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Wayne-Ford corner worst again

STAFF WRITER

PERSONAL PLAN

Many drivers tighten their grip on the steering wheel and hope for the best as they approach the Wayne-Ford intersection. .

Others, like Cheryl Sarnecky, try to avoid it altogether - and for good rea-

Year after year. Wayne and Ford ranks as Westland's worst intersection. and 1998 was no exception.

Westland police recorded 97 crashes at the beleaguered intersection in 1998 - an increase of seven accidents from the previous year.

"It just carries a lot of traffic," said Sgt. Peter Brokes, who heads the Westland Police Department's traffic bureau. "And there are a lot of driveways at that intersection."

That means more drivers darting in and out of traffic, and Wayne also curves slightly at Ford.

Combine all that with driver Ann Taylor's observation that "people are always blowing the light," and it becomes clear why the intersection gets no respect.

But Wayne-Ford isn't the only trouble spot for Westland motorists.

"Ford and Newburgh is not a good one, either," Brokas said.

Ford-Newburgh ranked No. 2 in 1998 for the most traffic crashes, passing two other intersections - Wayne/Cherry Hill and Warren/Newburgh - that were worse during the previous year.

Ford and Newburgh saw 80 accidents in 1998 - up from 69 in 1997.

More crashes

The intersection actually had an increase in crashes despite left-turn arrows that were meant to make it safer. Newburgh got the new signals in mid-1998, a year after Ford received

Brokas said left-turn arrows typically reduce serious injury accidents but

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can result in more fender-benders - at

least temporarily. The more time that traffic is backed up at an intersection, the more likely it is that some drivers will become involved in minor accidents, Brokas

However, time tends to ease fenderbender problems as drivers get used to new traffic patterns, like those at Ford and Newburgh.

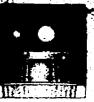
"The drivers will become accustomed to this, and eventually the numbers

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EMS rate hikes OK'd

■ The Westland City Council has approved higher rates for EMS services and an outside company to handle the fire department's billing duties.

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer



Most Westland residents won't see higher out-of-pocket expenses despite the city's decision Tuesday to charge more for medical rescue

services, officials said.

Residents who have insurance coverage or Medicare will continue to shell out the same co-pays they now face, Fire Chief Mark Neal said.

"it doesn't cost the patient one penny more for that (rate) change," he said.

The cost for higher medical rescue bills will be absorbed by insurance

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Thief takes money out of Sears safe

BY DARRELL CLEM

A brazen thief Monday stole more than \$20,000 from a Sears safe at Westland Shopping Center, police officials said.

"Right now nobody knows who it is," police Lt. Marc Stobbe said.

The thief knew the combination of numbers needed to unlock the safe and therefore didn't have to rely on force or threats against anyone else to commit the crime, police said.

But little else was clear Tuesday as Westland police began investigating the incident.

Authorities aren't sure whether the money was taken directly by an

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Mobile home park draws complaints

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER dclem@oe.homecomm.net

privately owned lots.

Residents of Westland Meadows, & mobile home park on the city's southeast side, are protesting a \$15 increase on the monthly rent they pay to use

Residents face a March 1 increase even though they say their complaints about living conditions are ignored by management.

"The folks are quite upset," Marsha

Kelly said Tuesday as a group of Westland Meadows residents took their complaints to the Westland City Coun-

"We would like to have some services for that proposed increase," Kelly said. Richard Duhl, manager of operations, defended the way Westland Meadows is run and said residents

"Every time we have an increase I run into this," he said. "Nobody likes increases. I don't like them myself. But

simply don't want to pay higher rent.

you can't buy a car this year for what you paid for it last year."

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er beether, Steve, had just become the U.S. A Jaire Skating National Champions. At

sictured) head to the cars. For more, see A4.

Jimmy Hayes said his lot rent has increased from \$215 a month to just under \$400 during the nine years he has lived at Westland Meadows, a mobile home park northeast of Van Born and Merriman.

"I'm charged \$10 a month to have a cat that doesn't even go out of my house," he said.

Duhl said lot rent ranges from \$355

Picase see COMPLAINTS, A3

Car buffs steer toward Autorama

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN STAPP WRITER bjachman@oe.homecomm.net

Daniel Greene of Westland has been a fan of cars since he was a kid and his dad would buy and sell

This weekend, Greene is exhibiting his 1988 Ford Mustang, Super Pro race car at the Big Kmart 47th annual Detroit Autorama at Cobo Center.

"I love to go fast," Greene said of his love of cars and racing. His car will make its second appearance at Detroit Autorama, which Greene calls "the elite" car show. "It's kind of a goal for most people interest-

ed in cars," he said. Autorama participants send in an application and pictures of their vehicles including cars, trucks, vans

and motorcycles.

Last year was Greene's first exhibiting his race car and he won a trophy in the gas coupe sedan catego-

Keith Dahlka of Westland is also hoping to win an award this year. He is showing his 1981 Harley Davidson motorcycle at Detroit Autorama for the first time this year, but he won an award at a Mount Clemens auto show.

He has developed an elaborate display with a

cemetery theme. It includes tombstones, grave beds and a monster that looks like it is coming out of the ground, he said.

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Racy car: Daniel Greene of Westland will His motorcycle is a model FLT, a big touring bike, be displaying his 1988 Ford Mustang Super Pro at the Detroit Autorama.

Funeral services for Shawn Schlund, 25, of Wayne were Feb. 15 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Mrs. Schlund, who died Feb. 12 in Wayne, was born July 21, 1973, in Southfield. She was a driver for the railroad.

Surviving are her son, Bryan Stone; daughter, Monica Stone; father, Robert Schlund; mother, Katherine (Brian) Kocsis of Westland; sister, Danielle; grandfather, Ralph Dunlap; grandparents, Edwin and Iris Schlund; great-grandmother. Rosa Dunlap; companion, Ken.

DORA J. BATES

Funeral services for Dora Bates. 83, of Westland were Feb. 15 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. Charles Bugbee from Warrendale United Brethren in Christ Church.

Mrs. Bates, who died Feb. 12 in Westland, was born June 25, 1915, in Michigan City, Ind. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Edward (Evelyn) Deis and James (Nancy); sisters, Martha and Grace; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Bates was preceded in death by her husband. James: son, Harold (Leslie); and daugh-

ter, Patricia. HELEN MAE MIZNER

Funeral services for Helen Mizn-

er, 83, of Westland were Feb. 15 in Newburg United Methodist Church with burial at Roseland Park Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Thomas Badley. Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mizner, who died Feb. 11 in Wayne, was born Dec. 31. 1915, in Highland Park, She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, Harold (Bunny); daughters, Connie (Jack) Vincent and Barbara Robb; brother, Bob and James; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

HARRIETTE L. JENSEN

Funeral arrangements for Harriette Jensen, 81, of Westland were handled by R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jensen, who died Feb. 12 in Angela Hospice, was born May 28, 1917, in Detroit. She was a waitress.

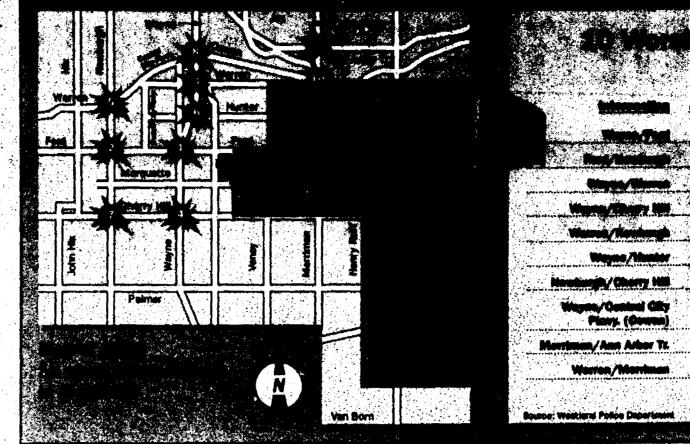
Surviving are her daughter, Joyce Hamble; stepsons, Everett Jr. and Bruce; stepdaughter, Barbara Drange; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Mrs. Jensen was preceded in death by her husband, Everett Sr. and daughter, Gloria Rhoads.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

PATRICIA M. KANOUSE

Funeral services for Patricia Kanouse, 65, of Westland were today, Feb. 18, in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac

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should show some kind of decrease." Brokas said.

Overall, Westland police recorded a one-year decrease in roadway crashes from 1997 to 1998, with the number of accidents dropping from 2,247 to 2,047, a new report shows.

But Brokas cautioned that fluctuations of about 10 percent can be expected from year to year, giving little reason to cele-

However, Westland police recorded a significant decrease in injury accidents, which fell from 1.108 to 715 during the same period. Brokas termed that drop "very substantial."

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■ More left-turn arrows have been added at intersections. reducing serious injury accidents, Brokas said.

More Westland drivers buckled up in 1998 as seat belt-

Overall, Westland police recorded a oneyear decrease in roadway crashes from 1997 to 1998, with the number of accidents dropping from 2,247 to 2,047.

usage statewide rose to 71 percent of motorists - an upward trend that Brokas partly attributed to more police enforcement.

Brokas attributed fewer injury accidents to "better engineering and more enforcement."

Meanwhile, two intersections fell off the city's Top 10 list for accidents: Warren/Central City Parkway and Merriman/Cherry

injury accidents has declined at Merriman and Cherry Hill since left-turn arrows and right-turn lanes were added, Brokas said.

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"That intersection was apparently begging for it," he said. "We used to have a lot of injury accidents there."

Among other statistics:

■ Westland had seven traffic fatalities in 1998, up from six during the previous year. One involved a pedestrian, Brokas

■ The number of hit-and-run crashes fell from 1,311 to 1,103.

Crashes involving drinking dipped from 141 to 120 during the same period.

Overall, drunken driving arrests rose from 262 to 369.

"In 1999 we expect it go over the 400 mark," Brokas said of drunken driving arrests.

It's not that more people are driving drunk, he said. They're just getting caught more often due to tougher enforcement.

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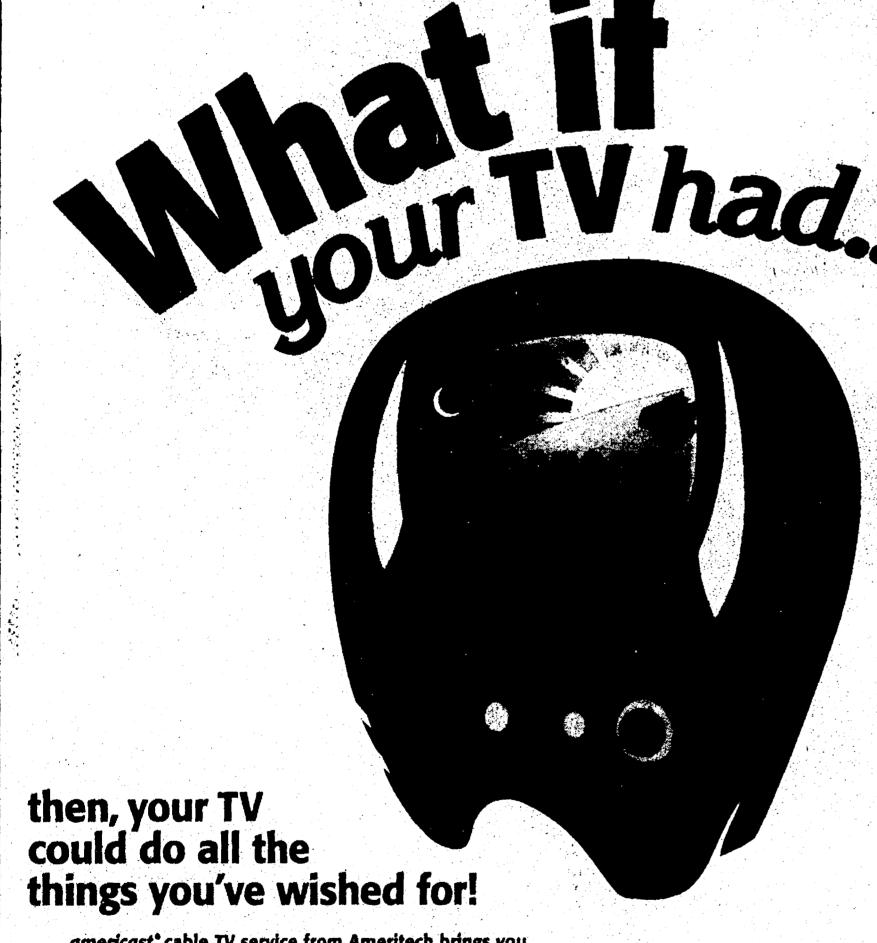


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Car care: D.J. Davis of Westland will be showing his 1970 black Plymouth Cuda at the Detroit Autorama this weekend.

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which is not common, he said. He completely rebuilt it, from the ground up and changed the

color to magenta candy. Before he bought it three years ago, it had been stored outside by the ocean in Florida – so

it was in rough shape, Dahlka said. Dahlka also owns a 1998 Harley Davidson FLTR.

His interest in motorcycles dates back to his youth. When he was 9 years old, a neighbor around the corner had a motorcycle.

From then on he told his parents he wanted a motorcycle. He got his first one at age 19. It was in pieces and he put the whole thing together. He has owned about 12 motorcycles over the

And his love for motorcycles hasn't faded. "If I was retired now that would probably be all I would do," he said of his motorcycle hobby.

Dahlka, who works for MSX International, a prototype shop, looks at the vehicles at Autorama with a trained eye and sees details the average person might not notice.

He likes to see what other people have done with their vehicles.

est in Autorama because of the chance to talk to information on where to get parts.

Cuda - that is restored. He bought it three or four years ago in Arizona.

It took eight months to restore his car. Now

Davis drives it to several auto shows a year such as the Woodward Dream Cruise and the Westland Summer Festival auto show. But he only takes it out in nice weather.

"It's great to cruise around in," he said. Meanwhile, Greene's car is strictly a race car,

which he bought about three years ago. The car carries the name of Greene's business on it - American Power Wash in Westland.

When it isn't being exhibited at shows, the car is at the track, Greene said. He takes his car out every weekend and

spends evenings and weekends working on it. He likes Autorama because it brings out the elite of muscle cars and race cars. "All the other cars you see are different. You

see a lot of unique cars there," Greene said. Some of the cars are absolutely perfect, he

But his car is what he calls a "hands-on" car. "I let people sit in it all the time," he said.

Detroit Autorama is 4-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. Tickets at the gate are D.J. Davis of Westland also has a keen inter- \$12 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 and free for children under 3. Discount advance tickets people who are interested in cars and also for are available at Kmart, Big Kmart and Super formation on where to get parts.

Kmart stores. All senjor citizens and handicapped people are admitted at no charge from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, before the show opens to the public for the day.

For more information call (248) 650-5560.

Autorama offers variety of events

Hot Rod heaven comes to Cobo Center in Detroit when the 47th annual Big Kmart Detroit Autorama is held Friday, Feb. 19 through Sunday, Feb. 21.

Autorama is one of the oldest and biggest custom car shows in the country with 800 exhibits of hot rods, custom cars, trucks, vans and motorcycles of the past and present.

The headlining custom car at Autorama this year is Terry Cook's Zephyr '39, a purple hot rod car dubbed "Scrape."

This year, Autorama presents a Drag Racing All-Star Review headlined by John

Force and racing stars Tony visit Autorama. Pedregon, Warren Johnson, Don Prudhomme, Ron Capps and Al Hoffman.

World Wrestling Federation women's wrestler "Sable" and tag team champion Owen Hart will also attend Autorama. "Tool Time girl" of TV's Home Improvement, Debbe Dunning and the Red Wings' Karen Newman will be available to sign autographs.

Sports stars Detroit Lions' Charlie Batch and Jason Hanson, Michigan State Spartan Sedrick Irvin and University of Michigan Wolverines Rick Leech and John Jansen will

Other features will include Winston Drag Racing champion Shirley Muldowney and CART driver Christian Fittipaldi; the Ride N Grind BMX Extreme Show and Lowrider Hydraulics Showdowns; the All American Motorcycle Show of 100 custom Harleys and other motorcycles; the Cavalcade of Kustoms featuring 16 custom cars of the 1950s; and the Lowrider Magazine Car and Truck of the year, the Ford Mustang "Reborn to Run" exhibit; the 11th annual Collector Car Corral and eighth annual Toy-a-Rama.

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Kelly said 300 people are so upset that they have signed petitions in an effort to draw attention to their problems.

Residents said they want 24-hour security, but Duhl-said a pilot program several years ago was found to be unnecessary.

Residents also voiced frustrations over what they consider poor maintenance of park grounds, but Duhl defended Westland Meadows as being well-maintained. He said efforts to resurrect a residents' association have failed because not enough people are willing to become involved.

Duhl also blamed unkempt areas on residents themselves, saying some people don't seem to want to care for their lawns and flower beds.

"They are their own worst enemies," he said. Some residents said little seems to be done about

what they believe are "drug houses" and gang problems, but Duhl also denied those problems "I don't have gangs or a drug problem in the

community." he said. do more to monitor alleged problems with drugs

Some residents also said Westland police could and gangs.

"Even to get a police car in there is really hard," Betty Caufield told the council. "Unless there's somebody with a gun in their hand or somebody laying there dead, you can forget about it."

Some residents complained that furniture has been left in front of some mobile homes for long periods following evictions.

"I have to give (evicted residents) an opportunity to pick up their personal belongings," Duhl said, adding that furniture remains outside no more than a few days.

City officials indicated that they have little discretion to become involved in disputes between residents and management - particularly those involving rent increases.

Planning Director Tod Kilroy told residents they may have one option - taking their complaints to a Lansing-based Mobile Home Commission. Residents are vowing to keep attention focused

on Westland Meadows. Some residents passed out announcements of a protest they are planning for 3 p.m. Monday outside of the park's clubhouse. They also plan to meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb.

23, at a Knights of Columbus hall on Ford between Merriman and Henry Ruff in Garden City.

Thief from page A1

employee or, perhaps, by someone who was given 9600. the safe combination by a Sears worker.

The thief apparently entered the safe and took the money without being noticed, Stobbe said. A police investigation is focusing partly on which

employees knew the safe combination and whether they may have given it to someone else. Stobbe The incident is believed to have occurred

between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday.

call the Westland Police Department at (734) 722- Stobbe said.

Or, anyone wanting to provide an anonymous tip in return for a possible cash reward should call Crime Stoppers of Michigan at (800) 831-3111.

Sears conducted an internal investigation before notifying Westland police on Tuesday, but the company wasn't able to learn the identity of the cul-

Company officials also apparently wanted to make sure that the money hadn't simply been mis-Anyone who has information is encouraged to placed before they asked Westland police for help.

Men honored for woman's rescue

By DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER delem@os.homecom

Cousins Scott Smith and William Marquardt didn't feel like heroes Jan. 19 when they pulled a helpless Westland woman from her burning apart-

"It just seemed like the right thing to do," Smith, 28, said, "It didn't seem like a big deal,"

Marquardt, 27, said. But Westland police and fire officials said the two men risked their own lives to save a woman

as she yelled out a window for The woman suffered from muscular dystrophy and couldn't escape a first-floor fire at Hawthorne Club Apartments on Merriman south of Ann Arbor

"It was an inferno, for lack of a

better word," he said. Police said a 16-year-old West-

Trail, police Sgt. Michael Terry

M Police and fire officials said the two men risked their own lives.

land boy intentionally started the 9:13 a.m. fire in an attempt to kill the woman, described as his girlfriend's mother. Police said the boy and the mother had argued.

Marquardt climbed through the window and began lifting the woman out as Smith stood outside and helped her escape the blaze.

"They really put their own lives in jeopardy when they did this," Police Chief Emery Price

City officials honored Smith, a Westland resident, and Marquardt, a Brooklyn resident, during a Tuesday night Westland City Council meeting.

"We felt they should be honored for their heroic actions," Terry said.

Smith and Marquardt, contractors with Adrian-based New View Resurfacing, had been working at Hawthorne Club when they heard the women's screams.

Now their efforts have earned them some heroic praise, city plaques and, well, a little free press for a company run by other family members.

The woman they saved couldn't be at Tuesday's council meeting, but Terry said she is extremely grateful to Smith and Marquardt.

Meanwhile, the teenager accused of starting the fire was turned over to juvenile authorities for possible prosecution.

Police have said it's possible the boy could face trial as an adult. He could face charges as serious as arson and assault with intent to murder.

Police said the building where the woman lived sustained about \$20,000 to \$25,000 in damages.

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Taking it in: Danielle Hartsell (above) watches the short and long programs with family and friends after arriving home Monday from the Nationals. Below, Danielle, (left to right) cousin Shannon Prince, her husband Tom and neighbor Lynne Dobney discuss and look at the gold medal Danielle had won.



Tops: Danielle and Steve Hartsell show their medals.



Winning ways

Brother, sister return home as champs

BY TON HAWLEY

Holding back tears, Georgia Hartsell had an ABC television camera's focus on her, while her children, Danielle and Steve, performed their long program at the U.S. Pairs Championships in Salt Lake City, Utah.

It was not until the scores were shown that Mrs. Hartsell broke down into tears, "I couldn't believe they won." she said, "I felt finally they got what they deserved."

Danielle and Steve Hartsell of West-

Danielle:

land are the first brother-sister pair to win the U.S. Pairs Championships since 1984 when Peter and Kitty Carruthers won the event. The Carruthers, who were being inducted into the Hall of Fame, were among the spectators to witness the brother-sister act from Westland.

The Hartsells won the event without a doubt, by taking all nine first-place votes from the judges for their long program and six firsts and three seconds for their short program.

"I was surprised we won." Danielle said. after she inished her performance. Danielle, a senior at Jahn Glenn High School, did not know how the second-

place team and favorites to win Kyoko

Ina and John Zimmerman performed. "It was exciting after we won," said Danielle. "The media and spectators were all around us."

The next stop for the duo will be Halifax, Nova Scotia, in Canada for the Four Continents competition. After that they will represent the United States at the 1999 World Championships in Helsinki, Finland.

Photographer Tom Hawley will be documenting the life of Danielle Hartsell through her senior year of high school as she tries to balance her skating career. school, family and friends. The series will be published periodically through her senior year.

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Rudy Whitworth will be among the features at the 22nd annual Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival Saturday, Feb. 20.

This year's featured speakers include underwater explorer Gary Gentile and diving educator Lee Somers. The day begins

A film by Westland resident at 9 a.m. at Holiday Inn Fairlane saltwater film show begins at 3 with a two-hour demonstration given by the U.S. Navy SEALS, followed by a technical diving workshop at 11:30 a.m. A Great Lakes Shipwreck Film Show will be presented twice, at noon to

p.m. at Ford World Headquarters featuring "Shipwrecks of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia," Whitworth's "Curacao, An Overlooked Caribbean Wonder," and Tony Gramer with "Bahamas 2:30 p.m. and 7-9:30 p.m. at the Fever." For more information, Ford World Headquarters. A call (734) 769-2548.

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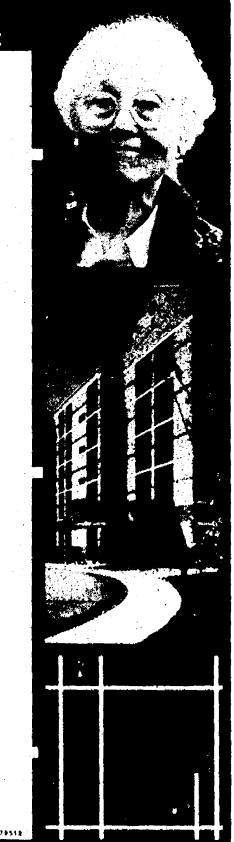
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Engler wants to end college tuition tax credit

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Gov. John Engler wants to eliminate the Michigan college tuition tax credit for families. instead using that money to increase funds to universities and community colleges through tuition restraint incentive grants.

Engler proposed the repeal in his \$9 billion general fund budget, which was discussed Thursday during a meeting of the craft students, because many House and Senate Appropriations subcommittee. The credit's elimination would add \$34 million revenue to the state's cof-

Engler proposed \$293 million for community colleges, a 4 percent increase. An additional \$4.2 student tuition. With increased

million is provided in the budget for "tuition restraint" incentive grants to community colleges which limit tuition increases to 3 percent or less this year, but that money is contingent upon the tuition credit repeal by state lawmakers.

Schoolcraft College President Richard McDowell believes the incentive grants will help keep tuition increases down.

McDowell called the tuition tax credit "minimal" to Schoolstudents are part time and Schoolcraft usually only increases tuition \$1 per credit hour a

Community colleges are funded with property taxes from their district, state money and

■ State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, who introduced and championed the tax credit only two years ago, said he was disappointed with the proposal and wondered whether it would lead to 6or 8-percent tuition increases again.

funding from the state, that should keep, in theory, college tuition hikes down, McDowell

"If he has incentives to keep tuition increases down, the students will get the same increase," McDowell said. "They just won't go through the state to get it."

Bennett disappointed

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, who introduced and

championed the tax credit only two years ago, said he was disappointed with the proposal and wondered whether it would lead to 6 or 8 percent tuition increases again. "To me, it's tantamount to a tax increase," Bennett said.

"We had an opportunity to look at it in-depth, and you can see a linkage between the credit and (the colleges and universities) keeping increases down."

Bennett said he wanted to examine the budget and the

incentive grants Engler had proposed, but planned to fight for the tax credit if no other proposals or incentives were enacted to curb tuition increases.

Engler's budget overview indicated the timing is "optimal" to repeal the credit.

"First, it is unlikely that any university would be able to qualify for the upcoming school year because of the remarkably low inflation rate," Engler stated in the overview. "Secondly, the establishment of the Michigan Merit Award (a scholarship program for students who pass the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests) will contribute greatly towards making college more affordable for everyone.

"Finally, the tuition tax credit

has had only limited success in restraining tuition increases."

Community colleges will receive a 2.5 percent increase in funds for operations. Half of that increase will be distributed across the board, with the remaining distributed using a formula that accounts for enrollment changes and tax bases.

McDowell expects to tell-a House subcommittee on community colleges this week that he is pleased with that increase. State lawmakers still need to discuss the budget, including capital outlay funds. Schoolcraft officials hope lawmakers earmark money for a proposed technical center during budget hearings.

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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Gov. John Engler wants to use \$9 billion reached in a settlement with tobacco companies to establish a scholarship program for students who pass tests administered under the Michigan Educational Assessment Program.

But some Democrats said some of that money should go to health programs, such as those aimed at curbing smoking among young people. The scholarships were discussed Thursday during a meeting of a subcommittee of House and Senate Appropriations members.

Under Engler's Michigan Merit Award, high school students who pass the reading, writing, math and science components of the MEAP high school tests would receive a \$2,500 scholarship that can be dedicated to college or technical training at a Michigan school of their choice. Beginning with the 1999-2000 school year, a \$500 allocation will be set aside for middle school students who pass

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the MEAP tests.

Students in the class of 2004 could conceivably be eligible for a \$3,000 scholarship.

The award would be supported by proceeds from the settlement of a lawsuit between the states and the tobacco industry. The

payment of \$289 million in 2000, and annual payments ranging from \$320 to \$400 million, with the balance paid over 26 years.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services wants to collect a portion of the settlement as repayment for state is expected to receive a their share of Medicaid costs,

which could reduce Michigan's portion of the total settlement up to 55 percent. Engler called that "unjustifiable" since 40 states litigated suits against the tobacco industry without federal assistance.

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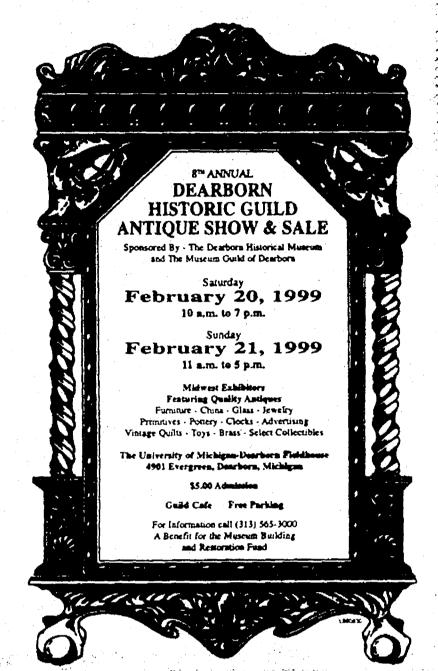


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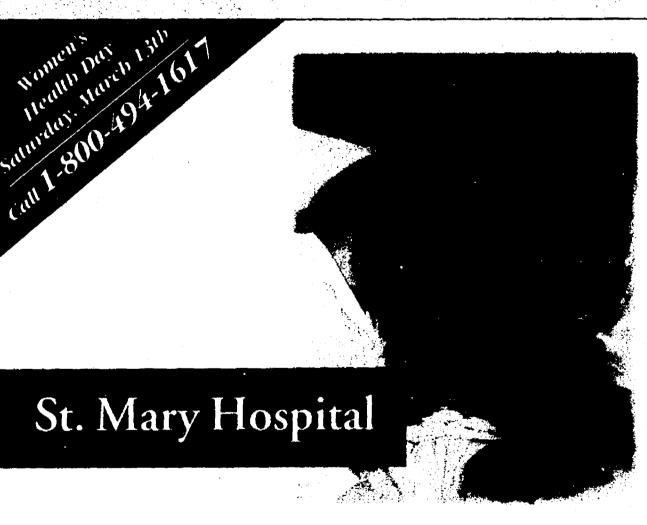
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New award honors paramedic of year

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER delem@oe.homecomm.net

Westland fire officials Tuesday unveiled a new Paramedic of the Year award and named it after former Chief Michael Reddy.

Reddy in 1997 achieved an 18year goal of bringing Advanced "Life Support services to Westa land. Firefighters, once trained , only in Basic Life Support, are now highly trained paramedics.

"We call him the father of ALS," Fire Chief Mark Neal said of Reddy as he unveiled the new award Tuesday during a Westland City Council meeting.

Neal gave Reddy a special medal similar to medallions that each Paramedic of the Year will receive. Reddy also got a standing ovation from the audience.

Reddy's son - also named Michael and also a career Westland firefighter - bestowed the first paramedic award on Sgt. Mark Wilhide.

The younger Reddy read a long list of Wilhide's accomplishments, saying he is a medical

emergency services instructor who is involved with organizations such as the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross.

Mayor Robert Thomas commended Wilhide for a career that the mayor said has "skyrocket-

The award is described in writing as being designed to honor a paramedic "who achieves the highest level of success in establishing, promoting or furthering improved emergency medical services."

The award will coincide each year with the city's anniversary of Advanced Life Support, launched on Feb. 5, 1997.

ALS raised Westland firefighters' expertise from the level of Basic Life Support to full-fledged paramedic status.

Neal credited the program with saving countless lives, including 19 people who didn't even have pulses when paramedics arrived to administer treatment.

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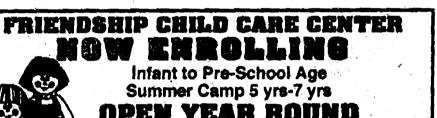
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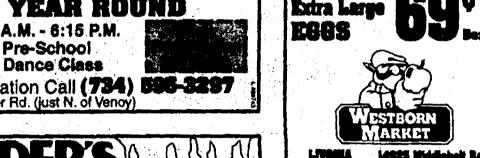
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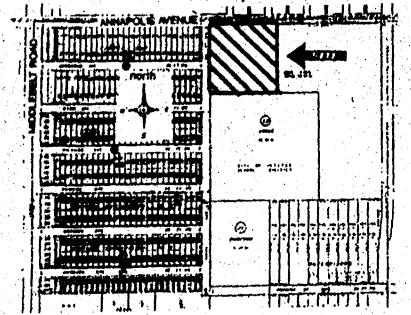
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companies and Medicare, although residents without coverage will be billed the full, higher rates. Neal said.

The tab for Advanced Life Support services provided by city paramedics will climb from \$400 to \$500 under the new rate plan.

The bill for less-complicated Basic Life Support services will increase from \$100 to \$168 - the amount that officials say Medicare will cover.

The new rates won approval in a unanimous vote of the sevenmember Westland City Council.

The new fees for paramedic services will be about average for what is charged in area communities. Neal said. Rates for basic medical services will remain lower than those of most cities, he said.

"We're not going to gouge the citizens," Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin said.

In a much more controversial decision Tuesday, council members split 6-1 in approving a contract that gives the Westland Fire Department's billing duties to an outside company, Medaphis.

However, the contract will become official only after City Attorney Angelo Plakas negotiates some language changes with Medaphis and signs the document.

Some council members had many questions about the threeyear contract, and they had little time to review it after receiving it in recent days.

"We need to see it in final form before we vote on the contract." Councilman Glenn Anderson said.

He cast the lone dissenting vote against the contract after a majority of his colleagues refused to postpone the issue until March 1.

Some other council members voted for the contract only after they spent an hour discussing it the current 68 percent to 85 per-



page by page, ensuring that Plakas knew what clauses they wanted changed.

"I would not approve a contract ... that did not reflect the thinking of this council." Plakas said.

Councilman Charles Pickering agreed with Anderson that council members should've been given more time to study the contract.

However, the fire chief deemed the contract an emergency measure that needed council approval Tuesday. He said his department has been falling further and further behind in its billing, partly due to computer problems and staffing shortages.

"We're falling behind as we speak," he said, adding later, "We're bleeding, and I need to put a Band-Aid on it, and I can't do it by myself."

Troy McCormick, Medaphis' director of client development, confirmed Tuesday that he and Plakas already have reached an agreement on several disputed areas of the contract. McCormick said he is willing to address all council concerns.

Councilwoman Justine Barns didn't see the need for a big fuss about the contract approval.

"What we're looking for here is a quicker, faster product (for collecting bills)," she said.

Still, Anderson had warned. "I think we're making a mistake without seeing it in the final form."

Councilman Richard LeBlanc supported the contract after getting his questions answered, but he said he was surprised that city union employees didn't protest it.

He said the pact amounts to the privatization of fire department billing services.

In collecting medical bills. Medaphis is expected to boost the percentage of paid bills from cent, raking in money that fire officials say their department simply doesn't have time to col-

Medaphis will receive 8 percent of the fees it collects, but the city still expects to see revenues increase by \$100,000 a

The new fee structure for medical rescue runs is expected to bring in another \$150,000 to Obituaries from page A2

Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Mrs. Kanouse, who died Feb. 14 in Westland, was born Aug. 23, 1933, in Washington; Pa. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, James Sr.; sons, James Jr., Donald, Terry and Sean; three brothers; four sisters; and five grandchildren.

RUBY E. PREVOST

Funeral services for Ruby Prevost, 86, of Westland were Feb. 14 in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with burial at Cadil lac Memorial Gardens, West: Officiating was the Rev. William Lichty. Mrs. Prevost, who died Feb. 11 in Westland, was born Nov. 4, 1912, in Rome, Ga. She was a dietitian. Surviving are her son. Ronald (Lorraine) of West Bloomfield; brother, Al Broome of Inkster; and two grandchildren.

OTHA C. PHILLIPS

Funeral services for Otha Phillips, 89, of Westland were today, Feb. 18, in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne.

Mrs. Phillips, who died Feb. 14 in Superior Township, was born July 3, 1909, in White Plains,

Ky. She was a homemaker. Surviving are her son, Dennis (Sandra) Putman Jr.; daughters, Dortha (Floyd) LeSuer and Wanda (Edgar) Boice; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

BERNADINE A. NEFF

Funeral services for Bernadine Neff, 77, of Westland were in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland.

Mrs. Neff, who died Feb. 12 in Wayne, was born April 23, 1921, in Detroit. She was a homemaker. Surviving are her husband, Sylvan; son, John Neff of Garden City; daughter, Nadine Wells of Westland; brothers, Leon Pokryfke of Troy and Melvin Pokryfke of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; and five grandchildren.

JAMES C. PATTERSON Funeral services for James Patterson, 65, of Westland were Feb. 16 in Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic Church in Westland with burial at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Gerard V. Bechard. Arrangements were

Funeral Home. Mr. Patterson, who died Feb. 13 in Wayne, was born July 22,

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1933, in Detroit. He did meter testing. Surviving are his wife, Barbara; sons, Douglas (Laurie), David (Linda), Donald, Daniel and Dale (Amy); sister, Dolores Fortin; and eight grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

HERMAN H. MALLER

Funeral services for Herman Miller, 80, of Westland are today, Feb. 18, in Couture-Handier Funeral Home in Tecumseh with burial at Ridgeway Cemetery in Ridgeway.

Mr. Miller, who died Feb. 15 in Ann Arbor, was born Jan. 26, 1919, in Macon Township. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was retired from the Federal Mogul Co. in Northville. Mr. Miller lived in Britton for 44 years and Westland for 30 years.

Surviving are his wife, Madeline; son, Ron (Alice) Miller of South Lyon; daughters, Kay (Ron) Leonard of Ypsilanti and Sue (Barry) Hiser of Belleville; stepdaughter, Diane (Dave) Cox of Garden City; brothers, Walter (Norma) Miller of Tecumseh and Fred (Alice) Miller of Manitou Beach; sisters, Louise (Louis) Vershum of Britton and Charlotte (James) Vershum of Manchester; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Miller was preceded in death by his first wife, Lillian; grandson, Jeffrey; and stepson, David Marr. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

ALICE H. SILLS

Funeral services for Alice Sills, 72, of Westland were Feb. 6 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne, Officiating was the Rev. David Pace.

Mrs. Sills, who died Feb. 3 in Garden City, was born Sept. 1, 1926, in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, George of Indianapolis, Ind., and Richard of Jackson, Mich.; daughters, Patricia (Kenneth) Gibbs of Westland, Frances McLemore of Lawton, Mich., and Betty Randell of Jackson; brother, William Klotz of Garden City; sister, Elizabeth Hartson of Lenox Township, Mich.; 13 grandchildren and 15 greatgrandchildren.



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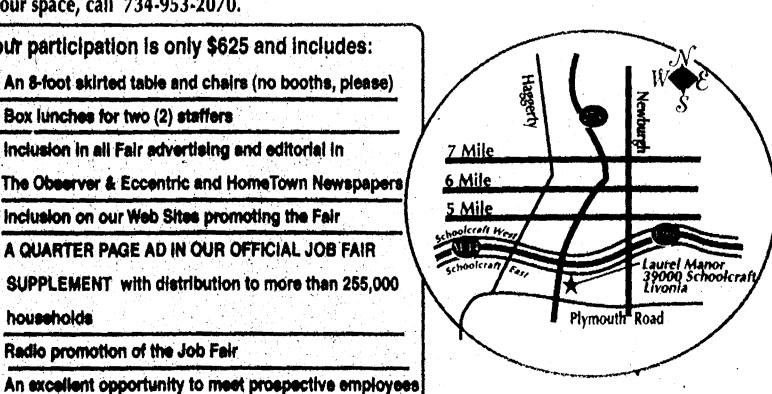
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Most area reps support bill to drug test welfare recipients

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER trichard@oc.homecomm.net

Welfare recipients would have to be tested for drugs under two controversial state House-passed bills now before the Senate.

Final roll call was 69-36 with Republicans and some crossover Democrats supporting the measures Feb. 9.

"House Republicans demand that public assistance be used to feed children and not an adult's drug habit," said Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo.

"Unconstitutional," replied three pilot sites to test welfare in their persons, houses, papers ty. and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures. To cause violates this right.

"All parents would be tested, not just those exhibiting signs of a substance abuse problem. It's a shame," Kelly said during a fivehour debate.

House Bills 4090 and 4091 give the state Family Indepen-

Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, "The recipients for drug use, One test Fourth Amendment declares the area would be urban, another right of the people to be secure rural, the third in Wayne Coun-

"If the assessment shows an addiction, then the recipient will require testing without just be offered state-paid treatment," said the sponsor, Rep. Lauren Hager, R-Port Huron. "However, if the recipient refuses treatment or refuses to take the initial test, sanctions could be imposed to take away welfare benefits.

"It's tough love, and it's compassion in its purest form," said dence Agency authority to run Hager, a former teacher serving

his first House term.

Rep. Ruth Ann Jamnick, D-Ypsilanti, criticized the majority for rejecting an amendment that would have required legislators and state officials to be tested. too. She said the test picks on the poor "and may only serve to push them down further."

The House Fiscal Agency said 175,000 tests a year would be given, and FIA estimated 15 percent of clients would require treatment. At an average cost of \$3,000, treatment would total \$78.7 million, FIA said it's unclear whether Medicaid would

reimburse the state.

In an unrecorded vote, the House gave two-thirds approval (74 votes) to immediate effect. meaning the bills would become law as soon as they are signed by the governor.

Here's how Observer area representatives voted:

Yes - Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

No - Tom Kelly, D-Wayne. Absent - Eileen DeHart D. Westland.

Gov. John Engler called for passage of the bills a year ago, and the Republican-controlled Senate replied, but the House balked. This year the bills are likely to be enacted.

Opposing the bills were the Center for Civil Justice, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Michigan County Social Services Association.

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State Sen. Robert Emerson, D. Flint, said the state was doing little in terms of smoking pre-

vention. "I'm appalled that we're now taking 100 percent of the tobacco money and putting it into scholarships, when we sued because they were destroying the health of the citizens of our state." Emerson said.

Budget Director Mary Lannoye responded that Engler supported the cigarette tax, which now placed Michigan among the leaders in that tax. "One of the advantages (of the tax) is it deters smoking in children," Lannove said.

State Rep. Paul Tesanovich, D-L'Anse, who believed it should go to educating children about the dangers of smoking, said Engler's proposal was "disturbing" and "unacceptable." Lannoye said Engler was open to discussions on prevention pro-

Tuition

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University changes

Engler also wants to revise the funding system for universities. proposing \$58 million for universities, a 4 percent increase. The first \$21.6 million will be distributed across the board, while an additional \$14.5 million will be given to universities whose current state funding is below other universities offering similar degrees and programs.

The remaining \$22 million is contingent on the state House and Senate's repeal of the existing tax credit, and will be distributed to each university that restrains undergraduate resident tuition growth at or below 3 percent for the 1999-2000 school year.

Engler also proposed \$1.7 billion for universities, a 4.2 percent increase. For corrections, he proposed \$1.6 billion, an 8.65 percent increase.

That fact was not lost on some state lawmakers.

State Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, said the 15 university presidents walk into meetings with pie charts and bar graphs, saying that their university "was the most poorest funded of all the universities."

"One of the most significant points of difference is how can you justify an 8 percent increase for corrections and only half that for some schools?" Schwarz

With 265,000 students on campus, Michigan is known for its university system, he added. "I don't want Michigan to be known to have the highest population of inmates. I would rather be known as the state with the highest number of college gradu-

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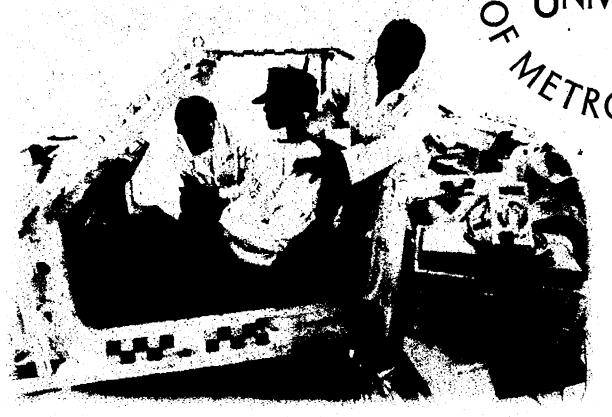
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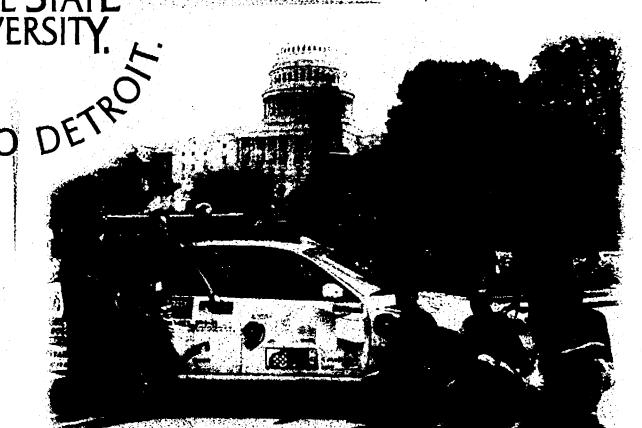
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Bridges nominated for place on national preservation list

By Ken Abramczyk kabramczyk@ce.homecomm.net

Two bridges in western Wayne County were nominated Feb. 5 with 124 other sites in Michigan by the State Historic Preservation Review Board to be placed on a national list of properties to encourage their preservation.

The Hines Drive bridge over Ann Arbor Road in Livonia, the Lilley Road bridge over the lower branch of the Rouge River in Canton and 14 other bridges in Wayne County will be considered by the National Register of Historic Places to be placed on an official list of properties considered worthy of preservation because of their importance in American history and culture.

The register is part of the National Parks Service under the U.S. Department of Interior. It is expected to respond in about 45 days, or about mid-April, to the nomination, said Robert Christensen, national register coordinator of the State Historical Preservation Office.

Normally, those nominations are approved by the register, Christensen said. "It's hard to envision that they would not."

Federal "enhancement" dollars are available for historic preservation projects.

State historic preservation

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, commonly used over freeways and in Wayne County.

The Lilley Road bridge over the Rouge River's lower branch in Canton was cited 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 evaluation include the structure or site's quality of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering and culture. Structures reflect integrity of location, design setting, materials and workmanship.

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

MDOT hired two consulting firms to survey Michigan bridges for possible participation in the National Historic Places program. That recognition is limited to structures that are 50 years old.

Expansion at Metro

Competition expected to benefit customers

By Ken Abrahczyk STAFF WRITER kabramenyk Oos.homecomm.net

Officials at Detroit Metro Airport hope six new gates will increase the presence of two airlines there and eventually result in more airline competition and lower fares for travelers.

Wayne County, Southwest Airlines and Spirit Airlines have reached an agreement to expand the concourse A area near the Smith Terminal, county and airline officials announced Monday at a press conference.

Construction will begin next month on the \$11 million project. Since that area is occupied by those two gates, the airport will actually experience a net gain of four gates when they open in August. Once completed. Detroit Metro will house 103 aircraft gates and allow Spirit, currently operating on three different concourses at borrowed gates, to consolidate its operations.

Southwest will operate four of the six new gates, Spirit will operate two.

County Executive Edward McNamara said many people believe Northwest dominates Metro because it flies 70 percent of the passengers, but actually every major U.S. carrier provides service there.

Northwest

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David Katz, airport director,

said the expansion plan did not

evolve from the customer com-

plaints and dissatisfaction due to

Northwest Airlines' long flight

delays during the snowstorm in

early January. Northwest uses

for the past eight months," Katz

said. "We believe in offering

choices to the public." Katz said

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Katz compared the expansion to adding a "Flint Bishop Airport" in concourse A, as the two airlines now could conceivably add 40 new flights a day.

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Carrier expand

ment for this story.

Southwest Airlines will act as the construction manager. Spirit will make payments to Southwest for its share of construction costs. Wayne County will reimburse the airlines with revenue from passenger facility charges. Eventually, Wayne County will own the gates, and the airlines will lease the gates from Wayne

Bob Montgomery, director of properties for Southwest Airlines, said that airline was "not prepared" to add flights. "The project will give us flexibility." Montgomery said.

"Since most of our flights are 'O and D' (origination and destination), I don't see us making a connecting flight at Metro," Montgomery said. "I think you will see us trying something with the timing of flights." Studies show the number of passengers varies depending on the time of the flight, which will give Southwest something to work with, Montgomery said.

Ned Homfeld, president and founder of Spirit Airlines, said the company plans to add more routes in 1999. "We've been utilizing gates by other concourses. That limits our ability to expand.

"If other carriers get out late, it hurts our reliability."

The expansion should be seen as "not only a victory for Detroit. but a victory for the flying public," Homfeld said.

Spirit has not owned a permanent gate since it inaugurated service from Metro in 1992, instead leasing it from other carriers. Spirit currently flies to 13 cities from Metro, including Atlantic City, Boston, Cleveland, Newark and New York City and several Florida cities.

Southwest flies to Chicago. Nashville and St. Louis, and has additional direct or connecting service to 37 cities.

Barton Malow of Detroit will be the builder, while Giffels, Hoyem and Basso of Troy will be the architectural firm for the

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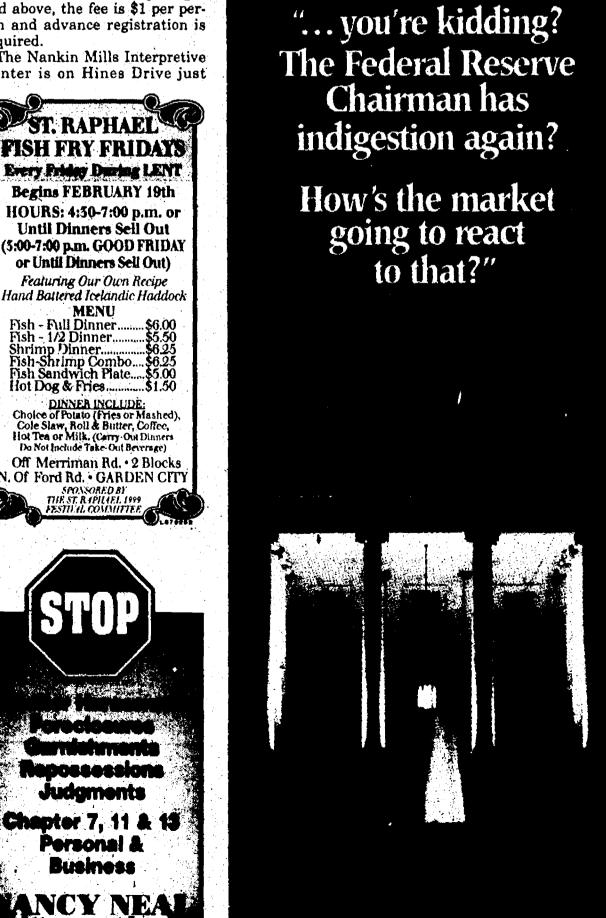
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Fun loving, DWF, 44, blonde/blue, curvy size 14, enjoys movies, dining, dencing, music. Seeking DWM, 40-55, finencially stable, with similar interest. Friendship first,

Well-packaged emotionally, spiritually and intellectually, pette DPF, charternatic, adventurous, passionate about life. likes the sublime to outrageous. Seeking a SM, for a monoga-

FOR MR. RIGHT DBCF. 44, looks 28, green eyes, enjoys walking, reading, going to plays, dancing and basketball. Seeking financially secure S/DBM, under 50, 6+. Must have God first. Children

DOCTOR WANTED Very pretty SWF, mental heath care technician, youthful 48, 5'6", slightly overweight, blonde/ blue, seeks attractive SW medical doctor, 40-60, for compan-

ionship. Troy area. \$2720 BEST FRIENDS Attractive, easygoing, humorous DWF, 52, 55, medium build, auburn/green, enjoys nature, walks, movies, dinner, travel, cooking. Seeking hon-est, caring, kind SWM, 50-60, who is over the past, ready for possible LTR. #2415

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Rubanesque SWF, a young 50, 85°, auburn/green, N/S, N/D, teaks SWM, 40-60, N/S, for campanionship, LTR, No. BLUE-EYED BLONDE:

Young, attractive WF. 50, 577 medium build, seeks down to earth, romantic, commitment-minded WM, 45-60, for LTR. 022444

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DELIGHTFUL AND DOWN-TO-EARTH brown/brown, smoker, social drinker, mother of three, enjoys camping, fireplaces, dancing and dining. Seeking a Catholic SWM, 38-46, with a love for family lifestyle and partnership. All calls answered. \$2448

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MCURABLE Energetic, perky, kind-hearted DWCF, 43, 5'2", 125lbs, brown/brown, financially/emo tionally secure, enjoys walk-ing, tennis, cooking, dioling out, movies, seeks SWPM, late 30s to 40s, for best friend

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tionship. 271297 THE NEW YEAR
Attractive, financially/emotionally secure DWF, young 50, 5'4', brown/blue, N/S, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel and romance. Seeking nandspore, sincere, caring finances. some, sincere, caring, financially secure, compassionate SWM, 45-55, for friendship, leading to LTR. \$2083

COWBOY WANTED secure cowboy, over 50, over .5'9", weight unimportant, smoker, social drinker. Must

be a two-stepper. \$12053 SEEKING SENSE OF HUMOR DWF, 43, medium build, N/S, seeks a S/DWM, 43-50, N/S. employed, who likes children, ouldoors, sports, for a possi-ble LTR. 121998

ATTRACTIVE DBF, 39, 5'8", enjoys dancing jazz, affection. Seeking SBM 40+, 6'+, who wants more than just the physical, for LTR. Serious replies only please!

BEAR WANTED 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. 222821

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dinner and travel. Seeking hon-est, dependable BCML 40-49, for inerstants, 192822 OUTGOING FEMALE Sensitive, social, sincere, humorous, loving, positive, upbeat SWF, 46, medium man. Call soon, 222139

N/S, enjoys movies, concerts



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GEMINIS ONLY Aquanus DWM, 37 (looks 27), 5'10', 165lbs, hazel eyes, seeks beautiful Gemini lady for dating, possible monoga-mous relationship with right person. #2686 CARING+SINCERE SWPM, 36, average build, N/S, enjoys dining-out, movies, outdoors, seeks petite

SWF, 30-40, N/S, for serious LTR. 12 2631 VERY ATTRACTIVE SWM. 28, 5'11", 175lbs. brown/blue, very outgoing, prolessionally employed, seeks attractive SWF, 18-35, HW proportionate. Must be outgoing and enjoy sports. 22 1904

HAPPY NEW YEAR 190lbs, brown/blue, professionally employed, enjoys dining out, movies, seeks an attractive SWF, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. Garden City. 121534 HAPPY-GO-LUCKY

Sensitive, honest, 35 year-old SWM, who's athletic and outgoing, tikes all outdoor and indoor activities. Seeking S/DWF, who is also sensitive and honest, with similar qualities for LTR. No baggage. 222441 GREAT HUGGER/KISSER Spintual, Iall, dark, handsome DWM, 50, looks younger, 5'11', 185lbs, hair, mustache,

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BEST FRIEND
DWPM, 37, 5'10', 170'bs,
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tive, emotionally secure, open 25+, 5'5"+, for LTR. 12453 ASSERTIVE SWPM, 39, enjoys dining, dancing, movies, theater, seeks leminine, passionate SWF, 25-45, for fun and adventure #2823 LOOKING FOR FUN

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Rie. 2718 ROMANTIC **OUTDOORSMAN** Adventurous, humorous, spon-taneous DWM, 41, enjoys dining out, theater, and evenings on the town. Seeking WF, 30-45, for possible LTR. 2717

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RELATE THAT IT'S A DATE Slim, sensual, spintual, successful SJM, 46, 59, 162lbs, seeks relationship-oriented SF. 30-45, who enjoys Borders Royal Oak, art films, dance clubs, delis to Middle Eastern cuisine, Jazz, classical, contemporary music.

NO CLEVER AD Outgoing DWM, mid-50s, seeks kind-hearted lady, for LTR. Will answer all, #2628 TREASURE UNCLAIMEDIII

Caring, playful, exceptional, practicat, tall, handsome SWPM, 40-ish, dark blond/ large blue, seeks attractive. slim SWF, under 46, N/S, with similar qualities, who's seriously interested in a relationship. See you soon. #79554 NEW TO THIS Active, self-employed, athletic, funny SWM, 34, seeks rela-

tionship with outgoing, attractive SWF, 27-33, for LTR **2540** MEDIUM-BUILT WOMAN Sincere, caring DWM, 40, 5'9", 175fbs. Seeking medium-buit. oyal, sincere, understanding S/DWF, 35+, N/D, sense of humor, who likes to take nice walks at night, sunsets, the outdoors, movies, cooking. 221993 FIRST TIME AD Degreed, fit, caring, sensitive, sincere, handy SWPM, 43,

5'11", 180lbs, likes the outdoors, dancing, sports, seeks degreed, slender SWPF, 38with similar interests/qualities. #2354 ROY ROGERS BEEKS DALE EVANS Horseman seeks horse-woman SWM, 42, 6', 230/bs, beard, vegetarian, N/S, loves horses, animals, canpeing. nature, poetry. Looking for fun,

earth. 172265 SINCERE Tall, honest, humorous, financially stable DWM, 54, 6'4", N/S, slim, in good physical condition. Would like to imeet a slender lady, 42-50, for companionship possible LTR. 179541

romance, adventure. I'm open, humorous, sincere, down-to-

AFFECTIONATE GENTLEMAN

Kind, caring, loving, easygoing SWM, 31, 5'8", medium build,

dark brown/blue, N/S, social drinker, whose interests include: bowling, boating, cooking, camping, snowmobil-ing; seeks female, 18-35. Kids MAN FOR ALL SEASONS Open-minded, warm-hearted,

full-time father of gorgeous lit-tile girl, seeks warm-hearted female, 30ish, with a smile to fill our day, to share lakes, travel, snowmobiling, and workouts. Novi. \$\pi 2360\$ PEACEFUL

WARRIOR Handsome spiritually evolved, intelligent, creative, adventurous, sensual SWM, passionate about tife, energized by love kindness awareness Seeking woman of substance, beautiful inside and out, for romantic relationship. 122596 DAD SEEKS MOM

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attractive, attentive, self-employed SWM, 25, 5'8", 155/bs, medium build, brown/blue, seeks playful, warm, attractive, petite SWF, 23-30, with career goals, for LTR. 22507 IN YOUR EYES.

find someone special. DWM, brown/brown, nice guy, enjoys bike riding, ice skating, humor music, movies, art. Seeking fit SWF to share experiences. **22**2508 PLAY WITH ME Fun to play with, you might become attached, lovable,

affectionate DWM, 47, 5'11". You can take me for walks or show to your irrends. College degree, papers available upon request #1107 SWM, 29, 6', N/S, Drug-free brown/green, medium build enjoys bowling, horseback rid-Ing. Seeking SF, 20-35, N/S, for LTR, must like children.

WHERE ARE YOU? Bright, easygoing, good-looking, well-established SWM, 44, 59°, 150fbs, with many interests including music, doors, dancing, seeks intelligent, good-hearted, relatively

stim and attractive SWF

Children ok. #2450

MOVIE BUFF SWPM, 39, 5'11", N/S, with no children, enjoys the arts, ten nis, travel, walking and bookstores. Seeking SWF, 32-45. with similar Interests: #1592 FASHIONED .. down-to-earth, secure, wid-owed BCM, 47, 6'4', 220bs,

Seeking an attractive, young temale, 36-49, for possible LTR Must have God first, 172442 HANDSOME & OUTGOING Outgoing, charming, funny very attractive SPM, 24, 5'10" 160lbs, seeks fun-loving

walking, martial arts, cooking.

in Canton area. FOR THE ONE Good-looking, honest, intelli-gent SWCM, 44, 510°; 1658bs. blond/blue, N/S, never married, with good sense of humor. Appreciates: class/ style, walks, fire sides, music, and small towns. For LTR. No games, \$2357

OOD, NATURE AND MY HARLEY Care to join me? Attractive, fit. secure DWM, 44, seeks attrac tive, fit S/DF, 35-50, for friendship first and hopefully more. Belief in God a must, \$2353

IT'S IN HIS KISS Nice-looking, intelligent, pas-

very financially sionate. secure DWM, 40+, 5'9" 165lbs, seeks smart, sensuous woman, who enjoys spirited conversation, casinos, ocean sunrises. Smoker ok.

CAUTION: DON'T MISS OUT! WM, 51, secure, honest, 6'. gray/blue, fit, seeks an honest

female, 38-50, for a LTR. **11163** TO MY DAD Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWPM, 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 SEEKING SOULMATE SM, 63, seeks kindred soul with SF person attached. Me: Spanish-speaking, intelligent, cultured, sensitive, imperiect, attractive, healthy, sensual, agnostic, loves music, the

arts, hiking, dancing, poetry and romance, 2264 RED OR WHITE? Dashing auto executive, 45, wants to send countless roses and lousy composes to a cute. trim, happy lady with no dependents, and lots of vases.

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FIRST TIME AD SM. 42. 5'11", 245tbs+, blond/blue, moustache, seeks a woman, 28-42, 100-160/bs. who looks good in jeans or a dress and is honest. Meet me halfwayl 22359 COMPANION NEEDED Kind-hearted DWPM, 42, 5'9"

145fbs, dad, likes hockey, running, race cars, music, family, yard sales, looking for active lady who need tender, loving care. #2355 SJM TEACHER, 43 Caring, fun, intelligent guy, searching for a long-term relabonship, with a bright warm. attractive woman. I enjoy music,

and lestivals. #2350 FIRST TIME AD SM, 45, 6'3.5", wishes to meet lady for friendship, late night dinners, quiet evenings, long walks, movies, special moments, and relationship.

dancing, reading, friends, walks,



A CHANCE French, widowed temsle. teaches at home 3 days a week, seeks kind, widowed or DWM, with good moral char-

acter, who likes to dine out, go

dancing, for friendship, possi-

ble relationship. #2000 LONELY SENIOR DWM, 68, seeks Widowed or divorced WF for companionship. Enjoy dining out, movies, concerts. Prefer Oakland County. 122542

ENJOYS LIFE SWF, 64, 5'2", blonde, semiretired, loves to dance, travel, movies, dining, theater, cards Seeking SWM, 60-70. Must dance, have variety of interests, sense of humor, be N/S **\$2505**

LOOKING... SF, 67, 5'4", 115lbs, social drinker, would like to meet SM for dining out, movies, some gembling, and quiet times at home. #2358

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Madonna to offer new MBA program starting fall term

A master of business administration (MBA) degree, which awards certificates in functional, customer-driven areas, will be offered by Madonna University beginning the fall 1999 term.

The new degree was approved at a recent meeting of the University's board of trustees.

"This new MBA degree will enable students to develop a philosophy and vision within the context of a global economy, so they may take leadership roles in their organizations," said

CAPITOL

Health actions

The state Department of Consumer & Industry Services' disciplinary office reported these actions affecting professional licenses for the first half of Jan-

CAPSULES

Nemer E. Hanna, 51, M.D., of Bloomfield Hills - license summarily suspended due to inability to practice.

Michael D. Ward, 48, M.D., of Novi - license summarily suspended due to inability to prac-

Marlene Chester, 47, R.N., of Rochester Hills - license summarily suspended due to technical violation of the Public Health Code.

Rosalind C. Johnson, 46, R.N., C.R.N.A., of Farmington Hills -CRNA certification suspended for 30 days and fine of \$500 for failure to meet continuing education requirements.

Joanne M. Nichols, 38, R.N., of Orion - license suspended for six months due "negligence/incompetence."

Jacqueline E. Roggin, 57, R.Ph., West Bloomfield - reprimand for violation of general duty.

Michael S. Kahan, 33, D.V.M., of Farmington Hills - reprimand and fine of \$500 for technical violation of the Public Health Code.

Arab advice

Gov. Engler has appointed 25 persons to a new "Arab-American Advisory Board" which will "enhance the relationship between the Arab-American community and the Executive Office."

Area appointees include: Abe Munfakh, Plymouth, president of an architecture firm.

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Overcome your fears of computers in a relaxed, nonthreatening environment while slowly getting to know what computers are about. The four-week class, which uses Windows 95 applications, meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 3. The fee is \$108.

■ Floral Design I - This eightweek class will prepare you to make beautiful floral arrangements with spring and summer blooms. It is designed for the beginner who wants to learn the mechanics of wiring, flower arranging, design, corsages. dish gardens and specialty arrangements. The eight-week class meets 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, with a repeated session at 6:30 p.m. The fee is \$128.

■ Exploring the Art of Cooking II - Learn techniques to prepare more advanced soups. appetizers, entrees and international cuisine.

Beginners and experienced cooks welcome, but should possess a basic knowledge of cooking. Certified Master Chef Jeff Gabriel will share his recipes. The three-week class meets at 6 p.m. and begins Thursday, March 4. Fee is \$132.

■ For information on these or other CES classes, call 734-462-4448. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road. between Six Mile and Seven Mile, just west of I-275.

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John Sennett, chairman of Sennett Steel Corp. in Madison Heights, who serves as Madonna's board chairman.

"The program combines sound business theory with practical skills, giving students a broad understanding of business and how it relates to the social, political and economic forces facing today's managers," stated Tarik Daoud, president of Al Long Ford in Warren, and Madonna trustee.

recently earned a bachelor's degree, the 40-semester hour program covers all the functional areas of business.

Classes will be offered in the evenings and on weekends, with some courses delivered on-line. Included in the MBA program are certificates of completion in general business, nonprofit administration and two in quality management.

"While the MBA is a general Designed for both working pro- business administration pro-

fessionals and those who have gram, we have incorporated the certificates of completion to allow students the opportunity to specialize in an area pertinent to their careers," explained Dr. Stuart Arends, dean of Madonna's School of Business.

Unique in its connection to an MBA degree is the nonprofit leadership certificate.

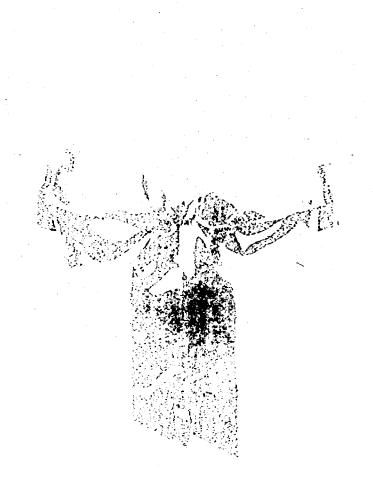
nonprofit courses focus on areas such as developing and deploying volunteers, establishing partnerships with board members, as well as managing, funding and evaluating pro-

One of the two quality certificates awarded in the MBA program is offered jointly with the Association for Quality and Participation (AQP). Along with the MBA degree, students will earn an AQP certificate. The foundations and implementation of the quality improvement process is covered in second quality certifi-

The general business certificate allows students to develop a

specialization by taking courses in a specific business area such as international business, human resource administration, accounting and finance, and marketing.

For information about the master of business administration program, contact the School of Business at (734) 432-5356. For an application, contact the Office of Graduate Studies at (734) 432-5667 or e-mail muinfosmtp. munet. edu



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Accomplishments

Young folks make difference

Touth is wasted on the young - some older, maybe jealous types, like to say. But some young people in Westland have not only been enjoying their youth but making valuable contributions at the same time.

Some of the achievements are of a worldclass variety. Others are acts of honesty or charity and others helped to preserve the safety of others. Here are some recent examples:

On Friday night, Westland ice skating duo Steve and Danielle Hartsell skated to their biggest triumph yet by winning the senior pairs title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships held last week in Utah.

Now headed for the World Championships in Helsinki, Finland, next month, the Hartsells have steadily improved over their years of training.

And they've accomplished their skating feats while still in school. Steve is an Oakland University student, while Danielle is a Westland John Glenn senior.

Meanwhile, closer to home many young people have made contributions to Westland.

One young man, T.J. Gosselin, 9, found \$50 outside Westland City Hall in December. He

turned it in at city hall.

After no one claimed the money, Gosselin was rewarded for his honesty - he got the \$50 plus another \$50 donated by city officials.

Meanwhile, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School in Westland, the students worked together to not only reach their fundraising goal of \$1,000, but to double it to \$2,000 in an effort to help out with a planned church and school expansion.

And back in January, during the height of the challenging winter weather of the first two weeks of the year, two young boys voluntarily adopted a fire hydrant to keep it clear of snow and ice.

Seven-year-olds Dillon Bell and Shane Bright of Westland used shovels and gloved hands to keep snow cleared from a hydrant in their neighborhood. They did it, they said, in case someone in the neighborhood had a fire.

These are only a few examples of the accomplishments of young people in Westland. There are many more.

While many people hold a negative view of young people today, they need only take a closer look to find some outstanding young citizens right in their local community.

Rethink county pay raises

It's time to take another look at how Wayne County elected officials are given pay raises.

Currently, Wayne County elected officials receive pay increases based on the governor's salary and actions by state lawmakers on recommendations that come from the State Officers Compensation Commission. It's a convenient way to sidestep the accountability that ought to rest at the county level.

According to the county charter, the county executive receives 97 percent of the governor's salary. The prosecutor, sheriff, clerk, register of deeds and county commissioners, in turn, receive percentages based on the county exec-

Those salaries are adjusted on Jan. 1 of each year that the governor is granted a salary adjustment, unless it is rejected by a two-thirds vote of the commission.

County Executive Edward McNamara will earn \$134,594 this year and \$146,707 in 2000, up from his 1998 salary of \$123,481. County Prosecutor John O'Hair's salary will receive the same percentage increases to \$132,036 in 2000, as the prosecutor's salary is 90 percent of the county executive. Wayne County Clerk Teola Hunter, Register of Deeds Forest Youngblood, Sheriff Robert Ficano and Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz will receive 75 percent of McNamara's salary, bringing those salaries to \$110,030 in 2000.

These salaries are slightly higher but overall comparable to what elected officials in Oakland County receive.

Wayne County commissioners will be paid \$53,838 this year, and \$58,682 in 2000. Last year, they were paid a \$49,392 salary, adjusted to 40 percent of the county executive's

salary. The board chairman receives an additional \$12,000 more per year as the chairman, while two others are paid \$6,000 more annually in their leadership positions.

Six commission committee chairs receive an additional \$4,000 a year.

We do not object to pay increases for county officials, but they should be tied to the rate of inflation and not what happens to salaries at the state level.

■ One local commissioner summed up her support of the pay increases by noting that the percentages were recommended by the state. How convenient. But don't expect the county board to listen if the state recommends how Wayne County should spend money in other areas.

One newly elected commissioner called the increases outrageous and this time we agree.

Elected officials will receive 18 percent over two years after the Wayne County Commission failed to reject the increases.

The motion to reject the raises failed by one vote on Feb. 4.

The motion was supported, 9-6. But it failed because the county charter requires a twothirds vote or 10 commissioners to deny the

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Commissioners who supported the motion to reject the raises were Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, and John Sullivan, D-Wayne, who also represents Canton, along with Edna Bell, D-Detroit, Edward Boike, D-Taylor, Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn, Joe Palamara, D-Wyandotte, Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, and Jewel Ware, D-Detroit.

Commissioners who opposed the motion and supported the raises - were Chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, Robert Blackwell, D-Detroit, Chris Cavanagh, D-Detroit, George Cushingberry, D-Detroit, and Ilona Varga, D-Detroit.

Two years ago, a few commissioners sought to tie the commission's raise to the rate of inflation. The idea didn't get off the ground. It's time to try again.

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ARKIE HUDKINS

LETTERS

Road to nowhere

tifty years ago, I purchased a new home in Nankin Township, with hopes that the area would develop into a nice area to live.

After living in the township for 10 years, I had decided to move, because the area was going nowhere.

After moving back to this area, I'm starting to see a go nowhere situation again, with the recent decision not to put up a new city hall and recreation center.

People of Westland: Your city will be what you the people put into it.

Let's face facts - this city needs a new city hall no matter how you cut it. As for the recreation center, you will also

need this for future use.

It was said that the library was a bad idea, but believe me it's being used by a lot of people which I see go in and out every day.

I suggest that some people take a ride around other cities and see how they are improving.

Are we going to be called a going nowhere

N.A. Wayne Westland

Made in USA

Recently, while browsing at a local junk shop, someone handed me an object and asked if I thought it was an antique. I examined it carefully and responded: "Yes, definite ly an antique."

How did I know? Because it was engraved as follows: "Made in USA." A phrase seldom seen these days.

I have concluded that the presence of "Made in USA" on an object means that it was made prior to 1970. The appearance of "Made in Japan" indicates manufacture between 1970 and 1990. And, "Made in China" means it was produced after 1990.

Are there political and economic consequences to these junk shop rules of thumb for dating objects? Wall Street doesn't think so.

But, I think there is. You can feel it at ground level in the economy - in the junk shops.

Walter Warren Westland

Coverage earns merit badge

would like to commend the Observer on your Jan. 24 coverage of the events at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. There are many great programs available due to the passing of the parks millage. It is truly wonderful to have available these park programs. They will enrich our children with the wonders of

nature within our own community.

My Junior Girl Scout troop has earned two badges through workshops at Nankin Mills, and we are on the calendar for two more in the very near future. Due to these workshops and the Observer coverage, our troop is not only able to earn badges that are difficult to complete in a short period of time, but their families and friends now have knowledge of interesting trails to hike near home. Many of our girls have gotten on the mailing list and participate in other activities at the center on their own. Thank you for your continued cov-

> Roxanne Hundsrucker Livonia

What about the perpetrators?

Tim Richard's article, "Counselors and parents should warn collegians of dangers," managed to ruffle a few feminist feathers, especially his question, "Didn't anyone ever tell A.C. that it's dangerous, even foolish, to drink when you are underage and away from home with guys who were previously strangers?" Of course, parents warn their children to be careful! Most girls and women live in fear. They are told over and over again that they must lock their doors, not go out at night alone, not trust strangers, and so on. But all this fear that we pump into our young women and all the precautions they take will not end the violence that is done to them. Not until we stop blaming the victim and start putting the blame where it belongs – on the perpetrators of the crimes. They are the ones who need serious counseling. The question Mr. Richard should ask is, "Didn't anyone ever tell our young men that it's wrong to drug young women and rape them?"

Tracey Martin, president Western Wayne County Chapter **National Organization for Women**

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What do you consider the worst intersection Westland?

We asked this question at the Westland public library.



"I try to avoid Wayne and Ford Road. That has to be about the worst one."

Cheryl Samecky



*Ford and Wayne, It takes forever to get through it."

Wayne Taylor



"Ford and Wayne because of the volume (of traffic), and people are always blow-

ing the light."

Ann Taylor



"Venoy and Palmer, I've seen a lot of bad accidents there."

Robert Battista

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

School administration shares Sassafras blame

Mestland school board: With respect to Sassafras Trails, I believe some severe censuring should be placed on the Wayne-Westland schools Superintendent Gregory Baracy and former Assistant Superintendent Patricia Brand. Their names appear on the sale agreements for Wilson School and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources easement.

On Feb. 10, a public hearing was held by a Wayne County Drain commissioner to abandon and vacate the Perrin Drain flowing in Sassafras Trails.

The hearing upheld their letter of Oct. 28, 1998, which disavowed their earlier letter of Feb. 19, 1998, declaring the Perrin Drain to be a natural water course. (A natural water course cannot be destroyed per the drain code.) No public hearing was ever held in a timely manner despite my

many letters of request. The drain was legally vacated six months after the fact.

The entire Sassafras fiasco would never have occurred if the school administration had dealt with the community in good faith and had not duped the elected school board and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Consider the following:

A Sept. 2, 1994, letter regarding

DNR parcel review statement describing Sassafras Trails to include a creek

along with other criteria which

allowed their purchase for \$520,000.

A Feb. 19, 1998, Wayne County drain letter declaring Perrin Drain to be a natural water course.

■ An Oct. 28, 1998, Wayne County drain letter disavowing letter of Feb. 19, 1998, as a "mistake."

A copy of a plat map circa 1925, shows listed lot numbers throughout Sassafras Trails including the area QUEST COLUMNIST



CHARLES W. JOHNSON

within the Wilson School area.

A copy of the Westland 1998 tax assessment roll indicates lot numbers within the Wilson School area were never legally separated from Maplewood Subdivision. (Therefore, no legal requirement existed to sell, as a unit the six rows of lots within the demarcated Wilson School area.)

■ A copy of an Aug. 18, 1997, school board resolution to sell certain

surplus real property known as Wilson School has no mention of acres nor lot numbers. The school board was denied knowledge that actual land being sold included a valuable portion of Sassafras Trails.

A copy of the March 23, 1998, warranty deed conveyed to Wildwood Association displays lot numbers from a plat map which were denied to the school board. It includes lot numbers 567 through 631 in the forest which should have been included with the DNR purchase. The school board never had the legal definition of property being sold.

A copy of the Sept. 22, 1997, easement lists lot numbers of property being offered to the DNR for development rights purchase, but the listed lot numbers do not include the southernmost two rows of lots 567 through 631 which included large trees and the drain which DNR anticipated they were buying. The DNR does not

make surveys of property they purchase according to Dave Yankee, of the DNR Department of Purchases. They had no way to know they were not receiving all of the property of Sassafras Trails. It is clear to me that someone in the school administration also knew that the DNR does not make their own surveys.

It is very clear that the glitches in the DNR contract, which delayed acceptance of the \$520,000 check from the DNR, were merely contrived to allow the switch in closing the sale of Wilson School before the DNR had any ownership in Sassafras. The community's four-year struggle to find money to preserve the 10,000-year-old forest of Sassafras was lost, not only in a bait-and-switch deal, but also by willfully deceiving our elected school board and the state of Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Charles W. Johnson is a resident of Wayne.

Governor's improving on land preservation concerns

any environmentalists gasped with delight last month when Gov. John Engler, in his State of the State speech, actually used the words "urban sprawl." In his first eight years, he didn't seem to know the meaning of the term that summarizes how we're eating up open space far faster than our population is growing.

Could it be true? Did a thunderbolt come from Heaven, as it did to St.
Paul on the road to Damascus, and convert Engler? Did he suddenly become a believer in preserving our woods and fields and wetlands?

Not quite. Here is the complete quote, with emphasis added: "As we work together to implement Clean Michigan, save farmland and reduce urban sprawl ..."

The operative words are "save farmland." Farmers are in agribusiness. Their voices are louder, believe me, than environmentalists'.

The Detroit papers missed the Feb. 11 exchange between Engler's budget director, Mary Lannoye, and Sen. George McManus, R-Traverse City. You don't see McManus' name much in these papers because he focuses with laser precision on agribusiness issues the way Detroit legislators focus solely on "urban" issues.

McManus first complimented Lannoye on putting some money in the budget for the bovine tuberculosis problem in northeast lower Michigan. Then he moved to what was really bugging him:

"The agricultural economy is the lowest it has been since 1929. I hear complaints from farmers that they're selling land to pay their mortgages. I hope agriculture is higher on your priority list next year."

Lannoye nodded: Message received. The same day, Senate Majority



TIM RICHARD

Leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, announced formation of a Senate task force on agriculture preservation to "examine the status and future of Michigan's second largest industry." Heading it will be McManus, of course, and a member will be Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga.

There follows a set of "fact sheets" noting the aging of the farm population. In the middle is a significant

environmental fact: "Michigan is losing approximately 118 acres of farmland per day."

That number means little to us suburban computer hackers, so let's explore it. In 5.4 days, Michigan loses a square mile of land. That we can understand. In a year, we lose 67 square miles of land. That's almost two entire townships.

In a decade, we lose 670 square miles, or 18 townships, or more than an average-sized county. That's really a lot of farmland. And it doesn't count woodlands, wetlands and prairies.

Meanwhile, Ladbroke DRC, the state's premier thoroughbred horse track, has shut down as gamblers get sucked in by casinos. That puts a dent in horse raising and the feed business.

DeGrow and McManus go on:
"Michigan's apple industry was
recently hit hard by competition from
cheap imports from China."

Now, any nutritionist, home ec teacher or your mother can tell you that locally grown food tastes better and is better for you than food from thousands of miles away.

So the Michigan Senate and the Engler administration are getting the message: Development isn't all good

Engler has wised up to the need to curb development in order to protect agribusiness. In his catechism, it's known as "imperfect contrition"—doing the right thing because you fear damnation and loss of campaign contributors. "Perfect contrition" would mean doing the right thing because the Creator says so and it benefits your neighbor (Luke 10: 29-37).

Engler isn't fully there on the environmental issue, but he's improving.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

Spending on prisons defies the logic of crime statistics

f you want to know what a politician's real priorities are, forget the window dressing contained in the State of the (you fill in the blank) Speech. Instead, look to the budget when it's finally submitted.

Gov. John Engler provides an instructive

In his widely praised State of the State speech at the end of January, the governor made education his top priority, arguing that Michigan had to be a "smart state" to succeed in the economic competition of the future and proposing all manner of innovations in education.

His budget, unveiled last week, had a distinctly different emphasis. In it, Engler recommended giving state prisons a budget hike nearly four times bigger than the one for public universities.

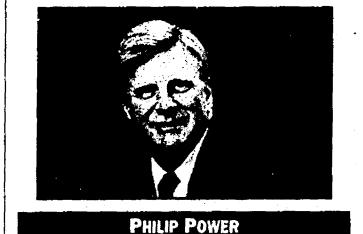
Engler called on the Legislature to increase appropriations to the Department of Corrections by \$110 million, more than 8 percent, much of the money going to open 4,712 new prison beds. Fifteen public universities would be guaranteed increases of \$24 million – a 1.5 percent increase - while another seven schools would divvy up an extra \$14 million from a new funding formula.

If adopted, Engler's proposed budget would put total state spending on prisons at nearly \$1.57 billion, nearly equal to the \$1.63 billion he wants to spend on higher education. If past priorities are any guide to the future, the Engler budget for 2000 will be the first in Michigan history to spend more money to warehouse criminals than to educate young people.

I don't get it. Or, more accurately, I didn't get it until I read a series of articles recently published in the Atlantic Monthly magazine written by Eric Schlosser.

Taking his text from the famous warning about the "military-industrial complex" in President Eisenhower's 1961 farewell address, Schlosser suggests the real reason behind the enormous increase in prison spending nationwide is the workings of the "prison-industrial complex – a set of bureaucratic, political and economic interests that encourage increased spending on imprisonment, regardless of the actual need." Not a conspiracy, the prison-industrial complex is "a confluence of special interests that has given prison construction in the United States a seemingly unstoppable momentum."

Schlosser cites these components:



■ Politicians, both liberal and conservative, who regularly pander to a public fearful of crime by voting for new prisons. If you can get them to stand still for a moment, ask your state representative and senator under what circumstances they would vote against prison construction and staffing and for more money for colleges and universities. Don't hold your breath.

■ Poor rural areas, where prisons have become the main engine of economic growth. There are legislators from northern Michigan and the UP who never met a prison they – and their unemployed constituents – didn't like.

Private companies riding the current fad for privatization, that regard the \$1.57 billion spent in Michigan on prisons not as a burden on our taxes but as a lucrative market.

■ State government bureaucrats, in charge of ever-increasing pots of money and power. The data are clear. Nationwide since 1991,

the rate of violent crime in America has fallen by about 20 percent, while the number of people in prison has risen by 50 percent. The logic is unstoppable. If crime is going up.

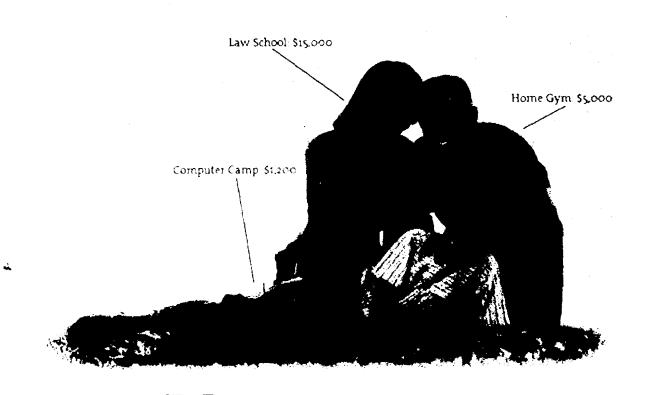
we need to build more prisons. But if crime is going down, it's because we have built more prisons. And, most certainly, building yet more prisons will drive the crime rate down even more.

When the Logislature finally passes the

When the Legislature finally passes the Engler budget, you'll see that growth in state spending on prisons easily will surpass spending on colleges and universities. You may not like it, but at least you'll understand why.

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

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VIRGINIA BAILEY PARKER

America's favorite game with a twist

emember the movie, "A League of Their Own"? It featured the Rockford Peaches, a team in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL), which operated from 1943-54. Philip Wrigley, the chewing gum magnate and owner of the Chicago Cubs, formed the Midwestern league to temporarily fill the gap in men's' baseball during World War II.

When a part of history like this is taken to the silver screen, events become larger than life; it seems the stories belong to people far removed from us.

Not so. Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting Betty Yahr. She played in the league in 1946. I found out about her while standing in the kitchen of fellow Historic District Commissioner Terry Bennett. Something nestled among family snapshots on her refrigerator caught my attention. "What's this?" I asked.

"Oh, that's my Aunt Betty's baseball card from when she played for the Rockford Peaches." Bennett replied nonchalantly.

The next thing I knew, Bennett placed a phone call, and I had an interview arranged.

Yahr got into baseball as a kid, growing up in Ann Arbor. There wasn't a school sports program for girls then, so she played sandlot baseball with the boys.

Later, she played in a recreation league (her mother lied about Yahr's age to get her on the team at age 12) and then on major, state-champ, amateur softball teams. It was while playing for a Flint team that her talent was noticed and a tryout was arranged for the AAGPBL.

Accuracy and movies

I was interested in finding out what movieland had portrayed accurately, like sliding into home plate in skirts.

"There was some padding in the shorts underneath, but not much, believe me," Yahr said. "We got a lot of leg burns."

Did the players mind having to forgo standard baseball pants?

"No," she said. "You just wanted to play ball; you didn't care what you were wearing."

The women's league began with a fast version of softball that, over the years, developed into a hybrid of softand hardball. They started with a standard softball and gradually converted to a hardball slightly bigger than the official men's size. The diamonds were somewhat smaller, and, in time, they added sidearm and overhand pitches to underhand.

Their mitts were much smaller, "not like the big leagues today," Yahr said, adding, "If they can't catch them in those, they're not ballplayers, in my opinion!"

Like any major leaguer, Yahr played double-headers and night games. She also threw right but batted left. "You're closer to first base, and you can beat out a bunt."

At 75, the mischievous glint of a competitor still flashes in her eye. And yes, they really did attend etiquette classes. They were taught how to walk, they couldn't wear slacks, and makeup lessons were part of the

Helena Rubenstein came in person

They were also told to wipe off their silverware, "which I still do today, It's a good lesson, in case you want to

look well someday," Yahr said. The teams traveled with chaperones. "We had to be ladies at all times, even when you were going back from the ballpark to where you stayed."

Breaking the rules

Even though mangers kept tabs on the players, girls sometimes broke the rules. Yahr recalled how teammates occasionally slipped away to a country bar outside Rockford. Those who were caught got the ultimatum: Abide by

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STAFF PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI

evelopmentally disabled, frail and suffering from cerebral palsy, Larry Chontos appeared to most people unable to work.

He continues to prove everyone wrong nearly 10 years after he became involved with Business Ventures Corp., a nonprofit job training and placement organization for the mentally disabled. In fact, he remains one of the company's best success stories.

The 41-year-old Garden City resident has worked at Builders Square II store in Canton for more than six years. Store managers not only depend on him to show up everyday

as an example of good work ethics for other employees, said Leanne Booth, the assistant manager.

As maintenance supervisor, overseeing only himself, Chontos cleans the restrooms and break rooms among a variety of other odd jobs at the Ford and Lilley store.

"He will come looking for us to see what needs to be done," Booth said. "We don't have to tell him anything. I often kid with the other adults and say, 'Take Larry's lead. He comes in every day and he knows what to do without being told."

There's an easy rapport between Chontos and his co-workers and listening to banter among them emphasizes a mutual affection. In fact, and work hard, but they also use him Chontos said, the best part of his Hi ho, hi ho



Good example: At the Builders Square II store in Canton, Larry Chontos (at left) serves as an example of a good work ethic for other employees. Steve Woodbeck (top photo) hones his work skills while making beds at the Comfort Inn in Livonia.

Handicapped find niche in workplace

Monday-through-Friday job is the

"I like the people I work with," he

Success at work

Chontos' story is one of many that come from Business Ventures, a private company that rents space in Bryant Center in Livonia. Every client comes with different needs and experience. Some have already gone through a special education program and others have led sheltered lives, protected by their parents, said program director George Lyons. Many have Down syndrome, mental retardation, cerebral palsy or a combination of problems.

Job coaches work on their social

skills, help them understand what's expected from an employee, and in some cases, teach appropriate public behavior. The crew is trained while cleaning churches and rooms at the Comfort Inn in Livonia. Training often takes years.

At the Comfort Inn, coaches like Carol Budzinski not only guide them as they fold bed sheets, but more importantly, show them how to act with other employees and what not to do or say.

"The biggest challenge is behavior problems," Budzinski said. "It takes a lot of patience, but it's great to see their accomplishments, even the smallest things means a lot. And that's your reward.'

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Venturing into the workforce

number of mentally handicapped people who have been helped and the number of companies that have gotten involved has grown.

People hear about the program through word-of-mouth or through agency referrals.

The federal- and state-funded training program.

Business Ventures Corp. got its Wayne Community Living Services, start in 1986, and its first job train- a county agency that provides for ing program was delivering the mentally handicapped people, con-Livonia Observer. Since then, the tracts with Business Ventures for

> Business Ventures pays the mentally handicapped people at least a minimum wage while they're being trained, while the companies where they work pay Business Ventures for the work completed during the

After the client completes training, they are placed in a job. Once they know their responsibilities, their affiliation with Business Ventures is phased out. However, if the client needs assistance in any way, they are encouraged to call Business Ventures for help.

Business Ventures Corp. is based at the Bryant Center, 18000 Merriman, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-8130.



On the job: Job coach Carol Budzinski watches as Danielle Gentry of Redford cleans a bathroom at the Comfort Inn.



In key: Mike Koontz uses an electronic tuning device to do a final tuning of a Gibson Les Paul Standard Gold Top guitar in his Ferndale shop.

He's strumming for success BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

STAFF WRITER cluoco@oe.homecomm.net

Shy and modest, guitar repairman Mike Koontz doesn't like to brag about his work. Bespectacled and sporting a mustache, Koontz stands in his Ferndale shop and shrugs off any sort of compliments.

Sure, he's worked for a few, you know, sort of well-known musicians - Kiss bassist Gene Simmons and Sponge guitarist Mike Cross' but nobody that big, he says in his "gee whiz" tone. Amongst a smattering of black and white autographed band photos lies a glistening gold record awarded to Koontz from Detroit rockers Sponge.

"I've been having him work on my guitars pretty much since I started working in the music business 10 years ago," said Cross, an Oakland County resident. "We make it a point to bring all our work to him."

Chris Flanagan, a Bishop Foley High School graduate who grew up in Troy, calls Koontz "a magician."

"He's a consummate perfectionist; there's

nobody better. All he's ever done for me is a fret job and he does it perfectly every single time," said Flanagan, who coeowns Street Corner Music in Beverly Hills, and plays with the local surf band The Volcanos.

But to Koontz, owner of Koontz Guitar Repair in Ferndale, all those comments are unnecessarv.

"They all lie," Koontz said with a shy smile. "I just try and bend over backward and try and give them what they want. I try and do the best that I can."

His best has pushed Koontz to the forefront

Koontz spent the first 12 years of his life in what was then the "rural area" of Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads in Livonia. His family moved to Redford where he graduated from Thurston High School in 1968. He honed his guitar chops playing in garage bands during his years at Thurston.

"It was not very good; the rest of the guys were better than me," said Koontz, who lives in Warren with his wife and family. "The more I

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play, the worse I get. I lean more severd the technical aspects of Mar. That's what I do to try to take up for a lack of talent."

- is couldn't afford the expensive guitars so he made due with what he had and worked on them himself.

"I was always trying to get something to play right," he said. "All I could afford was junk, so I tried to make it work. Even if there was somebody around to fix things, you couldn't have afforded them anyhow - especially back then as difficult as it was just to get money for regular stuff."

His DIY (do-it-yourself) ethic , lead to a 20-year career. Koontz's resume includes Savannah Guitars and Pyramid Guitars, the Guitar and Drum Center and Que Zoppi Music Center at 17 Mile and Dequindre roads in Werren.

It was at the Guitar and Drum Center that he forged a relationship that would last a career.

When I met him, I was teach-

ough person," said Sponge's Cross. "He's the best in the business. I trust him altogether." Six years ago, he opened

ing guitar there; I was 18. I

found him to be the most thor-

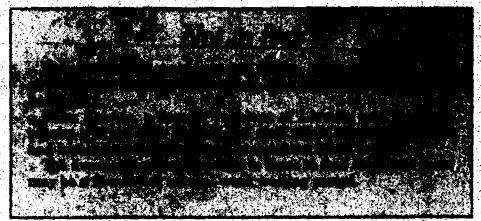
Koontz Guitar Repair, where he repairs guitars and bass guitars. Koontz is modest when talking

about his clients. Over his shoulder is the gold record that Sponge gave him. Nearby are autographed pictures of Country Joe McDonald and Jack Scott. "I've done work for a lot of peo-

ple, but most of the time the roadies end up bringing stuff in so I never hardly meet people," he said.

To pique his memory of his clients, Koontz reaches into an old gray file cabinet. He pulls out a receipt signed by '60s folk star Donovan and autographs of Larry McCray and Fleetwood Mac member John McVie.

"I run into a lot of people, some of the people are kind of noteworthy. It's all by word-ofmouth; everything that I do is by



word-of-mouth, Just recently I worked on some of Gene Simmons' stuff - a couple of his basses," said Koontz as he showed photos of Simmons' bass. "Usually, it's an emergency situ-

"Generally, you set the other customers' stuff aside and put up with the screaming and everything else that goes along with that. It's one big great juggling

act." The most challenging jobs, Koontz explained, are paint jobs

and structural repairs on acoustic guitars.

A gratifying job

Perhaps the most gratifying, however, was repairing a guitar for the family of a musician who had died in a car accident.

"The guitar was in the car with him and the guitar - the accident must have been really bad - the guitar was completely shattered, I mean it was in pieces," he said. "His parents and his sister bought it for him. His family members came in with this guitar, I was able to put it together and get it all back playable and everything, just like it never happened.

"When they saw that, they cried. I mean they literally cried when they picked it up. That was probably the most rewarding repair I've ever done."

Koontz still finds the most challenging aspect of owning Koontz Guitar is making money.

"There's times that it's like any other service job; it depends on when everybody come in and pick up repairs," he said. "The nature of the business is strictly on what type of work comes in and whether it's picked up quick-

"If you get a big job in here that somebody doesn't pick up and you're expecting that kind of money to come in, then you have to hurry and scramble and do all these other little things and make less money in order to try and make up for what wasn't picked up."

It doesn't matter if the client is

a professional player or a hobbyist, Koontz said he makes sure the job is top-notch. He has one employee, Ramo James, who also works as a repairman at Wonderland Music in Dearborn. He comes in a couple times a week.

"I'm here sometimes very early into the morning," he said. "Sometimes I'll go home and come back and be here until 3:30, 4:30 in the morning; whatever it takes to get the job done. I've never put in a 40-hour week, never."

Some of those late nights have been spent on the "troublesome" five-string fretless bass owned by Steve Vilnius of the local pop band Brilliant.

"I didn't spend my early musical career in Michigan, but I quickly found out that if there was one guy to fix it, one guy to turn a sow's ear into a silk purse, it is Mike Koontz," said Vilnius. "He is otherwise known as God and he is truly the Lord when it comes to stringed instru-

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Estings for the Crafts Calendar Should be submitted in writing later than noon Friday for the Thext Thursday's Issue. They can pe mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

C SOICRED HEART

Sacred Heart Church will have a craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 6 at the church, 29125 W. "Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Tivonia. There also will be a bake sale and light lunch. For more information, or table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-

6227. SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Schoolcraft College will have its spring craft show 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 6 in the Physical Education Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. There will be 150 crafters. refreshments and hourly raffles. Admission will be \$1.50 for adults and children 12 years and older, and 50 cents for children ages up to age 12 and free for children under age 5. For more information, call the department of marketing and development at (734) 462-4417.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA's 11th annual spring arts and craft show will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 13 at the school, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. There will be door prizes, food and beverages. Admission will be \$1. Applications are still being accepted and are available by calling Diane at (734) 422-4507 or (734) 464-

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

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Madonna University will hold its 14th annual spring arts and crafts showcase 10 a,m. to 4:30

p.m. March 20 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. The show will feature a variety of handmade arts and crafts. A raffle with a grand prize of \$1,000 and five additional \$100 prizes will be held at 4:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at \$1 each at the door. Admission will be \$2. For more information, call (734) 432-5603.

Yahr has the distinction of

being listed on the roster of

Yahr has another distinction.

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Stadium. "We got out on the field

before the game, and they intro-

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Baseball."

The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club is accepting applications for its annual spring craft show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 27 at the high school, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia. More than 100 crafters are expected to display their work. A single booth space costs \$50. A limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no extra charge. For an application form, call (248) 478-2395 or (734) 464-

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It wasn't just adults who were

No problem; these ballplayers

Yahr wouldn't trade her time

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women who played in the league. interested in meeting them.

"It is very neat to see your name either. "There were boys and

graphs.

1041. CLARENCEVILLE

chance.

The Clarenceville High School Athletic Booster Club will have "A Touch of Spring" craft boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 27 at the high school, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. There will be more than 150 juried crafters, raffle and snack bar. Baby-sitting will be available. Admission will be \$2; no strollers permitted.

That's not surprising. Many

American kids have the dream of

playing pro ball, if only for one

season. Betty Yahr got that

Historian and author Virginia

Bailey Parker has a bachelor's

degree in history and a master's

degree in historic preservation.

Westland City Clerk

She lives in Canton Township.

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While team owners wanted

the players to look and behave

like ladies, they also wanted

them to be able to hit the ball

like pros; the contrast sold tick-

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RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

CITY OF WESTLAND

1999 ANIMAL LICENSES

Licenses must be obtained by Monday, March 1, 1999 for all animals age

four (4) months or older. A statement of rabies vaccinations must be

presented upon applying for an animal license. After March 1, 1999, a \$1

Michigan Humane Society, 37255 Marquette
PATRICIA A. GIBBONS

penalty will be assessed. Licenses may be purchased at:
Westland City Clerk's Office, 36601 Ford Road

SCHEDULE OF BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS RESIDENTIAL ONLY

March 8 - Monday March 10 - Wednesday March 11 - Thursday

March 9 - Tuesday

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. -12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. March 12 - Friday

March 12 - Friday 9:30 a.m. -12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL ONLY

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - CALL 467-8160 TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT

Board of Review meetings will be held at Westland City Hall --Second Floor

> 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185 WRITTEN APPEALS MUST BE RECEIVED

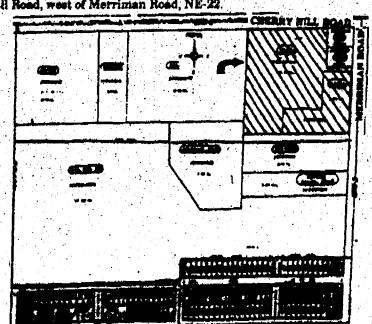
BY 2:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1999

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16.2, Chapter XVI of the Charter of the City of Westland, a petition has been filed with this Body to absolutely abandon and discontinue the following:

The sanitary and water easement located on Parcel No. 065-99-0001-012 and 065-09-0001-013 of Birch Hill Shopping Center, south side of Cherry Hill Road, west of Merriman Road, NE-22.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on Monday, March 1, 1999 at 7:00 P.M., SST in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Ford, Westland, Michigan, to hear any objections thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that true copies of this notice be served, bosted and published in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter. PATRICIA A. GIBBONS

Westland City Clerk

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 March 3, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. for the following items:

> SOFTBALLS COUNTER TOP DOT MATRIX LINE PRINTER CITY WIDE CARPET CLEANING

Bid 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 bids in whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the **ALLYSON M. BETTIS**

City Clerk Treasurer

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY 1999 BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

date and time to examine the assessment roll for the current year: March 2, 1999

9:00 a.m. Tuesday The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the 1999 Assessment Roll:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of

Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on the following

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. March 8, 1999 Monday 1:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Tuesday March 9, 1999 March 10, 1999 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Wednesday 1:00 p.m.-9;00 p.m. March 11, 1999 Thursday, March 12, 1999 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Friday

APPEALS BY APPOINTMENT OR WRITE-IN. Write-ins must be received by Monday, March 8, 1999.

Tentative ratios and sactors for the 1999 tax year are:

Commercial Ratio 1.0305 1.0000 Industrial Ratio 49.77% 1.0948 Residential Ratio 45.67% 50.00% Personal Property

Taxes are paid on taxable value, which is the lower of assessed value or capped value, unless there is a property transfer. The capped value is bested on the CPI (Consumer Price Index) which will increase 1.8% for 1998. As a result, residential taxed values will increase only 1.6% unless there has been a transfer of ownership or an addition to the property.

at Roll will be open for public inspection from March 3. 1990 through March 5, 1999 in the asset ement office from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00

ALLYSON BETTIS,

City Clerk-Treasurer

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, February 23, 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 Y.I.N.

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4	BUICK	RIVIERA 2DR	BROWN	1G4AZ57Y9EE412572
,	FORD	F-160 PU	RED	2FTDF16Y0ECB25598
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56	OLDS	4DR DELTA 88	GRAY	103BN69Y6F9008078
33	MERC	GRD MARQUIS 4D	GRAY	1MEBP95F0I)Z681086
8	MERC	2DR TOPAZ	BLACK	2MEPM339XJB616689
16	FORD	BRONCO	GREEN	1FMCU14T0GUB26241

87 BUICK 4DR LESABRE BURGY 1G4HR5139HH434229 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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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Griggs-Sintay Bill and Julie Griggs of Napa, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina, to Brian Sintay, the son of Larry and Ellen Sintay of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is attending the University of Nevada-Las Vegas School of Nursing.

Her fiance is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as a writer by the Walt Disney Co. in Burbank, Calif.

A May 2000 wedding is planned in Los Angeles, Calif.



Dr. and Mrs. Gary Schwendimann of Hohenwald, Tenn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Heidi Jolee, to Russell Scott Cothran, the son of Connie Mack and Linda Cothran of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of David Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn. She is employed in the business office at Baptist Hospital.

Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Bentley High School and the Specs Howard School of Broadcasting. He is employed at Music City Record in Nashville

as a promotional director. A March wedding is planned

Wisnieski-Brown

William and Judith Wisnieski of Dearborn Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Malissa Marie, to Allen K. Brown, the son of Claude and Evelyn Brown of Romulus.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Paradise Valley High School in Scottsdale, Ariz. She is employed as an account manag-

Her fiance is a graduate of Romulus High School. He is a professional wrestler who competes at the Wayne Ford League in Westland.

A May wedding is planned.





at Wightman Chapel in Nashville.

Long-Minard

Dan and Nancy Long of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Grace, to Matthew James Minard, the son of Don and Annette Minard of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Redford Thurston High School and is pursuing a degree through the honors nursing program at the University of Michi-

Her fiance is a 1996 graduate of Northville High School. He expects to graduate from University of Michigan in the spring with a dual degree in mathematics and English prior to enrollment in the U-M Master's Program.

Daniels-Robbins

Pete and Jerri Lynn Daniels of Brighton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Lynn, to Jason Allen Sobieski, the son of David and Pamela Sobieski of Milford.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Garden City High School and a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in English. She is currently employed by Charlick and Springstead Dental Associates in Brighton.

Her fiance is a 1992 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and is attending Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by United Parcel Ser-

Sheldon-Smith

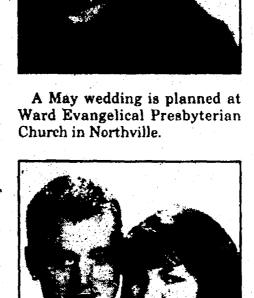
James and Claudia Sheldon of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Marie, to Brian Walker Smith, the son of Robert and Betty Smith of South Lyon.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is attending Oakland Community College.

Her fiance is a 1989 graduate of South Lyon High School. He is employed by Brighton Ford.

An April wedding is planned at First Baptist Church in South





vice in Livonia. An April wedding in Livonia is being planned.



Lawler-Peters

Phil and Debbie Lawler of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Suzanne, to Bradley John Peters, the son of Lee and Sharon Peters of Newark, N.Y.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Ann Arbor Greenhills School and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in marketing at the Madonna University College of Business. She is employed by the City of Plymouth as the election clerk.

Her fiance is a 1994 graduate of Newark High School and is a culinary arts student at Schoolcraft College. He is employed by

Too Chez Restaurant in Novi. A May wedding is planned at



Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

Bazakis-Parker

Andrew Michael Bazakin and Christy Anne Parker were married at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth Township by the Rev. Michael Varlamos.

The bride is the daughter of Susan Parker of Canton and David and Marilyn Parker of Petersburg, Mich. The groom is the son of James and Marisa Bazakis of Canton.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School graduate, a 1993 graduate of Grand Valley State University with a bachelor of science degree in therapeutic recreation and a 1997 graduate of Grand Valley State with a master's degree in public administration. She is employed as program coordinator for St. John's Adult Day Services.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, a 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in psychology and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University with a medical degree. He is a resident physician in the department of emergency medicine of the University of Rochester/Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.Y.



The bride asked Rebbecca Brunink to serve as matron of honor with Jamie Parker as the maid of honor and Christy Chaffin and Cynthia Long as the bridesmaids.

George Merigas served as best man with Adam Kettering, Erick Krueger, David Weil and Bryant Parker as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at a reception at Laurel Manor in Livonia before leaving on a wedding trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica. They are making their home in Rochester, N.Y.

ANNIVERSARIES

resigned from her position to

Their interests include world travel, fine dining, theater and

raise their three children.

Flamme

Albert and Patricia Flamme of Livonia are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. The couple exchanged vows on

Feb. 7, 1959.

The couple has three children - Dennis, Lynda and Lisa - and five grandchildren - Jaclyn, Matthew, Mark, Madison and Mason.

He retired from Ford Motor Co. after working for 37 years as an electrical engineer. He currently is employed by Valeo International. He also taught trigonometry at Schoolcraft College for 35 years.

A registered nurse, she golf.



Thomas and Evelyn Green celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 14.

Lifelong residents of Livonia, they renewed their vows before their family and friends at St. Edith Church, then gathered for brunch at the Holiday Inn-West.

The couple exchanged vows on Feb. 12, 1949, in Livonia. She is the former Evelyn Gardner.

They have three children -Dorothy Sims, Patricia Betancourt and Mary Cover - eight grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

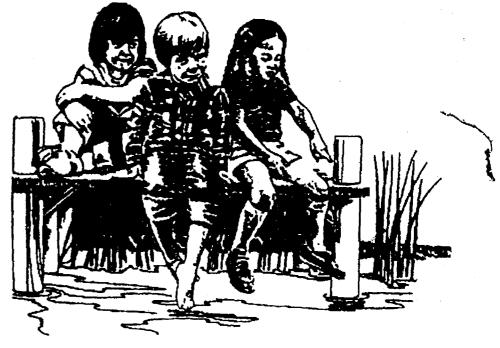
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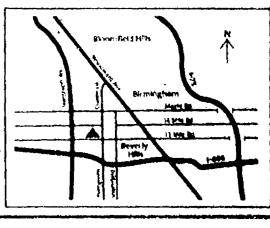
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UPCOMING EVENTS

RUTARY TOY SHOW The Westland Rotary's toy show is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy in Westland. Admission is \$3, with kids under 12 free. Items are expected to include new toys, collectibles, obsoletes, antiques, Beanie Babies and Furbys.

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thy and swap toys and ins noon to 4 p.m. Suny, March 7, at Sts. Simon and Jude Church at \$2500 Palmer in Westland. To register for tables, call Norm at (734) 595-8327 5-11 p.m. Preregistered ables are \$12, tables at the door, if available, are \$20. Admission is \$2 a peron or \$4 a family.

MARATHON BINGO Fourth District Ladies Auxiliary is having a marathon bingo at VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne

Road, noon to 6 p.m. March 13. Snack bar will be open. Call Bessie Bell at (734) \$26-3323.

BOOK SIGNING

A book signing of "And ... Howe" by Gordie and Colleen Howe is set for 11 h.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Henry Ford OptimEyes, 35184 Central City Parkway, Westland. All proceeds go to the American Diabetes Association.

RECOGNITION BANQUET VFW Post 3323 and ladies auxiliary will hold their annual policeman and firefighter recognition banquet and dance at the post home, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland, on April 17. Tickets are \$12.50. Public is welcome. Call (734) 728-7405.

COUNTRY WESTERN JAMBOREE

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club is planning a country western jamboree with entertainment by Bherman Arnold and Interstate Band with tribute to Elvis and C.J performing Neil Diamond on Saturday, April 17, at Local 735 UAW Hall, 48055 Michigan Ave. in Canton. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$20 a person, \$35 a couple, \$15 a retiree or senior citizen. For tickets call (734) 729-8681.

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 book sale during regular library hours at the library.

WESTLAND CENTER

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

AT THE CHAMBER

S AND CARBONS FAM The third annual jobs and careers fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, at Westland Shopping Center. An advance sign-up 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 Cen-

ter. Call (734) 722-7620.

FIGURE SKATING

The Westland Figure Skating Club has formed an adult introductory precision team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get exercise. Practices are 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. Call (734) 722-1091.

VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTED LIVING

Marquette House assisted living facility, 36000 Campus Drive, Westland, seeks volunteers to spend time with residents to provide an activity or a one-on-one visit. Call Peggy in the activities department, (734) 326-6537.

SCHOOLS

MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE

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

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

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottlemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a preprimary 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-yearolds 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.

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

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

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.

YWCA READWESS.
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

Call (313) 274-6270.

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 5year-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 coop, with parents working once each month. Call (734) 422-0149.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool at 9601 W. Chicago, is planning its annual spring open house, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 14. Call Donna at (734) 266-

HISTORY ON VIEW

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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 Tues-

days of January, March,

May, July, September and

November at the Westland

Chooling in: W4 Country's Michael J. Foxz (center) presents Westland's Jeri Schroeder and her husband, Cliff, a check for \$20,000. Schroeder, a W4 Country listener, was the first caller on Thursday, Jan. 21, when afternoon host Pour failed to play the guaranteed 20 songs in a row. W4 Country promises to play 20 songs in a row or give \$20,000 to the first caller who cutches the mistake.

Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Call President Jim Franklin at (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

HEARING CHECKS

Every third Tuesday of each month a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will be checking and cleaning hearing aids free from 2-3 p.m. by appointment only. Call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

GOLF CLASS

The Westland senior citizen Friendship Center will offer a new golf class taught by United States Golf Teachers Federationcertified member David Jeffery. Orientation for this class is 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, at the Friendship Center. Light refreshments will be served. Regular classes will be 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 through April 28. The class will include lectures, hands-on instruction and student participation. Call (734) 722-7632. Class is limited to the first 10 mem-

bers who sign up. TIGER GAMES

The Senior Resources Department Friendship Center is offering three trips to Tiger games this year: Tigers vs. St. Louis Friday, June 4; Tigers vs. Yankees, Thursday, July 8; Tigers vs. Angels, Friday, Aug. 13. Cost is \$25 a person a game. Leave from the Friendship Center at 5 p.m. Games begin at 7:05 p.m. Return to the center between 11 and 11:30 p.m. Sign up at the front desk. First 23 seniors to register. 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 may 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. The exercise 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 planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for nonresidents. 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 nonmembers. 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 om which they want to serve. Call (734) 422-1052.

DYER CENTER

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

CLUBS IN ACTION

WESTLAND ROTARY The Westland Rotary Club meets 12:15 p.m. Thursdays at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt in Westland.

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 7 p.m. Tuesdays at UAW Local 898 at 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Paula at (734) 995-4110.

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, parentbased, 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. MI28, 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. MI53 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.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

HEARING IMPAIRED

Self Help for Hard of Hearing People Inc. (SHHH) for Western Wayne County is an international nonprofit education organization of hard-of-hearing people, their relatives and friends. devoted to the welfare and the interests of those who cannot hear well. SHHH meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Allan L. Breakie Medical Building next to Garden City Hospital, Inkster Road, between Warren and Ford. For information, call Robin Leitner at (734) 595-0194 or Ginny Schroeder at the Garden City Hospital Audiology Department, (734) 458-3408.

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, firstserved basis. Call 467-5555 for early registration.

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. 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 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.

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)

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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.

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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 Caesarean preparation also offered. Call 459-7477.

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Standing at a cart filled with shampoos and soaps, Theresa Butcher carefully chooses before she stocks each room on the second floor. The worst part about the job, Butcher said, is getting up in the morning. The best part is that it gives her a chance to get away from home for awhile.

Clients like Butcher will stay at this paid training program on a daily basis until their coaches believe they are ready for a job, often at grocery stores, fast food restaurants and at car dealerships where they wash cars. They're paid the going rate.

Lyons commends Kroger in



Finishing touches: Julie Jure of Garden City finishes putting cases on pillows as part of her job at the Comfort Inn in Livonia.

Livonia and McDonald's stores for placing the most graduates.

"Basically, we're giving them a life," Lyons said. "We try to tap into the potential of the person. We try to see where their interests lie."

Another Business Ventures graduate, a Plymouth resident with Down syndrome, was in her 20s and lived with her parents when she became involved.

"When she came to us, she was very, very shy and bashful," Lyons said. "She had minimal experience away from mom and dad."

After 18 months training, the woman landed a job at McDonald's and has been there for six

"She's being integrated into the community," Lyons said. "Before her life was at home and now she is with other people. This was the next step to get out into the world and start to experience life, like the rest of us.

"Twenty years ago many of these people would have been in institutions and taken care of and that was their lives."

Big transformation

Karen Ajlouny has undergone an equally big transformation. Talking with her in the halls at the Comfort Inn, it's hard to imagine that this outgoing, congenial woman was extremely

fearful and had low self-esteem when she began with Business Ventures.

Taking a break from washing a shower stall, Ajlouny grinned widely as Lyons said, "Now she does very well. She's come a long way, especially with confidence."

The trend for the last two decades has been to bring mentally disabled people, like Chontos, Butcher and Ailouny, out of the hospital setting and into communities by placing them in group homes and finding them jobs. Suddenly, their tremendous potential was unveiled.

"Little by little, you expose them to more and more," Lyons said.

However, not everyone placed by Business Ventures is successful. Some are fired and "maybe there'll be another job for them,' Lyons said. And sometimes the likelihood of keeping a job is slim, because the client lacks skills or motivation. Other times,

there are chronic behavioral problems that are unacceptable in a work setting, like inappropriate staring or temper tantrums.

While strides have been made in understanding what mentally handicapped people are capable of, recent public funding cuts: have put a crimp in the program, Lyons said. Another big problem for the agency has been finding transportation for their clients to and from work. Buses often aren't practical, taxis can be too expensive, and public service transportation, like dial-a-ride, won't go outside their specific communities.

"A couple of people recently lost their jobs because of transportation problems," Lyons said.

"They simply can't get to work," Every client is different - some develop quickly and others take; a long time to train. But, the point, Lyons said, is to give them. a chance.

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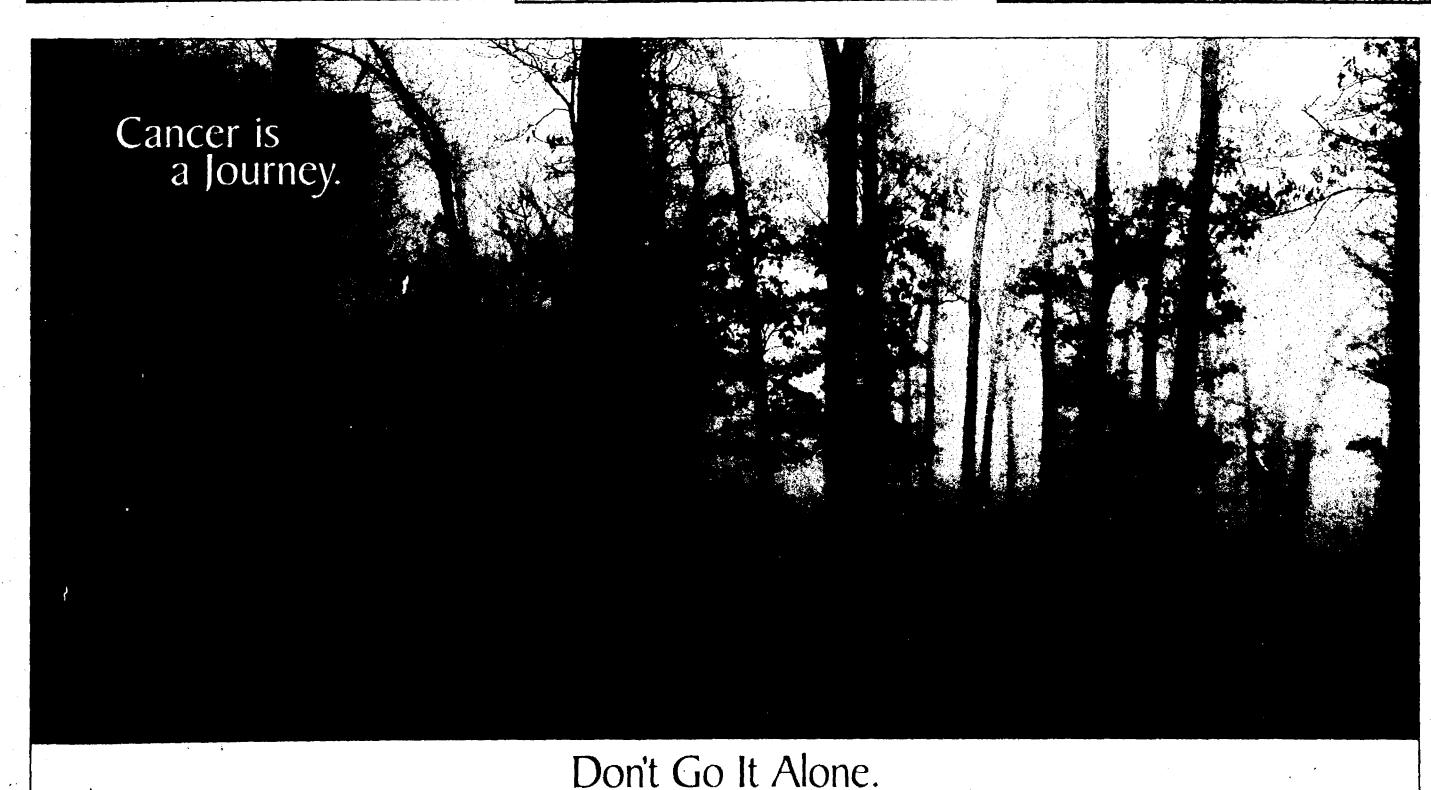
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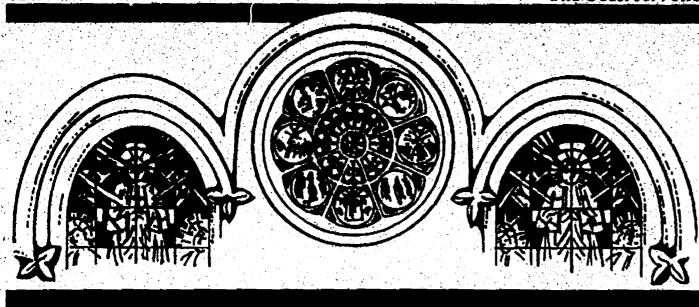
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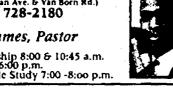
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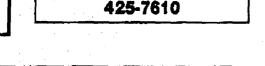
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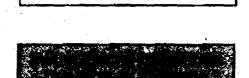
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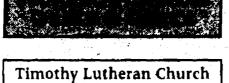
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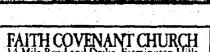
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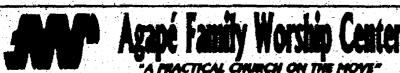
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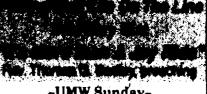
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STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The congregation of Merriman Road Baptist Church is being charged to pray to grow by The Rev. Wayne Parker, pastor. Established in 1953, the church has kicked off its Stewardship Campaign aimed at the expansion of its facilities at 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City, The campaign, which started at worship services on Feb. 7, includes an eight-week emphasis on prayer, vision, faith, hope, miracles, giving and commitment.

St. Edith Parish will have Lenten fish fries 4:30-7 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 19, March 5, 12, 19 and 26 and April 2, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. The menu will include baked and fried fish, shrimp, pierogi, french fries, macaroni and cheese, salad bar, desserts, coffee, tea and pop. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-1222.

TLC STORYTIME

For children and their parents, there will be a TLC Storytime on Saturday, Feb. 20, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Joy, Livonia. There will be crafts, Christian stories, snacks and prizes. The books chosen are for children age 3-10. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a dance 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Haggerty Road south of Plymouth Road, Plymouth Township. The charge will be \$8 and will include refreshments.

It also will offer a divorce recovery class 7-9 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 21-April 18 (except Easter), at St. Kenneth's. The facilitator will be Marie Petricca from Catholic Social Services. The charge is \$40 for the eight ses-

sions. Preregistration and payment are required. Fro more , information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325 or Nita at (734) 261-9123.

LENTEN RETREAT

Madonna University will hold a Lenten retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the campus Residence Hall and Chapel. Levan north of Schoolcraft Road. Livonia. The Rev. Frank Grispino will be the facilitator.

The retreat will focus on the theme of "The Millennium Theme: To the Father, Through the Son, in the Holy Spirit." Activities will include prayer, conferences, small group sharing/quiet reflection, reconciliation and a liturgy.

The retreat costs \$12 and includes lunch and refreshments. For reservations or more information, call Deacon Gene Desjarlais in the campus ministry office at (734) 432-5419.

Grispino is a member of the university's religious studies and campus ministries departments' faculty. He holds a master of arts degree from the University of Detroit and received his master of divinity degree from Marist Seminary.

He has taught at the Marist Seminary, served as an advocate for those seeking annulments, worked as the administrator at a retreat house in Massachusetts, and was a presenter at marriage encounter weekends. He also served as a chaplain at the Newman Center at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire.

CHURCH MISSION The Catholic Parish of the Divine Savior, 39375 Joy, Westland, will have a mission Saturday-Wednesday, Feb. 20-24. The Rev. Daniel Havron, coordinator

of Evangelization for the Arch-

diocese of Detroit, will conduct the mission.

Havron will speak at the weekend liturgies and at a Vespers service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. The theme will be "God First Loved Us." At 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, the topic will be "Our Response to God's Love," while the topic will be "Repentance and Changing Our Lives" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23. At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, there will be a Eucharistic liturgy and a message of "Go and

Missionary to speak at Christ Our Savior

Christ Our Savior Latheran Church will have Dr. Roy Kaiser speak on "God's Transforming Power" at wership services Sunday, Feb. 21, at its Livonia and Canton campuses.

Kaiser will speak 8:80 and 11 a.m. at Christ Our Savier-Livonia, 14175 Farmington Road, and 9:30 a.m. at Christ Our Savior-Canton, 46001 Warren Road.

Kaiser and his wife, Bileen, served as English teaching missionaries at the Concordia Gospel Ministry Center in Thailand. He is a nationally recognized school principal who has been involved in education in the Detroit area since 1955.

The Kaisers will set up display in the church lobbies to familiarize the congregations with their work in Thailand.

A nursery will be available for young children during the service at the Canton church. Sunday School and adult Bible class will be at 10:45

Baby-sitting will be available

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a.m. A staffed nursery will be available for both services and the 9:45 a.m. education hour at the Livonia church.

For more information, call the church office at (734) 522-6830 or the Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church Web site at www.ccaa.edu/~lcmcos.

14750 Kinloch, Redford. The Rev. Gregory Gibbons will preach on the general theme of "Only Jesus." Each service will be followed by a fellowship time, featuring light refreshments. For more information, call the church at (313) 532-8655.

REDFORD CLERGY

The Redford Clergy Association will have its quarterly meeting Thursday, Feb. 25, in the R.C.D. Center of the Presbyterian Village Redford, 17383 Garfield, off Six Mile, Redford. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by the meeting. Reservations can be made by calling Alexandra at (313) 541 6487.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Good Hope Lutheran Church will have a spagnetti dinner and silent auction 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-10 years of age. Proceeds will fund repair of the church carillon. Lutheran Brotherhood of Western Wayne County Branch 8197 will match up to \$450. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-3660.

Y2K AND JOSEPH PROJECT

A daylong conference that discusses the facts and implications of the Year 2000 problem and offer solutions for the Christian community will be held Saturday, Feb. 27, at the First Baptist Church of Northville, 217 N. Wing St., Northville.

The conference will begin with registration at 8 a.m. It will include workshops and discussions - "Biblical and Moral Perspectives of Preparedness" with Wade Waterman and "The Joseph Project: Beyond Personal Preparedness" with Michael Balon.

The Joseph Project is aimed at helping prepare the community. for potential difficulties the Y2K problem poses. Seating is limited and preregistration is recommended. The cost is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Pizza and drinks will be available for a charge. For more information, call (248) 348-1020.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Dan Bergen and his son and daughter, Nicholas and Alicia, will minister in a program of praise and worship, featuring vocal, piano, saxophone, violin and drama, 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton.

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group, meets 7 p.m. Thursday, March 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 leved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilya Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

Church Women United Suburban Detroit-West will have their World Day of Prayer 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, at West Chicago, Livonia. Participants are asked to bring donations of hygiene products. Reservations for child care can be made by calling Norma Roberta at (734) 591-5 2127.

MOSE TO MOSE SALE

Table space is available for the Mom to Mom sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Donations of toys and clothes are welcome. Proceeds will be donated to the Mom-Tot group. For more information, call Vicki at (734) 513-0167 or Kayla at (734) 595-6712.

Sacred Heart Church will have a Mom to Mom sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. Second-hand children's clothes (newborn and up), baby furniture and maternity items will be sold. Admission will be \$1. For more information and table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills and renew their love for each other March 19-21 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.

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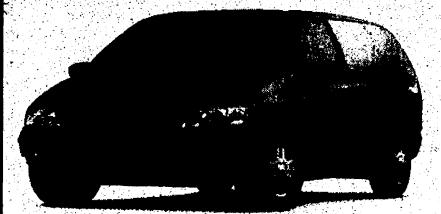
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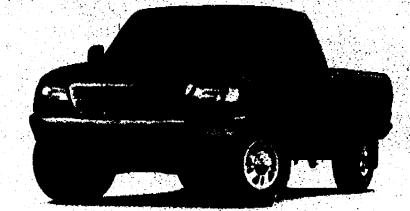
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Collegiate notes

Kalamazoo College freshman Steve Domin (Livonia Stevenson) helped the Hornets capture their fourth consecutive Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association men's swim championship Saturday at Hope College.

Domin won the 50-yard freestyle and finished second in both the 100 butterfly and 100 freestyle. He was also the leadoff man in the Hornets' victorious 800 freestyle relay team which earned an NCAA Division III qualifying time.

■ Michigan State sophomore goaltender Joe Blackburn (Livonia Churchill) posted his second career shutout with 21 saves Friday as the third-ranked Spartans knocked off host Notre Dame, 1-0.

Blackburn leads the NCAA with a 1.39 goals-against average and is second in the nation with .931 save percentage. Both figures lead the CCHA and represent the best single-season totals in MSU history.

MSU, now 22-3-6 overall and leading the CCHA at 16-2-6, return to action Friday at Munn Arena in East Lansing against Notre Dame. They will face No. 8 Michigan Saturday at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena.

Knights earn state berth

The Bantam A Livonia Knights earned a berth in the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association tournament with a 2-1 triple overtime victory over the Lakeland Hawks in the District IV championship game played Sunday at the Southfield Civic Arena.

Livonia's Chris Ryan forced the first OT with eight seconds left on a pass from Bret Veasey.

J.T. Katikos then scored the gamewinner in the third OT from Pat Col-

The Knights, coached by Jim Boloven, reached the finals with wins over Redford (14-0), Novi (6-2) and the Hawks (4-3).

Other members of the Knights include Adam Bierley, Tommy Boloven, Ryan McDonnell, Chris Tima, Roger Moody, Brandon Getchen, Keith Hay, Tony Peraino, Chris Ryan, Scott Sparks, Kyle Susewitz, Ryan Vandette and Thomas

Assistant coaches include Dave Susewitz, Curt Downs, Ted Katikos and Frank Tima.

LIAL baseball signup

Baseball registration for the Livonia Junior Athletic Association will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Bentley Center, located at the corner of Five Mile and Hubbard

Registration is for ages 8-14 (you must be 8 and no older than 14 on Aug. 1, 1999.

The registration fee is \$60. For more information, call (734) 427-2883.

Wayne baseball signup

Registration for the Wayne Baseball Association will be from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, at the WBA Headquarters, located on Annapolis and Second

Programs available include: Shetland, ages 4 (by Nov. 1, 1998) to 6; Pinto, 7-8; Mustang, 8-10; Bronco, 11-12; Pony, 13-14; Colt, 15-16; Palomino, 17-18.

Registration fees are \$15 (Shetland and Pinto); \$25 (Mustang and Bronco); \$35 (Pony and Colt); \$45 (Palomino). To supplement the fee, you can choose to sell a case of Nestle's candy or pay the \$45 for the case.

Players must provide a birth certificate (non-residents welcome).

Paid positions are available for umpires (15 years or older) and field supervisors. Volunteer coaches are

For more information, call (734)

Junior cage shootout

The Milford Police Athletic League is sponsoring its 10th annual 3-on-3 junior shootout for boys and girls in grades 4-12, Friday through Sunday, March 19-21.

There will be a special three-point shootout in each division to win a pair of \$100 converse basketball shoes. Entry fee is \$60 per team (four play-

For more information, call Rick Sharpe at (248) 684-1322.

Pats clinch division title

■ GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Two-peat was sweet Monday for the Livonia Franklin's volleyball team, which wrapped up the Western Division title in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 15-12, 15-1 win Monday at Plymouth Canton.

Franklin is now 28-10-1 overall and 8-1 in the WLAA.

"It's a nice feeling," said Franklin's Mary Helen Diegel, in her first varsity season as coach since replacing Ann Hutchins. "We played our entire lineup and finished the match strong."

Franklin used a balanced attack to upend the Chiefs.

Sophomore Kerstin Marshall was six of seven hitting with five kills. Nicole Boyd went 10-for-10 with four kills. Tera Morrill added five kills and two aces (13-for-13 serving). Rachel Bramlett added two kills.

Alexis Bowman led with six digs, while setter Lyndsay Sopko went 23for-23 with 11 assists.

On Feb. 10, Franklin defeated host Farmington Hills Harrison, 15-1, 15-5, as Morrill went six-for-six with six kills. Marshall had four solo blocks, while Sopko contributed nine assists in 22 attempts.

Bramlett contributed three aces, while Lindsay Duprey went eight-for-

Ladywood advances to final

Jenny Young had seven kills and four aces Saturday, leading Livonia Ladywood (25-15-1 overall) to a Catholic League playoff victory over Birmingham Marian in a semifinal match at Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

The Blazers will be gunning for their included setter Kelley Hutchins, who with some clutch serving. eighth straight Catholic League crown beginning at 7 tonight at Madonna

The opponent will be Farmington Hills Mercy, which split with Ladywood in the Central Division this sea-

Other standouts for the Blazers against Marian included Jessica Tillson, two kills and five aces; Patty Horal, four kills; Tracey DeWitt, four kills with a 90 percent serve percentage; and Erin Bartee, 17 assists and two blocks.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Ladywood will host a 12-team invitational tournament which will included Mercy. Marian, Battle Creek Central, Temperance Bedford (defending state Class A champion) and Walled Lake Central (Schoolcraft Invitational runner-up).

Dulz killer for Stevenson

Stephanie Dulz racked up 15 kills Monday, leading Livonia Stevenson (28-12-2, 6-3) to an 8-15, 15-7, 15-13

WLAA victory over visiting Northville. Kate LeBlanc added seven kills and three aces, while Carly Wadsworth contributed five kills and was 14-for-14 with one ace.

Other standouts for the Spartans Huron. MacKay also came through



Netminder: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran's Stacie Graves tries to block the ball from going over the net during Tuesday's match with Southfield Franklin Road Christian. See story below.

had 29 assists and was 10-for-10 serving, and Kristi Copi, who was 18-for-18 on serves with one ace and two kills.

Churchill grounds Falcons

Meagan Sheehan, who had four kills and five digs, played a strong allaround game Monday to lead Livonia Churchill (24-10-2, 5-4) to a WLAA vic-

tory Monday over visiting Farmington. Marsi Phillip added four kills and served four points for the Chargers. Becky Weber was 100 percent passing with four service points. Setter Jessica MacKay also stood out.

On Saturday, Churchill won five of seven matches at the Bedford Invita-

The host Kicking Mules eliminated the Chargers in the quarterfinals, 15-8,

In pool play, Churchill lost to Walled Lake Central (8-15, 12-15), while defeating Ann Arbor Huron (17-15, 15-13), Carleton Airport (15-9, 11-15, 15-8), Monroe-Jefferson (15-11, 15-10) and Adrian (15-6, 15-6). The Chargers also downed Adrian again in power-pool play, 15-3, 14-16, 15-9.

Shannon Munn recorded six kills and 11 digs in the second game against

Against Airport, Phillips turned in one of her top performances of the year with nine kills. Munn added eight kills in the match.

Senior Lauren Ruprecht had 24 blocks on the day to lead the Chargers.

Hawks lose heartbreaker

Southfield Franklin Road Christian pulled out a 15-12, 11-15, 15-11 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference victory Tuesday over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran in a match at Livonia St. Paul's.

Franklin Road is now 11-3 overall and 9-1 in the MIAC. Huron Valley drops to 8-9 and 6-3.

"It was a tough match, it kind of seesawed back-and-forth," Huron Valley coach Tom Schwartz said.

The Hawks' sophomore outside hitter, Rachel Zahn, who had four kills and six aces, went down in the third game with an ankle injury and did not

Other standouts for Huron Valley included senior middle hitter Stephanie Graves, two kills and one block; junior outside hitter Jessica Whitaker, five aces; and junior middle blocker Gretchen Grosinske, two

Churchill upsets No. 7 Clarkston, 3-1

Livonia Churchill's hockey team continued to play spoiler Saturday night, upsetting host Clarkston, ranked No. 7 in Class A, 3-1.

Churchill, which could be a sleeper in the state tournament, also won Monday in a makeup game, defeating Birmingham Unified, 3-2, to improve to 12-7-4 overall.

"It was a great team effort," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "I'm encouraged what I saw from the kids tonight,"

All the scoring came in the third period.

Dan Cook scored unassisted for the Chargers at 3:17, but Clarkston's Derek Hool tied it at 4:47.

Cook then scored the game-winner with 2:22 remaining from Ed Rossetto. Adam Krug added an empty netter from Cook with 1:18 to play.

Goaltender Ryan McBroom, who made 22 saves, also stood out for Churchill.

"We didn't want to put them on the power play and we only got caught short-handed once," Hatley said. "We knew we'd have our hands full shutting them down five-on-five.

"Right now we're thinking team defense. That's our one and only ticket. We're trying to reduce the number of chances we give up. We're focused on systems all over the ice and even our forecheck is geared to shut down the opponent."

The loss dropped Clarkston to 15-4-1

Churchill scored all three of its goals against Birmingham (8-8-5) in the first

PREP HOCKEY

period — Aaron Jakubowski from Adam Rourke at 3:06; Cook from Rossetto and Nathan Jakubowski at 11:15; and Tom Sherman from Jason Turri and Andy Mitchell at 11:30.

Birmingham's Alfie Navaare scored at 1:10 of the third on a power-play, and with 41 seconds to play Eric Schwab got a shot past McBroom when it deflected off a Churchill defenseman.

Churchill took just three penalties. "We're seeing improvement on our end of the ice," Hatley said. "It's start-

ing to work well." .STEVENSON 5, Q.P. SOUTH 2: Livonia Stevenson (16-2-2) captured Saturday's consolation final of the Falcon Classic in East Kentwood as Ryan Sinks had a pair of goals and Mark Nebus contributed three assists against

Grosse Pointe South. Goaltender Chris McComb, who was sharp, made 18 saves.

Port Huron Northern took the championship game with a 3-2 double-overtime win over East

*Grosse Pointe South was a good, physical test for us," Stevenson coach Mike Harris'said. 'I'm happy with the weekend. We had a great time, we bonded and I hope It was a good experience for all."

Sinks opened the scoring in the first period on an assist from Mike Zienterski as the Spartans led 1-0.

In the second period, Stevenson built a 30 lead on goals by Keyan Tait (from Willie Wilson and Jon Katulski) and Sinks (from John May and

-- Chris Gellasch and Charlie Braun for South; sald: 'We played a good third period. The first David Bonello (from May and Nebus) and May

(from Nebus and Bryan Dery).

*DEARBORN 5, FRANKLIN 2: Derek Lips scored a hat trick Saturday as host Dearborn Unified (11-5-3, 9-4-2) defeated Livonia Franklin (6-13-2, 3-11-1) in a Suburban High School

Hockey League game played at Adray Arena. Abe Hughes and Joe Virga also scored for Dearborn, which ted 4-0 after two periods. Three of Dearborn's first four goals came on the power

Both Franklin goals came in the final period - Tony Saia from Josh Garbutt at 14:10: and Ahdy Garbutt on a power-ply from John Nichol and Josh Garbutt.

*We played them fairly well in the first period - they had four shots and we had five." Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. 'Then we had a big breakdown in the second period.

"We also had a parade to the penalty box, thanks to the worst officiated game I've seen in years. They had little or no knowledge of high school rules.

*Between the second and third period we made some adjustments and set a goal to outplay and outscore Dearborn in the third. We did both. The team played a great third period."

*REDFORD CC 6, BROTHER RICE 1: Todd Bentley scored three goals Saturday to lead Redford Catholic Central (19-1-1), the state's top-ranked team in Class A, to a Michigan Metro High School Hockey League win over Birmingham Brother Rice at Redford Arena.

Derek Genrich, David Moss and Pat O'Dea also added goals for the Shamrocks, who led 1-0 after one period and 2-1 after 30 minutes.

Genrich, Jim Spiewak and Matt Van Heest contributed two assists aplece, while Keith Rowe, Ryan Yost, Sean McGowan and Joe More

Pat Morrin tallied the lone goal for the War-

*Rice ran out of steam, they had one their Each team scored twice in the second period guys hurt, we just kicked it into gear," St. John two weren't that great."

CC earns 19th title in breeze Shamrocks roll in meet

Redford Catholic Central usually dominates the Catholic League wrestling meet, but never as much as it did Saturday at Birmingham Brother Rice.

The Shamrocks won their 19th league meet under coach Mike Rodriguez with 257 points, bettering their previous best total by

The 1988 CC team won the championship with 238 points and that happens to be the last year the Shamrocks won a state championship.

Brother Rice was second (169), followed by Madison Heights Bishop Foley (105.5), Dearborn Divine Child (100), Orchard Lake St. Mary's (61.5), Harper Woods Notre Dame (52) and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (43).

"I hope that's a good omen," Rodriguez said. "I thought we wrestled great. Everybody placed. We went in with the idea of trying to win it."

Senior heavyweight Casey Rogowski, the defending state Division I champion, moved his record to 40-0, winning his division with a 6-5 decision over Brother Rice's Carl Hammaker in the finals. A two-point penalty to Rogowski for locking his hands on st kelped Hammaker's

The referee was watching him like a hawk," Rodriguez said: "It's the first time he's been called for that in two years. But Casey said he locked his hands."

It took Rogowski, one of six CC champions, only 13 seconds to pin both his first and second-round opponents: St. Mary's Brian Johnson and Foley's Jason Sab-

Junior Mitch Hancock won the 160-pound division and earned Most Valuable Wrestler for the upper weights. He won in a technical fall against St. Mary's Matt Ulrey, 20-5, in the finals.

He pinned Foley's John DeLong in 2:14 and Rice's Pat Samona in 0:24 to earn a berth in the finals. Senior John Abshire continued

his late season rush, winning the 189 division with a pin in 1:58 over Rice's Sean Williamson in the finals. Senior Brocc Naysmith is now

29-3 after recording a pair of pins en route to the 215 division title. He pinned Foley's Aaron Wallace in 5:17 to win the final following a pin in 0:34 over Rice's Dereck Criscuolo. Ryan Zajdel won the 145 pound class with a pin in 1:59 over Jom

LoCascio of St. Mary's. Zajdel pinned Rice's Brent Shammani in 2:43 and DC's Bill Sovinski in 1:00 to reach the finals. Sophomore Chris O'Hara, now 27-3, won the 103 division with a

16-0 decision over Notre Dame's Tom Orozco in the finals. He pinned Netto Meilwreth in 57 seconds to get to the finals. Jeff Wheeler captured the 135-

pound division with a pin in 1:24 over DC's Mike Brockway. Wheeler earned his way into the finals with a pin in 0:57 over Notre Dame Prep's Chris Armbruster.

Jason Hilliker took second place at 160, losing to Rice's Kevin Harrington, 19-2, on a technical fall in the finals.

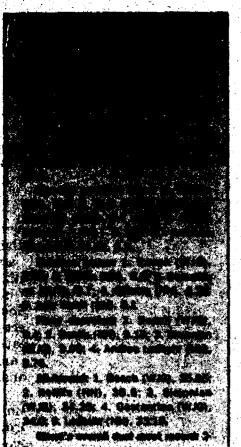
Ryan Matheson also was runnerup, at 171.

CC's Peter Mazzarese finished second at 125, losing in the final to DC's Pete Kim, 7-5. Mazzarese pinned St. Mary's Chris Artt in 1:10 and ND Prep's Gerry Mattei in 2:58 to reach the finals.

CC's Sean Bell was a runner-up at 140, losing in the final to Rice's Jeremmy Barrios, 14-8.

Chris Petersen earned third place with a pin over St. Mary's

Brian Inamdar in 1:52. Please see CC MAT, C4



Lady Crusaders roll; SC now 22-3

Turnaround time — and just in time.

Madonna University's women's basketball team appeared to be a legitimate challenger for the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship just before the start of league play. Even the loss of star forward Mary Murray to a severe knee injury early in the season, while a definite problem, was something they could overcome. They entered the WHAC campaign with an 11-4

Four weeks later, they were at the bottom of the conference standings with a 12-12 overall record and a 1-8 league mark.

They were down, but apparently not out. Led by Kathy Panganis, Madonna has now won its last three WHAC games, the latest a 79-57 dismantling of Indiana Tech Saturday in Fort Wayne.

The sophomore forward turned in yet another superb all-around performance, converting 8-of-13 floor shots (and 2-of-3 three-pointers) to score a game-high 21 points. She also had 12 rebounds (four of them offensive), six assists and two steals.

Panganis, named WHAC player of the week for her takes.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

efforts, leads the conference in scoring with a 19.6 aver-

Chris Dietrich added 17 points, five rebounds and five assists; Lori Enfield scored 10 points and grabbed five boards: Katie Cushman had nine points and six assists; and Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) finished with seven points and seven rebounds.

The Lady Warriors got 10 points apiece from Rhonda Mehrley, Nichole Meyers and Kelly Hays. Hayes also had 11 rebounds and three steals.

Madonna led 40-33 at the half. The win improved the Crusaders' record to 15-12 overall, 4-8 in the WHAC. Tech is 7-19 overall, 2-10 in the conference. More importantly, going into last night's

na was in a three-way tie for fifth in the conference (with Aquinas and Concordia), one game out of fourth. •SCHOOLCRAFT 53, OAKLAND CC 41: Whatever it

home game against league-leader Spring Arbor, Madon-

That philosophy carried Schoolcraft College to its 14thstraight win in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, clinching first place for the Lady Ocelots. They have won 18-consecutive games and have a 22-3 overall record to go with their 14-0 conference mark.

SC trailed OCC (14-10 overall, 7-8 in the conference) 27-18 at the half, but limited the Lady Raiders to 6-of-34 shooting from the floor in the second half (17.6 percent).

SC shot horridly from the field, making just 19-of-59 shots (32.2 percent) in the game. But the Raiders were worse, making 17-of-65 shots (26.2 percent). And while SC was only 5-of 21 from three-point range (23.8 percent), OCC was 0-for-18.

Antone' Watson led the Ocelots with 15 points, six rebounds, five assists and two steals. Jackie Kocis added 11 points, Samantha Theisen had nine points, eight boards and five steals, and Stacy Cavin grabbed 10 rebounds to go with her four points.

Paula Wesa was the only Raider to reach double figures in scoring with 18 points; she also had 16 rebounds and five steals. Allison Richards contributed nine points.

The loss was OCC's sixth-in-a-row in conference play.



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■ MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Too little, too late.

Madonna University's men's basketball team has suffered through all sorts of indignities this season of frustration, but it has never surrendered.

On Saturday against visiting Indiana Tech, the Fighting Crusaders continued to follow that simple precept — all the way to a

92-88 triumph. It was the second Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win in three games for Madonna, raising its record to 8-20 overall and 4-8 in the conference. Tech fell to 16-8 overall, 6-5 in the WHAC.

Behind the efforts of Mike Massey (31 points, eight rebounds and two steals) and Mike Maryanski (27 points, seven boards, four assists and two blocked shots), the Crusaders scored the game's first six points and never trailed.

Their lead by halftime was 43-26.

But it did get interesting down the stretch. With 2:45 left in the game, a Massey free throw had made it 80-65 - a safe cushion. right?

Not by Warrior standards. They nailed seven three-pointers in that last 2:38, five of them by Gordon Stubblefield, in outscoring Madonna 23-12.

But with Trevor Hinshaw converting 7-of-8 free throws in the final 1:26. Tech never got closer than four points as the Crusaders held off the charge.

Hinshaw, one of five Crusaders to reach double figures in scoring, finished with 10 points, five rebounds and four assists.

Madonna upsets Indiana Tech; Ocelots fall

Jason Skoczylas added 13 points and three steals, and Mark Mitchell had 10 points.

Madonna enjoyed one of its finest shooting days, hitting 28-of-52 floor shots (53.8 percent), 5-of-13 three-pointers (38.5 percent) and 31-of-44 free throws (70.5 percent).

Maryanski was named WHAC player of the week, averaging 18.3 points and eight rebounds in the seven-day stretch.

Stubblefield's 23 points topped Tech. Khalil Hairston and Franklyn Bush added 15 points apiece, and Andre Miles scored 13. Hairston also had nine assists.

OAKLAND CC 111, SCHOOLCRAFT 92: Schoolcraft College has handled every opponent In the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, except for conference leader Flint Mott CC and - Oakland

The Raiders have hovered at the .500 level all season, but for the second time in a week they looked like champions in completely mastering SC. On Feb. 8, they beat the Ocelots 117-97 at

SC fell to 20-4 overall, 10-4 in the conference.

Once again, OCC took command early and kept it, leading 59-35 at the half.

The Raiders were 34-of-64 from the floor (53.1 percent) and 11-of-21 from three-point range (52.4 percent), and they shot a whopping 41

free throws, making 32 of them (78 percent). SC was 39-of-83 from the floor (47 percent), but hit just 3-of-21 triples (14.3 percent) and were just 11-of-20 from the line (55 percent).

Five Raiders reached double-figures in scoring, led by Montez Briggs with 21 points, nine assists and six rebounds.

Albert Jones (from Westland John Glenn) had 19 points, seven boards, six assists and three steals; Brad Burlingame scored 18 points; Randy Kelly totaled 17 points, five rebounds and two steals; and Aaronde Kemp collected 12 points. seven rebounds, three assists and three steals.

SC had seven players in double figures in scoring: Dashawn Williams with 16 (and 14 rebounds); Mike Murray with 13 (and five boards); Lamar Bigby with 12; Chris Colley with 11; and David McGlown, Derek McKelvey and David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn) with 10 apiece,

McGlown added four assists and three steals, and Jarrett had six assists and two steals.

•SCHOOLCRAFT 77, DELTA 64: The offense wasn't quite as productive, but the defense made up for it as Schoolcraft College won its 20th game of the season Saturday, beating visiting Delta CC.

The loss dropped Delta to 8-16 overall, 4-10 in the Eastern Conference.

The Ocelots, who have struggled at the freethrow line at times this season, didn't in this game.

They nailed 14-of-18 from the stripe (77.8 per cent); the Pioneers were 9-of-11 (81 percent). SC led 32-23 at the half.

Dashawn Williams' 17 point topped the Ocelots. David Jarrett (from Westland John Glenn) added 14 and Derek McKelvey scored 12. DeAndre Bell led Delta with 22 points. Bruce Simmons contributed 14.

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BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Stevenson hangs on to win; Foder's 30 propels Rockets

Livonia Stevenson, thanks to a game-high 25 points Tuesday from junior guard Keshay McChristion, slid by host Livonia Churchill in Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball game, 64-63. Stevenson is now 5-11 overall and 2-8 in the WLAA, while Churchill falls to 4-12 and 1-9.

Churchill's 25-18 fourth-quarter run fell short.

Marty Kennedy's two free throws with seven seconds remaining gave Stevenson a 64-60 lead and sealed the victory.

Mike Lenardon added 10 points for the victorious Spartans.

McChristion, who had a pair of three-pointers, was on target for three quarters, but fouled out with two minutes to play in regula-

"Keshay played a terrific game," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "We had a hard time containing him."

John Bennett, who scored 16 points to lead Churchill, hit a threepointer with 3 seconds left to pull his team to within one, but the

Chargers couldn't get the ball back.

Randall Boboige and Devin White added 14 and 13, respectively,

for Churchill. Mike Kennedy added nine. Stevenson was 14 of 28 from the free throw line, while Churchill

was 14 of 19. "We fought really hard to rally," Austin said. "And I thought both

Randall Boboige and Mike Kennedy played a whale of a game." • JOHN GLENN 78, NORTHVILLE 65: Senior guard Bill Foder pumped in a careerhigh 30 points Tuesday as Westland John Glenn (9-6, 7-3) downed the host Mus-

tangs (5-10, 4-6) in a WLAA encounter. Foder scored 13 of his 30 in the third quarter. He hit five 3-pointers, five field

goals and was five-for-six from the free throw line. Junior center Ben Harris added 17 points and eight rebounds. Junior guard Eric Jones chipped in with 13 points and five assists, while senior center Ty Haygood had 12 points and 11 rebounds. Senior guard Reggie Spearmon also dished out five

Northville, unable to overcome a 19-11 first-quarter deficit, had three players score in double figures led by Brett Allen's 15 points.

Marshall Knapp and Ryan Eller chipped in with 14 and 13, respectively. •W.L. CENTRAL 59, FRANKLIN 33: Mark Bortz, a 6-foot-6 sophomore center, scored a game-high 22 points Tuesday to spark Walled Lake Central (8-7, 4-6) to a

WLAA victory over host Livonia Franklin (0-15, 0-10). Senior guard Cory Heitsch added 14 points for the winners.

Franklin led 11-10 after one quarter as junior forward Jason Micallef scored nine of his team-high 11 points.

But the Patriots got outscored 18-7 in the second period and 21-8 in the third quarter.

•A.A. HURON 68, WAYNE 61: In a non-leaguer Tuesday, Ann Arbor Huron (7-7 overall) used a 22-7 third-quarter run to beat the host Zebras (5-11 overall). Wayne led 29-28, but couldn't solve Huron's 2-2-1 half-court trap in the third quar-

lan Wilson and Andre Walton scored 13 and 11, respectively, for the victorious River Rats.

Senior center Robert Price led Wayne with 14 points, while senior guard Jamar Davis added 11.

Huron was 14 of 24 from the free throw line. Wayne finished 11 of 18.

•LUTHERAN WESTLAND 55, CRANBROOK 47: Senior forward Ryan Ollinger scored a game-high 22 points, powering Lutheran High Westland (10-5, 9-3) to the Metro Conference victory over host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (5-10, 4-7).

"They (Cranbrook) have a couple of big guys inside and we don't have the bulk. but our zone defense did a nice job," Lutheran Westland coach Dan Ramthun said. Junior guard Charlie Hoeft added 17 points for the Warriors, who led by 16 after three quarters, 44-28. Senior forward Tom Habitz chipped in with eight.

Senior forward Tyrell Smith tailied 18 to lead the Cranes, who pulled to within six in the final period. Vince Fulton added 10.

•HARPER WOODS 63, CLARENCEVILLE 49: Senior center Albert Strickland scored a game-high 24 points Tuesday, leading the host Pioneers (12-4, 7-4) to the Metro Conference victory over Livonia Clarenceville (6-9, 5-6).

Sophomore center Scott Wion led the Trojans with 18. •FRANKLIN ROAD 67, HURON VALLEY 29: Aaron Schroeder scored 13 points to lead a balanced attack Tuesday as host Southfield Franklin Road Christian (9-7, 6-3) to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference victory over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-11, 0-8).

Junior guard Rene Arnal and freshman guard Stephen Davidson each scored eight in a losing cause.

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Plymouth Whalers suffer through rare slump, fall to London, Oshawa

In a season that spans 67 games (not including playoffs), there's bound to be parts players would like to forget. The object is to keep those forgettables to as few as possible.

The Plymouth Whalers haven't had too many down parts to their current season, which will feature its 56th game tonight. Last weekend, however, would qualify as one.

After winning five-straight games, the Whalers let down their guard and were victimized on consecutive nights by the London Knights and Oshawa Generals. The Knights really brought the high-flying Whalers back to earth Friday with a fourgoal second period that led to a 6-2 triumph in London, Ont.

More disappointment would follow for Plymouth Saturday this time on their home surface at Compuware Arena. John Kozoriz scored three goals for the visiting Generals, one of them shorthanded, in a 4-3 win over the Whalers.

The two losses left Plymouth with a 41-11-3 record and 85 points, which ties it for second in the Ontario Hockey League's overall points race with the Barrie Colts, four behind leagueleader Ottawa. London is currently 26-26-3 and riding a sixgame winning streak, while Oshawa is 29-22-4 and has fourstraight wins.

One statistic that separated Saturday's game against Oshawa with nearly every other Whalers' game this season was shots on goal. For one of the very few times this season, Plymouth was outshot by the Generals, 28-

Kozoriz scored goals in each period, getting his shorthanded goal (unassisted) at the 13:18 mark of the second period and the game-winner at 9:08 of the third. Andrew Peters had two assists for Oshawa; Brian Passmore also had a goal.

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goal performance by Plymouth's Compuware drops 2 Eric Gooldy, one in each of the first two periods. Shaun Fisher scored the Whalers' third goal at 17:51 of the third, narrowing the deficit to 4-3. David Legwand had two assists.

Robb Zepp had 24 saves in goal for Plymouth; Derek Dolson made 20 for Oshawa.

On Friday at London, it wasn't as dramatic. The first of Randy Fitzgerald's two goals in the game, at 15.51 of the first period. tied the game at least temporarily at 1-1, but three power-play markers in a 2:16 span of the second period gave the Knights all the cushion they would need.

Richard Pitirri scored twice for London; he also had one assist. Tom Kostopoulos and Jay Legault added a goal and an assist apiece, with additional scores coming from Joel Scherban and Krys Barch.

Fitzgerald's second goal, at 16:42 of the final period, was his 10th of the season.

For Robert Holsinger, it wasn't the best of games in goal; he had just 11 saves. Gene Chiarello made 28 stops for the Knights. Plymouth had a 30-17 shot advantage.

The Whalers travel to Toronto for a 7:35 p.m. game tonight against the St. Michael's Majors.

The Compuware Ambassadors registered a 6-1 victory over the Cleveland Barons Friday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth, but on Saturday and Sunday in Sault Ste. Marie the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians collected back-to-back victories, beating the Ambassadors 3-2 in an overtime shootout Saturday and 2-0 Sunday.

The 1-2 weekend left Compuware with a 28-10-5 record: the Indians are 28-13 and Cleveland is 18-23-3 in the North American Hockey League.

In the win over the Barons Friday, J.J. Swistak scored twice and Nick Schrader and John Shouneyia added a goal and an assist for the Ambassadors. Craig Kowalski was in goal for the win.

On Saturday, Compuware rallied to force overtime with two third-period goals scored with their goalie pulled for an extra attacker. Mark Mink and Shouneyia netted the goals for the Ambassadors.

Compuware still has a fivepoint lead atop the nine-team NAHL.



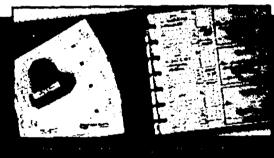
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TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Harper Woods, 209: 2. Livonia Clarenceville. 185.5; 3. Macomb Lutheran North, 161; 4. Harper Woode Lutheran East, 139; 5. Lutheran High Westland, 115.5; 6. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 31: 7. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 19; 8. Hamtramck, 18.

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS 103 pounds: Danny, Tondreau (C'ville) pinned Mett Tarmina (HW); 0:19; seasolation final : Kyle Jason (LN) decisioned Radwan Zindani (H), 3-

112: Bob Bennett (HW) p. Matt Shurnard (LW), 1:28; consolation: Kevin Grabowski (LE) p. Bryan Hartway (LN), 1;53.

110: Will Jurczak (LE) p. Adam Haller (LW), 1:24; consoletion; Jasim Vejadzick (H) dec. Mike Williams (LN),

128: Frank Barretta (LN) dec. James Starnes (HW), 10-3; consolation: Jacomb Allen (LNW) p. Timothy Murphy (LW), 0:34.

130: Dave Lemmon (C'ville) dec. Tatsuya Sakai (BHC), 7-4; consolation: Mike Baubenmeye (LN) p. Dave Tomlinson (HW), 4:03.

135: Andrew Deramo (HW) p. Dan LeClerc (C'ville), 1:42; consolation: Tony Lawchowciz (LN) dec. John Lawrence (LE), 11-2.

140: David Johnson (LN) dec. Matt Weihl (C'ville), 5-1; consolution: Scott Villar (HW) p. John Pate (LE), 4:33. 145; Ryan Deramo (HW) won by major dec. over John Jones (LE), 12-1; consolation: Brian Soos (LW) p. George

Gostias (C'ville), 3:50. 152: Darren Steeh (LN) dec. Justin Dattillo (HW), 12-5; consolation: Robble Simpson (C'ville) dec. Jon Kissinger, 8-1.

160: James Behring (LN) won by major dec. over Bill Jones (LE), 13-4; neclation: Tony Rachoza (C'ville) p. James Moinar (LW), 0:43.

171: Rich Erikkson (HW) won by major dec. over Adam Marcum (C'ville), 14-1; consolation; Scott Archer (LW) p. Ryan Whitford (LNW),

189: Walter Ragland (C'ville) won by tech. fall over Eric Ertbischo (HW), 17-2; consolution: Rob McKleman (LN) p. Matt Franklin (LE), 3:57.

215: Kalan McPherson (C'ville) p. Kevin Packard (LW), 3:21; consolation: Jason Rhodes (HW) p. Matt Justice (LE), 1:25.

Heavyweight: Drew Jablonski (LE) p. Matt Barranca (HW), 0:47; consolation: Justin Green (C'ville) p. Dax Clarke (LN), 2:51.

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Feb. 13 at Walled Lake Control TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 254.5; 2. Plymouth Salem, 181.5; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 164.5; 4, Walled Lake Western, 136; 5. Walled Lake 121.5; 7. Livonia Churchill, 115.5; 8. Farmington, 111.5; 9. Westland John Glenn, 101; 10. Livonia Franklin, 66; 11. Farmington Hills Harrison, 38; 12. North Farmington, 36. FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

dec. Charlie Hamblin (PS), 6-0; consolation final: Tony Henry (WLW) p. Paul Lindsey (WLC), 0:28; 5th-6th: Brian Brinsden (F) p. Derek McWatt (PC), 0:21; 7th-8th: Mike Graffke (LC) won by injury default over Josh Sikora (NF). 103: Joe Moreau (LS) p. Jeremy

Heavyweight: Ted Bowersox (N)

Carter (N), 4:41; consolution: Kyle Pitt (PC) dec. Steve Lenhardt (LC), 10-1; Sta-Oth; Larry Leipsitz (NF) dec. Matt Frendeway (WLC), 7-3; 7th-8th: Jeff Bennett (PS) p. Robert Easterday (F), 112: John Mervyn (PS) dec. Matt

Tarrow (N), 21-4; consolation: Josh Gunterman (LS) dec. Ryan Beech. (WLW), 5-2; 5th-6th: Dale Czarnick (WLC) dec. Dan Demsick (PC), 7-2; 7th 8th: Jesse Purdon (WJG) p. Ramis Bairami (NF), 1:12. . 119: Ron Thompson (PS) dec. Kevin

Arbuckle (N), 5-3; consolution: Steve Vasiloff (LC) dec. Zack Yaffal (LS), 8-7; 5th-6th: John Simmons (F) dec. Lee Warren (LF), 13-2; 7th-8th: Steve Sargot (FHH) p. Chris Smith (WJG), 3:25. 125: Jacob Pattenaude (WLW) p.

Rob Ash (PS), 2:38: consolation: Crafe Mussar (PC) dec. Ben Ashbey (N), 5-3: 5th-6th: Caleb Smith (FHH) p. Arik Wicketts (LF), 2:51; 7th 8th: Aaron Turk (F) p. Eric Letvin (WLC), 2:13. 130: Reggie Torrence (N) dec. Jeff

Albrecht (WJG), 13-2; consolation: Tony Lema (F) p. Justin Shafer (FHH), 0:30; 5th-6th: C.J. Rasch (WLW) p. Steve Dendrinos (PS), 1:53; 7th-8th; Chris Cooprider (LS) p. Scott Eistone (LC), 1:20.

138: Scott Aubry (WLC) p. Anant Saran (N), 3:35; conselation; Josh Henderson (PS) dec. Imad Kharbush (ES), 3-2; 5th-6th: John Pocock (PC) dec. Geoff Zilan (WLW), 5-2; 7th-8th: Derek Azzopardi (LF) p. Eric McMichael

140: Chad Neumann (N) dec. Mike Falzon (LS), 4-0; consolation: John & O'Brien (WLC) dec. Jim Sheldon (PC), 9.7; Bth-6th: Tom Mehon (F) p. Greg Petrovich (PS), 2:35; 7th-8th: Ernle Guerra (WJG) won by injury default over fritz Schuttes (NF).

146: Mike Carter (LC) dec. Dan Scappatical (N), 10-4; consolution: Kevin Stone (PC) dec. Josh Bagalay (WLW), 5-1; Win-Oth: Allen Duff (LF) dec. Chris Wolfgang (WJG), 7-5; 7th-8th: Joe Jamieson (LS) dec. 1an Huff (WLC), 3-2.

182: Brandon LaPointe (LC) dec. Mark Ostach (f), 9-3; sensolation: Greg Eizans (PS) p. Joe Weetherly (WLW), 0:49; Oth-Oth: Jeff Bellaire (PC) p. Justin Wornlak (WLC), 3:50; 7th-6th: Brian Walker (LF) dec, Devin Hall (WXG), 12-11.

180: Pete Langer (WJG) dec. Brisn Barker (LS), 10-6; consolution; Rob Demeick (PC) dec. Eric Toeke (LF), 8-5th-6th: John Rehoumis (N) dec. J.D. Zlarkowski (WLC), 7-0; 7th-0th: Mike Murtiand (F) p. Trent Jones (PS),

171 Ryan McCracken (N) won by injury default over Norm Wroblewski (WLW); consulation: Mike Radley (LS) dec. Deryl Hilyard (WLC), 2:1; #th-6th; Steve Brown (LC) dec, Jason Bedoun (PS), 2-1; Tth-9th: Shehelm Rajaco (PC) won by injury default over Dominic Carducci (FHH).

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Trojans settle for co-share

Livonia Clarenceville captured the dual season, but rival Harper Woods came back Saturday on the Trojans' home mats to claim the Metro Conference meet championship.

The Pioneers scored a teamhigh 209 points in the eightschool, while Clarenceville, winning four individual titles, was second with 185.5. Lutheran Westland was a distant fifth with 115.5.

The split means Clarenceville and Harper Woods share the conference title. See final results.

"We really wanted to win this outright, but in order for this to happen we needed some upsets and they didn't happen." Clarenceville coach Todd Skinner said. "The beautiful thing is that we set some goals and are achieving them as the season goes on. We've been in the league since 1984 and have never won it. We made it happen this year."

Clarenceville's Dan Tondreau breezed to the 103-pound title, his second in as many years, while teammate Dave Lemmon captured his second straight title at 130 notched his 100th career

victory in the process. Walter Ragland captured his third straight Metro Conference title at 189 and was named the meet's most outstanding wrestler.

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PREP WRESTLING

McPherson took the 189 pound

Clarenceville had 11 wrestlers place with three others reaching the finals - Dan LeClerc (135), Matt Weihl (140) and Adam Marcum (171).

"We're very pleased with the way we wrestled and hopefully we can carry that into the districts," Skinner said. "Once again we're working towards another goal."

Lutheran Westland finalists include Matt Shurnard (112), Adam Haller (119) and Kevin Packard (215).

Western Lakes meet

Northville, boasting four individual winners, repeated Saturday as Western Lakes Activities Association champion at Walled Lake Central.

The Mustangs scored 254.5 points with Plymouth Salem and Livonia Stevenson taking second and third, respectively, with 181.5 and 164.5. See complete results.

Stevenson had one individual champion, 103-pounder Joe Moreau who scored three pins en route to the title. Moreau is 38-2

Mike Falzon (140), who is 29-12, and Brian Barker (160), who is 27-6, each finished second.

The Spartans' Josh Gunterman (112), now 25-10; Mike Radley (171), 17-11; and Eric Puninske (215), 16-9, each finished third.

One of the toughest weight classes was 135 where Central's Scott Aubry handed Northville's Anant Saran his first defeat of the year, a pin in 3:35. Stevenson's Imad Kharbush, the Observerland champ, took

fourth. He is 32-11. Stevenson's Zack Yaffai (119), who is 17-9, added a fourth.

Livonia Churchill, seventh in the team standings, took two

Junior Mike Carter (145) won 31st straight match without a loss when he decisioned Dan Scappaticci of Northville, 10-4.

"Mike really manhandled people in this meet, he's done it all year," Churchill coach Marty Altounian said. "He's been dominant in the area. Every time there is a big match, he comes up big."

Senior Brandon LaPointe (152) beat Mark Ostach of Farmington to run his season mark to 32-5. Steve Vasiloff (119) added a

third to go 25-11 on the year. Steve Lenhardt (103) finished fourth to even his mark at 20-20. Glenn, ninth in the team

standings, was led by 160pounder Pete Langer, who took first. Teammate Jeff Albrecht

(130) was runner-up to Northville's Reggie Torrence.

Franklin's Steve Myslinski, a senior, won the 189-pound class with a 7-2 win over Ryan Giles of Northville, Myslinski is 29-3 overall with all three losses comagainst Livonia

ing Clarenceville's Walter Ragland. Patriot teammate Eric Toska (160) finished fourth. Toska is 22-13 on the year.

Wayne 5th in Mega-White

Dearborn Edsel Ford scored 171 points Saturday to win the Mega Conference-White Division meet at Wayne Memorial.

Rounding out the field was Ypsilanti (141), Dearborn Fordson (118), Dearborn (108), Wayne (105), Allen Park, Garden City and Melvindale.

Wayne junior Jon Gregg raised his record to 27-4 by winning the 119-pound class.

The Zebras also had a pair of runner-ups.

Senior Nate Wensko, who lost in overtime 8-6, finished second at 135. He is 29-6. Senior Mike Kassabri (112) lost by injury default in the finals after severely turning his ankle. Kassabri, 24-3, is doubtful for this weekend's individual district.

Junior heavyweight Mike Shaw added a third, while senior Kurt Spann (160) and freshman Bryan Marsh (125) each finished

O win over DC's Dea Bre way in the consolation

Tem Buddenberg of CC added a fourth place.

Now, the districts

CC will likely battle Livenia Stevenson in a Division I team district today, which makes sense. but the site doesn't. The two Observerland powers will meet at Temperance-Bedford, which isn't even in the same district.

Stevenson will be favored against Southfield in the first match and the Shamrocks, who received a bye. will battle the winner.

"I already detest having to drive an hour,' Rodriguez said, not understanding how the state picks district sites. But we're going down to wrestle. It'll be a knock-down, drag-out affair."

Rodriguez said the lower weights are key against Stevenson, starting with O'Hara, who will battle Stevenson standout Joe. Moreau.

"We've got to stop them at the lightweights, somewhere," Rodriguez said.



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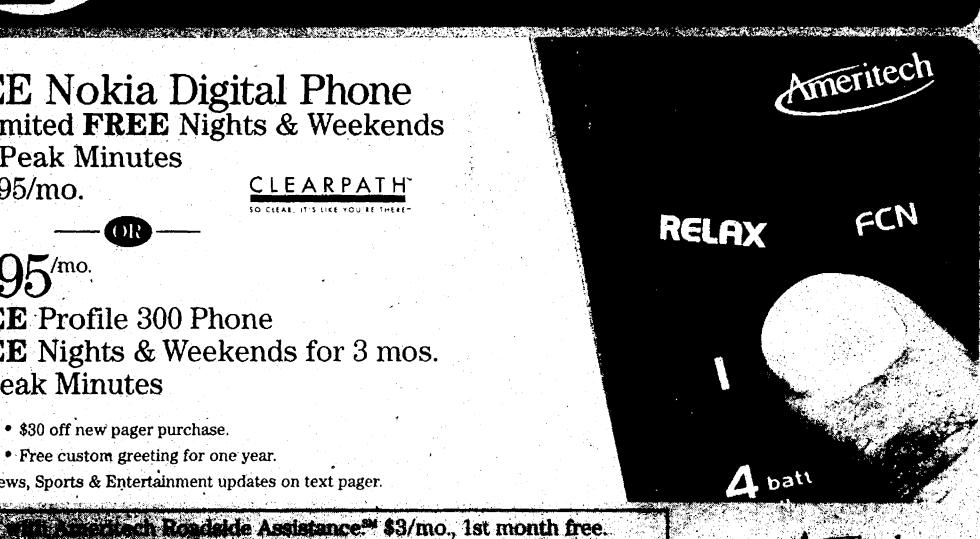


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Madonna University came away with top grades last week, capturing Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week honors in both men's and women's basketball.

-Kathy Panganis, a sophomore forward from Allen Park, has led a recent Lady Crusader resurgence that has seen them win three-straight WHAC games. She averaged 20 points and eight rebounds last week in wins

over Tri-State and Indiana Tech: she currently leads the conference in scoring (WHAC games only) with a 19.6 average. For the season, she is averaging 15.3 points and 6.3 rebounds per game while connecting on 51.5 percent of her floor shots (including 49.4 percent of her threepointers).

Mike Maryanski, a senior forward from Pleasant Ridge, scored 27 points in Madonna's 92-88 triumph over Indiana Tech Saturday. Maryanski averaged 18.3 points and eight rebounds for the Crusaders last week, during which they won twice. For the season, he is averaging 14.8 points and seven rebounds a

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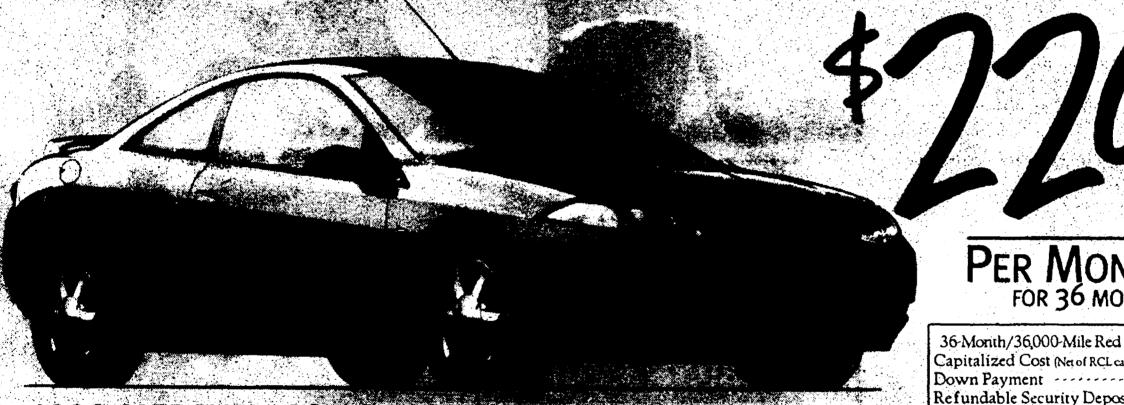
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raises spectacle to art

Avant-garde circus at Music Hall bound for Broadway

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.net

ears after he left Broadway as a young scenic designer because the competition was too cutthroat, Neil Goldberg will make his return to Gotham City this fall.

In between leaving and returning to Broadway, Goldberg established himself as one of the industry's most sought-after big-event producers with a couple of Super Bowls and Miss America Pageants to his credit, not to mention a few thousand corporate shows.

But in the early 1990s, fed up with what he called "Band-Aid productions" and "safe" corporate shows, Goldberg ran off and joined the circus.

Actually, he created a circus. Cirque Ingenieux," to be performed Tuesday-Sunday at the Music Hall Center for the Perform-

The avant-garde circus is partly an old-fashioned P.T. Barnum extravaganza, and partly European existential dream. A mix of outrageousness and a bizarre, voyeuristic intimacy.

For those who've watched "Cirque Ingenieux" on PBS, there's really only one word that sums up the troupe of contortionists, acrobats, aerialists and illusionists spectacle.

Story of the circus

In the European tradition, Cirque Ingenieux relies on a single-ring circus in an intimate setting, not a three-ring circus set amid a canyon.

Unlike the mawkishness of a Disney production, Cirque rushes headlong into a wildly imaginative, and, at times, frightening universe.

The peculiar spectacle follows the story of Sarah, a young girl who becomes enthralled by the circus performers.

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WHAT: Cirque Ingenuiex WHERE: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Avenue,

WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 23-Sunday, Feb.

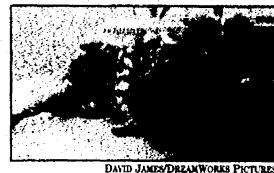
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Held up: (Top photo) Circus-like athleticism offers a blend of gymnastics and body sculpture. (Photo above) Cirque Ingenieux offers a contorted view of aesthetic defiance.



DAVID JAMES/DRZAMWORKS PICTURES

Wartime drama: Sergeant Horvath (Tom Sizemore), Corporal Upham (Jeremy Davies), Private Jackson (Barry Pepper) and Captain John Miller (Tom Hanks, right) are pinned down by an enemy sniper as they try to help a terrified little girl in a scene from "Saving Private Ryan."

W.W. II, 1500s vie for Oscar

BY HUGH GALLAGHER hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

World War II and Elizabethan England dominate this year's Oscar competition.

Three Best Picture nominated films - "Saving Private Ryan," "Life is Beautiful" and "The Thin Red Line" - examine the devastating effect of the war on soldiers and ordinary people. "Shakespeare In Love" and "Elizabeth" are, respectively, a costume comedy and a costume drama featuring the old and young Queen Bess.

It's hard to read any deep meaning into this other than coincidence. The biggest surprise and disappointment is that "The Truman Show" failed to win a Best Picture nomination, though director Peter Weir was nominated. The nominating process - in which everyone nominates in the Best Picture category while other nominations are made by those in the particular craft - makes these contradictions inevitable. "The Truman Show" might have offended the Hollywood crowd with its critique of media manipulation, or they might just be tired of the movie's star, perennial adolescent Jim Carrey, who didn't receive a Best Actor Nomination.

I would have easily eliminated "Elizabeth," an entertaining but not spectacular political drama, in favor of "The Truman Show."

Carrey also deserved a nomination for reaching beyond his usual clown personna. The nominated actors - Tom Hanks for "Saving Private Ryan," Ian McKellen for "Gods and Monsters." Roberto Benigni for "Life is Beautiful," Edward Norton for "American History X" and Nick Nolte for "Affliction" - are an outstanding group. Benigni's warm, Chaplinesque performance shows that he also can occasionally rein in a wild comic spirit.

Tom Hanks proves again his versatility and his talent for creating believeable characters with small telling gestures. McKellen's performance as director James Whale has been sharing critics' honors with my personal choice for best actor, Nick Nolte. Nolte's performance in "Affliction" is raw, honest and complex and a cap to many years of fine performances.

Best actress

In the best actress category, the critics have chosen Fernanda Montenegro for her performance in the Brazilian film "Central Station." She is also my choice for playing a part that could have plunged into sentimentality at any moment. She keeps it totally honest as a retired teacher who helps a little boy find his family. Cate Blanchett is also excellent as a headstrong and incisive young Queen Elizabeth and

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POPLUAR MUSIC

Black Crowes hold up release

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

Steve Gorman, drummer for The Black Crowes, knew that as soon as he and his bandmates wrapped up work on their fifth album, "By Your Side," they would regrettably write a great

"In the past when you make a record

WNO: The Black Crowes, and special guest

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19

WHERE: State Theatre, 2115 Woodward

HOW: Tickets, \$24.50, are available at all Ticketmaster outlets for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 961-5451 or visit http://www.961melt.com.

and you finish it and you turn it in, the next song is always great. But it's too late and by the time you're ready to make a new record, you've written a bunch more," he said.

And it happened again. But this time, The Black Crowes had the clout to put the brakes on the September release of "Stand By Me"

(American/Columbia). After turning in the album to the record company, The Black Crowes headed out on a summertime club tour which inspired the rollicking "Go Tell the Congregation," and the lazy, New

Orleans-inspired "Diamond Ring." When the two songs surfaced, the band decided to return to the studio and revamp the album.

"We were in no hurry to put the Please see RELEASE, E2



Shake your moneymaker: Black Crowes - from (left), keyboardist Eddie Harsch of Detroit, drummer $Steve\ Gorman,$ singer Chris Robinson, guitarist Audley Freed, guitarist/vocalist Rich Robinson, and bassist Sven Pipien

Circus from page E1

after the performance, Sarah's world is transformed magically as a ride on the trapeze takes her into an Kafkaesque "Alice in Wonderland" meets "Wizard of Oz" with odd characters straight from the "Jerry Springer Show."

It's an extravagantly strange place of an Enchantress and

Returning to the empty tent whacky tailors that has struck a chord with American audiences.

> Often, Cirque performances are sell-outs. The attention and ticket sales during their second season of a national tour apparently persuaded investors that the ultimate prize might be under the Broadway big-top.

"In eastern Europe, especially Russia, the circus is like football to New Yorkers," said Goldberg.

"When Americans are confronted with what we don't know, we become more captivat-

Contrary to Broadway

For a fraction of the \$11-million budget of "Phantom of the Opera," Cirque has the logistical-puzzle appearance of a Broadway show, said Goldberg.

But any avant-garde production, let alone a circus, isn't considered typical fare these days on Broadway, where revivals and big-budget shows are the

Contrary to the ways of Broadway, there's nothing conventional or "safe" with Goldberg's latest production.

"They couldn't pay me enough to do 'Grease' again," said Goldberg from his Los Angeles office.

"My dream has always been to

work on Broadway in original productions," he said. "The aura of live theater is so appealing to mę."

Years after running off with the circus, Goldberg and investors are betting that Broadway might be finally ready for the ultimate contortionist act.

Oscar from page E1

Gwyneth Paltrow again deftly handles a comic part in "Shakespeare in Love." The other nominees are Meryl Streep in "One True Thing" and Emily Watson "Hilary and Jackie."

Queen Elizabeth is also represented in the best supporting actress category with Judi Dench, who plays the queen as an amusing old lady in "Shakespeare in Love." My choice here is Kathy Bates' abrasive, emo-

political operative in "Primary Colors" (a movie that has been sadly undervalued because of its tie to real events). The other nominees are Rachel Griffiths for "Hilary and Jackie," Lynn Redgrave for "Gods and Monsters" and Brenda Blethyn for "Little Voice."

Bill Murray got robbed of a best supporting actor nomination for "Rushmore." The critics have been more perceptive than tional, riveting performance as a Hollywood. But my personal

choice for the award did get nominated - Robert Duvall once again proves that he is one of the finest and most subtle of actors in his work as an old shoe lawyer in "A Civil Action." It is also nice to see veteran James Coburn finally get recognition for his tough, nasty performance in "Affliction." The other nominees are Ed Harris in "The Truman Show," Geoffrey Rush in "Shakespeare in Love" and Billy Bob Thornton in "A Simple

Oscars rarely get passed out simply for artistic merit. Industry politics, national politics, sentimentality, Hollywood's inferiority complex and many other elements go into who gets these highly coveted but totally quirky

When the nominations were announced, most observers were surprised by the absence of "The Truman Show" and the number of nominations for "Shakespeare

in Love."

My choice for best picture is the movie that the Eastern critics are enjoying having seconds thoughts about and sneering at as "too conventional." There is a lot that is conventional about "Saving Private Ryan," but there is also a brutality, a sweep and an emotional power that is not at all conventional. Needless to say I also think Steven Spielberg should get his second

"Shakespeare In Love" and "Life Is Beautiful" are also favorites for best film. The first has a wonderfully witty script, fine ensemble acting and high production values. Benigni's "Life Is Beautiful" does the seemingly impossible by showing how humor triumphs over

On Sunday, March 21, we'll find out how Hollywood voted. See our Oscar contest ballot on

page E6 to cast your vote.

Release from page E1

record out. We were with a new label and we were like, 'Let's just hang on a second.' If these are as good as we think they are, we owe it to the record to go record them and see what we think."

On "Diamond Ring," Robinson's vocals are striking. He growls through "You're the reason I want to sing/You make me feel like a king/I love the sunshine that you bring/I want to buy you a diamond ring."

"Stand By Me" was then moved to November, but to avoid getting lost in the avalanche of Christmas releases, the band opted to move it to

Stripped down

The Black Crowes wanted "By Your Side" to sound warm, not like a slick and shiny overproduced album. So, according to Gorman, the band headed in the studio with "a bunch of guitars, a bunch of drums, a bunch of vocals" and just threw down.

The studio work was the easy part. The Black Crowes worked out all the kinks in pre-production, picking apart the 20 songs "like crazy," Gorman explained.

"We were very, very focused. We'd take each song, play it 50 times and pay attention to what every single person's playing so that when you come out of there, you go into the studio and just roll tape. The song is already very, very familiar. It was really easy to do."

Many of the songs that made it on the album, were first, second or third take.

The Black Crowes went through a lineup change before heading into the studio. The

■ The Black Crowes wanted "By Your Side" to sound warm, not like a slick and shiny overproduced album.

core members of guitarist Rich Robinson, singer Chris Robinson, drummer Gorman, and keyboardist Eddie Harsch remained. Guitarist Marc Ford and bassist Johnny Colt were out; bassist Sven Pipien, a longtime friend of the band, was in.

"We've known Sven forever. The first band I was ever in, Sven was my bass player, We'd always say we should play together and so when it finally happened, I didn't think it would be in The Black Crowes."

Straight-rocking guitars aside, the key to The Black

Crowes' sound is Harsch, a 12year Detroit resident, who joined the band in January 1991.

"He's very much a Detroiter." he said. The band met Harsch through musician Chuck Leavell, who played with the Black Crowes for one show in December 1990.

"Chuck drove up to play with us live to make it special and different. It was just great to have organ and piano live. Chuck said he knew Ed and said he'd be perfect. He had worked with a bunch of blues

guys out of Chicago. Two weeks later when we were going back out in 1991, we took him with us."

"We rehearsed two songs and said just figure the rest out. It was great at first. Ed was a lot more experienced than we were. We were still in our first year of touring and he had played with James Cotton and Albert Collins. He had all these different experiences. He raised the bar. He's a phenomenal musician. We said we've got to keep up with this guy now," Gorman added.

Harsch, Gorman said, is full of

"He's a little older than us. He's the weird uncle. He played with everybody. He's one of compete with our old albums, those people where his life story is going to be phenomenal."

If not the life story, maybe the

VH1 "Behind the Music" special about The Black Crowes which airs this spring.

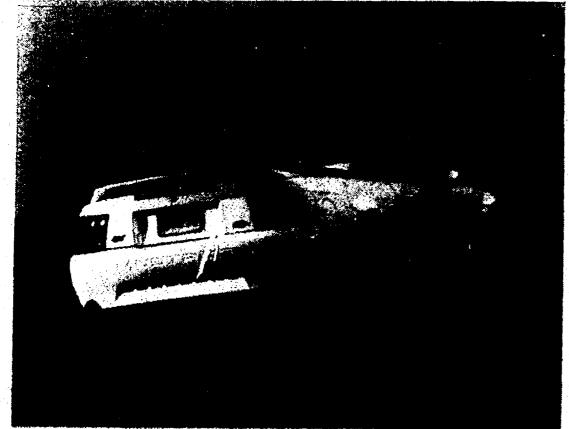
"It'll be good. There's so much stuff that we've done. There's a lot of unreleased stuff. For about three years we didn't really talk about anything. We really weren't trying to maintain a profile. There'll be some live footage. That'll be good for diehard fans."

As for the fans, it's up to them to decide how "Stand By Me" compares to previous works by The Black Crowes.

"All of our albums are very honest records. It's consistent in that regard. Ten years from now, it won't be the new album, it'll just be the fifth one. We don't ever. We're always looking ahead. That's for fans to figure

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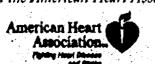
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Song for Rosa Parks gains Grammy attention

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

Eschewing the rap trend of recording new lyrics over old songs, Outkast's Big Boi and Dre knew they had something special while creating their latest album "Aquemini" (LaFace).

So much so that they penned a song about it, "Rosa Parks," likening their quest for revamping hip-hop to the civil rights heroine's life-changing bus ride.

"The lyrics, it's like, we back in the saddle again. There was a lot of things going on in music, the uncreativeness and people just doing the same thing over and over again," Big Boi said.

"The whole thing was like Rosa Parks. She refused to go to the back of the bus and made a change for everything, the whole civil rights movement. We refuse to do what everybody else was doing. For 1998-1999, we Rosa Parks. We go against the grain like we always do."

Apparently Outkast's peers thought it stood out as well. The track "Rosa Parks" earned Outkast its first Grammy nomination. The Best Rap Performance by a Duo or Group category pits "Rosa Parks" against "Intergalactic" by the Beastie Boys, "Money Ain't A Thang" by Jermaine Dupri and Jay-Z, "Deja Vu" by Lord Tariq and Peter Gunz, and "Ghetto Supastar" by Pras Michel, Ol' Dirty Bastard and Mya.

"That's good. For one thing it's our first time being nominated. Second, there's a broader audience who (watches) the Grammies. It's a good feeling," said Big

"Aquemini" is Outkast's third album, all of which hit platinum status. Big Boi and Dre produced nine of the 14 tracks on the album.

"It's all about growing," he said. "We started producing on the second album and felt like people appreciated what we were doin' so we had to crank it up on this one."

Outkast brought a few friends into the studio with them -Erykah Badu, George Clinton, Rackwon from WuTang Clan.

and Goodie Mob. Big Boi is the instrumentalist of the group while Dre writes the lyrics. Their musical bond is so strong that for the title of the album, they blended their two zodiac signs, Aquarius and Gem-

ini, into one word, "Aquemini." "Balance is key - Balance in the music and balance with me and Dre. I'm more street, hardcore hip-hop and Dre's more extraterrestrial." But while they're in the studio, they work

as a team. "If we're in the studio - he has a pre-production studio in his home and I have one in my home - I'll call him and say, Yo, I got this beat,' and he'll say, 'Yo, yo I

think this might be dope for it." The twosome took their phone conversations into the studio and peppered it with live musicians.

"It's way more creative than doing just the average thing, taking an old song and putting new lyrics on it. Our whole philosophy is you have to recreate yourself and turn into something else while staying true to who you are," he said.

Musicians, specifically a DJ, acoustic guitarist and percussionist will be apart of its show on Thursday, Feb. 18, opening for multi-Grammy nominee Lauryn Hill at the Fox Theatre.

Big Boi does admit to "creative sampling," but he said, he turns it around so that nobody will be able to identify the samples.

"Let's say we have a certain sample, we might get different sounds and melodies off of that. We create the whole thing over and over again. You never know where it came from. It's like so different. We change it. We flip the whole thing around. We strive for something new. You have to stay fresh and innovative in this game."

That will continue on Outkast's fourth album, on which the band has already begun

"It's gonna be very different. I can't let it out of the bag. There's a lot of biters out there."

Outhast opens for Lauryn Hill at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$38.50 and \$46 for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 433-1515. Outhast's Web site is http://www.outkast.com.

Olympia Entertainment is hosting a Lauryn Hill After Party from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$20. or \$15 at the door with a ticket stub. For more information, call Second City at (313) 965-2222 or WDTJ-FM at (313) 871-0590.

Silent film series features Chaplin comedy

Stagecrafters Silent Film and inal score. The theater is at 415 Royal Oak with Charlie Chaplin's classic comedy, "The Gold

Organist Lance Luce will accompany the film with an orig-

the historic Baldwin Theatre in Performances are 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. The ticket office is open 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Fri-

"The Gold Rush," being shown Organ Concert Series concludes S. Lafayette. Tickets are \$8, in honor of the 106th anniver-Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 20-21 at reserved, call (248) 541-6430. sary of Charlie Chaplin's birth. contains beautiful and pathetic moments of pantomime, satire. drama and tenderness. In 1925, "The Gold Rush" was on the New York Times "Top 10 Film List."

Comic has opinions about everything

Lewis Black performs at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 18-21. Performances 8:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$6 Thursday & Sunday, \$12 Friday-Saturday, call (248) 542-9900 for reservations. Steve Bills is also appearing.

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Sleet and snow, ice and rain, Lewis Black has weathered lots of storms along his route. He's not the postman, but a comedian who found his audience by tuning in the weather channel.

"My breakthrough came when I started talking about the weather," said Black, now appearing at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak. "The weather is one of the things we can't control. We get bad information all the time from the weather guy."

You know, they say it's going to be sunny, and you leave for work without your umbrella only to get caught in the rain.

"Every city some- Lewis has thing people complain about.

In Detroit you had a major problem with snow removal. There's always something going on. It's not difficult to find out. I say what everyone thinks but is afraid to say."

He's been called "America's Foremost Commentator on Everything," and is a regular on the "Conan O'Brien Show," and commentator on "The Daily

When Black isn't making people laugh, he's busy writing plays, and spends his summers at the Williamston Theatre Festival in Williamston, Mass., acting and teaching.

A graduate of the Yale School of Drama, Black got involved in comedy because it allowed him to do all the things he wanted to do - write plays and act.

"Stand-up is a combination of play writing and acting," he said. "You get a play produced every 140 years. Comedy is a way to keep busy. It became the way I got in."

Getting in means appearing in such films as "Hannah and Her Sisters," "Jacob's Ladder," "The Hard Way," and "The Night We Never Met."

Black's works have been produced in theaters across the country. You might have caught a glimpse of him on TV. He has

An author of over 40 plays,

guest starred on "Homicide" and

"Mad About You."

"Once you perform in Toledo to a group of drunks, going to auditions seemed easier," he said explaining how he went from drama to comedy.

Describing his stand-up comedy routine, Black said "it's edgy, the language is harsh, but I don't think it's offensive," he said. "I still love doing it. I'm still grow-

Although he's got a regular TV gig, Black believes it's important to hit the road and perform before a live audience. "I love Jay Leno," he said. "He's working 300 nights a year, but spends 65 days in front of a live audience. There's nothing that beats it, I love a live audience.'

He's working on a TV pilot for a sitcom, and continues to write plays. "I'm very lucky to be on the Daily Show," he said. "If people haven't seen it it's well worth their time. I also did a special for Comedy Central. It will air sometime in February."



Family affair: The Ying Quartet performs Sunday at Cranbrook Art Museum. The quartet is made up of Cellist David Ying, left, violinist Timothy Ying, violinist Janet Ying, and violist Phillip Ying.

Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre presents the Moss Hart comedy, "Light Up The Sky," in rotating repertory through April 1. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday with selected 2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday matinees. The theater is at Cass and Hancock on the WSU campus. Tickets \$10-\$17, call (313) 577-2972 for ticket information. BY SUE SUCHYTA

SPECIAL WRITER The Hilberry's production of Moss Hart's "Light Up The Sky" is overflowing with colorful characters who, unfortunately, don't have much of a storyline with which to work. While the Hilberry company did a marvelous job bringing the bigger-than-life characters to the stage, they didn't have much of a plot to entertain the audience with during the long three-act play.

Set in the 1950s, "Light Up The Sky" gives a fly-on-the-wall glimpse of a production company before their show opens, immediately after the curtain falls, and at 3 a.m. when the reviews hit the newsstands. The stage is filled with neurotic and egotistical, but ultimately likable characters, in a pre-Prozac era who rely on martinis and wit to survive the verbal volleyball.

Gavin Lewis plays Carleton Fitzgerald, a self-absorbed, and laughably intense director whose whims are catered to by a coterie of underlings. His poses alone evoke guffaws as he postulates about his art and the fickleness of the world.

Sara Catheryn Wolf is deliciously cagey as the tough as nails stage mother, Stella Livingston, a Mamie Eisenhower look-alike with a mean streak.

Colorful characters 'Light Up The Sky'

ingenue, is portrayed by blonde and leggy Heidi Olson. While Olson captured the vocal confidence of the character, her stage presence and body language did not project the same ease and self-esteem.

Orestes Arcuni is refreshingly exuberant as the naive young playwright Peter Sloan who wears his heart on his sleeve and whose self-worth rises and falls with the characters' careless critiques of his play.

The financial bakers, Frances and Sidney Black, portrayed by Tanisha Gonzalez and Lucas Caleb Rooney, a gregarious team, keep things lively with their noveau rich intimations about the lucky acquisition of their

Gonzalez and Wolf have some funny repartee with their ongoing gin games and claver obser-

Her daughter Irene, the show's vations and retorts. Perky and precise, they do what they can to shore up an otherwise slow storyline. The Shriners provided some bawdy relief, especially Mike Schraeder's charmingly brash cameo.

David Engelman as Owen Turner, an outside observer and veteran playwright, oversees the action with a relaxed, practiced air and a smooth likability. His humorous explanations of theater madness to the newer members of the production company help the audience capture some of the humor of the situation's drama-directed jokes.

Mary Leyendecker's costumes were elegant and sublime, right down to the perfectly perched ladies hats, a tribute to a bygone fashion era. Larry Kaushansky's filmy drapes, soaring columns, and sparkling chandeliers, created a splendid setting.

Concerts at Cranbrook feature Ying Quartet

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents the Ying Quartet 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 at the Albert and Peggy DeSalle Auditorium, Cranbrook Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 737-9980 for ticket information. The program includes Beethoven's Quartet in G Major, Opus 18, Number 2; Ives' String Quartet Number 2; Brahms' Quartet in A Minor, Opus 51, Number 2.

BY JILL HOCKMAN

The string musicians who make up the Ying Quartet share more than a membership in what's been dubbed one of the best young ensembles on the American music scene.

The group's sibling members - Timothy, Janet, Philip and David Ying - are also part of the faculty at the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music in New York. They will perform this weekend at the Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills.

in 1988 while studying at the Number 2; and Brahms' Quartet Eastman School. The group went in A Minor, Opus 51, Number 2.

on to win the International-Cleveland Quartet Competition the following year, and made its New York debut at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall in 1991.

The quartet started touring professionally in 1992, and won the Naumburg Chamber Music Award in 1993.

The quartet has performed throughout the world. In addition to North American appearances, their touring schedule has included Europe, Asia and Australia. For two years, they participated in the Rural Residency Initiative, serving as resident ensemble in Jesup, Iowa, a farming community of 2,000.

While visiting the Detroit area, the quartet will hold a fullday residency at Wayne State University and Cranbrook Educational Community.

The ensemble's visit will conclude this weekend with two concerts at the Cranbrook Art Museum. Both concerts will have the same program: Beethoven's Quartet in G Major, Opus 18. The Yings formed the quartet Number 2; Ives' String Quartet

'Rushmore' gets to the heart of being young

By Hugh Gallagher Staff Writer hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

Max Fischer is an unusual kid

- he loves his school. He's the president of the French Club, the Beekeepers Club, the Chorale, the Debate team, the fencing team, etc. He's even an alternate on the wrestling team. He's the only kid at the private Rushmore Academy who wears his blazer.

He's also flunking out and about to lose his scholarship.

The movie "Rushmore" is a bold, outlandish, endearing bit of American magic realism that offers some rich insights into growing up and growing old.

Director Wes Anderson and coscreenwriter Owen Wilson continue their unique view of American life that began with the

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wonderful "Bottle Rocket." Once At first he seeks help in his regret, depression. Where the again their story is bigger than life, hilariously inventive and incisive.

Jason Schwartzman is Max Fischer, a junior-sized Groucho Marx, a budding entrepreneur, a geek with moxie. He wears hornrimmed glasses. He gawks but he also talks. Does he talk. He spins a line for everyone he meets. He lives large. He writes plays and stages them with Spielbergian dimensions.

Schwartzman makes an auspicious acting debut as the selfdeluding Max, at once admirable and repulsive. Max's problems begin when he falls in love with beautiful and sensitive Miss Cross (Olivia Williams) and gets expelled for launching a project to build her an aquarium on the baseball field.

project from his idol, Rushmore alum and tough business tycoon Mr. Blume. Then Mr. Blume falls in love with Miss Cross and the battle is joined. At the center of all this is Bill

Murray, giving the performance of a lifetime as Mr. Blume. For Mr. Blume is an unhappy man. His marriage his dead, his twin sons are obnoxious jerks, his money and his work are a grind. In Max he finds the child he left behind.

restrained. His mugging is replaced by small gestures, nuanced expressions of love,

usual Murray would go for the obvious laugh, here, under Anderson's direction, Murray underplays to perfection. He forgoes the laugh for the pain. He has been unfairly and incomprehensibly overlooked for an Oscar nomination following several critic awards.

Anderson and Wilson have carved out a special territory here. Where the movie screens are





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Rob Becker's Defending the Caveman, through Sunday, Feb. 21, at the theater, in the Fisher Building, Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays. \$34.50, \$38.50 and \$44.50. (248) 645-6666/(313) 872-1000

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE *Never the Sinner,* John Logan's dramatization of the Leopold and Loeb story of the 1924 thrill killing of 14year-old Bobby Franks, through March 7, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Orake, West Bloomfield. Community forums follow Thursday evening and Sunday matinee performances. Featured speakers include Mort Crim, George Canton, and Clementine Barfield of So Sad. Call for details: \$13-\$23, discounts for seniors/students. (248) 788-2900 **MEADOW BROOK THEATRE**

"Scotland Road," Jeffrey Hatcher's thriller about a woman found floating in the Atlantic in 1998 claiming to be a Titanic survivor, through March 7, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. (248) 377-3300

PLANET ANT THEATRE "Garage," a hilarious musical comedy written by and starring Detroit Second City mainstage alumni Joshua Funk and Nancy Hayden, chronicles three decades in the life of an ill-fated band formed in the 1970s in a Hamtramck garage, continues through February, 8 p.m. and midnight Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturday, and 7 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck, \$10, (313) 365-4948 or

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Tite Greek tragetly "Oedipus the King," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 18-20, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, in the Ouirk Theatre on the Eastern Michigan University campus, Ypsilanti. \$12 evenings, \$7 Thursday, \$10 Sunday, \$2 discount for tickets purchased more than 30 minutes in advance. (734) 487-1221

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

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Charles Dickens' classic *A Tale of Two Cities," runs in rotating repertory to March 4, Moss Hart's riotous comedy "Light Up the Sky" continues in rotating repertory to April 1, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972 WSU STUDIO THEATRE

Athol Fugard's "The Road to Mecca," a compelling tale of human individuality in

a conformist society, set in a small village in Africa in 1974 and based on a real-life South African artist, opens Feb. 25, 8 p.m. Thursdays Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through March 7 at the theater downstairs from the Hilberry, 4743 Cass Avenue at Hancock, Detroit. \$6-8. (313) 577-2972

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"Kismet," a musical Arabian Nights, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 25-27, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 27-28, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$16, \$13 seniors, \$7 students. (734) 973-3264 FARMINGTON PLAYERS

"The Fantasticks" by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, 8 p.m. Fridays Saturdays, Feb. 19-20 and Feb. 26-27, in the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, \$14. (248) 553-**2955**

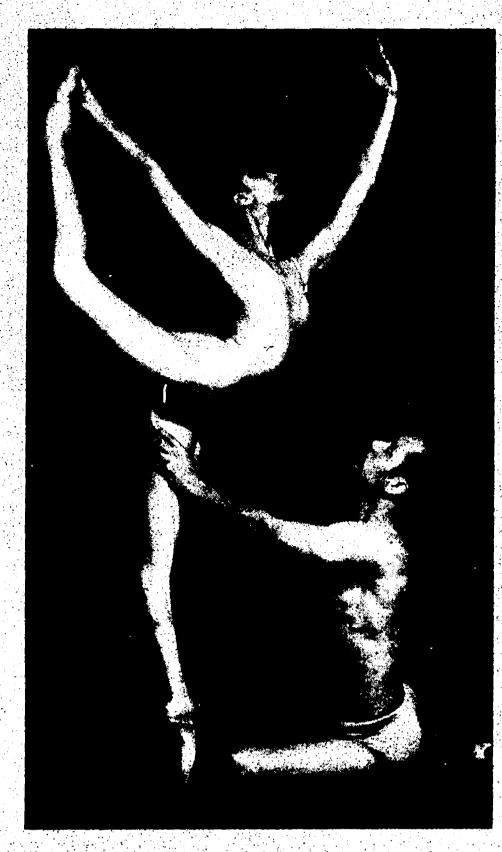
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Plymouth, Gerdenview's, 202 W. Main St., Northville, and Evola Music, 7170 Haggerty Road North, Canton; \$12 at the door. Discounts for groups of 15 or more, (248) 349-7110 P.T.D. PRODUCTIONS

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940, John Bishop's mystery/farce, 8 p.m. Feb. 18-20, at the Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti. \$12, \$9 seniors/students, (7.34) 483-7345. THORNSOX PRODUCTIONS

"Into the Woods" by Stephen Sondheim, an adult production suitable for families, 8 p.m. Saturdays, March 6 and 13 and Friday, March 12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, a Assessa Dalamit \$12 at the door, \$10 advance. (313) 535-8962 WAYNE STAGE IY ADULT COMMUNITY

THEATRE "The Curlous Savage," a comedy by John Patrick, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20, at the State Wayne Stage IV Theatre, on Michigan Avenue,



Feb. 21 at Music Hall. 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit, Program A — "Allegro Brillante" by George Balanchine. "Le Corsaire" by Marius Petipa, "The Joplin Dances" by Robert Garland, and "Firebird" by Jon Taras will be presented 8 p.m. Thursday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Program B — "Bugaku" by George Balanchine, "South African Suite" by Arthur Mitchell and Levine Naidu, and "Sasanka" by Vincent Mantsoe will be presented 8 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets \$41.50, \$36.50 and \$31.50, call (313) 963-2366 or (248) 645-6666.

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WILD SWAN THEATRE "The Firebird," 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 20-21, at Washtenaw Community College's Towsley Theater, \$8, \$6 children. (734) 763-TKTS/(734) 995-0530

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UNDERGROUND RAILROAD "Northville's Connection on the Underground Railroad* presented by Julie Fountain and her guitar, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street, south of Main Street, west of Center (Sheldon) Street, Free, (248) 349-3020 "THE 1798 UPRISING"

Mike Kerwin, preisdent of the Gaetic League and the Detroit organizer for the Irish American Labour Coalition, discusses the uprising, Detroit's upcoming tri-centennial celebration and the role of Detroit's Irish community, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Gaelic League/Irish-American Club, 2068 Michigan Ave., west of Tiger Stadium. Free. (248) 879-9352/(248) 478-8496 **WORLD AFFAIRS SEMINAR**

*Population in the 21st Centrury: How Can We Avoid the Potential Crisis?" explores the ramifications of the evergrowing problem of overpopulation as well as some possible solutions, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at Cranbrook Schools, Lerchen Hall (Performing Arts) Center), 550 Lone Pine Road, between Lahser and Cranbrook road, Bloomfield Hills. Free. (248) 645-3064/(248) 645-3142

FAMILY EVENTS

CIROUE INGENIEUX Tuesday-Sunday, Feb. 23-28, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 645-6666 **EVENING VOYAGES: TUNES AND** TALES

Family program featuring traditional storytelling with story to celebrate African-American History Month by Dorothy Baker, geared for listeners age 6 to adult, younger listeners not admitted, 7-7:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22. In the multi-purpose room at the Ann Arbor Main Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. (734) 327-8301

KIDS KONCERT Folklorist Safiya Tsekani performs music, songs, dances and stories from West African and African American folkfore, 1:30-2:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile: \$3.25. (248) 424-9022 LONGHORN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

RODEO 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills, \$12, \$14, and \$18. Reserved seating \$10 on Feb. 19. Groups of 15 or more receive \$2 off \$14 and \$12 tickets on Feb. 20. Groups of 15 or more receive \$5 off reserved seating on Feb. 21. Children's ages 12 and younger, and seniors ages 60 and older receive \$4 off reserved seating Feb. 21. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.pelacenet.com

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BRASS

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CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA

Performs Bernstein's Overture to "Candide," Copland's "Rodeo amd Dvorak's Symphony No. 7, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, "Civic Family Housr" highlights small ensembles made of orchestra siblings and musical parents beginning at 7 p.m., at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$6. (313) 576-5111 YUKI AND TOMOKO MACK

Pianists, presented by the Greater Orion Performing Arts Council, perform Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Lake Orlon High-School Performing Arts Center, 495 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orlon. \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. (248) 693-5436

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC BAND

"Historical Perspectives," a concert of music selection from more than two centuries of repertoire for winds, brass and percussion, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, in Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University campus, rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students, (248) 370-3013/(248) 645-6666

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ONCHESTRA Featuring guest conductor Anthony Elliott and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5. Ravel's Mother Goose Suite and Shostakovich's Festival Overture, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, Joy and Centon Center roads, \$12, \$10 seniors/college students. (734) 451-

2112 LORI SIMS Pianist performs a solo recital, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Henry Ford Estate Fair Lane on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, \$3, \$2 seniors. (313) 593-5555 STRING THIO OF NEW YORK

8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, Eastern Michigan University's Pease Auditorium, Ypeilenti. (734) 487-1221 JASON VIEAUX The classical guitarist performs 8 p.m.

Seturday, March 6, In Kreage Hell at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Rhad, Livonia, \$15. (248) 975-8797

ORGAN

DETROIT THEATER ORGAN SOCIETY 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 members' concert, at the Senate Theater, 6424 Michigan Avenue at Livernois, Detroit. \$6. (313) 894-0850 MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN

SOCIETY Winter Movie Series continues with "My Sister Elicen," 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 (organ overtures start 30) minutes earlier, guest organists evening Steven Ball, matinee Gil France), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

POPS/SWING

ATOMIC FIREBALLS 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10.,18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (swing) DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA *Broadway Todayl The Most Popular Songs From Today's Hottest Shows," with conductor Erich Kunzel, soprano Elizabeth Beeler, baritone Daniel Narducci, Madrigat Chorale of Southfield, Livingston County Chorale, and Cantata Academy, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17 to \$45. (313) 576-5111 or

http://www.detroitsymphony.com CANTOR DAVID GUTMAN Congregation Beit Kodesh cantor with pianist Emma Maydanchik, 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, Jaffe Hall at the Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, A. Alfred Taubman JCC campus, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Free, \$2.25 lunch tickets. (248) 967-4030

STAN KENTON TRIBUTE The Johnny Trudell Big Band honors Kenton's music in a concert presented by the Michigan Jazz Festival and the Alumni and Friends of Clarenceville Foundation, featured guests are Kenton alumni Jerry McKenzie (drums), Bob Lymperis (trumpet), and Chuck "Rhapsody in Blue" Carter (baritone saxophone), 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, Harrison High. Jazz Band warms up the audience at 2:45 p.m., at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia. \$15, (248) 474-2720/(248).

437-9468/(248) 473-8933. RIVERSIDE BIG BAND Joins the Barnhill Concert Band in an evening of American music, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at Pease Auditorium, on the Eastern Michigan University

campus, Yosilanti, Free.

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, during the Rockers game, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets at

Ticketmaster, All ages, (313) 983-6606; 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (western swing)

AUDITIONS/WORKSHOPS

HARTLAND PLAYERS

Open auditions for the comedy "A Thousand Clowns,* 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 and 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, at the Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon. Hartland. Script available at Cromaine District Library. (810) 220-3521

JAZZ AND SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE OF DETROIT

Auditions for modern and jazz dancers age 18 and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, Feb. 18, 23 and 25, at the Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers, between Curtis and McNichols, Detroit. (313) 862-0966/(313) 342-

1000 PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD Auditions for Frederic Knott's "Wait Until Dark" 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 8-9, readings will be done from the script, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile, between Haggerty and Northville roads. For performances May 7-9, 13-16. (248) 669-0436/(734) 525-1206/(248) 349-

7110 or visit the web site at www.causeway.com/ptg/ SECOND CITY-DETROIT Rich Goteri teaches the basics of impro-

visation, 3-6 p.m. Feb. 20 to April 17, at the Performance Network, 111 W. Huron, Ann Arbor. \$200; also Improv. Headstart classes for kids ages 12-16, teaches fundamentals of teamwork while improvising in group situations, 3-6 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 21 to April 18, at the Second City-Detroit, \$150, (313) 984-5821 STAGECRAFTERS

Auditions for eight men, seven women and a large ensemble chorus for the musical "Crazy for You" with music and lyrics by George and ira Gershwin, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, registration begins one hour earlier, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak: For performances May 14-16, 20-66523, 28-30 and June 4-6. (248) 541-4832 THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-

Accepting submissions for original oneacts by local artists in play/script formet running 15-45 minutes each, deadline March 1, send four copies to the Theatre Guild, c/o Sean Kelley, P.O.

(313) 531-0554 YILLAGE PLAYERS

REDFORD

Auditions for Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey into Night," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 and Tuesday, March 2, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, at

Woodward, south of Maple, Birmingham. For performances May 11, 13-16, 21-23, and 28-29. (248) 424-5658/(313) 226-3329

CHORAL

"PARADE OF HARMONY"

The 60th annual event is headlined by "The Gas House Gang" and "Uptown Sound," 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, Middlebelt south of Eight Mile, Livonia. \$13 Friday, \$15 Saturday, all seats reserved. (248) 559-7082

GUITAR

MATTHEW PARMELEE/DAVID

COCAGNE/MICHAEL BLASKIEWICZ The three guitarists perform solo works by Albeniz, Lauro, Atkins and others, and popular and traditional guitar arrangements by bomposers such as Machado, York and Granados, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, \$12, \$8, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

JAZZ

GERI ALLEN With vocalist Dee Dee Bridgewater,

bassist Thomas Baramerie, drummer Ali Jackson, and planist Thierry Eliez, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$46. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com

MOSE ALLISON TRIO 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday,

Feb. 19-20, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. \$20 at the door. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 or http://www.99music.com B'JAZZ VESPERS

Chastain, 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, First Baptist Church, corner Willits and Bates, Birmingham, Free-will offering is taken for musicians. (248) 644-0550 SANDRA BOMAR TRIO

Features James Dapogny and Susan

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/plano/bass)

tark braun With bassist Paul Keller and drummer Pete Siers, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann. Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999

or kch@ic.net HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE

RAMO/TODD CURTIS 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi.

(248) 305-7333 "THE JAZZ EXPLOSION" With Will Downing, Gerald Albright,

Vesta and Phil Perry, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$35. (248) 433-1515 "JAZZ IN THE STREETS" SERIES

Debuts with Marcus Belgrave and Charlie Gabriel, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Detroit Historical Museum. 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20, includes valet parking. (313) 833-1805

PAUL KELLER/CARY KOCHER QUARTET

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27. Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor, \$5, 21 and older, (734) 662-8310

SHEILA LANDIS

With Rick Matle, 9 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 20, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 LARVAL

With The Immigrant Suns, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555; With Groop Dogdrill and 50 Tons of Black Terror, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (avant jazz) HAROLD MCKINNEY AND WENDELL

HARRISON 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 19-20 and 26-27, at Tom's Oyster Bar, 29106 Franklin Road, Southfield. (248) 356-

8881 MATT MICHAELS

With Cary Kocher on vibes Thursday. Feb. 18, and Larry Nozero (sax) and Johnny Trudell (trumpet) Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington. \$5 cover waived with dinner order. (248) 474-4800

MARK MOULTRUP TRIO 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Feb. 18. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (plano/bass/drums)

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, Feb. 19 and 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

CECIL PAYNE Baritona sax player performs with Marcus Belgrave, trumpet, Marcus Beigrave Jr., bass, George Davidson. drums, and Gary Schunk, plano, 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27 (\$20); The forementioned band along with Beans Bowles, Richard Lazon, Larry Nozero and Ben Pruitt also perform during the "Sunday Baritone" Sax Summit, 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 (\$20), both at SereNgeti Baliroom, 2957 Woodward

Ave., Detroit. (313) 832-3010 POIGNANT PLECOSTOMUS 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road,

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Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558 KENNY RANKIN

8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com JOHN SCOFIELD QUARTET

7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$20 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.99music.com STRAIGHT AHEAD TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Feb. 25, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free: 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (plano/bass/drums) 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

WORLD MUSIC

GREGORY ISAACS 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (reggae) SALIF KEITA

8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, Eastern Michigan University's Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-1221 (African jazz/funk/Europop/R&B) KODO

8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 23-25, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$26, \$30, \$32 and \$36. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org

LUCIANO With Mikey General and Dean Fraser, all backed by The Firehouse Crew, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, The Majestic. 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in

advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (reggee) **TERRANCE SIMIEN** With Dave Alvin and The Guilty Men. and The Riptones, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb.

19, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (cajun/Zydeco) SOLAS 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, The Ark, 316 S.

Main St., Ann Arbor. \$16. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org (Irish) ALISON YOUNG AND ANA CHAVES Perform music of Argentina, 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 203-

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

JEFF HAAS TRIO

8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. Atl ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org (Hebrew folk/jazz)

RFD BOYS 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, The Ark. 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass)

SPO-POETRY/

KEN WORD

EUGENE MCCARTHY The 1968 anti-war candidate who ran

against President Lyndon Johnson for the Democratic Presidential nomination speaks and reads his poetry following the annual dinner program of Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at Central United Methodist Church, 23 E. Adams, Detroit. \$20. Tickets for a limited reception at 5:30 p.m. are \$75, \$125 couple. (313) 964-4849/(313) 393-4060/(313) 963-7575 STORYTELLING WEEKEND

With Roslyn Bresnick-Perry, Namu Lwanga, David Holt, Jerry Fearst and others, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$12.50 evenings, \$6 afternoon. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org

THE WRITER'S VOICE Featuring Dawn McDuffie and Mary Jo Frith Gillet with fiction writer Gay Rubin, read 12:30 p.m. Wednesday. Feb. 24, room 3234 of the Wayne State University English Department Building. 51 W. Warren Avenue, Detroit. Free. (313) 577-7713/(313) 267-5300, ext. 338

DANCE

BALLET DAY

Presented by the Cecchetti Council of America 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, in Varner Hall at Oakland University. Rochester, (734) 930-6948 COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS

Peter Baker and Robin Warner call to live music by Joyous Noise, all dances taught, no partner needed, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. Open jam. for string band musicians of all levels 4-6 p.m. (free). (734) 665-8863/(734)

426-0241 DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

A modern dance performance with Alan Danlelson, dance study director of the Jose Limon Institute in New York City, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, in the Adray Theater of the McKenzie Fine Arts

Building at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (313) 965-

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE *Carmina Burana,* Friday, Feb. 19, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. (810) 286-2222 ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

Previous experience and partner not required, 7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

MERYL TANKARD AUSTRALIAN DANCE THEATRE

"Furloso," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$16, \$24, \$28, \$32. All ages. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org. SINGLE MINGLE DANCE

Metropolitan Single Professionals and Farmington Single Professionals host a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, in the Main Ballroom of the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel, Novi Road at I-96. \$7, \$4 members. (248) 851-9909 or http://www.fsp.org

COMEDY

NNDREW "DICE" CLAY 7)30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$35 and \$27.50. All ages. (313) 961-

EL DORADO COUNTRY CLUB Norm Stultz, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20; Joe Dunkle, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, at the club, 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Township, (248) 624-

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Vic Dibitetto, John McDonnell and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 18-20 (\$12); Darwin Hines, Kevin Zeoli and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 25-27 (\$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

Leo DuFour, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 (\$6) 8:15 n.m. and 10:45 n.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package); Vic Dibitteto, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 (\$12, \$27.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 (\$12, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Victoria Jackson's show Friday-Sunday, Feb. 26-28, has been cancelled due to a movie deal. (313)

584-8885 MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE Jim Hamm, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 (\$8), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 (\$10), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 (\$10); Blake Clark, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 (\$10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 (\$12), and 5:45 p.m.,

8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080 MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Lewis Black and Steve Bills, Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 18-21; Blair Shannon and Gary George, Wednesday-Sunday, Feb. 24-28, 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 SECOND CITY "Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retro-

spective, 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

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science," featuring four artists' projects representing an ongoing exploration of a specific area of science, some incorporate specimens from Cranbrook Institute of Science, an Eastern Box turtle, satellite broadcasting prototypes, and a chicken coop, through April 3, lectures by the artists Feb. 25, March 11, at the museum, 1221 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays, until 9 p.m. Thursdays, \$5, \$3

students/children/seniors. (248) 645-3323 or www.cranbrook.edu/museum DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

*Frontiers to Factorles: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world: "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 HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair is back on view after a week of conservation efforts, also a life mask made 60 days before his assassination; 'Rhythm Rising: Exploring America's Musical Roots" celebrates the contributions of African-American to world music week-. ends in February, Will Davidson (spirituals) noon and 2 p.m. Feb. 20, 21, 27-28. So Much Fun by Bob St. Thomas (jazz) 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 20-21 and Perfect Blend (freedom songs) 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 28-March 1, also cooking demonstrations, dramatic presentations of an African tale, historical photo exhibit, and hands-on activities to create traditional African kufi hats, paper beads, quilt squares, at the museum during regular hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under five free. (313) 271-1620

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY In celebration of Black History Month, the museum presents story theater performances 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Feb. 22; historical films noon Saturdays, Feb. 20 and 27; and an African and African American Expo with workshops for grades K-12, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 20, "Hear Our Voice" lecture 1-3 p.m. Saturday Feb. 27 (The Hero with an African Face: Mythic Wisdom of Traditional Africa with Dr. Clyde W. Ford), at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 East Warren, at Brush, Detroit. Activities free with museum admission \$5, \$3 ages 17 and under. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

AHADA

9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) THE ALLIGATORS

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth, Free, 21 and older, (734) 451-1213 (blues) AZURE

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free, 21 and older, (248) 853-6600 (rock)

THE BACK DOORS

8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (Doors tribute band)

THE BEACH BUNCH

Featuring members of the Wildbunch playing Beach Boys covers, 10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, Garden Bowl inside the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (Beach Boys covers) **BLACK BEAUTY**

With Thornetta Davis, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (rockabil-

BLACK CROWES With Moke, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19. State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$24.50. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.961melt.com

(rock) **BLACK JACK**

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Free, 21 and older, (734)

459-4190 (blues) "BLIND PIG SHOWCASE" With Bridgette McCarthy, Spedrock, Big Buford and Silly String, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free, 19 and older.

(734) 996-8555 (variety) BLUE ROSE 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor, Cover

charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 (blues) BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge, 21 and older, (734) 451-1213 (R&B)

BUSTA RHYMES With Next, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20.

Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit: \$35 and \$27.50. All ages (248) 433-1515 (rap) DEEP SPACE SIX With Baked Potato, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb.

Ferndale, Cover charge, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com/ijam rock/funk)

26, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave.,

TIM DIAZ AND GARY RASMUSSEN 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 5 Hole inside Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 471-3388 (acoustic rock) **GLEN EDDY**

9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Ford Road Bar

and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages, (248) 644-4800 (blues) ELIZA

9 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 19 and 26, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Free, 21 and older, (313) 886-8101 (pop rock) FACE

With Fathers of the Id and The Crawling King Snakes, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older, (313) 832-2355 (rock) PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS

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Nick Nolte gives fierce performance in 'Affliction'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER hgaliagher@oe.homecomm.net

Author Russell Banks never flinches. He deals with male rage, numbing sorrow, unfathomable despair without compromise. He delves deeply into the dark recesses of the mind.

It would seem that such personal and agonizing work would be nearly unfilmable and that only in Banks' novels could his words resonate as he intended. Yet, two of the finest films of the last two years are based on Banks' bleak but ultimately humane novels.

Atom Egoyan's "The Sweet Hereafter" was the best movie of 1997, a penetrating view of communal sadness and the horrible consequences of immoral acts.

Paul Schrader's new film of "Affliction" deals with the same profundity and humanity with male rage, alcoholism, parental abuse and a life at its fraying point. At the center of this chilly, winter portrait is America's most underrated and uniquely gifted actor, Nick Nolte, raging like a wounded bull against a world he doesn't understand and that doesn't understand him.

Nolte plays Wade Whitehouse, a large, shambling bearish man for whom life is about to take a disastrous turn. He's the sheriff in a rural New Hampshire county where he also plows the roads and does whatever else his seemingly easy-going French-Canadian boss tells him to do.

Wade's divorced and as the movie opens he's taking his daughter to a Halloween party when she'd rather be home with her mother, far away from her gruff, obtuse and irresponsible father.

Wade is at loose ends, estranged from his daughter, bitterly at odds with his ex-wife, stuck in a small town with no where to go and drowning in alcohol and anger.

Wade is afflicted with a family disease. He's inherited male rage from his domineering, vicious, usually drunken father. Wade has become his father, while his brother, who tells Wade's story,

has retreated into the academic world of Boston in revulsion.

But at heart Wade is not a bad man. It's this that makes Nick Nolte's performance so riveting. No one plays anger and violence with quite the fury that Nolte is able to summon (see his performance in "Thin Red Line" for instance), but here he also conveys warmth and a sickening sense that he is aware of his own affliction.

Nolte has been overlooked so often for great performances (he wasn't even nominated for an Oscar for "North Dallas Forty"), but he is finally getting notice for the depth and complexity that he brings to this character. His Oscar nomination is richly deserved.

A hunting accident in an early November snow sets off a chain of events that fuel Wade's paranoia and eventually leads to unspeakable tragedies. As the events pile up, Nolte's Wade seems to turn on himself as he slowly disintegrates.

Schrader is as familiar with dark corners as Banks, and it's easy to see why the Grand Rapids' native was attracted to this beautifully written book. Wade Whitehouse shares a lot in common with Travis Bickle, the raging veteran of Schrader's "Taxi Driver" screenplay. Schader's film, which he wrote and directed, stays close to Banks' story and his unflinching real-

It uses the stark, cold white New Hampshire landscape as effectively as Shakespeare uses the stormy woods in "Lear." It also visually realizes the shabby small town that is so much more typical of New England than the usual postcard images. Paul Sarossy's camera work is somberly beautiful.

In addition to Nolte's performance, Schrader also elicits a spooky, raw performance from James Coburn as Wade's nasty father, Glen, seen as an overweight, bitter old man and in grainy home-movie-style flashbacks as a raging ogre beating on his wife and children. Coburn has always been an appealing actor, but he's never been stretched this far or been used this effectively. His Oscar nomination is a recognition of just how deep he plunges.

Sissy Spacek again turns in a completely natural performance as Wade's confused and ultimately defeated girl friend.

Willem DaFoe provides a good narration but he seems miscast as the younger brother. This is the weakest part of Schrader's adaptation as well, because Banks makes a sharp contrast between the brother who rages and the brother who stifles his rage. Here he is less central to the story. And a younger sister, who has retreated into fundamentalist religion, is also misplayed as a minor figure.

But, "Affliction" is a raw, honest portrayal of a kind of male madness with which we are all too familiar.

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Arts put politics in perspective



Much is said these days about the mood of Americans. which is characterized as a cross between apathy and cynicism. Perhaps it's the events in Washington over the past year and the less

than honorable

conduct of some of our nation's leaders. It could be the glut of media that exposes us to certain stories that we would have preferred not to see or hear once.

Perhaps what's missing is perspective. One of the best places to find it is the Detroit area arts scene. So let's take a peek at some attractions that will affirm

a caring and hopeful world. Consider the activities of Maxim Vengerov, the young Siberian violinist who has been compared with the great Jascha Heifetz. Vengerov, in Ann Arbor last Sunday for a recital, is the first classical musician to be named as an official UNICEF envoy. He grew up in an orphanage managed by his mother and now raises funds and awareness of the plight of disadvantaged children. .

We also gain perspective by the stories from our past, one of which is told in "Camp Logan," a current production of the Detroit Repertory Theatre. The play by Celeste Bedford Walker is based on a true World War I incident in Texas in which 19 black soldiers of the 24th Infantry Regiment were lynched for rebelling against racist harassment by

white Houston locals. The production offers a seasoned cast, whose members perform an excerpt on "Backstage Pass."

The beauty and wonder of our world is evident in the works of Catherine Peet, featured in an exhibit which runs through April 11 at the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the Detroit Zoo. Rather than use new materials from nature, Peet gathers discarded pieces from old furniture to create the works in this collection, which complements her permanent pieces on exhibit at the zoo since 1995.

The hopeful sound of gospel music comes to the Channel 56 studio with a performance by Magnify! on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing Sunday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m., and repeated Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Friday at midnight.

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Ghetto Billies look on the funny side of rock



Billies' debut "Some Reezev" includes songs about drag queens, truck drivers on drugs, pornography. And in case you're wondering, yes, they do mean to offend

listeners.

"That's why it's funny. They can't believe we said something rude," said guitarist/vocalist

Robb Conaway of Ann Arbor. "But we have certain rules about the songs that we write. They are kind of unsaid. We don't say anything blatantly. We don't make any usually straightout sexual references. It's very rare that we swear in a song. If there is swearing, it's very poignant and there's a point to why we use it."

But the meanings of the 13 songs on "Some Rezeev" are hidden within a maze of double entendres and smart remarks.

"We never say anything directly. It's always in some twisty kind of way. That's where we find the humor. If we're sitting there saying, 'I'm a guy and I like to wear chicks' underwear and I like to wear it.' It wouldn't be and very funny."

The Ghetto Billies - which also includes bassist/vocalist Jason Church of Fenton and guitarist/vocalist Derek Kramer of Hartland - celebrate the release of "Some Rezeev" at 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Alvin's, 5756. Cass Ave., Detroit.

In a roundabout way, the Ghetto Billies has been a project in the works since high school. Out of sympathy, Conaway let Church join his high school

awful at everything. First we had him on keyboards but he couldn't play the keyboards at all. Then we had him as a background singer but he couldn't sing at all. But he was one of our friends. Somehow we had to include him, we couldn't exclude him so we made him a tam-

bourine player."

The band broke up when the adventurous Conaway moved to Texas to live within an environmental commune in 1992. He realized that a cult wasn't exactly his thing, so he returned to Michigan and got in touch with Kramer. Before long, however, Conaway moved to San Miguel, Mexico, to study art at The Instituto De Allende. Upon completing his studies, he went back to Michigan where Kramer and his roommate Church had a surprise waiting for him.

"Not only could he (Kramer) play the guitar really well, he had a really good sense of rhythm. He can sing now. The songs were funny too. When my girlfriend and I broke up, they "Derek was terrible. He was were my saving grace. I was over there all the time," Conaway

said. Still, Conaway moved to Dublin, Ireland, for three months but the band stayed on his mind.

"While I was there I decided that when I came back I was going to propose that all of us

make a serious go at getting a show. Before we were doing it for the fun of it. I told him about it and they said they were thinking the same thing."

Conaway, a comic book artist, is now studying art closer to his Ann Arbor home - Eastern Michigan University. Since that first show in January 1997, the Ghetto Billies have made a name for themselves around Ann Arbor and Detroit as the premiere jokester band. The Ghetto Billies describe themselves as a "bluegrass disco humor band."

"As soon as you do that, the look of people's faces is like, 'Oh, OK.' They think this can't sound good. It's a bunch of guys singing a bunch of stupid songs with acoustic guitars and no drummer."

Crosby, Stills and Nash they

Many "serious" bands write-off bands like the Ghetto Billies, the Barenaked Ladies, or even Beck. as being lazy. Conaway called people like that "egotistical."

"There's so many bands out meaning to the songs."

there that are all so serious. They think they're so important in what they have to say. Like everybody really cares about what's going on in their life or what not. They're just a rock band. There's very few bands in the world that are more than just a rock band."

"I think one of the main reasons why we do songs that are funny is just to give the audience and people out there a break from all the monotony. When we start playing, you can see in their faces. At first they're just looking at us thinking, what's up with these guys with three acoustic guitars. Are they joking? See, we sing it so serious. A lot of times they don't even get it until the end of the second song."

Sometimes, he said, being dubbed a "novelty act" works against them.

"A lot of places won't take us seriously because we're a humor band. I think that's really annoying. I think that just because you're writing humorous songs doesn't mean there isn't any

"Like, 'Steve,' is about transvestites and crossdressers and the idea that at first the guy. is totally fooled then he freaks out when he realizes it's a guy. Then he says, oh well. There's social commentary hidden in the songs."

The Ghetto Billies, with special guest Gravity Well, celebrate the release of "Some Rezeev" with a party and performance at 9 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20, at Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge is \$5 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (313) 832-2355 or visit http:// www.ghettobillies.com

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'Martian' is lots of fun for Saturday morning set



Intergalactic comedy: When TV reporter Tim O'Hara (Jeff Daniels, left) stumbles upon a real-life Martian (Christopher Lloyd) he thinks he has the most fantastic story of his career in journalism in "My Favorite Martian.

Except for its ending, Disney's "My Favorite Martian" doesn't attempt to invoke baby boomer nostalgia for the original TV series. A smart move, indeed, considering the disastrous attempts at bringing "McHale's Navy," "Car 54, Where Are You?" and, most notably, "The Avengers" to the big screen.

Instead, the special effectsdriven comedy goes right for the Saturday morning set. A wisecracking space suit called "Zoot," goofy sight gags and some harmless potty humor will keep the kids interested, while Elizabeth Hurley's wardrobe will do the same for the adults (for the men, what she's wearing; for the women, why she's wearing it in this movie).

"My Favorite Martian" ran for three seasons (1963-66) on TV. during the years when we were still giddy over the exploits of Mercury and Gemini astronauts. The possibility of life in our solar system was quite real, and Mars had held a particular appeal going back to Orson Welles' Halloween broadcast of "War of the Worlds" in 1938.

In a clever opening sequence, this version zings our zeal over the Martian Rover's video transmission of a few rocks and gives us reason to believe that citizen-

ry on the Red Planet is more and also has the best lines. than possible. What they don't give us is a reason why one of ing in a Disney flick, but the two them crash lands on a beach near Santa Barbara.

The alien ship-shrunk down to toy-size by its inhabitant - is found by Tim O'Hara (our own Jeff Daniels), an ambitious TV news reporter ("I will go to the ends of the earth for a great story"). Tim's been passed over by the station owner (Michael Lerner) in favor of his airhead daughter Brace (Hurley). After he gets the ship home, the Martian appears in human form. Fortunately for us they must get "Taxi" up there, for whose form does he take but Christopher Lloyd's.

Tim senses the story of a lifetime, but instead commits to hiding the identity of "Uncle Martin" so the traveler can repair his ship and return home. Naturally the bad government guys, led by Ray Walston (TVs original Uncle Martin) and the underrated Wallace Shawn, are hot on the trail.

Superpowers abound here. Martin can make himself invisible, literally comes apart when he's depressed and his finger's more potent than Samantha's nose. He also has a particular disdain for us earthlings ("You people still think E=MC2"). His Zoot suit has a life of its own, which is somewhere between "The Mask" and Don Rickles,

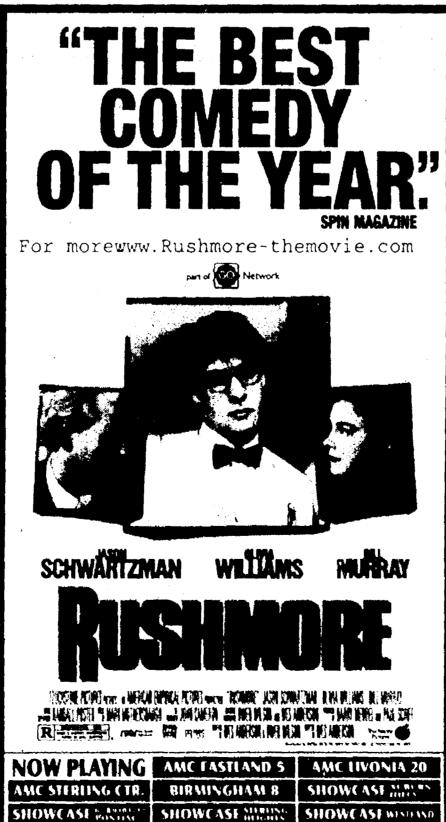
The cast has lots of fun cavortor three big gags are repeated over and over...and over. Lloyd does his bug-eyed thing that's worked for twenty years, and Daniels is fine at being flustered. Darryl Hannah as a tomboyish camera person is surprisingly misused here; she looks and

sounds like she had the flu for the whole shoot. Hurley actually, carves out the freshest territory, of the bunch, doing an acceptable turn as the broadcasting bimbo.

This is one where you might want to drop the kids off and catch something else at the mall yourself. They'll fill you in on the good parts and it'll take a lot less







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Pompano's features a taste of Miami's South Beach

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD SPECIAL WRITERS

Couldn't get away to warmer climes this month? Newlyopened Pampano's in Farmington Hills, with its seafood and Caribbean-style specialties, has the taste of Miami's South Beach and might substitute at least for a night!

If you're not fond of restaurants in hotels such as a Holiday Inn, reconsider. Ramzi Naber and his wife Connie have transformed the former Brady's and before that Matt Brady's, basically a burger and bar spot, into a comfortable dining atmosphere.

Clubby and cozy with large cigar-friendly central bar, Pompano's sings a seafood theme. Brightly-colored fish swimming out from the walls set a warmclimate atmosphere. Cordial, owner-on-premise hospitality speaks a friendly tone.

If you dined at Southfield's Golden Mushroom in the early 1990s, Ramzi Naber was the night manager. He went on to other corporate restaurant and hospitality arenas in the area and, like many before him, just had to become a restaurateur.

"I have fond memories of days spent in both Miami and San Francisco, so naturally I chose a seafood theme," Naber said. "The area at 10 Mile and Grand River needed a restaurant with seafood emphasis; the closest is Steve & Rocky's on Grand River in Novi."

A hotel eatery generally has built-in diners weeknights, but riott, are: Conch Salad; Scallops needs to attract locals on weekends. Pompano's is no exception and the deals abound. On Fridays, one pound of King Crab Legs, including salad, redskin garlic mashed potatoes and veg-

Pompano's Seafood Grill

Where: 38123 W. 10 Mile Road (at Grand River in the Holiday Inn) Farmington Hills, (248) 478-7780.

Hours: Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Until midnight Friday and Saturday.

Menu: Salads, savory sandwiches and wraps for lunch. Seafood is the specialty with pastas and grilled meats at dinner. Housemade pizza at lunch and dinner.

Cost: Lunch \$5-14; dinner \$13-20.

Entertainment: Friday and Saturday 8 p.m. to midnight. Reservations: Recommended

Credit cards: All majors accepted. Banquet facilities: 20-350 people

etable is \$19.95. For the same price on Saturdays, it's Surf and Turf (filet mignon and lobster

From 8 p.m. until midnight both Friday and Saturday, you can listen to jazz artist George Colovus or in his absence, Charley Salaz playing Caribbean-inspired selections.

Yes, you can get pompano, a favorite from the sunfish family, at Pompano's. But only at dinner. An eight-ounce filet of pompano is sauteed with pistachio citrus butter sauce. Flown fresh to Royal Oak's Superior Fish Company, it is delivered to Pompano's five times weekly along with other fresh delicacies from the sea.

Other seafood specialties prepared by Chef de Cuisine Gary Bradt, a 1991 Oakland Community College culinary grad who honed his skills at Chuck Muer's River Crab and the Troy Mar-McKinnon, lightly floured and sauteed with Drambuie served with shiitake mushrooms and snow peas; Blackened Yellowfin Tuna with melon salsa; and very Caribbean Coconut Shrimp, butterflied, dipped in a beer batter and shredded coconut, served with a guava/mango sauce.

Pasta lovers can get full or half orders of Linguine Fruit de Mer (shrimp, clams and scallops); Smoked chicken with Penne Pasta or a Vegetarian Delight, tri-colored pasta tossed in tomato broth, fresh vegetables and topped with shaved Romano cheese.

Landlubbers may choose from chophouse features such as Filet Mignon, six or eight-ounce portion; Lamb Chops served with black currant sauce or Cinnamon Grilled Pork Chops.

Added to smaller portions of house seafood specialties at lunch, there's a four ounce Petit Filet Mignon Sandwich (beating most burgers by a mile), Mexican Club Wrap or a significantlysized salad.

At lunch or dinner, Pompano's pizzas are made from scratch from fresh ingredients. Order the "Four Cheese" specialty or build your own from a wide array of toppings.

Full bar service includes a short, but well-priced wine list with by-the-glass pours \$3.75-

Restaurant owner Ramzi Naber (left) in the dining room of Pompano's. Chef de Cuisine Gary Bradt presents Buffalo Rock Shrimp, one of his seafood specialties.

Super seafood:

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