee (GC), 3:46.

152: Brandon Cooper (Holt) dec. Mitch Hancock (CC), 9-8; consolation: Kevin Lee (Fruitport) dec. Dan Holman (Lincoln), 5-1; 5th place: Doug Norton (Romeo) dec. Kevin Harrington (Rice), 15-4.

160: Robert Wellman (Fowlerville) p. Brian Barker (Stevenson), 0:28; consolation: Andy Auten (Clarkston) dec. Pete Langer (Glenn), 6-2; 5th place: Chad Cleaves (Holt) dec. Joe Michelli (Fruitport), 5-3.

171: Scott Philburn (Fowlerville) dec. David Filarski (Romeo) 7-5; consolation: Jeff LaPointe (Bedford) dec. Brian Hinzman (GC), 2-1; 5th place: Adrian Nowak (Davison) dec. Chris LaBria (Clarkston), 6-2.

189: Darin Ross (Holt) dec. Willie Breyer (Oxford), 12-1; consolation: Jason Ferlich (Fowlerville) dec. Andrew Walker (Romeo), 12-0; 5th place: Andy Conlin (CC) p. Ben Tecmir (Howell), 1:54.

215: Josh Adams (Bedford) dec. Grant Sarkisian (Holt), 9-2; consolation: Andy Boone (Oxford) p. Eric Puninske (Stevenson), 12-5; 5th place: Mike Griffin (Howell) p. Eric Eisele (Fowlerville), 0:41.

22nd annual DEARBORN FORDSON WRESTLING INVITATIONAL Jan. 9 at Fordson

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Grosse Pointe North, 166 points; 2. Dearborn Fordson, 157; 3. Dearborn, 153.5; 4. Allen Park, 137; 5. Redford Thurston, 97.6; Livonia Franklin, 90.5; 7. Dearborn Divine Child, 76; 8. Inkster, 69; 9. Harper Woods Lutheran East, 34; 10. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 16; 11. Lutheran Westland, 4.

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS Heavyweight: Chris Latorre (AP) d. Scott Genord (RT), 8-5; consolation final: Bilal

Amen (DF) won by criteria over Robert Jackson, 3-3 (over time).

103 pounds: Rob Sulaver (D) won by technical fall over B. Hirt (GPN), 16-0; consolation: Mike Saleh (DF) pinned Josh Blake (DHC), 0:57.

112: Matt Rummer (Dn.) p. Montana Arble (AP), 3:03; consolation: Jason Gossiaux (DDC) dec. Sadek Saleh (DF), 8-3.

119: Joe Guardiola (AP) p. Chris Kosinski (GPN), 4:41; consolation: Adam Hamed (DF) p. Will Jurczak (LE), 4:37.

125: Bryan Rieszak (AP) p. Chauncy Darden (I), 1:28; consolation: Pete Kim (DDC) p. Eugene Antonelli (RT), 4:17.

130: Mousa Hamka (DF) won by tech. fall over Mike Kudra (Dn.), 16-1; consolation: B. Dobbins (GPN) dec. Don Brockway (DDC), 7-4.

138: Rick Pesta (GPN) dec. Randy Sulaver (Dn.), 7-3; consolation: Derek Azzopardi (LF) dec. Mike Partlow (AP), 5-0.

140: Ryan Shippitt (LF) dec. Thaer Judallah (DF), 19-8; consolation: Matt Kellett (GPN) dec. Allen Duff (LF), 4-2.

145: Dan Arrington (Dn.) p. Jeff Usher (RT), 2:13; consolation: Matt Jubera (GPN) dec. Allen Duff (LF), 4-2.

152: Jacob Short (AP) dec. Mike Alvarado (Dn.), 8-6; consolation: Marlon Franklin (I) p. G. Hawk (GPN), 2:36.

160: Belal Majed (DF) p. David Hirt (GPN), 2:50; consolation: Jeremy Rockwell (I) dec. Bill Jones (LE), 7-2.

171: M. Sudomier (GPN) dec. Keith Jackson (I), 5-4; consolation: Ryan Jones (AP) dec. Eric Toska (LF), 8-2.

189: Steve Myslinski (LF) p. Matt Stortini (Dn.), 3:00; consolation: V. Polck (GPN) dec. Jack Leich (I), 14-6.

215: Hussam Essa (DF) dec. Bryant Lawrence (RT), 7-2; consolation: Jamil Mackie (DDC) dec. J.J. Berry (Dn.), 6-4.

20th annual FARMINGTON WRESTLING INVITATIONAL Jan. 9 at Farmington CC

These rankings are based on the results of the 20th annual Farmington Wrestling Invitational (Livonia Choro Hill), Jim Carlin (Redford Union), Dave Chisla (Garden City) and Rob Moreau (Livonia Stevenson).

TEAM RANKINGS 1. Redford Catholic Central. 2. Plymouth Salem. 3. Garden City. 4. Livonia Stevenson. 5. Livonia Clarenceville.

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS 109 pounds: 1. Joe Moreau (Livonia Stevenson); 2. Chris O'Hara (Redford Catholic Central); 3. Josh Gurtzman (Stevenson); 4. Kyle Pitt (Plymouth Canton); 5. Scott Massey (Garden City).

112: 1. John Mervyn (Plymouth Salem); 2. Mike Kassabit (Wayne Memorial); 3. Pat Sayn (GC); 4. Ronnie Thompson (Salem); 5. Jesse Purdon (Westland John Glenn).

119: 1. Jon Gregg (Wayne); 2. Vinnie Zoccoli (GC); 3. Rob Ash (Salem); 4. Steve Vasiloff (Livonia Churchill); 5. Jim Gourlay (Redford Union).

125: 1. Justin Beesler (Wayne); 2. Justin Schaefer (Farmington Hills Harrison); 3. Brian Reed (GC); 4. Jesse Stevens (RU); 5. Paul Goyt (Wayne).

130: 1. David Lrimmon (Livonia Clarenceville); 2. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn); 3. Tony Lama (Farmington); 4. Trevor Clark (North Farmington); 5. John Pocock (Canton).

138: 1. Rob Wanda (Wayne); 2. Josh Wanda (Wayne); 3. Jeff Wheeler (Redford CC); 4. Dave Azzopardi (Livonia Franklin); 5. Dan LeClair (Clarenceville).

145: 1. Jeff Usher (Thurston); 2. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 3. Ryan Shippitt (Franklin); 4. Jim Shelton (Canton); 5. Jesse Taylor (Harrison).

148: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. Ryan Zajdel (Redford CC); 3. Ken Raupp (Wayne); 4. Josh Fee (GC); 5. Alan Duff (Franklin).

152: 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2. Brandon LaPointe (Churchill); 3. Kevin Stone (Canton); 4. Eddie Traynor (GC); 5. Mark Oates (Farmington).

160: 1. Robert Demeick (Canton); 2. Blair Barker (Stevenson); 3. Pete Langer (John Glenn); 4. Kurt Spann (Wayne); 5. Tony Rechoza (Clarenceville).

171: 1. Brian Hinzman (GC); 2. Ryan Mathison (Redford CC); 3. Eric Toaka (Franklin); 4. Mark DeLaFuente (Thurston); 5. Adam Marcum (Clarenceville).

189: 1. Walter Regland (Clarenceville); 2. Steve Myslinski (Franklin); 3. Andy Wood (Farmington); 4. Andy Conlin (Redford CC); 5. Ollie Muscarella (RU).

215: 1. Brock Naysmith (Redford CC); 2. Will Baker (RU); 3. Bryan Lawrence (Thurston); 4. Steve Garrett (Franklin); 5. Eric Puninske (Stevenson).

Heavyweight: 1. Casey Rogowski (Redford CC); 2. Charlie Hamblin (Salem); 3. Brian Brinaden (Farmington); 4. Mike Gaffke (Churchill); 5. Scott Genord (Thurston).

PUBLIC NOTICE WETLANDS PRESERVATION FUND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1999 MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCATION: Wayne County Dept. of Public Services Philip J. Neudeck Building, 415 Clifford 8th Floor Main Conference Room Detroit, Michigan 48228 TIME: 1:30 P.M. DATES: Wednesday, January 20 Wednesday, February 17 Wednesday, March 17 Wednesday, April 21 Wednesday, May 19 Wednesday, June 16 Wednesday, July 21 Wednesday, August 18 Wednesday, September 15 Wednesday, October 20 Wednesday, November 17 Wednesday, December 15

Notes: This meeting is called in accordance with provisions of the "Open Meetings Act," Act No. 187, Public Acts of 1976. Upon the written request of an individual, organization, firm or corporation, and upon the requesting party's payment of a yearly fee of not more than the reasonable estimated cost for printing and postage of such notices, the Committee shall send to the requesting party by first-class mail, a copy of any notice required to be posted. The County of Wayne will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the Committee meeting upon five days notice to the Bank Manager of the Committee (Hugh S. Macdonald). Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Bank Manager by writing to, or calling the address and phone number listed below or TDD (1-800-649-3777).

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ROCK & BORGETT, P.C. 24500 Ford Road, Dearborn Hts., MI 48128 STATE OF MICHIGAN, PROBATE COURT, COUNTY OF WAYNE, File No. 98-600, 245-1E

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ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE REPORT

Plymouth goes 3-for-3 in whale of a weekend

When a team is angling for a championship, every victory will produce a different hero. Such is the case with the Plymouth Whalers.

True, the first half of the season seemed to be dominated by a few Whalers in particular: Harold Druken and Adam Colagiaco in particular. But last weekend, facing a three-games-in-three-days stretch, various Whalers stepped forward each night to propel them to three victories.

In Sunday's 3-2 triumph over the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, Mark McMahon poked in the game-winner with just nine seconds left in overtime to lift the Whalers; on Saturday against the visiting Belleville Bulls, Eric Gooldy's hat trick and Shaun Fisher's unassisted goal with 4:43 to play propelled Plymouth to a 5-4 triumph; and on Friday, it was Damian Surma's three goals that carried the Whalers to a 5-3 road win over the Guelph Storm.

Plymouth improved to 30-8-3 overall, first in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division.

In the OT win over the Greyhounds Sunday, the Whalers never trailed but could never pull away, either. Gooldy — who had four goals over the weekend — scored first on a power play with 1:45 left in the first period. McMahon and Jason Ward assisted.

The 'Hounds (21-14-4 through the weekend) knotted it at 16:01 of the second period on a goal by Adam Nittell, but the Whalers regained the lead four minutes into the third on a goal by David Legwand, his 20th of the season. Nikos Tsellos and Troy Smith assisted. Ryan Jardine's goal with 4:14 left in regulation tied it for Sault Ste. Marie and forced OT.

McMahon's game-winner was his second goal of the season; Gooldy and Legwand assisted. Robert Holsinger made 29 stops in goal to improve his record to 16-6; Jake McCracken had 27 saves for the 'Hounds.

Gooldy, Legwand and Paul Mara paced the offense in Saturday's victory over the Bulls (21-14-6 through the weekend). Gooldy and Legwand each scored first-period goals; Gooldy made it 3-0 for the Whalers at the 6:37 mark of the second. Mara assisted on both Gooldy goals.

Belleville battled back, getting second-period scores from Kris Newbury and Kevin Baker, then tying it at 4:37 of the third on a goal by Chris Stanley. Gooldy's third goal restored Plymouth's lead at 11:05 of the period (Legwand and Mara assisting), but Stanley again tied it

East Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa 67's	33	5	3	69
Peterborough Petes	24	15	1	49
Belleville Bulls	21	14	6	48
Oshawa Generals	21	15	3	45
Kingston Frontenacs	13	25	2	28
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	30	6	4	64
North Bay Centennials	17	22	4	38
Sudbury Wolves	14	22	6	34
Toronto St. M. Majors	11	23	4	26
Miss. Ice Dogs	1	35	3	5
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Plymouth Whalers	30	8	3	63
Sarnia Sting	21	13	4	46
SSM Greyhounds	21	14	4	46
London Knights	16	23	2	34
Windsor Spitfires	11	24	5	27
Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Guelph Storm	26	13	2	54
Owen Sound Platers	21	16	5	47
Erie Otters	18	18	2	38
Kitchener Rangers	14	24	2	30
Brampton Battalion	5	33	3	13

just 1:10 later. Fisher got the winner three minutes after that.

Rob Zepp made 30 saves to get the victory; Cory Campbell had 28 stops in goal for Belleville.

Surma's three goals, which boosted his season goal count to seven, and Druken's goal and two assists were keys to Friday's key win at Guelph (26-13-2 through the weekend), the Midwest Division leader and the team that eliminated the Whalers from the OHL playoffs last season. The Storm took the early lead on a first-period goal by Charlie Stephens, but Surma's first two scores put Plymouth ahead to stay.

Tselios made it 3-1 with a power-play goal 33 seconds into the third period; Surma's third marker with 9:16 left countered a goal scored by Guelph's Kevin Mitchell, making it 4-2. Another Mitchell goal narrowed the Whaler lead to one with 3:25 remaining, but Druken clinched it with an empty-netter with 39 seconds left.

Colagiaco finished with two assists for Plymouth; Holsinger made 27 saves in goal, compared to 30 by Guelph's Chris Madden.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Shamrocks win again, eye date with Trenton

Perhaps because of his team's perfect record through the first 11 games, Redford Catholic Central senior right winger Erik Hawkins can laugh about his lack of good fortune around the net.

Hawkins, a CC captain, had his first five goals this season disallowed by the referees for one reason or another.

"Either the net came off the post, someone was in the (goal) crease or the whistle had blown (before the puck crossed the goal line)," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "He's been a hard-luck kid. When he breaks out he's going to be tough."

Hawkins finally scored a goal that counted in a 12-1 win over Wyandotte Roosevelt on Jan. 6 and, ironically, he didn't get to enjoy it.

"He fired the puck at the net while coming around for a line change," St. John said. "He didn't believe the guys when he scored because he didn't see it."

Though he failed to score on Saturday, Hawkins played another steady game in the Shamrocks' 6-1 victory over Allen Park Cabrini at Redford Arena.

CC, which led 3-0 after one period and 4-0 through two, improved to 8-0 in the Metro Hockey League and 11-0 overall.

Six different players scored goals for the Shamrocks: Matt Van Heest, David Moss, Jim Spiewak, Brad Holland, Brandon Kaleniecki and Todd Bentley.

Bentley had three assists and Sean McGowan, Derek Genrich, Moss, Ryan Yost, Keith Rowe and Spiewak had one each.

The last two CC goals came on the power play. "Cabrini didn't have its best night and we played OK," St. John said. "They have a young team and were a little nervous coming up, playing in our place."

St. John said Hawkins and fellow captains Rowe and Van Heest are "natural leaders. They all have their good nights. Keith is playing real well for us right now."

The Shamrocks outshot Cabrini 46-16 and the only goal allowed by CC goaltender Ben Dunne came on the power play by Nick Nomura at 1:16 of the third period to cut the deficit to 4-1.

Dunne has played well when tested, according to St. John. It's not the most exciting position to play on the CC team.

"It's not hard to stay interested but hard to focus," St. John said. "When you have the puck down in their end so much and all of a sudden someone busts out with a breakaway, and we've had that happen. He's a good goalie and getting much better."

The Shamrocks, who have won two Class A state championships since 1994, and defending state

South Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Livonia Stevenson	7	0	0	14
Dearborn Unified	6	2	1	13
Redford Unified	6	2	0	12
Livonia Churchill	4	2	1	9
Livonia Franklin	3	4	0	6
W.L. Western	2	5	0	4
Northville	2	3	0	4
W.L. Central	0	5	0	0
Farmington Unified	0	7	0	0

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Livonia Stevenson	7-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	14
Dearborn Unified	7-2-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	13
Redford Unified	10-2-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	21
Livonia Churchill	5-2-4	0-0-0	0-0-0	10
Livonia Franklin	5-4-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	10
W.L. Western	2-5-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	4
Northville	2-3-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	4
W.L. Central	0-5-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0
Farmington Unified	0-7-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0

champion Trenton renew their rivalry at 8 p.m. Saturday at Redford Arena.

"I'm worried about Trenton, they're a good team," St. John said.

Suburban statistical leaders

John May of Livonia Stevenson was the Suburban High School Hockey League scoring leader through his team's first seven games.

May, who played six of the seven, had 12 goals and eight assists for 20 points and a healthy lead over Dearborn's Brent Hoinicki, who has 14 points in eight games.

Hoinicki had seven goals and seven assists, one more point than teammate Joey Virga and Livonia Franklin's Tony Saia. Virga had four goals and nine assists while Saia had the reverse.

Ranking fifth in SHSHL scoring was Dave Sellin of Redford, who had 11 points on six goals and five assists. Six players were tied for sixth with 10 points.

They were: Dan Cieslak of Stevenson (8 goals, 2 assists); Tim Allen of Stevenson (6 and 4), Dan Cook of Churchill (6 and 4), Shane Jackman (5 and 5) and Derek Lipps of Dearborn Unified (4 and 6), and Mark Nebus of Stevenson (2 and 8).

Undeclared Stevenson boasted the two leads in goals-against. Kevin Marlowe had allowed an average of .5 per contest over four games while Chris McComb had played three games and allowed an average of 0.67 per contest.

Redford Unified's Eric Pagel was third with a 2.31 average, Brad Spencer of Dearborn fourth at 2.91 and Ryan McBroom of Churchill fifth at 2.99.

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Happier makes life better. Funny, free-spirited, successful SWF, 30, 5'7", blonde/blue, two sons, seeks humorous, truthful, free-spirited SWM, 35-50, for eternal happiness and LTR. #2084

WHAT A COMBINATION

Tall, thin, fiery-tempered SF, 30, blonde/blue. Passionate lover, great friend. Impassive to look at. Even better to converse and/or debate with. Did I mention confident? Call me. #1715

LETS FLOW TOGETHER

This flirtatious blue-eyed blonde would love to take a ride in your truck. There is something about a man in a truck, 30-43, who loves kids, and is attractive and easygoing. #1186

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Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining in/out, animals, walking, swimming. Free to spend time with loving, caring white gentleman. 60s. #1657

STOP LOOKING

Cute SWF, 29, 5'5", brown/blue. Seeking active SWM, 28-36, who enjoys music, animals, for possible LTR. No games, no lies or N/Drugs. #2268

FLY ME TO THE MOON

Attractive SWFF, 30, social drinker, enjoys snowmobiling, sports boating, travel. Seeking active, fit SWM, 28-35, for LTR. #2262

VERY EXOTIC

Very romantic, sincere, caring, fit, attractive, small SBF, 150lbs, college graduate, enjoys working, outdoor activities, reading, going on outings. Seeking tall, very intelligent, marriage-minded SM, 28+, race unimportant, no games. #2174

WOMAN WITHOUT BAGGAGE

Attractive, fit, degreed, honest SWF, 30, 5'2", no dependents, rarely drinks, NS, enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo, romance. Seeking similar qualities in a SWM, 28-40, for LTR. #1193

ROMANCE, PASSION...

Honesty and laughs are what I have to offer. Smart, beautiful, successful, well educated female. 30s. If you are a successful, kind, sincere doctor. You should call me. #2081

LETS GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Attractive SWF, 35, 5'4", black/brown, thin to medium build, seeks attractive, tall, physically fit SWM, 30-40, enjoys the arts, movies, bookstores, road trips, working out, outdoor activities, friends first. LTR. #2022

TEACH ME SOMETHING NEW

Attractive SWF, 27, 5'4", sporty, energetic, a little heavy, enjoys travel, fitness, theater, humor, seeks attractive financially/emotionally secure SWM, 28-38, NS, with similar interests. #1967

SWF - BUILT TO LAST

1963 limited edition, Shapely, sporty model, enjoys tennis, spontaneous excursions, or taking back in neutral. Truck contains tennis racket, books, cds, yoga mat. Seeking ambitious SWM, to co-pilot across life's roads. #1718

STILL LOOKING

SWF, 28, 5'3", enjoys dining out, dirt, Red Wings, and more. Seeking SWM, 25-35, fit, honest, afraid of a commitment. #1656

SOULMATE WANTED

Ambitious, athletic, attractive, college-educated, goal-oriented, optimistic SWFF, 31, 5'2", slender, red/green, NS, enjoys music, movies, theater, dancing, hiking, rollerblading, ice skating, skiing, cycling. Seeking soulmate with similar background/interests, for friendship leading to future. #1814

HUGGABLE AND LOVABLE

Attractive SF, 44, 5'3", blonde/blue, medium build with passion for life, seeks kind-hearted SWM, 40-55, with good sense of humor, who is ready to enjoy life. #2412

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SWF, blonde/green, 5'6", medical professional, looking for teddy bear 45+ with good communication skills, who is an athletic event watcher, enjoys winter sports. Good sense of humor a must. #1804

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

DWF, 44, financially secure, professional musician, sexy, classy, blonde/blue, romantic. Seeking an outgoing, secure, college-educated SWM, 35-50, passion for life, for a possible LTR. #1660

BEAUTIFUL SMILE

Very attractive, athletic, slender, degreed DWF, 43, 5'7", enjoys sports, concerts, movies, laughter. Seeking tall, athletic, healthy, degreed, spontaneous, honest, widowed or DWM, 48-53, with sense of humor. Birmingham area. #1588

HELLO, FRIEND

I'm pretty, intelligent, very intelligent, refined, fun, smoker, 52. Seeking intelligent, fit, articulate, classy, confident, gentleman, 45-65, wanting someone for cozy dinner dates laced with good conversation. #2320

BLUE-EYED BLONDE

Fun-loving DWF, 44, blue/blonde, curly size 14, enjoys movies, dining, dancing, music. Seeking DWM, 40-55, financially stable, with similar interest. Friendship first, possible LTR. #2267

YOUNGER MAN DESIRED

For romance and interesting times. Degreed, fit, fun-loving, feisty, pretty blonde, 50s. You're NS, sporty, savvy, educated, kind. We'll enjoy travel, fine dining, movies, theater, concerts, cuddling. 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, unheeled, married, male counterpart, 5+, for extreme fun, romance and adventure. #1600

PRETTY, 45, NO KIDS

Bright, sweet, playful DWF, 58, 275lbs, curly, blonde, enjoys arts, beaches sports, movies, reading. Seeking male friend/lover, to share time, talking, flirting, etc. #1625

SEKS CONFIDENT, SECURE MAN

Fit, independent, intelligent, blonde/blue, 5'7", no children, seeks SWM, average/attractive, trustworthy, emotionally/financially stable, fun, fit, 48-52, 5'8"-5'11". No games. You won't be disappointed. #1512

LITTLE RED

Spontaneous, SWF, 5'3", 130lbs, red/green, smoker, looking for honest relationship with SM who doesn't want to play games. Dark eyes and long hair a plus. #2323

ARE YOU I AM...

Healthy, happy, spiritually fit and emotionally available. Very attractive, petite SWF, 40s, NS, NS, loves nature, the arts, reading, writing, laughing, hiking, travel, and having good conversations about life. #2289

LOOKING FOR YOU

Easilygoing, overweight DWF, 43, 5'10", NS, N/Drugs, enjoys swimming, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, NS, N/Drugs, South Lyon area. #1713

INCURABLE ROMANTIC

Energetic, perky, kind-hearted DWF, 43, 5'2", 125lbs, brown/brown, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys walking, tennis, cooking, dining out, movies, seeking SWM, late 30s to 40s, for best friend first. LTR. #2263

PRETTY BLONDE LADY

Refined, giving, loving, educated, European-born young 60s, 5'8", good figure, NS, many interests, seeks gentleman, 65-72, of sense of humor, caring, intelligent, secure, NS, for lasting relationship. #1297

THRILL SEEKER WANTED

Adventurous nurse, DWF, 46, 5'4", brown/brown. Seeking adventurous man, 40-50, for fun times. NS preferred. #2170

BEAUTIFUL INSIDE AND OUT

Financially secure, full-figured plus size SWFF, 50, 5'4", NS, N/D. Seeks S/DWM, 48-60, for friendship and companionship. Possible LTR. #1651

LOVE IN THE NEW YEAR

Attractive, financially/emotionally secure DWF, young 50's, brown/blue, NS, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel and romance. Seeking handsome, sincere, caring, financially secure, compatible SWM, 45-55, for friendship, leading to LTR. #2083

TALL, ATTRACTIVE

DBF, 39, 5'8", enjoys dancing, jazz, affection. Seeking SBF, 40, 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 soulmate in a successful, sincere WM, 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. #1908

SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT

SF, 36, loves animals, degreed, spectacular sports, laughing, right SM, NS, no kids, for new start, possible LTR. #1865

PRETTY NATURE LOVER

SWF, 43, 5'7", 127lbs, studying alternative medicine, into self growth, woods walking, singing, natural health, laughing, speaking truth, I'm spunky, unique, loving. Seeking NS, soul connection SWM, 38-48. #3723

PASSION FOR LIFE

Classy, sporty, poised DWF, 59, 5'2", seeks man of integrity, 58-65, NS, romantic and fun, 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 SBF, 40-60. #1099

COFFEE, TEA, OR ME?

Tall, attractive lady, HW proportional, with great sense of humor, dependent on TLC to share. Seeking tall, intelligent, romantic, quality male, 55+, with high standards, who enjoys various activities. #9726

FIRST TIME AD

Attractive widowed BF, 41, 5'7", 147lbs, no dependents, seeks mature male, 45-55, settled but fun to be with. Must be romantic. No baggage. No hangups. NS mandatory. #1806

SINGLE WHITE WOMAN

Independent SWF, 38, 5'3", 115lbs, smoker, ND, enjoys the simple life, rock music, comedy clubs, movies, fitness, outdoors, hunting, fishing. Seeking confident, spiritual, honest, financially stable SWM, 38-45, ND, for LTR. #1892

A PINCH OF JUNGLE FEVER

Complex preference, not novelty DWF, 39, pretty, independent, happy, sensual woman of substance, seeks financially/emotionally secure black gentleman late 30s+, for monogamous, physical and spiritual happiness. #2080

PROVERBS 3:15

41, 5'8", 135lbs, NS, non-drinker, Christian, bunnetta, seeks company of quality gentleman, for sharing and caring. Bloomfield area. #1719

GREAT PERSON/FUN

Black female, a young 50, affectionate, employed, NS, social drinker, wide variety of interests. Seeking mature male, who's fun and affectionate, 46-54, NS, with no hang ups. #1720

LOOKING FOR SANTA

SWF, 44, 5'7", brown/hazel, NS, enjoys sports, jazz, C&W, quiet times at home. Seeking romantic, honest, family-oriented SWM, 38-54, 7', NS. All calls will be answered. #1786

PRETTY BROWN-EYED ITALIAN

Outgoing single mom, 38, brown/brown. Likes movies, theater, dancing, long walks, good conversation. Seeking handsome male, dark hair/brown, 35-45, who is romantic, sincere, honest, with a sense of humor. #1721

STARZARDER

Shapely WF, 48, no dependents, no dependents, intelligent, educated WM, who enjoys looking at the stars, escaping on weekends, and lively conversation. Friends first, Rochester area. #1772

GREAT PERSON

Attractive BF, 50, 5'6", 150lbs NS, educated, employed, no dependents, seeks one great male, 48-55, HW proportional, NS a must, for monogamous relationship. Race open, must live alone. No hang-ups/baggage. #9878

SHARE MY LIFE

Earthy, easygoing, independent, creative, young-at-heart SWF, 46, 5'10", enjoys anime, animals, and log cabins. Seeking affectionate, secure gentleman, 6+, who enjoys the outdoors. #1597

EXPRESSIVE

Youthful, active, energetic, outgoing SBF, 58, 5'4", seeks to meet SM with similar traits for friendship possible relationship. #1536

WANTED: BEST FRIEND/LOVER

SWF, 47, 5'6", 125lbs, pretty, great sense of humor, enjoys romance, laughter, fun in the sun. Seeking tall, handsome, secure SWM, 42-52, who's not afraid of commitment. N/Drugs or alcohol. #1537

COULD CONNECT...

with tall, HW proportional, secure, ethical, nice-looking guy, 47+, with hair, pretty, dark-haired SWFF, 40s, 5'4", 115lbs, with varied interests, great legs and good heart, would like to talk with you. #2271

OUTGOING FEMALE

Sensitive, social, sincere, humorous, loving positive, upbeat SWF, 46, mid-weight, seeks man who is fun in a man. Call soon. #2139

ONE-OF-KIND

Employed, educated BF, 50, 5'6", 147lbs, no dependents, seeks mature male, 45-55, settled but fun to be with. Must be romantic. No baggage. No hangups. NS mandatory. #1806

VERY ATTRACTIVE

SWM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, very outgoing, professionally employed, sought after SWF, 18-35, HW proportional. Must be outgoing and enjoy sports. #1804

WANTED: BEST FRIEND

DWPM, 37, 5'10", 170lbs, enjoys outgoing, and being active. Seeking affectionate, fit, loving sweetheart, to share music, travel, dining and romantic quiet times. Waco area. #1865

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. #2063

SINGLE IN DETROIT

Honest, down-to-earth SBF, 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

SEEKS EURO/RUSSIAN LADY

Good-looking, SWM, 40, 5'8", 155lbs, who enjoys movies theater, symphony, dining out, long walks, concerts, opera, art, romance, travel. Seeks slender, pretty SWF interested in LTR. #1710

STARTING OVER

Honest, hard-working, old-fashioned SWM, 37, 6'2", 175lbs, black/brown, enjoys sports, music, movies, quiet time, reading, and family time. Seeking honest, attractive SWF, 25-40, for LTR. Children ok. #1989

FIRST TIME AD

SM, 45, 6'3", wishes to meet lady for friendship, late night dinners, quiet evenings, long walks, movies, special moments, and relationship. #2351

TALK TO MY DAD

Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWM, 40, 5'9", 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

AFFECTIONATE GENTLEMAN

Kind, caring, loving, easygoing SWM, 31, 5'8", medium build, dark brown/blue, NS, social drinker, whose interests include bowling, boating, cooking, fishing, and reading. Seeking female, 18-35. Kids ok. #2261

ONE-WOMAN MAN

Good-looking, professional DWM, NS, enjoys golf, movies, and cruising. Seeking female, 35-45, NS, for possible relationship. #2175

ASIAN FEMALE WANTED

Down-to-earth, intelligent, passionate, kind, very caring, sincere SWM, 35, extremely fit. Knowing how to treat a lady, loves kids. Seeking slim, soft, feminine, sweethearted SBF, soulmate. For monogamous LTR. #1714

SPIRITED, ADVENTUROUS...

Sports, athletic, fun-loving, thoughtful SWM, very caring, sincere SWM, 35, extremely fit. Knowing how to treat a lady, loves kids. Seeking slim, soft, feminine, sweethearted SBF, soulmate. For monogamous LTR. #1714

UNIQUE, BALANCED...

Good-looking, professional SWM, 51, 5'9", homeowner, enjoys bicycling, art, music, reading, and family time. Seeking a woman who is intelligent, active, romantic, intelligent, humorous. Seeking attractive, multi-dimensional, slender soulmate. #1717

UNCLAIMED TREASURE!!!

Exciting, charming, fun-loving, thoughtful, handsome SWM, 40s, dark, good-looking, blue eyes, seeks attractive, slim SWF, under 48, NS, with similar qualities, who's sensually interested in a relationship. See you soon. #2178

FRESH ON THE SCENE

Handsome, sporty, humorous, athletic, very caring, sincere SWM, 38, 6', 185lbs, never married, seeks attractive woman with good values for dating. Friendship possible. LTR. Please call. #2178

LOVE IS REAL

SHM 43, 5'8", 170 no kids creative, passionate, likes art and nature. Seeking a pretty, cute SWF, 28-39, with no kids, for true love, romance and friendship. #2176

SIMPLE PLEASURES OF LIFE

Double Swiss mocha, bookstore browsing, warm cozy nights, afternoon naps, walk in the park, chicken salad on rice or brown cream soup. SWM, 46, seeks slim, spiritual SWF, soulmate, 30-45. #2177

WANTED: BEST FRIEND/LOVER

Nice-looking SWM, 45, 5'11", 180lbs, enjoys most things, just looking that special someone. She's attractive, warm, intelligent, fun-loving, active, open, sporty, ok. Wayne Westland area. #2172

GREAT HUGGER/KISSER

Spiritual, tall, handsome DWM, 50, looks younger, 5'11", 185lbs, hair, mustache, plays tennis, works out, home owner, seeks honest, fit W/M under 50, who's emotionally ready for LTR. #3724

PLAIN JANE OK!

Delightful, down-to-earth SWM, 43, seeks female, agreeable/unimportant for playful friendship and possible romance. Please call me. #1924

BE MY PARTNER

Spiritual, godly-minded, caring, understanding, happy SWM, 41, seeks stable, proportional, open-minded SWF, 32-42. Mothers are welcome. #1990

STARTING OVER

Hard working, honest, sensitive, humorous DWM, 42, 5'8", 165lbs, with 3 children. Enjoys cooking, outdoors, and walking. Seeking SWF, 35-42, fit, who enjoys children, for possible LTR. #1991

HOPELESS ROMANTIC

SWM, 23, 5'10", 175lbs, into candles, movies, surfing, walking, camping, records, sports, flowers, travel, poems. Seeking SWF, 20-40, with same interests. Sweethearts ok. #1961

LOOKING FOR MS. RIGHT

SWM, 60, 5'5", 165lbs, enjoys walks, dining, flea markets, movies, art, walks, trying, seeks petite lady, 55-60, slender to medium build. #1904

MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

Open-minded, warm-hearted, full-time father of gorgeous little girl, seeks warm-hearted female, 30s, with a smile to fill our day, to share lakes, travel, snowmobiling, and workouts. Nov. #2360

FIRST TIME AD

Degreed, fit, caring, sensitive, sincere, handy SWPM, 43, 5'11", 180lbs, likes the outdoors, dancing, sports, seeks degreed, slender SWFF, 38-43, with similar interests/qualites. #2354

SEARCHING FOR THE ONE

Good-looking, honest, intelligent SWCM, 44, 5'10", 165lbs, blonde/blue, NS, never married, with good sense of humor. Appreciates class/style, walks, five socks, music, and small towns. For LTR. No games. #2357

GOO, NATURE AND MY HARLEY

Call to join me! Attractive, fit, fun, emotionally/financially secure DWM, 44, seeks attractive, fit SDF, 35-50, who believes in God a must. #2363

COMPANION NEEDED

Kid-friendly DWM, 42, 5'9", 145lbs, dad, living hooker, serious, race, music, family, yard sales, looking for active lady who needs travel, loving care. #2355

SIM TEACHER, 43

Caring, fun, intelligent guy, searching for a long-term relationship, with a bright, warm, attractive woman. Enjoys music, dancing, reading, friends, walks, and festivals. #2350

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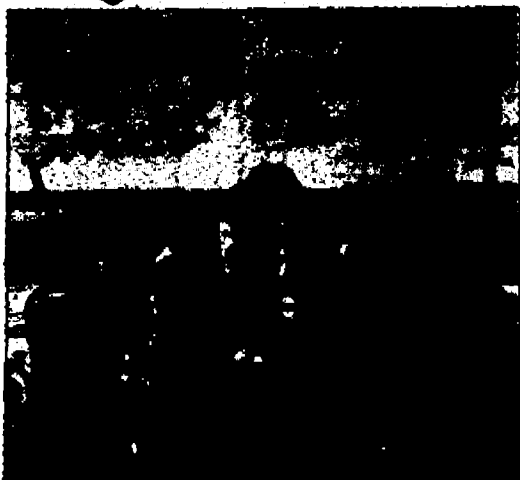
Kind, caring, loving, easygoing SWM

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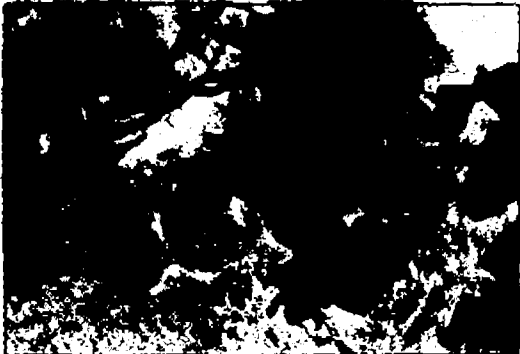
The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents Brahms' Requiem, for the first time in over ten years, 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$13 to \$63, call (313) 576-5111.

SATURDAY

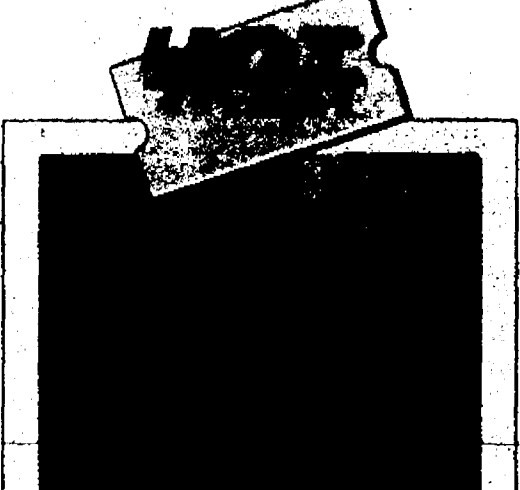


"Wade in the Water: African American Sacred Music Traditions," opens at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 children, call (313) 494-5800 for information.

SUNDAY



Check out the ice sculptures in Kellogg Park, The Gathering and Central Parking Structure in downtown Plymouth during the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. The free winter festival features ice carving competitions, a 24-hour light show, and other activities. For more information or directions, call (734) 459-9157.



Olympic medalist Nancy Kerrigan stars in "Grease on Ice" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17 at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets \$40, \$27.50 and \$17.50 available at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets, call (248) 645-6666, for more information, call (313) 983-6606.

JULIE HARRIS has winning hand in 'GIN GAME'

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New York Times theater critic Ben Brantley has hailed Julie Harris as "the greatest American stage actress."

It is an accolade earned over nearly 60 years on stage, a record five Tony Awards and a record 10 Tony nominations.

And it all began growing up in Grosse Pointe.

"I grew up near Detroit and my parents were great theater fans," Harris said in a telephone interview. "They admired Noel Coward, Gertrude Lawrence, Helen Hayes, Katherine Cornell, great actors like Alfred Lunt."

Harris is now part of that illustrious theater hall of fame and will join another esteemed stage veteran, Charles Durning, for a week's run of "The Gin Game," Jan. 19-24, at the Music Hall.

It was another, now long closed, Detroit theater that first introduced Harris to the stage.

"We went to Broadway shows on stage at the Cass, and it was the most wonderful atmosphere I'd ever seen," she said. "We were also great movie fans and loved Jimmy Cagney, Bette Davis and all the others."

Harris said she had wanted to act since she was 10 or 11 years old. She won her first notice playing a 12-year-old when she was 24 in Carson McCuller's "A Member of the Wedding," which she later repeated memorably on film.

D.L. Coburn's "The Gin Game" was first produced in 1977 with stage legends Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy as nursing home residents Weller Martin and Fonsia Dorsey, who engage in increasingly antagonistic games of gin rummy.

The current production by the National Actors Theatre under the direction of Charles Nelson Reilly opened on Broadway in spring 1997 to rave reviews. Harris received her 10th Tony nomination for her performance as Fonsia.

"When the Cronyns first saw the play it was in production in Hollywood and at the end of the play Weller kills Fonsia, and they said they couldn't have that so they asked Don Coburn to change the ending, and it became very successful and won the Pulitzer Prize," Harris said. "The Cronyns took it to Moscow and London. It has had a long and happy life."

The revival, now on national tour through May, is also having a long and happy life and offers some changes of its own, thanks to an inspiration from Harris.

"When Tony Randall decided to produce it, it was because he had



Test of wills: Stage veterans Julie Harris and Charles Durning play volatile gin rummy opponents Fonsia and Weller in the Pulitzer Prize-winning "The Gin Game."

WHAT: "The Gin Game" with Julie Harris and Charles Durning

WHERE: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

WHEN: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, Jan. 19-23, 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 23-24.

TICKETS: \$25-\$46.50 at the Music Hall Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations. For more information, call (313) 983-2366. To charge tickets, call (248) 645-6666.

done 'Inherit the Wind' with Charles Durning and George C. Scott. He asked Charles what play he'd like to do and he said "The Gin Game" with either me or Ruby Dee, and I guess Ruby likes to work with her husband Ossie Davis so I got the part," Harris said.

Harris had worked with Durning twice before and with director Reilly 11 times, including her acclaimed performance as Emily Dickinson in "The Belle of Amherst."

"I said to our director Charles Nelson Reilly, wouldn't it be wonderful if we had a scene where Weller asks Fonsia to dance," Harris said. "We're sitting on the porch of this nursing home and there are noises from magicians and televisions and radios coming from the inside and we have Weller ask Fonsia to dance."

Harris said Coburn's first reaction to the suggestion was an

emphatic "No."

"Then he thought about it and said what a wonderful idea. After all Charles Durning is a champion ballroom dancer. He did 'Queen of the Starlight Ballroom' with Maureen Stapleton on television. It's a touching moment and makes our production a little different than others."

Reviews of the play always mention the final dance as a character defining high point.

Harris said there is a strong rapport between Durning and herself. This is their second two-person production, having appeared in Hugh Leonard's "The Au Pair Man" for Joe Papp's Lincoln Center Theatre.

"I love and adore Charles Durning and I think he feels pretty good about me. He's really wonderful to work with," Harris said.

She has similar admiration for Reilly, known to most people as a giddy comic actor who has frequently graced celebrity quiz shows. But his credentials as a director include such serious drama as "Paul Robeson" with James Earl Jones and Harris in "Belle of Amherst" and "Death of a Salesman" and several opera productions.

"He doesn't have preconceived ideas for a part," Harris said. "He works to use what you bring him, which is wonderful. He leaves it to you to strike out ... He's also full of fun, which is great."

When asked to name her favorite roles, the list is long as are the accolades that go with them, including performances as Joan of Arc in "The Lark" and Mary Todd Lincoln in "The Last of Mrs. Lincoln." Her film work includes her unforgettable performance with James Dean in "East of Eden." On television she has won Emmys for "Little Moon of Alban" and "Victoria Regina" and won popular following for her work on "Knots Landing."

At 73, Harris shows no signs of retiring. Following her work in "The Gin Game," Harris is planning to perform in Claudia Allen's "Winter" at the Victory Garden in Chicago. She says wistfully that it's "another play about people at the end of their lives."

She said a producer has also expressed interest in a play she did last summer in Seattle about South Africa, Lisette Laicat Ross' "Scent of Roses."

Last December she filmed "The First of May," which is seeking a distributor and in addition to starring Harris and featuring Charles Nelson Reilly also has a cameo by ailing Yankee legend Joe DiMaggio.

Finally, there are plans for a tour in 2000 of "The Belle of Amherst" and Harris' reaction to that sums up her ongoing love for her craft.

"I love the play and I love Miss Dickinson, so it's no chore at all."

MUSICAL THEATER

Rev. preaches the 'The Gospel at Colonus'

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When the Rev. Earl Miller was asked to replace Morgan Freeman for the 1985 Arena Theatre production of "The Gospel at Colonus" he didn't have to worry about being "right for the part." After all, Freeman used Miller as a model for his portrayal of a Pente Costal preacher.

In 1983, Lee Breuer was developing his idea of retelling Sophocles' "Oedipus at Colonus" in the setting of a black Southern Church at St. Catharine's College in Minnesota. He took Freeman and fellow actor Carl Lummley to Miller's church in St. Paul.

"They came to my church and observed the style of a black preacher and service," Miller said from his office at the Progressive Baptist Church. He will be performing the narrator's part

WHAT: "The Gospel at Colonus," a presentation of the University Musical Society.

WHERE: The Power Center, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, on the campus of the University of Michigan.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Saturday, Jan. 16, Monday, Jan. 18; 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 (one-hour family performance); 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17.

TICKETS: \$16-\$34. For family performance, \$20 adults, \$10 children. Call (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

Friday through Monday at the University of Michigan's Power Center.

Miller was attracted to the play because of its theme.

"There is redemption which is the same as for the Christian faith. It's from the Greek theater, but the ultimate theme is

redemption," he said.

Breuer conceived the idea of telling the story of Oedipus through the preaching and music of a black church with music composed by Bob Telson. The production at U-M will feature Clarence Fountain and the Blind Boys of Alabama, J.D. and Jevetta Steele, the Original Soul Stirrers and the Detroit-based Duke Ellington Centennial Choir.

Despite his early involvement with the play before it opened at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in 1983 and the involvement of J.D. Steele, Progressive Baptist's choir director, Miller was reluctant to take an acting part when it was offered.

"I got involved when the production went to the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. At that time



Revival: Greek tragedy and American gospel music come together in "The Gospel at Colonus."

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Nancy Kerrigan returns to Detroit in 'Grease on Ice'

Grease on Ice 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16; 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets \$40, \$27.50 and \$17.50, at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, or Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets, call (248) 645-8666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. For information about performance times, call (313) 983-6606.

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It's easy to imagine Tanya Harding as one of the Pink Ladies in "Grease," but Nancy Kerrigan as a brunette Sandra Dee is harder to envision. "She's the girl next door, she's very sweet," said co-director and choreographer Barry Lather who taught her all the right moves in "Grease on Ice" opening Saturday for three performances at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Still, some people will be asking "why" and thinking about the whack on the knee that Kerrigan suffered on Jan. 6, 1994 during the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Detroit. An associate of Harding's was later charged with the crime. Kerrigan recovered from her injury and won a silver medal at the 1994 U.S. Olympics. "She's way past what happened in Detroit, but it's still there" said Lather. "The role of Sandy is good for her. She's pretty much an all American girl." Married and the mother of a son, Matthew, Kerrigan said

'She was under a lot of pressure, her back was up against the wall to learn, and did really well. She's used to going on the ice and being Nancy Kerrigan, not Sandy. She had to capture the role and learn Sandy's body language and how to move to the music. It's a lot to learn. It's not just a dance show, you have to tell a story.'

Barry Lather
choreographer for 'Grease'

Kerrigan met Lather in 1995 when he choreographed a number for a Disney special she was in. They shot the commercial for "Grease on Ice" before the show opened. "She had a tough job," said Lather about Kerrigan. "She was able to rehearse with us for only eight days. She was under a lot of pressure, her back was up against the wall to learn, and did really well. She's used to going on the ice and being Nancy Kerrigan, not Sandy. She had to capture the role and learn Sandy's body language and how to move to the music. It's a lot to learn. It's not just a dance show, you have to tell a story."

Lather said he was impressed by Kerrigan's can-do attitude. "When you want to show her something she wants to know it now. She wants to work, work, until it's done. I really like that. She just came in and learned it." "Grease" was first presented on a small stage in Chicago in June 1971. After sitting through the five hour production, New York producers, Allan Carr and Robert Stigwood encouraged the playwrights, Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, to trim the show to two hours.

"Grease" quickly became a hit off-Broadway, and on Broadway where it remained for almost seven-and-a-half years.

In 1978 Stigwood and Carr released the film version starring John Travolta as Danny Zuko and Olivia Newton-John as Sandy.

"Grease on Ice" is presented by Feld Entertainment and The Troika Organization.

Rockin': Olympic medalist Nancy Kerrigan and Matt Williams as everyone's favorite couple Sandy and Danny from Rydell High in "Grease on Ice."

'Classics on the Lake' features love songs

Love will be the theme of "Classics on the Lake" 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, in the shrine chapel at St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake and Commerce Roads in Orchard Lake. Lyric tenor David Troiano and soprano Valerie Yova will per-

form a program they call "Sweethearts" featuring operatic arias and Broadway duets. Tickets are \$15 and \$25, call (248) 683-1750. One segment of the concert, "Love Across the Waters," will feature arias in German, Spanish, Polish and Italian. Another,

"Love American Style," will spotlight Troiano and Yova in a number of duets from Broadway. Troiano and Yova will be accompanied by pianist Joseph Gurt, a graduate of the Julliard School of Music and a professor of music at Eastern Michigan.

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Morgan Freeman was selected to perform a role in 'Driving Miss Daisy' off Broadway and Lee Breuer called me," he said. "I had been working with him and he asked if I would substitute for Morgan but initially I hesitated. The reason I hesitated is that I had never played church, it's been a serious thing to me. Then thinking about it and praying about it, I accepted the opportunity." Miller said the story of Oedipus wanderings after he discovers that he has murdered his father and married his mother is a powerful lesson. Oedipus, who has torn out his eyes in shame, is reduced to the lowest depths before finding redemption in the town of Colonus. Breuer got the idea for the show after Telson took him to see a performance by the Five Blind Boys of Alabama. Miller said once he did the

part, he loved it. "The audience seemed to be pleased by it, uplifted by it. It seemed to bless people night after night," he said. "The people responded enthusiastically. My spirit was high. I couldn't have gotten through the production without a spiritual high." Miller went on to perform for six weeks on Broadway. "The Gospel at Colonus" has won audience and critical favor, winning the off-Broadway Obie for Outstanding Musical, nominations for a Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award, a Grammy and an LA Inner Circle Critics Award. It has been performed around the world and has been broadcast on PBS "Great Performances." "I play the part of the messenger. It's a church, a black church setting," Miller said. "I come and do a first sermon which sets the tone and pace for the whole production. My part is the part that

holds the whole thing together." The musical groups act like a Greek chorus, emphasizing the theme with the driving rhythm of black gospel music. In an interview with the Salt Lake Tribune, Telson, who is white, describes how he was inspired to write the music. "One thing that I've always been impressed with in the black church experience it that there seems to be a lot of emphasis on love. There's a mixture of joy and love and tragedy - the wide range of emotions we have in our lives," Telson said. Miller's congregation has responded favorably to the play's portrayal of their church and the performance of their pastor. "It came here last year and they loved it," he said. "They feel good about me doing it. They appreciate the adulation their pastor receives."

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"Camp Logan," Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the Houston riot and court martial of 1917, Thursday, Jan. 14, Sunday, March 21, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays; at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"Having Our Say," through Jan. 31 at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 377-3300

MUSIC HALL
"The Gin Game," starring Julie Harris and Charles Durning, directed by Charles Nelson Reilly, Tuesday-Saturday, Jan. 19-24, at the theater, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$30-\$46.50. (313) 963-2366

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 Zet, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, Jimmy Prentiss 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

WSU STUDIO THEATRE
"Veronica's Room," Ira Levin's chilling story of deception and false identity, Thursdays-Sundays, Jan. 21-24 and 28-31, in the lower level of the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$8, \$6 students/seniors. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

THE ACTORS' COMPANY
"Agnès of God," Jan. 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. (248) 988-7032

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Deathtrap," a mystery thriller, Jan. 15-17 and 22-23, 8 p.m. evenings, 2 p.m. Sunday matinees, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$12, \$10 children age 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 "Triffles," 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

RIDGEVILLE 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) 968-7049

ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD
"Moon Over Buffalo" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22 at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, on the grounds of Cranbrook Educational Community, Bloomfield Hills, and continues 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Jan. 30 with additional shows 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24 and 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28. Tickets \$12 adults, students and seniors \$10, call (248) 644-0527.

DINNER THEATER

SACI ABBACCHI ITALIAN CUISINE
"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, beginning Jan. 27 performances will be added 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. \$50 Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666



Musical: Olympic medalist Nancy Kerrigan (Sandy) and Matt Williams (Danny) are on the road starring in "Grease on Ice" opening Saturday at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Visit the rock 'n' roll days of Rydell High School in this celebration of "Grease." Performances 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17. Tickets \$40, \$27.50 and \$17.50, available at the Fox and Joe Louis Arena box offices, and all Ticketmaster locations. Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (313) 983-6606 for information. Purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com

SPECIAL EVENTS
GREAT AMERICAN TRAIN SHOW
Featuring more than 10,000 trains on display and for sale, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 16-17, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi. \$6, kids younger than age 12 free with an adult admission. (630) 834-0652

MARTIN LUTHER KING BREAKFAST
With guest speaker Anthony Laeuzo, son of slain civil rights worker Viola Laeuzo, and a children's choir, 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15, the Student Center Arena of Highland Lake campus of Oakland Community College, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. \$8. (248) 360-3186

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 competitions awarding more than \$10,000 in prize money, a free family winter festival with celebrity charity carving competition, the artwork of Lloyd Ostendorf, and skating party, through Monday, Jan. 18 in downtown Plymouth. (734) 459-9157 or <http://www.oeonline.com/plymouthice/>

MODEL RAILROAD AND TOY TRAIN SHOW
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$1 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

COLLECTIBLE TOY SHOW
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., \$4, \$1 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

BENEFITS

BLACKTHORN
7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, to benefit the Groves Class of 1999 all night graduation party, at Groves Little Theater. \$20, includes afterglow. (248) 203-3530 (Irish/bluegrass)

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALES
Presents "National Federation of Music Clubs Day" with performances by soprano Kaye Rittinger, pianist Marian Slatczynski, 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 S. Bates St., Birmingham. \$2, (248) 475-5978

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Brahms' Requiem with soprano Andrea Matthews, baritone Kevin MacMillan, and the University Musical Society Choral Union under the direction of Thomas Sheets, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 14-15, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, \$13 to \$63; A Family Concert: A Celebration of Martin Luther King featuring Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" with narration by Mayor Dennis Archer, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17 (\$10), at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111

JOE LAFATA BENEFIT
Featuring Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, Howling Diablos, Stun Gun, Give and Tyrone's Power Wheel, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10. All ages. Benefits LaFata, former drummer for Final Cut, who has brain cancer. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

"SWINGTIME '99"
The Fanclub Foundation for the Arts presents an evening of live entertainment, food from 28 restaurants, a silent auction, and art by local artists and students from Detroit Country Day School, to help fund cultural organizations in metro Detroit. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, in the lobby of the Fishing Building, Second Street and Grand Boulevard, west of Woodward Avenue, Detroit. \$50 advance, \$60 at door. (248) 584-4150

FAMILY EVENTS

CHAMPIONS ON ICE
Features Michelle Kwan, Todd Eldredge, Elvis Stojko, Oksana Baiul, Philippe Candeloro, Brian Boitano, Surya Bonaly, Elizabeth Punsalan and Jerod Swallow, Rudy Galindo, Viktor Petrenko, and Nicole Bobek, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$55, \$40 and \$25, (248) 645-6666/(313) 983-6606 or <http://www.ticketmaster.com>

"SESAME STREET LIVE"
"Elmo's Coloring Book," Wednesday-Sunday, Jan. 20-31, Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$9, \$12, \$16 and \$24.50. All ages. (313) 983-6611

CLASSICAL

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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 Schesniuk 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; "Deja Vu and Something New" concert featuring internationally acclaimed cellist Vagran Saradjian, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$8 children age 12 and younger. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE RECITAL SERIES
Features pianist Arthur Greene performing selections from Scriabin and Rachmaninov noon Wednesday, Jan. 20 in the Forum Building recital hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Free. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
Winter Movie Series continues with Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey in "Cabaret," 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 (organ overtures start 30 minutes earlier, guest organist evenings Brian Carmody, matinees Gil Francis), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD
Celebrate the release of CD with party and performance, with special guest Pena World Beat, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

POPS/SWING

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

CANTOR STEPHEN DUBOV
With pianist Marty Mandelbaum, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Jaffe Hall, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Luncheon at noon. \$2.25, reservations by Friday, Jan. 15. (248) 967-4030

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS
10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (Western swing)

AUDITIONS

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. Jane Miller (248) 642-3216/Katie Parcels (313) 640-0123

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) 476-6341

NOVI THEATRES
Auditions for actors ages 7-13 for the Children's Annex and Little People Players presentation of Beatrix Potter's "Tales of Peter Rabbit," 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19 and Friday, Jan. 29, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi. For performances April 16-18. All actors must pay a participation fee of \$125 once cast. (248) 347-0400

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. Tuesday, Jan. 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.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE THEATER DEPARTMENT
Auditions for Neil Simon's "Rumors" 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 19-20, Liberal Arts Theatre, on campus, 18600 Haggerty, (between Six and Seven Mile Roads), Livonia. For information call Jim Hartman, (734) 462-4400 Ext. 5270.

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN
Auditions for "I Remember Mama," 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 18-19, Players Guild of Dearborn, 21730 Madison (near Monroe and Outer Drive), call Christopher Bremer, (313) 561-TKTS (press option 3)

JAZZ

HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODO 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)

HER FAVORITE THINGS
Formerly known as SafeHaven, 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$9. All ages. (734) 761-1451

JAZZHEAD

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700; With Jazodily, 9

p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.xtcom.com> (rock)

SHEILA LANDIS
With guitarist Rick Matle, 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, Coffee Beanery, 152 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 646-6022

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With Marcus Belgrave, trumpet, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, with Barbara Ware, vocals, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-4800

C.J. MORRIS
With the Back Alley Blues Band play electric blues, 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at Ja-Da, 546 E. Larned between Beaubien and St. Antoine, Detroit. (313) 965-1700

POIGNANT PLEOCOSTOMUS
With Fez and James in Flames, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Blind Pig, 206-208 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

GWEN AND CHARLES SCALES
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16, at Ja-Da, 546 E. Larned between Beaubien and St. Antoine, Detroit. (313) 965-1700 (modern jazz)

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/drum)

HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 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. 15 and 22, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax and vocal/piano/bass)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
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

GOSPEL

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WORLD MUSIC

THE DROVERS
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (Irish)

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; 8:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Jan. 21, The Alley at Main Street, 215 Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-9400 (reggae)

"MYSTICAL MUSIC AND DANCE OF TIBET"

Featuring 17 Tibetan monks, musicians, percussionists and dancers of the Drukung Kagyu Lineage of Tibetan Buddhism, led by the Most Venerable Tulku Tenzin Nima from Kham, Tibet. 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 961-5451

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. (248) 223-1700; With Jazodily, 9

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\$21. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

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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

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

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)

WATROBA, WOODWARD AND WEISENBURG

8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students and seniors. (734) 761-1451

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Featuring Wayne State University professor and poet Anca Vlasopolos and a chamber music sextet made up of members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra and the Windsor Symphony presenting "Words and Music at Soiree Musicale," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$5. (313) 831-1250

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Celebrates his 50th birthday with a party and poetry reading, 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Xedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. \$2. All ages. (734) 459-7319 or revrod@mediaone.com

DANCE

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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) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241

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

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Moody McCarthy, Jamie Lissow and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 14-16 (\$12); Al Romas, Steve Bills and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 21-23 (\$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

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); Jeff Rothman, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Dan Grueter and David Luther

Glover, Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 14-17; Gary Valentine and Kevin McPeak, Wednesday-Sunday, Jan. 20-24, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

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"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 distinguished 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 word 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 seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

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

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Theatrical performances in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Von and Fran Washington, "Reflections of Martin" 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18 followed by "The Day They All Came" at 6:30 p.m., in the Charles H. Wright Theater of the museum, 315 East Warren, at Brush, Detroit. Free with museum admission of \$5. \$3 children age 17 and under. Special museum hours in recognition of Dr. King, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

ACOUSTIC JUNCTION

8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Magic

Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

ALCOHOLIC ZEBRAS

Celebrate release of CD with party and performance, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

THE ALLIGATORS

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (blues)

BLACK BEAUTY

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (rockabilly)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Wiregrass Green, 2000 Excuses, Frank Buscemi and Roller Scurvy, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (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 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; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (blues)

BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO

With Mam Shannon and The Membership, 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

CHICAGO RHYTHM AND BLUES KINGS

10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (R&B)

CLASS ACT

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

EDDIE "THE CHIEF" CLEARWATER

10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (blues)

CONNIPTION

9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Lili's, 2930 Jacob St., Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555; 10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (alternative rock)

TIM DIAZ

With Gary Rasmussen, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, and with Dion Roddy, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (acoustic rock)

DIRGE

With Pork Barrel Salamander, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

DIVESPIRE

With Figurehead, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

EASY ACTION

With The Crash, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.tcom.com> (rock)

GLEN EDDIE

8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

DAVE EDWARDS

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, Rio Bravo, 240 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages. (313) 271-2900; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (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. 14 and 21, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (pop)

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS

8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

FEZ

With Spy Radio, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (rock)

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)

G.R.R.

9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (acoustic rock)

HONOR AMONG THIEVES

10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 683-5458 (rock)

LISA HUNTER

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$4. All ages. (734) 994-3940; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, Brickhouse, Utica. Free. 21 and older. (810) 323-9500 (acoustic rock)

INCUBUS

With Howling Diablos, 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

JENDZA

8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

B.B. KING

With Bobbi "Blue" Bland, 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$35 and \$27.50. All ages. (248) 433-1515

WAYNE KRAMER

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, postponed until Thursday, March 18, due to illness, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355/(313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND

9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

JOHN D. LAMB

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-7038 (rock)

LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BLUES BAND

9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (blues)

MASTER OF NONE

With Two Faced Moon, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

MINE LANTERNJACK

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (rock)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Bobby J's Music Cafe, 29 Front St., Lake Orion. Free. 21 and older. (248) 814-8550; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080; 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (R&B)

STEVE NARDELLA

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages.

(248) 644-4800 (rockabilly)

ROBERT NOLL'S BLUE MISSION
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Bobby J's Music Cafe, 29 Front St., Lake Orion. Free. 21 and older. (248) 814-8550 (blues)

OPPIE'S DREAM

8 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 14 and 21, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

ROBERT PENN

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

SAX APPEAL

8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (pop)

KRISTIN SAYER BAND

10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Shark Club, 6650 Highland Road, Waterford. Free. 21 and older. (248) 666-4161 (rock)

SISTER SEED

10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (acoustic rock)

SIX FOOT SOMETHING

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

SPRING HEELED JACK

With The Piffers and The Smooths, 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12 in advance. \$15 at the door. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (ska)

SUN 209

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600; 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (roots rock)

TANGERINE TROUSERS

6-8 p.m. Thursdays in January, The Good Food Co. East, 75 W. Maple Road, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 362-0886 (acoustic pop); 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (pop)

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS

10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (rockabilly)

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.motorlounge.com>

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Soldiers advance: Ben Chaplin, John Cusack and Jim Caviezel (left to right), discuss their next move in an attempt to take out a Japanese bunker in Terrence Malick's "The Thin Red Line."

'The Thin Red Line' is an event worth watching

By HUGH GALLAGHER
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Terrence Malick's "The Thin Red Line" is the second of two major film reassessments of World War II. It shares with Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan" grim battle scenes and fierce male bonding but is a very different kind of movie. Where "Saving Private Ryan" was a straightforward and simple story about a platoon sent to rescue a soldier after D-Day, "The Thin Red Line" is more complex, more philosophical and impressionistic. In addition to reflections on courage and camaraderie, it is also a meditation on nature under fire, the fragility of love, the destructiveness of ambition and much more.

But it never quite attains the authority, immediacy or importance of "Private Ryan."

"Thin Red Line" marks Malick's return to directing after 20 years. He was, with Martin Scorsese, one of the most promising and talented young directors of the 1970s. But after two extraordinary movies, "Badlands" and "Days of Heaven," he dropped out of the Hollywood scene. He had originally intended just to write the screenplay for this movie but was persuaded to return to the director's chair.

Based on a novel by James Jones, one of the finest chroniclers of the war in the Pacific, and author of "From Here to Eternity," "Thin Red Line" shares many attributes with Malick's last film, the richly atmospheric "Days of Heaven." It is beautifully photographed, under the direction of John Toll, with carefully chosen, deeply symbolic images. Shot in a remote area of Australia, the scenery is lush, vivid, idyllic until destroyed by advancing road graders followed by bombs and guns.

Ideas are carried over through voice over - in the earlier film a young girl provided a knowing and painful narration, here the

thoughts of several soldiers give us a variety of images and understandings. The language is elevated, poetic, vivid. Each character's voice is the voice of his inner soul. The pace is slow, in this case too slow. Points are made and made again. The images become plodding no matter how beautiful.

But any Terrence Malick film is an event and there is much in "The Thin Red Line" worth watching. He is the foremost impressionist among American film directors and his films have a fuzzy beauty quite different from Steven Spielberg's clarity of storytelling and vision.

The movie opens in paradise. AWOL soldiers frolic in a native village on Guadalcanal. Private Witt (Jim Caviezel) is sure that this is what life should be like as children play in the clear water and the people go about their lives in peace. He wonders how we ever got so far from "glory."

It is this paradise that will become a bloody battlefield, a pivotal, decisive fight to wrestle an airstrip from Japanese control. Though it is less the history of Guadalcanal as it is the shifting images that matter to Malick.

Private Witt is brought back to Charlie Company by his cynical, tough-guy sergeant (Sean Penn) and soon they and the rest of the company are on their way to mortal combat.

The characters are less rigidly defined than in "Private Ryan." On the other hand, they are also much less distinct. The idealistic Witt and his attempt to balance his conflicting emotions is probably central but many other characters have important roles though none takes a true center.

Nick Nolte gives a ferocious performance as an arrogant, angry, ambitious Army lifer colonel who is willing to sacrifice lives for his own glory. This is a stereotype character that becomes anything but in Malick's handling and in Nolte's

nuanced performance. Nolte makes Lt. Col. Tall much more than a power crazy Custer.

Penn's Sgt. Welsh has seen and heard it all. This is another standard war movie character that gets an infusion of humanity and complexity.

Elias Koteas is the sensitive, caring Capt. Staros, who finds his concern for his men getting in the way of the colonel's plans. Here again, we are shown that as fine as the captain is, he is also full of doubts, scared and, in the end, eager to flee to safety. That sort of duality is rare in American war movies.

That duality is also present in John Cusack's performance as the truly heroic Capt. Gaff, who follows Tall's orders even as he fully understands how vain and dangerous his colonel is.

The dreamy quality is strong in the character of Private Bell (Ben Chaplin), whose memories of his young, ethereal wife provide yet another version of lost paradise.

Malick doesn't take the easy way when examining how war destroys paradise. "Thin Red Line" suggests that nothing is simple, nothing is exactly as it seems. There are poignant images of faith, brotherhood, fear and anger on both the American and Japanese side.

The battle scenes are loud and bloody, but not as galvanic, searing and personal as those in "Private Ryan." In Spielberg's film, viewers are actually immersed in the fighting, sharing the confusion and violence of Tom Hanks and his platoon. In "Thin Red Line" we are observers, more removed though no less aware of how horrible war can be.

"Private Ryan" ends on a note of mixed triumph and despair, while "Thin Red Line" ends as it began: on a note of wonder that humans can be so foolish - a soft, poetic sadness.

John Travolta braves the water in 'A Civil Action'

By JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"Water, water everywhere, Nor any drop to drink" - S.T. Coleridge

Poet Coleridge's "Ancient Mariner" looked out over the ocean and realized that it could not sustain him. For the residents of Woburn, Mass., the Aberjona River water was just as deadly. It had a horrible stench. It tasted so awful it had to be mixed with Tang. It corroded kitchen pipes. And between 1965 and 1980, it allegedly caused 28 cases of childhood leukemia and 16 deaths in the Boston suburb.

Jonathan Harr chronicled the case in his 500-page best-seller, "A Civil Action." Brought to the screen by writer/director Steven Zaillian ("Schindler's List"), it is a powerfully told and acted motion picture, but one which might turn a whole generation off to the legal profession. Not because lawyers are what every comedian makes them out to be, but because the process itself is so downright dull.

The case of Anderson et al. versus W.R. Grace and Beatrice Foods dragged on for eight years. It can be argued that there were no winners. There certainly were losers. This is a story of losers. American filmmakers don't generally like losers.

Jan Schlichtmann (John Travolta) was a "bottom feeder," an ambulance chaser at the top of his game. The Italian suits, the Porsche, the radio show, the expensively appointed office; these were the spoils of war, and it is made clear to us through Travolta's narration that lawsuits are war. Personal injury law firms float their own money to fight their clients' battles, taking huge fees out of the settlements they literally bank on. "Trials are a corruption of the process," we're told. "Only 1.5 percent of civil suits reach a verdict; the whole idea is to settle."

Thus, when Schlichtmann and his partners got drawn into rep-



Showdown: John Travolta stars as attorney Jan Schlichtmann, who stakes his practice, professional reputation - and everything he owns - in a celebrated personal injury case in "A Civil Action."

resenting eight families against two huge corporations accused of dumping toxic chemicals into the Woburn water supply, they envisioned a quick and substantial score. Instead, they were out-lawyered and out-funded. Schlichtmann as a 20th century David simply ran out of stones to put into his slingshot.

Travolta is on a decade-long roll of hits, and is well up to the challenge of playing flawed leads who are considerably less than heroic.

"I don't run away from bullies," he assures the parents. And yes, the character changes mid-stream from out for himself to out for the truth. Despite his success, however, Schlichtmann is portrayed as a pretty lousy lawyer. He conducts depositions clumsily - and they're about as action-packed as O.J. trial sidebars and fools no one when he attempts to bluff the other side into settling for major bucks.

The one you'd want on your team is the remarkable Robert Duvall as Jerry Facher, Grace's lead counsel. Never far from a transistor radio broadcasting his beloved Red Sox, he plays the old fool while Schlichtmann plays right into his hands.

"You've been around long enough to know that a courtroom

is no place to look for the truth," he tells his opponent in the film's most quotable line. Duvall is that rare master who, like Sox legends Ted Williams and Carl Yastrzemski, always gets good wood on the ball, whether it's in a supporting role like this or a lead like "The Apostle."

William H. Macy ("Pleasantville") is another can't-miss actor who the camera just loves. As the firm's bean counter, he stares helplessly amidst a roomful of overflowing file boxes while the repo men wheel out the office furniture. Dan Hedaya (TV's "The Tortellis") is notable as the tannery owner morally responsible for the dumping, and Kathleen Quinlan and James Gandolfini convey the working class frustration of townspeople who only sought an apology. We lost count of the number of times someone says "It isn't about the money."

You'll find symbolism galore in the many water-themed shots, and the wordless scene with a Woburn mother pouring water for her six children at the dinner table is a stunning indictment. Never mind all those depositions and motions; they should have just given the judge a glass of the stuff. Case closed.

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Sisters make pierogi just like mom's at Jennies

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Theresa Remski, her sister Mary Sokol, with help from mom, Jennie Kochan, and their staff at Jennies Pierogi, make pierogi, beet and cabbage soup to go.

Pierogi are Polish style dumplings filled with cheese, vegetables, meat, or fruit. If you've never eaten them before, picture a big ravioli, a little over three-and-a-half inches wide, filled with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, or plums.

Ravioli like pierogi are boiled, but some people, like to brown them in a little butter with onions before serving. Pierogi are traditionally served with a dollop of sour cream, not tomato sauce, although you could serve them with tomato sauce if you like.

Once a delicacy you learned how to make from your grandmother, mother, or a Polish American neighbor, pierogi are now part of our American menu. You can buy them frozen at most grocery stores, and at some delis, but like most things, homemade is best.

"My mom has a magic touch with her dough," said Remski, a resident of Plymouth. "It's not thick, all you can taste is the flavor of the ingredients, plus a little bit of dough. People really like it. We've had so many customers say they taste just like mom's, and that's a compliment."

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Menu: Fifteen varieties of pierogi including sauerkraut, potato, cheese, meat, and fruit. Beet and cabbage soup available by the pint.
Cost: Pierogi sold by the half and whole dozen. Cost ranges from \$5.50 to \$7 a dozen. Soup \$2 a pint.

Making pierogi at home is labor intensive. "It's a two day operation," said Remski remembering when her mom and dad made them in the basement of their home while she was growing up. "Customers say I'm so glad you guys are here. We appreciate it."

After getting numerous requests from family and friends for Jennies pierogi, Theresa and her sister, Mary decided to go into business. They opened their first store on Warren Ave. in Detroit, and moved their store to a bigger space in Garden City four years ago.

They opened a second store in Sterling Heights two years ago. Their business has grown mostly by word of mouth. The pierogi are made at the Garden City store. "The Sterling Heights store is strictly a selling store," said Remski.

Jennies Pierogi is a family-run and operated business. "It's not making us rich," said Remski,

"but I still enjoy doing it. We've got really good help. I enjoy coming to work. It's like a family."

Remski likes to pan fry her pierogi in a little margarine with sliced onions until they're "nice and brown." You can also dip pierogi in boiling water to warm, and then brown slightly in a frying pan.

In addition to the traditional sauerkraut, potato, potato & cheese, mushroom & onion, and meat filled pierogi, you'll find Mexican pierogi, which are filled with jalapeno peppers, potatoes, and Cheddar cheese. "I like to put salsa on top of them," said Remski, "they've got a nice bite."

Jennie's also offers fruit filled pierogi - prune, plum and cherry.

Pierogi can be frozen for up to three months. If you're hungry for a bowl of hearty soup, try the cabbage or beet, which are sold by the pint.



Family business: Mary Sokol (left to right), Jennie Kochan and Theresa Remski offer up to 15 varieties of pierogi, beet and cabbage soup to go at Jennies Pierogi.

I'm in a hurry, make my dinner to go

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Eating out isn't just for special occasions anymore. Now you can go to almost any restaurant and order your meal to go.

The trend is toward more carryout, and we're not just talking Chinese and pizza. The recently renovated Bill Knapp's Restaurant at 16995 Laurel Park Road in Livonia has a "Knapp's in a Snapp" take-out area. You can call or fax your order in, and pick it up without having to go into the dining area.

Grocery stores, recognizing our growing appetites for something home-cooked without the fuss, now offer whole barbecue and roasted chickens to go, ribs, and even complete dinners.

At the new Farmer Jack in Ypsilanti Township, customers can order ready-made foods via the Internet through "Cyber-meals" online ordering. There's also an express checkout in the deli department where customers can pick up ready-made meals and pay for them at the counter. Check out the Farmer Jack web site at www.farmer-jack.com

According to the National Restaurant Association, more than 40 percent of consumers report they feel cooking at home is a hassle. More and more restaurants are catering to consumers who want to purchase freshly prepared food.

Households consisting of only a husband and wife spent the

most on food away from home. Among husband and wife households with children, restaurant spending varies according to the age of the oldest child. The proportion of the food dollar allocated to food way from home, increases as the age of the oldest child in the household increases.

If the trend toward eating out more continues, we might start trading carryout menus the same way we trade recipes. Instead of asking someone - "do you have a good recipe for pierogi?" We might ask, "Where can I get some pierogi to go?"

My answer, would be Jennies Pierogi. It's one of my favorite places for Dinner to Go (see related story). What are some of your favorite places for Dinner to Go? If you're a restaurant owner, what do you offer customers who want their Dinner to Go? We're looking for something out of the ordinary, after all, we all get tired of eating the same

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If you're a restaurant owner, send your carryout menu for consideration in Dinner to Go! Along with a phone number and the best time to return a call to you. Remember, we're hungry for something different. Include a note indicating specialty dishes that are available for carryout.

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