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THE WEEK AHEAD MONDAY

Closings: City offices, 18th District Court, the Westland post office and the Wayne-Westland Schools are closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Trash pickup will be on schedule.

City celebration: The city's second annual King march will begin at 9 a.m. Monday at the Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Center on Marquette and proceed to the senior citizen Friendship Center on Newburgh where activities are planned.

Salvation Army: A King celebration including church choirs and student skits will begin at 6 p.m. Monday at the Westland-based Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy.

TUESDAY

Council to meet: The Westland City Council meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday in city council chambers, second floor of Westland City Hall, Ford Road west of Wayne Road.

School board: The Wayne-Westland school board meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the schools administration building, Marquette, east of Newburgh.

WEDNESDAY

After hours: The Westland Chamber of Commerce membership committee's new member Business After Hours will be held 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the Electric Stick.

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City workers get King holiday



Monday will be a paid holiday for city workers after city officials reached an agreement with employee unions in a letter of understanding that came as official bargaining sessions recently began.

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Westland is drawing praise for becoming the latest Wayne County city to close down Monday to observe the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth-

day. "That's wonderful, progressive, and it probably does more for racial unity than anyone realizes," said Jim Netter, chairman of the western Wayne County NAACP branch's Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Committee.

"With a population of 90,000, Westland is one of the largest municipalities in the state to recognize the benefits of Martin Luther King's legacy," Netter said.

Monday will be a paid holiday for city workers, although enough employees will be on the job to keep the police, fire and public services departments running.

City officials reached an agreement with employee unions in a letter of understanding that came as official

bargaining sessions recently began.

Mayor Robert Thomas said Friday that officials moved ahead with the holiday after falling in past years to convince employee unions to give up another holiday in return for King's birthday.

"I wish we had done this a few years ago, but we had tried to get a holiday switched," Thomas said. "We're glad to do it, and it'll be our first actual celebrated holiday off for Martin Luther

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Up on the roof



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Snow removal: Randy Stonerock (left) of Westland and Mark Bauschatt of Westland shovel the snow off the roof of Randy's parents Richard and Ida Stonerock home on Marquette Street in Westland. At least 1½ to 2 feet of snow had piled up on the roof. The Stonerocks have lived there for seven years.

Mayor: Reach for shovel, not for phone

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Some Westland residents could be more neighborly as they try to emerge from snowstorm 1999, Mayor Robert Thomas said Friday. "People need to help each other," he

said. "They won't go and shovel a walk for a neighbor."

Some sidewalks Friday remained impassable two weeks after winter storms began dumping 2 feet or more of snow on city neighborhoods - causing problems for schoolchildren and other walkers.

As city workers labored 24 hours a day to clear city streets, some homeowners and businesses didn't do their part to clean driveways and sidewalks.

"We don't have the wherewithal or the manpower (as a city) to go shoveling sidewalks, too," Thomas said dur-

ing a telephone interview.

The city did use Westland District Court workers to shovel snow for some residents who are older, disabled or in poor health, but some homeowners who didn't need help sought it, the mayor said.

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Boys take on clearing snow from fire hydrant

BY DARRELL CLEM
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As Westland firefighters struggle to uncover snow-buried fire hydrants, they're getting help from Dillon Bell and Shane Bright.

These 7-year-old boys are using shovels and gloved hands to keep snow cleared from a fire hydrant in their neighborhood.

"We're doing this in case somebody has a fire. That way the fire department can spray the hose and make the fire go away," Dillon said.

"Uh-huh," Shane said, nodding his head in agreement Thursday. "Because if there's like a fire, somebody can die from the fire."

Wearing plastic firefighter hats given to them by the Westland Fire Department, the boys are protecting a hydrant in front of Dillon's house on snowy Cambria, in the city's Norway neighborhood.

Dillon and Shane got their hats after a neighbor noticed their good deed and phoned the fire department, prompting Battalion Chief Kevin Riley to visit the boys and commend them for their help.

Fire officials hope that Dillon and Shane will inspire other Westland residents to help keep the city's 2,700 fire hydrants visible in the snow.

"The fire department is working hard, but we're only able to clear

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Boys at work: Seven-year-olds Dillon Bell (left) and Shane Bright (right) work on clearing the snow around the fire hydrant near Dillon's home in Westland.

Man says he has gun, robs local fabric store

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A man claiming he had a gun hidden in his coat pocket robbed a Ford Road business Monday evening, and Westland police said no arrest has been made.

The incident happened at 6:49 p.m. Monday at Hancock Fabrics, a business tucked in a strip center on the northwest corner of Ford and Wildwood roads.

A 42-year-old female employee told police the robbery occurred after she saw a suspicious man walk past the store several times.

The employee told police the man came inside the store, pretended he wanted to buy sewing needles and then demanded money as the clerk rang up the purchase.

"The suspect stated that he had a gun in his pocket and that he wanted all of the money," according to a

police report from Westland police Sgt. Tim Kennedy.

The woman told police she complied with his orders, and the bandit then fled the store just as another employee and a customer began approaching the cash register.

The employee phoned Westland police, and officers brought in a police dog that tracked the bandit to a

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Snow

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On Friday, the city still had a list of some 200 people seeking help in clearing their sidewalks and driveways, Thomas said.

"I'm ready to bet my paycheck that there's a lot of people on that list who don't absolutely need that service," he said. "We're doing people's driveways who don't really need it. That's a serious problem, and I don't really know how to handle it."

By the time the city reached some houses, residents had already shoveled themselves out without calling the city to cancel their request for help. Anyone who wants to be removed from the waiting list should call 467-3259, Thomas said.

Meanwhile, street-plowing crews finished a citywide sweep Thursday night and began going through neighborhoods Friday with smaller trucks.

"They're finding areas where cars were parked on the street and trying to push the snow onto the curb without pushing it into driveways," Thomas said. "They're trying to do some cleanup and see if there's anything they missed."

Meanwhile, James Zoubaris, city water and sewer superintendent, said Friday that Westland has suffered 41 water main breaks since late December.

"That number is high," he said. "All of them have been corrected. It's nothing like the problems they've had in Detroit. Our crews have been able to handle all of the breaks."

Residents haven't suffered any home flooding problems yet, although some fear what could happen as a meltdown begins as early as this weekend.

"So far no one has been flooded," Zoubaris said Friday.

However, he said some houses have had frozen water service - particularly mobile homes and houses built on slabs.

Zoubaris voiced concern that snow will melt, drain onto streets and then freeze - making driving conditions potentially dangerous.

"We're probably going to have some problems on the streets for sure," he said.

A city snow emergency had ended late in the week, but officials still hoped that residents would try to park in their driveways as cleanup efforts continued.



Snow job: Eric Kalinsky of Westland blows the snow off Lincoln Town Cars this week at Stu Evans Lincoln Mercury in Garden City. This was the first time that he blew snow off the vehicles in the from row at the dealership.

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Might as well jump: Above, Randy Stonerock slipped and jumped while shoveling the snow off the roof of the home of his parents, Richard and Ida Stonerock. At right, Hailey Heintze, 5, (left) of Garden City and Lauren Baker, 6, of Westland enjoy climbing through the snow this past week at Hailey's home.

"Our people have been working around the clock to clear all the streets," Thomas said.

City workers hope to service plows and other trucks with oil changes and needed repairs during the next few days.

"Those poor trucks haven't stopped for 14 days," Thomas said.

"We'll be ready when the next snow hits," he said, "but we're hoping it will be at least three weeks away."



Responsibility: Dillon Bell (left) and Shane Bright (right) work on clearing the snow around the fire hydrant near Dillon home, which earned them plastic fire helmets from the fire department.



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Hydrant

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about 50 hydrants a day," fire Chief Mark Neal said Friday. "Without some assistance from the residents, it's going to be very difficult to clear all 2,700 fire hydrants."

"We still have so many buried hydrants. Our guys are turning in lists every day of fire hydrants they can't find," Neal said. "There's so much snow piled on top of them that we can't locate them."

Dillon and Shane - second-graders at Lincoln Elementary School - said they don't mind protecting their neighborhood fire hydrant.

"It's sort of fun," Dillon said. "We started cleaning it, and the fire man asked if we would clean it every day when it snows, so we said we would."

"It feels good to help," Shane said. "It would be bad if somebody died in a fire."

Shane's sister, Cecilia, said she was at home when a fire official knocked on the door to commend her brother.

"He was just talking about how it helps the fire department in case there's a fire," she said.

Chief Neal said January snowstorms haven't yet hampered any firefighting efforts. But he said snow-covered hydrants could pose a problem and

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Chief Mark Neal
-Westland Fire Department

force officials to call in extra trucks, possibly even a 2,000-gallon tanker from Canton Township.

Neal said people like Dillon and Shane make the fire department's job easier. The boys said they are glad to help, and they're proud of their fire hats.

"They're cool," Shane said.

The boys said they promised to help the fire department all winter, even though huge snowfalls have made their task a challenging one.

"Me and Shane already found another fire hydrant," Dillon said. "We're taking care of that one, too."

New Year Prompts Women's Commitment To Healthy Lifestyle.

Livonia Fitness Center Provides Emphasis On Low-Impact Exercise, Healthy Living And Individualized Support.

The new year is gaining momentum and, for most American women, the annual conversation is predictable; holiday pounds and our resolutions to get rid of them.

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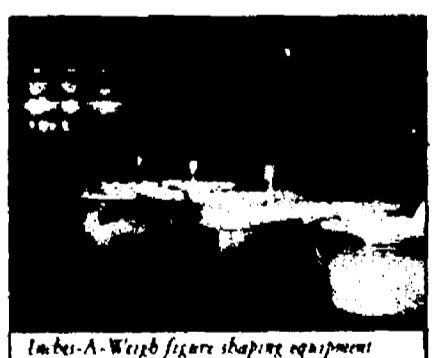
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Don't dump snow in Rouge

Snow removal contractors may wonder what to do with all the white stuff dumped on Wayne County in the month of January, but they are being advised not to dump it into the Rouge River.

In a joint statement, representatives of the Clinton, Detroit, Huron and Rouge rivers urged municipal governments, businesses and snow removal contractors to avoid using the area's rivers and lakes as convenient dumping spots for snow plowed from streets and parking lots.

"Dumping snow into our rivers and lakes could result in critical damage to these waterways," said Jim Graham, executive director of Friends of the Rouge and spokesperson for the river organizations.

Dumping truckloads of snow into a river or lake can have a negative impact on water levels, flow rates and water quality,

Graham said.

"Snow may look pure and clean, but it has been contaminated by salt and snow-melting chemicals, oil and other fluids that leak from our cars and trucks and by air pollution," Graham said. The contaminants in snow can severely reduce oxygen levels in lakes and rivers, killing fish, insects and aquatic plants.

Large amounts of snow dumped into a river or lake will also cause water levels to rise rapidly and the increased speed of water flowing in rivers will wash out banks, cause trees to fall, blocking the streams and increasing chances of flooding.

"Our rivers and lakes will have more than they can handle when the snow begins to melt, because storm sewers in this area drain directly into our rivers," Graham noted. "Dump-

ing truckloads of snow that's been dug out of streets and parking lots is much more than they can tolerate. It could cause irreparable damage."

In addition to Friends of the Rouge, the coalition of metro Detroit river groups includes the Clinton River Watershed Council, Friends of the Detroit River and the Huron River Watershed Council.

On Saturday, June 5, the four river organizations will co-sponsor "River Day" activities in each of the watersheds, such as river cleanups, nature walks, stream-bank plantings, canoe trips, fishing demonstrations and picnics organized by community groups and businesses to focus public attention on the problems and potential of the region's river systems.

Regional blood emergency continues

The American Red Cross of Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region is seeking donors to increase the community blood supply. "The situation in southeastern Michigan is very fragile," said Greg Vasse, Chief Executive Officer. "But we are

very concerned about low bookings in our collection sites and that could spell trouble over this weekend into the next."

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Hines, Lilley bridges eyed for historic recognition

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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A bridge in Canton and one in Livonia are among 132 Michigan bridges expected to be nominated by the Michigan Historic Preservation Review Board to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Hines Drive bridge over Ann Arbor Road in Livonia and the Lilley Road bridge over the lower branch of the Rouge River in Canton are listed for consideration along with 14 other bridges in Wayne County. The National Register of Historic Places is the federal government's official list of properties that are deemed to be worthy of preservation because of their importance in American history and culture.

The Michigan Historic Preservation Review Board will meet to consider the sites at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, in the Lake Superior Room, first floor, of the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 717 W. Allegan Street, in Lansing. People are encouraged to write a letter to comment on the nomination, which will be forwarded to the National Parks Service.

State historic preservation



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Preserved: The Hines Drive bridge over Ann Arbor Road in Livonia is being considered for historic recognition because it represents a rigid frame construction bridge commonly used for freeways. Historic sites are eligible for federal tax incentives and other preservation assistance.

officials are considering the Hines Drive bridge because consultants hired by the Michigan Department of Transportation found the bridge was in good condition and represented a rigid frame construction bridge, prevalent during that era.

"These rigid frame type

bridges were commonly used for freeways," said Robert Christensen, national register coordinator of the State Historical Preservation Office. "They were common in Wayne County, and it is a representative example of a much larger group."

The Lilley Road bridge over

the Rouge River's lower branch in Canton was cited by consultants for its "pony-truss" construction. It was originally constructed on Telegraph Road over the Rouge River in the 1920s, but it was sturdy enough to be relocated to Canton in 1933.

The register's criteria for eval-

uation includes the structure or site's quality of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering and culture. Structures should reflect integrity of location, design setting, materials and workmanship.

MDOT surveys

MDOT began a bridge assessment and inventory of potential historical structures in 1994, updating an earlier 1985 survey, according to Margaret Baroness, cultural resource coordinator with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

MDOT hired two consulting firms — Hess Royce of Minneapolis and Frazier Design of Loveland, Colo. — to complete the survey.

The survey was completed so Michigan bridges could participate in the National Historic Places program. That recognition is limited to structures that are 50 years old.

"The nomination itself is 'honorary,'" Baroness said. "It doesn't restrict what they want to do with the bridge unless they use federal aid." Most bridges are owned by MDOT, but many also are owned by counties or the local communities.

"It's a good project because it benefits long-term planning."

The list is expected to be approved by the state in February. It includes all bridges built before 1955, so it will be up-to-date through the year 2005. "It will be a list that all planners

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person's negligence was a cause of their injury. Words like "objectively manifested" and "serious impairment" are vague. What constitutes negligible damage or injury to one person may constitute a substantial hardship to someone else. Furthermore, to cite negligence, one generally needs to prove that the defendant might have foreseen and/or prevented the accident. When in doubt, before the time limit within which you must file expires, seek legal counsel to review the circumstances of your accident and advise you if your case has merit.

HINT: Intent is not an element in negligence.

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Supreme Court rulings

Survey shows party factor is limited

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Rarely did Michigan Supreme Court justices split on party lines in 1997-98, an analysis of 10 major cases shows.

Instead there are:
■ Two liberals — Michael Cavanagh, 58, of East Lansing and Marilyn J. Kelly, 60, of Bloomfield Hills, both elected as Democratic nominees.

■ Two conservatives — Elizabeth Weaver, 58, of Glen Arbor

and Clifford Taylor, 56, of East Lansing, both elected as Republican nominees in Gov. John Engler's era.

■ Three swing votes — James Brickley, 70, of Traverse City, a Milliken-era Republican and former U.S. attorney who nevertheless votes against prosecutors frequently; Patricia Boyle, 62, of Detroit, a Blanchard-era Democrat who is the prosecutors' good friend; and Conrad Mallett Jr., 45, of West Bloomfield, a Blanchard-era Democrat who is

almost as much a maverick as Brickley.

Boyle retired Dec. 31, and Mallett resigned the same date. They were succeeded by two Engler recruits — Maura Corrigan and Robert Young Jr., both of the Grosse Pointe area and both reputed conservatives.

One gender split

In only one study case did the 1998 court split entirely on gender. That was the rape conviction of a Michigan State Univer-

sity student. The four males — Cavanagh, Brickley, Mallett and Taylor — said the trial judge should have pierced the "rape shield" law and allowed testimony about the complainant's past remarks. The three women — Boyle, Kelly and Weaver — would have prohibited the testimony and upheld the man's conviction.

Twice the court did split on party lines.

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can use," Barondess said. Listing in the register benefits the site with recognition of significance to the nation, state or the community, and consideration in the planning of federal or federally assisted projects, so "they know what they have," Barondess said. Historic sites are eligible for federal tax incentives and other preservation assistance.

"Preservation is something that happens on a case-by-case basis," Barondess said. "Sometimes it can be in such bad con-

dition it can't be saved. At MDOT, we've been able to preserve a lot of bridges on the list."

Bridges represented the materials, technology and design elements of the day.

"Wayne County was a leader in the country for designs for bridges and for roads. Wayne County showed roads and autos were the future."

Locals unaware

County and Livonia historical experts were unaware of the possible nomination of the bridges.

"The Livonia Historic Preservation Commission didn't nominate it, and we're not aware of it," said Cathy Glynn, a commissioner.

Residents who wish to comment on the proposed nomination can submit them in writing to Robert Christensen, national register coordinator, at State Historic Preservation Office, Michigan Historical Center, 717 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48918-1800. Christensen can be contacted at (517) 335-2719.

Scholarships available at Madonna

Madonna University in Livonia is accepting scholarship applications beginning in January through Monday, March 1, from admitted students for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Scholarship applications may be obtained at the University Financial Aid Office or by calling (734) 432-5663. The majority of the awards stipulate that the recipient be an admitted full-time student who possesses a minimum grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, however, there are some exceptions as well as additional requirements.

Some of the Madonna University scholarships available for the 1999-2000 year include: Detroit Edison Foundations Endowed Scholarship, awarded to minority students pursuing science, especially prospective teachers in elementary schools; the Kristen Hallerman Scholarship, awarded to a beginning nursing student from either Plymouth Canton High School, Plymouth Salem High School or Garden City High School.

Also offered: the William Randolph Hearst Scholarship, awarded to students in service-

oriented degree programs; and the Charles and Patricia Derry Video Communications Scholarship, awarded to a video communications major.

Other scholarships include the Bishop Moses Anderson/Frank Hayden Scholarship, awarded to African students or American students of African heritage; Lion/Lioness Club scholarship, awarded to hearing-impaired students; Livonia Jaycees Scholarship, awarded to junior or senior students; and the Joyce and Don Massey Scholarship.

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In a teacher pension case, the four Democrats ruled an Adrian teacher could accumulate pension seniority when she was collecting worker's compensation for an on-the-job leg fracture. The decision gave the teacher a bigger pension. The Republicans, led by Taylor, accused Democrats of substituting judicial opinion for a plainly written law that said she couldn't collect.

And in a case brought by a female Novi police officer, the Democrats said she had a sexual harassment case under the Civil Rights Act. Republicans said Democrats subverted the law; that she had a case, but not for sexual harassment. (The case became an issue in the Nov. 3 election because GOP candidate Corrigan had ruled against the female officer in the Court of Appeals.)

Dissents strong

Cavanagh and Kelly were joined by Brickley in minority dissents in several cases.

In an Oakland County motor tampering case, they disagreed with the majority's reasoning that a garage operator could be tried for a felony.

In a Troy double jeopardy case, they said a Marine sergeant shouldn't have been convicted in Oakland Circuit Court after being convicted in a military court. The majority upheld the conviction.

Brickley joined the three Democrats in a Jackson County landlord-tenant case. The landlord had refused to rent to two unmarried couples. Kelly wrote the majority opinion saying the landlord violated their civil rights, and that there was no violation of the landlord's religious rights.

Brickley wrote the opinion, and was joined by the three Democrats, in a Calhoun County child support case. The father sued the mother, who was on welfare, for child support. Brickley said the lower court couldn't impute income to a parent on welfare, thus favoring the mother's position.

Kelly, who began her political career in the Kennedy era, could usually be counted on as a staunch liberal vote, but she broke with her party on one key case. That was when the high court struck down a Lansing fee for a sewerage system, ruling it was a "tax" under the Headlee amendment to the constitution. Kelly agreed with the three Republicans that it couldn't be levied unless voters approved it.

'Nonpartisan' vote

Supreme Court justices are nominated at partisan conventions but elected on a nonpartisan ballot. Logic-chopping pundits ridicule the system, but in 38 years no one has succeeded in putting a constitutional amendment on the ballot.

Moreover, it's an illusion that all seven justices are elected. On the 1997-98 court, four justices got their jobs originally by gubernatorial appointment: Brickley (Milliken), Mallett and Boyle (Blanchard) and Taylor (Engler). Voters later chose to keep them in office.

The 1999-2000 court is likely to be more (choose your favorite term) conservative, textualist, strict constructionist, less prone to substitute its beliefs for the Legislature's. That is because it will have four Republican members on board: Chief Justice Weaver, Taylor, Corrigan and Young.

Look for Cavanagh and Kelly to stick together, particularly on damage suits.

And look for Brickley to continue to be a maverick


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McNamara's agenda: Crime, parks, health and economy

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Not many people noticed Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer as he entered the back of the auditorium at Redford High School, slipped off his boots and walked briskly to the front.

He arrived just in time to view the oath of office administered to Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara by U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Damon Keith and state Attorney General Jennifer Granholm. A few moments later, McNamara called up Archer for a few words, which Archer used to try and repair some public relations damage due to Detroit's lack of snow removal on city streets.

"We're changing at a moment's notice a policy that's been in place for over 50 years," Archer said, in reference to Detroit's snow removal policy. "That change was made easier with the relationships and friendship we have."

McNamara freed up about 15 vehicles the city of Detroit could rent to remove snow, Archer said. By Saturday, Archer hoped the city could remove snow from all 285 Detroit public schools with access to city streets for classes next week.

McNamara expanded on that theme in his inaugural address, stating that Wayne County residents have given his administration "an overwhelming mandate" to run their county.

He outlined his agenda for the next four years:

■ **Crime:** A promise to "intensify efforts" to make communities safer by rehabilitating convicted criminals, "channeling them away from crime and trouble and toward a useful, meaningful life."

■ **Juvenile programs:** Redirecting delinquent children into "productive lives" under an agreement with the state.

■ **Economic development:** New growth has increased the county tax base by 40 percent and resulted in 15,000 new jobs.

McNamara also promised to

improve parks and recreation programs, provide better health care services to residents and restore neighborhoods.

McNamara briefly drew on memories of his youth, growing up in a house on Blackstone Street on Detroit's west side and his education at Redford High School, where he graduated in 1944. Four years later he married Lucille Martin in Christ the King Church just three blocks from the high school.

Homecoming

Fifty-four years after his graduation, McNamara stood in his alma mater's auditorium, citing his accomplishments as county executive, listing the new morgue, jail, youth home and golf course among them.

"We recently completed a \$12 million cleanup of Newburgh Lake. For the first time in 25 years, it is safe to boat, canoe and fish in that beautiful lake."

"We also led the campaign to bring the Tigers and the Lions to downtown Detroit, to provide an economic stimulus for the entire region."

In two years, Wayne County will have the "finest airport facility in the nation" when the midfield terminal is completed at Detroit Metro Airport, McNamara said. He pointed to the county's upgrade of its parks through the parks millage approved by voters in 1996.

"We constructed Crosswinds Marsh, a 1,200 acre nature preserve in Sumpter Township. It is a major refuge for wildlife and recreation facility for families of southeast Michigan."

McNamara called his alternative workforce program one of Wayne County's most successful programs.

"They have spent more than 220,000 work hours cleaning up Wayne County."

McNamara's speech did not include any surprises. One county commissioner thought his address didn't quite go far enough on an issue that is near and dear to Republicans.



"I thought it was good, but I wished he would have talked about a tax cut and the county's rainy-day fund," said Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia. "But maybe he will in his budget address."

Bankes, who also graduated from Redford High School, presented McNamara with a plaque for his dedication to the Redford High School Alumni Association.

Bankes credited McNamara for founding the group and leading its effort to trim trees and install sidewalks at the school, drumming up alumni support in the process. McNamara wants the alumni association to raise money to resurface the track, for which the group has received \$50,000 in contributions. A June golf outing is planned.

"Thank you for the opportunity to give something back to the community we care so much about," Bankes told McNamara.

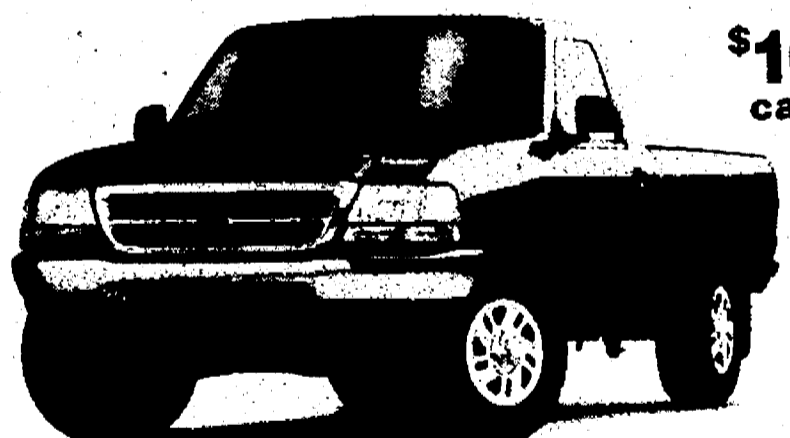


Another term: Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, top photo (left) takes his oath of office Friday to officially begin his fourth term. State Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Damon Keith administer the oath, while Lucille McNamara holds the Bible and watches her husband. McNamara also greeted Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, who commended McNamara for his work as county executive.

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FREE CONCERT

Pianist Arthur Greene performs 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. The concert is free and open to the public.

A member of the University of Michigan School of Music faculty, Greene was a concert pianist performing throughout the U.S., Europe and Far East before coming to Ann Arbor. He has appeared as a soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the San Francisco, Utah and National symphonies, Czech National Symphony, Tokyo Symphony, and in recital at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, and major concert houses in Lisbon, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Beijing.

Selections on the Schoolcraft College program are the Sonata-Fantasy No. 2 in G-Sharp minor, Opus 19, the Fantasy, Opus 28, and Sonata Number 8, Opus 66 by Scriabin, the Etude-Tableau in D Minor, Opus 39, Number 8 by Rachmaninov, and the Liebesleid and Liebesfreud by Rachmaninov-Kreisler.

For more information, call the music department at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218.

CALL FOR SINGERS

The 125-voice Plymouth Community Chorus is looking for people who love to sing. Most needed are tenors, basses and baritones. Some openings also exist for altos and sopranos.

Rehearsals for the Spring Concert (April 24-25) began Jan. 5. Open auditions for new members are being held 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 19 and 26 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, west of Sheldon Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-4080.

CLASSES TO BEGIN

D & M Studios offers fine art classes for preschool to adult in drawing, painting, cartooning, pastel and charcoal at 8691 North Lilley Road, at Joy in Canton.

Beginning 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, Sharon Lee Dillenbeck teaches a six-week drawing and watercolor class. Among the other offerings are high school portfolio preparation and student and teen studio art.

Paint away those winter blues during mid-winter break in our All-Day Paint Workshops 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 22, 23 and 25. The cost is \$15 for each day. D & M is also currently registering students for its ninth annual Summer Art Camp, "Circus! Circus! Under the Big Top." A 10 percent discount will be applied if tuition is received before May 31.

To register for any of the classes or camps, call (734) 453-3710.

DANCE CONCERT

To kick off Eastern Michigan University's 1999 Sesquicentennial Celebration, the dance program presents "Seconds" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24 in Quirk Theatre.

The concert features a diverse collection of dance styles including modern, jazz, ballet, hip-hop, and African Congolese. Canton dancer Tim Smola choreographs one of the new works presented and also dances in another selection.

Smola's "Scream" is a 1980s hip-hop dance set to music of the same title by Michael and Janet Jackson. The piece is a reaction to news stories on racism, hate crimes and suffering due to injustice.

Tickets are \$8, \$5 for students with current ID, and \$3 for seniors and children under age 10. Call (734) 487-1211.

ART MEETING

Three Cities Art Club holds a meeting 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1 in the Plymouth Township Clerk's office at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

Please bring a sample of your work. A ribbon is awarded at each meeting to the most popular painting as determined by a vote. You need not be a member to win.

February's program features Canton artist Kay Rowe who teaches painting at her Village Artists studio in Plymouth's Old Village. She will display recent paintings and demonstrate transparent watercolor techniques.

For more information, call Annalee Davis at (734) 427-6524

FINE ART SCHOLARSHIPS

The Livonia Arts Commission is offering scholarship funds to Livonia residents who are currently high school seniors or college students pursuing studies in the arts (music, art, architecture, design, graphics, dance, theater).

Deadline for entry is March 1. Application are available by calling the Livonia Community Resources Department at (734) 466-2540.

A total of \$5,000 will be distributed to qualified finalists selected by the Arts Commission.

THEATER CLASSES

Tinderbox Productions offers classes for students in grades one to 12 in scene study, Broadway dance, hip hop, improvisation, private voice coaching, and participation in the Tinderbox Showchoir and "The Ted Sullivan Show: A Variety Extravaganza for Actors, Singers and Dancers."

Classes meet Saturdays Feb. 6 to May 15 in the Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit.

Students will give two perfor-

mances on Saturday, May 15 in Cathedral Theatre. For information or a brochure, call (313) 535-8962.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Canton Township is looking for exhibitors for its Fine Art and Fine Craft show 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 19 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 20 at Heritage Park. Artists can choose to display their work under the "big tents" or can bring their own tent.

Deadline for application is April 15. For an entry form, call

Sharon Dillenbeck at (734) 453-3710.

Art students in the Plymouth-Canton School District are invited to display and sell their art in the student booth. The student booth is sponsored so there is no entry fee.

The art show is juried so participants will be required to submit slides or pictures of their work from the approved categories: painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry drawing, pastel, and selected fine crafts. No commercially produced mer-

chandise will be allowed.

"ON THE WALL"

Redford sculptor Matthew Hanna is one of a group of artists exhibiting in "On the Wall" continuing through March at the Cass Cafe, 4620 Cass Avenue, Detroit. For information, call (313) 831-1400.

An opening reception will be held 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 at the cafe. The exhibit consists of relief sculpture, drawings pertaining to sculpture, and drawings by sculptors.

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Churchill spikers capture Macomb tourney

Luba Steca had 37 kills on the day as Livonia Churchill captured four straight matches Jan. 9 en route to the Macomb Invitational girls volleyball tournament title.

Guardiola, along with solid defensive play from Courtney Lim, Megan Sheehan and Brazilian exchange student Fernanda Leite.

Patriots, who finished 12th of out 24 teams, included junior Andrea Kmet, 2.8 kills per game; senior outside hitter Nicole Boyd and junior Tera Morrill, 2.3 kills per game each; junior Lyndsay Sopko, six assists per game.

assists with three service aces and Kelly Carsey had four aces with 11 assists.

Madonna men net 1st WHAC hoop victory

Despite being short-staffed, Madonna University's men's basketball team made the most of its resources and held off visiting Concordia College to post its first Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory of the season, 58-54 Wednesday.

las free throws with 7:33 left, Madonna allowed it to slip away as Concordia fought back to knot it at 42-42 with 6:36 left.

of them scored. Concordia was paced by Aaron Courture's 16 points and Kareem Hairston's 13.

just 3-of-16 from the floor. She also had two steals. Kathy Panganis added 13 points and eight rebounds.

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Clarenceville grapplers improve in Avondale tourney

Livonia Clarenceville's wrestling team continues to get a grip on things.

Clarenceville journeyed to the Auburn Hills Avondale tournament Jan. 9 and tied for third place with a 2-3 record.

The Trojans also took three individual first places in an event where they had no winners last year.

"If we can keep getting a little better every year, we should be all right," Coach Todd Skinner of Clarenceville said. His team is now 10-6 overall.

Mount Clemens went undefeated in five matches to win, with host Avondale runnerup at 4-1. Clarenceville, Ypsilanti Lincoln and Farmington all tied for third.

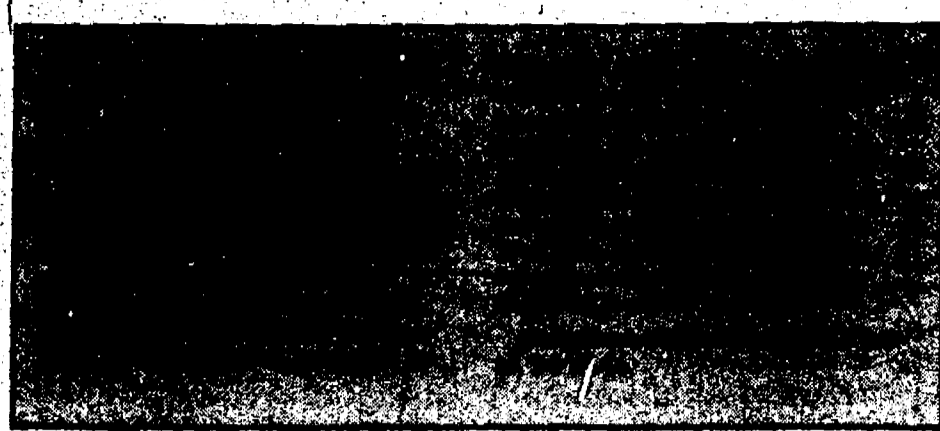
Mount Clemens defeated Clarenceville, 37-33, as did Lincoln (42-36) and Avondale (45-33). However the Trojans rebounded to beat Farmington, 38-36, and Utica, 51-30.

Individually, Danny Tondreau won all five of his matches at 103 pounds to finish first. Dave Lemmon was undefeated at 130 pounds and Tony Rachoza took all five of his

160-pound matches.

Walter Ragland was second with a 4-1 record at 189 pounds.

Eric Burr was 3-2 to finish third and earn a medal in the 112-pound weight class. Other third-place medal winners were Matt Wehl at 145, Adam Marcum at 171 and Justin Greene at heavyweight.



Handful of Whalers make OHL All-Star team

Five members of the Plymouth Whalers have been chosen to play as members of Team West in the Bell All-Star Cup Jan. 27 at the Sarnia Sports and Entertainment Complex in Sarnia, Ont.

Those selected are forwards David Legwand, Harold Druken, Adam Colagiaco and Jason Ward, and defenseman Paul Mara. For Legwand, Mara and Ward, this is the second time they have made the squad.

Colagiaco leads the Ontario Hockey League in scoring with 24 goals and 52 assists (76 points). Druken, who did hold the league lead in scoring until leaving to play for Team Canada in the World Junior Hockey Championships, still is atop the OHL in goals scored with 40; he has 68 points. Legwand, the No.

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2 pick in last spring's NHL Draft, has 20 goals and 46 points.

Mara has nine goals and 19 assists (28 points). Ward, who was obtained from Windsor in a trade Jan. 10 for winger Kyle Chapman, defenseman Max Linnik and two draft picks, has eight goals and 13 assists this season.

Whalers blast Battalion

Adam Colagiaco and Julian Smith knocked in two goals apiece as the Whalers notched their fourth-straight victory Thursday, 8-0 over the hapless Brampton Battalion before a crowd of 2,123 at Plymouth's

Compuware Arena.

Colagiaco, who now has 24 goals, and Smith, who has 10, both scored in the first period, along with Harold Druken, who got his league-leading 40th goal. Randy Fitzgerald assisted on two of the goals.

Paul Mara (his ninth) and Colagiaco added to the Whaler lead with second-period scores; Smith, Jamie Lalonde (No. 12) and Nikos Tselios (No. 13) got final-period goals. Tselios and Lalonde each had a goal and an assist for Plymouth, which improved to 31-8-3. Brampton fell to 5-34-3.

Rob Zepp was asked to make just 13 stops in goal to earn the shutout victory. Delta Vedova faced 49 shots (41 saves) for the Battalion.

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time. He led us with his leadership and finished the game for us, which is what being a senior leader is all about. And the team showed great focus in getting him the ball."

Jones put up a 25-foot desperation three-pointer at the buzzer, but the ball bounced off the rim.

The victory culminated a comeback that saw the Chiefs outscore Glenn 34-17 in the final 16 minutes of play. Last Friday, the Rockets squandered a 17-point first-half lead in its loss against Walled Lake Western.

"I don't think we let up," Glenn

coach Mike Schuette said. "We simply had shots that were not falling and theirs did. We also failed to get the ball down low to Ty down the stretch like we needed to do."

Part of the reason for Glenn's second half woes was its shooting. The Rockets shot 38 percent from the floor (19-for-50) compared to Canton's 47 percent (18-for-38).

Glenn struggled from three-point range, making only 3-of-15 tries, and converted only 8-of-16 free throw attempts.

Perhaps the biggest change in the halves was the rebounding.

After outrebounding Canton 16-9 in the first half (including eight offensive boards), the Chiefs held a 20-7 advantage in the second half and surrendered only two second chances.

"At halftime, we talked about limiting them to one shot," Young said. "When we began to have success at that, that's when we began playing better in the second half."

"I thought we could win the game if we played good defense," Major said. "They had the game at halftime, but we came out tougher in the second half."

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