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COMMUNITY LIFE

Cuckoo for comedy: If you hear strange noises coming from the back room of Mama Mia's Restaurant every now and then, have no fear. It's just the Dancing Cuckoos, a group of Laurel and Hardy fans singing, dancing and having a good time./B1

Pickering to quit council seat



Westland City Council member Charles Pickering's decision to step down eight months before his current term expires will almost certainly cause potential appointees to jockey for position in this election year.

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

Veteran Westland City Council member Charles Pickering stunned his colleagues and political observers Monday by suddenly announcing he will resign his elected post, effective April 30.

His decision to step down eight months before his current term expires

will almost certainly cause potential appointees to jockey for position in this election year.

Council President Sandra Cicirelli urged candidates to submit resumes to the city clerk's office at Westland City Hall. She hasn't announced a deadline or scheduled a study session for discussion about replacing Pickering.

During an interview, Pickering rejected any speculation that he quit appointee gain an incumbent's edge in 1999 council elections.

"I'm not trying to create an advantage for a political candidate for council," he said. "As of right now, I'm not actively supporting anybody."

Pickering, 56, said he wants to spend more time with his family, travel and explore an educational interest in culinary arts.

A former mayor in his 12th year on the council, Pickering said he didn't plan to seek re-election and, therefore, chose to resign to avoid becoming a lame duck legislator.

This way, he said, a new appointee

his post early to help a potential can be involved in decisions about a new city budget and whether to renovate or construct new municipal buildings, including an administration complex, a recreation center, a district court and fire stations.

"It is time for new energy, ideas and enthusiasm with a fresh focus on the future of Westland," Pickering said.

His departure also means he won't be on the council when possible decisions are made on commercial, industrial or residential projects that may involve his real estate company. His firm recently closed its Westland office

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Judge sends man to trial in beating death of boy

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

Murder defendant Hassan Christopher Clark showed little emotion Monday as a Westland judge ordered him to stand trial for the brutal beating death of his girlfriend's 2-year-old son.

As some of his family members wept. Clark, 30, only smiled faintly as he was led from a courtroom where he was ordered to stand trial for the Jan. 14 killing of Michael Towne. Clark faces trial for felony murder and first-degree child abuse following a ruling by 18th District Judge Gail McKnight, who cited "strong, strong" circumstantial evidence against him.

AT HOME

Place of worship: A home shrine is a personal expression of religious belief./D6

ENTERTAINMENT

Circus: The Shrine Circus, the circus with a heart, is a labor of love for the Shriners who run it./E1

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Memorable folks: Some are good experiences, some are bad, but almost everyone sells a home./F1

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Fedorov fan: Brianne Collins, 17, (above and below) didn't wait in line for an autograph but after Red Wing Sergei Fedorov passed her Collins was excited, yelling, "He touched me!"

Hockey hero: Detroit Red Wing hockey player Sergei Fedorov was at the Westland Shopping Center Tuesday night where more than 1,000 people waited in line and paid \$40 or \$50 for each item signed, with some of the proceeds going to youth hockey. The event was put on by the Fan Zone. Below, Sergei Fedorov signed more than 1,000 autographs at the Westland mall.





First fans: Tommy Doyle (left) and Jeff Daigneau got to the Westland mall at 7 a.m. Tuesday to see Fedorov even though he wasn't scheduled to arrive until 6 p.m.

The judge announced her ruling Monday, concluding a two-part prelimi-

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Masked gunman robs store

A masked gunman Saturday robbed a Westland convenience store and escaped with an undisclosed amount of money and lottery tickets.

The incident occurred at 2 p.m. at Quick Mart, 30903 Ann Arbor Trail near Merriman, and no arrest has been made, police said.

A store clerk told police that a white male bandit entered the store holding a long-barrel handgun and that he demanded money from the store drawers and cash register.

She reported that she followed his orders and that he also demanded lottery tickets.

The woman sought help after the man left the store. The bandit was last seen running toward a Danny's store in the area.

Residents of nearby Hawthorne Club Apartments, behind Danny's, told police they hadn't seen the bandit.

The bandit was described as a white male, about 180 pounds. He wore a white hat, a white turtleneck shirt, blue jeans and a blue cloth handkerchief over his face. He also wore sunglasses.

Anyone who has information is urged to call the Westland Police Department at 722-9600

Anonymous tips may be made to Crime Stoppers of Michigan at (800) 831-3111

Plan for new southeast fire station hits delay

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

New fire station plans for Westland's southeast side hit what is expected to be a temporary snag-Monday.

Carver subdivision residents who live near the proposed site, southeast of Annapolis and Irene, convinced Westland City Council members to delay a tion in nearly 30 years. vote until April 5.

III Fire Chief Mark Neal said Tuesday that a small children's park with playground equipment is scheduled to be built after the new fire station is completed. The park would be next to what would be Westland's first new fire sta-

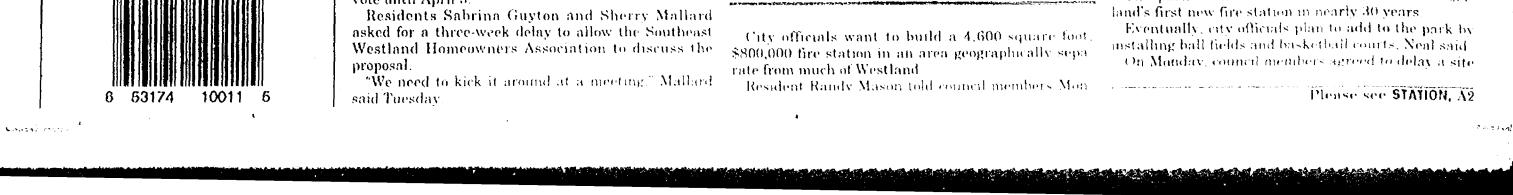
day that he is pleased to see his longtime neighborhood finally receiving some attention.

"I kind of thought that area was neglected by the city," he said.

Specifically, Mason said the city has ignored park and recreation needs in the Carver subdivision.

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to be built after the new fire station is completed. The park would be next to what would be West



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and consolidated operations in Canton Township.

Rumors had circulated that Pickering wouldn't seek re-election, but his decision to resign early sent quakes rumbling across Westland's political landscape.

Pickering's six colleagues uniformly expressed shock over losing a colleague that, according to Cicirelli, often found a compromise to help bridge political gaps. Cicirelli said many of Pickering's allies had asked her to try to convince him to seek reelection.

Councilman Glenn Anderson described himself as "disappointed" at Pickering's decision, but said he would respect it.

Councilwoman Sharon Scott said she was "in a state of shock," and she added that she will miss a humorous side of Pickering that sometimes eased council tensions.

Deputy Mayor George Gillies called Pickering "a class person."

Pickering, who celebrated his 56th birthday on Feb. 10, said during an interview that he told himself long ago he would quit politics before age 60.

"It almost seems to become a way of life," he said, "and I didn't want it to be that way for me."



Charles Pickering

Pickering also admitted that he became frustrated in recent years by "serious policy-making decisions that I didn't agree with."

Consider:

He believed the council erred in 1996 by seeking a 1.5mill, six-year tax increase for new police and fire programs. Voters defeated the plan by a 3to-2 margin. Pickering had said the city didn't need a tax hike to pay for some programs, such as paramedic medical services, that

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have since been implemented, Westland Observer

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anyway.

He viewed the city's decision to pump about \$2 million into a new Sears store at Westland Center as corporate welfare.

He believed that a special taxing district north of Ford Road should have ended after the Westland library was built, but a council majority chose to continue to the Tax Increment Finance Authority district - possibly to pay for other city buildings.

Pickering began his city involvement in 1971, when he was hired by the city's parks and recreation department. He became director.

He was elected mayor in November 1981, serving a sometimes-tumultuous, four-year term. He was later elected to the city council and is quitting in his 12th year.

Pickering provided an anecdote Monday about his decision. He noted that his announcement coincided with the Ides of March and the assassination on March 15, 44 B.C., of Roman ruler Julius Caesar, killed by armed conspirators.

"But," Pickering said, "I am choosing to end my career on a positive note."

Station from page A1

plan and a special land use for

the new station to give the homeowners association more time to discuss the plans.

City officials have said construction could begin this spring, and Mayor Robert Thomas has said the station could open late this year or in early 2000.

Two firefighters/paramedics will initially be stationed there, but officials have said staffing levels could eventually be increased.

Marvaso project gets 1st OK

Signing on: Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, goalkeeper for the Detroit Rockers Indoor

Charlie, 5, during a "Read Across America" event recently at the Target Store

on Ford Road in Canton. Jessica is a top reader at her school, P.D. Graham

Soccer team, signs autographs for Jessica Lynn Riggs, 10, and her brother

BY LILLY A. EVANS STAFF WRITER

A roar of cheers filled the air from family and supporters of George Marvaso as he approached the podium Monday after the Canton planning commission recommended approval for use of coin-operated devices at Electropolitan, an adult-style "theme park" planned for Haggerty Road between Ford and Cherry Hill.

Elementary in Westland.

"I thank God, thank the planning commission, my support team and my devoted family. I want to build something Canton is proud of," exclaimed Marvaso after moving one step closer to owning one of the country's largest amusement complexes. Marvaso owns the Electric Stick in Westland. However some Canton residents still don't see the development, similar to the national Dave & Buster's chain, as a positive addition to their neighborhood. Kathleen Lekki of Bedford Villa Condominiums, who lives across the street from the proposed complex said, "Not only is the traffic my concern, my problem is possible crime coming into the area and too many people's home values going down." Another Bedford resident, Lynn Ott, suggested the complex would be better off on Michigan Avenue where other entertainment complexes are located. "We are going to get drunk

people coming out of there, I want the center but not right across from the subdivision," Ott

said. The planning commission voted 5-0 to recommend special land use for coin-operated amusement devices after tabling the request on Jan. 4. The proposal now goes to the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Planning commission chairman Vic Gustafson and commissioner Karl Zarbo weren't present to vote.

Marvaso hopes to have 80,000 square feet comprised of arcades. billiards, a restaurant, a lounge, comedy club, theater, widescreen televisions, waterfalls, fireplaces and high-tech light and sounds. The closest Dave & Buster's is in Utica.

added the township should be aggressively fighting for the best traffic situations and not let the county make all the decisions.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Melissa McLaughlin said most traffic into the complex would be during evening hours, instead of peak daytime hours.

Residents trying to halt the development presented a petition containing more than 100 signatures against it.

Bedford Villas resident Craig Timko suggested routing Electropolitan traffic on to Ford Road instead of Haggerty.

Bryan Amann, attorney for the

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City leaders have said the fire

station will provide beefed-up fire protection in the city's southeast end. A community police officer also will work part-time in the building.

Public safety measures coupled with park plans are viewed by city officials as a positive development for the area.

"I think it's a great plan," Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said Monday. "I think it will really add beautification in that area and will give the kids someplace to play."

Even so, city officials such as Councilman Glenn Anderson viewed it as important to give residents a chance to discuss development in their neighborhood.

"We want the support of the whole community," Anderson said.

The hours of operation would be 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

The recommendation was tabled in January awaiting the Michigan Department of Transportation's and the township's traffic analysis. The traffic analysis calls for a right-hand turn lane on Haggerty Road to increase traffic flow on northbound Haggerty. The analysis was looked at by commissioners, although Monday's recommendation was limited to special land use not the final site plans.

The commissioners agreed Wayne County has input on where traffic signals and driveways will be placed.

Commissioner Ron Lieberman final site plan process."

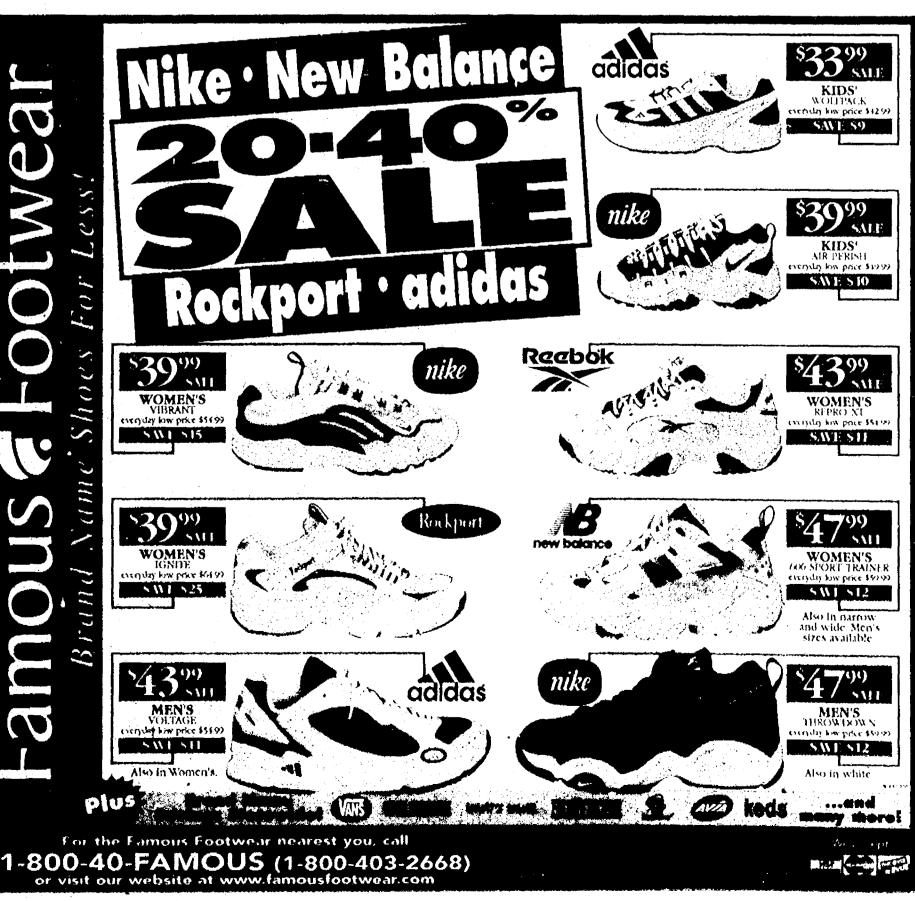
development, said that plan was put forward, but the county and state rejected it because of the heavy congestion already present at the corner.

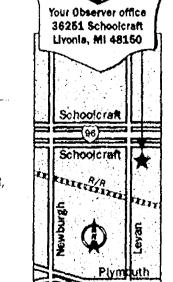
Marvaso's four children and wife of 32 years were in the audience to support him. They showed enthusiasm as one of the first phases of the complex was voted to be recommended to the township trustees.

Marvaso's supporters said that the developer has strong family ethics and as a business owner he supports and contributes to society.

The land is presently zoned commercial.

Before the final vote commissioner Susan Dodson said: "It's the beginning of the process - it is a long process, it doesn't mean they will make it through the







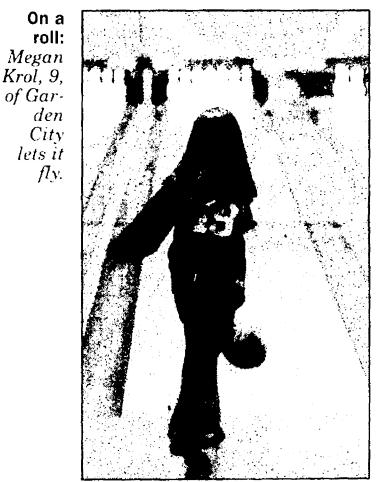
It's all in the follow-through



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Having a ball: Carmen Muglia gets a bit of help from mom, Nancy, recently at the benefit Bowlathon for the Livonia Parents of the Visually Impaired at Woodland Lanes.

Bowled over Area benefit helps visually impaired



Nancy Muglia's daughter, Carmen, hadn't bowled before. But the 3-year-old visually impaired girl had a blast during her three games at Woodland Lanes in Livonia recently. "She even bowled a strike," Muglia said later. The event was the second annual



nary hearing that began March 1. She rejected arguments by defense attorney Steven Bullock, who said charges against Clark should be dismissed for lack of evidence.

McKnight pointed to testimony from Carl Schmidt, assistant Wayne County medical examiner, who said the 40-pound boy was beaten so brutally that he suffered a split pancreas, a torn liver, a fractured rib and bruises over his head and body.

McKnight also relied on testimony from neighbors who earlier testified that they heard banging noises and loud thuds one that shook a wall - coming from the apartment where Clark was baby-sitting Towne. One neighbor also heard an angry male voice.

Police and paramedics found Towne after a 911 call came from an apartment that Clark shared with the boy's mother, Kimberly Howie, at The Orchards of Newburgh, on Westland's southwest side.

The mother was working at the time.

Schmidt, testifying that Towne suffered a fractured rib, said it appeared the boy had been previously injured in the same place.

"This was a fracture on top of a previous fracture," he testified.

Schmidt also said the boy suffered a blow that was so strong it split his pancreas in two. He said the child was hit while his back was against a hard surface, but Schmidt couldn't say if Towne was lying down or standing up.

Maria Miller, assistant Wayne County prosecutor, suggested that the boy may have been hit

while standing against a wall and that the force caused a thud heard by neighbors. Schmidt compared the force of

friend's 2-year-old boy.

the blow to what it would take to split a hot dog that had been placed under a pillow.

"I think the pancreas was split in one blow," he said.

Clark claimed in a statement to police that Towne stopped breathing while he was napping. The child's mother testified March 1 that she believes Clark

"was good for my son." She said the boy, and she also testified. that she still cares for him.

Clark remains jailed as he awaits trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. McKnight bas denied bond.

Clark also faces trial for neglgent homicide amid accusations he drove a car that crossed center line and hit another vehicle head-on Feb. 7.

The accident occurred in West land and killed Jessie Dwayte Ridner, a passenger in the co Clark was driving.

DARE officers, firefighters to face off

Westland firefighters and police DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officers will test their hockey skills in competition Saturday.

Sports Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood, fire Battalion Chief Chris Szpara said.

Admission is a minimum \$1 Detroit Red Wings hockey donation to benefit DARE and ers, he said.

The event will include do prizes and raffles of items see as merchandise autographents

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHEY **Bound over:** Hassan Christopher Clark of Westland was ordered to stand trial in the death of his girl-COURT she had never seen Clark hurt

Bowlathon hosted by the Livonia Parents of the Visually Impaired.

Based in Livonia, the group covers all of western Wayne County. It's been around for 25 years and operates as a federally tax exempt organization.

Last year, the group raised more than \$4,000 to help provide a summer day camp that taught and reinforced living and social skills that visually impaired children need to lead an independent life. This year's event was for the same benefit.

"They did really well. Last year they raised over \$4,000 and this year they doubled it," said Muglia, who lives in Garden City.

In all, 27 of the 32 lanes at Woodland were sponsored by businesses, families and friends to help raise money.

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The two sides will square off in the firefighters public awareness. For more informate a 7 p.m. game at Westland committee, Szpara said.

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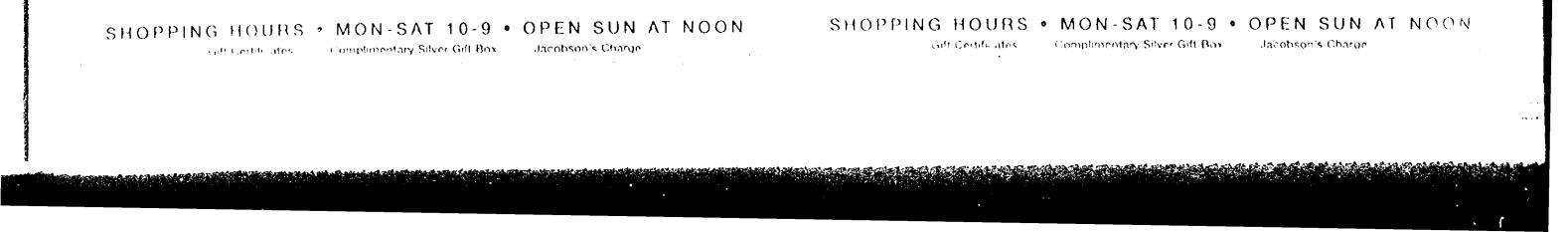
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MURIEL VOSS

(Mary) Brewer and Randy (Riae-

sa) Brewer; daughters, Laura

(Blake) Baugher and Tammy

Ann (Edward) Martínez, Cindy

(Tim) Henderson; seven grand-

children; and five great-grand-

Mr. Brewer was preceded in

Memorial contributions may

be made to Alzheimer's Associa-

Services for Muriel "Dolores"

March 13 in United Assembly of

God Church in Plymouth Town-

Officiating was the Rev. Kenneth

from R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral

Mrs. Voss, who died March 10

1922, in White Cloud, Mich. She

lived in this area four years, and

previously resided in Canton 25

She was a homemaker. She

was a member of United Assem-

bly of God Church in Plymouth

Timothy (Karen) and Eden;

Cope and Cynthia (Michael)

Barthlow; sister, Geraldine

Surviving are her sons, Robert,

daughters, Kaye, Kristin (Roger)

Hubbard. Arrangements were

in Livonia, was born Nov. 29.

Voss, 76, of Westland were

ship with burial at Cadillac

Memorial Gardens.

death by his wife, Eleanor.

PAUL T. HAINLEY

Services for Paul Hainley, 69, of Westland were March 16 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Oakgrove Cemetery in Weakly County, Tenn. Officiating was the Rev. Kurt Lambert,

Mr. Hainley, who died March 13 in Wayne, was born March 8, 1930, in Fulton, Ky.

He was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church. He was a machine operator for General Motor Co.

Surviving are his sons, Thomas (Jennifer) of Westland and Joseph (Jennifer) of Redford; daughter, Kimberly Hainley of Westland; brother, Charles Hainley of Westland; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

BARBARA J. MEADE

Services for Barbara Meade, 73, of Westland were today, March 18, in the chapel in Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville Township with burial at Milford Memorial Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Douglas Walker.

Local arrangements were from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Mrs. Meade, who died March 14 in Southfield, was born Dec. 16, 1925, in Detroit. She was a homemaker. She moved to Mil-

ford in 1973 from Detroit. In 1984, she moved to Highland and then back to Milford, and in 1998 she moved to Westland. Mrs. Meade had a strong Christian faith.

She was active in the Milford Garden Club, the Milford Historical Society, the Miarah Moore Questers and was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Meade enjoyed reading, gardening, traveling, shopping, eating out and chocolate. She spent a lot of time with her children and grandchildren,

Surviving are her sons, Jeffrey (Nancy) Meade of Northville and Brian (Lois) Meade of Livonia; daughter, Holly (Michael) Lauridsen of Highland; sister, Janet (Hugh) Laird of Redford; former husband, Eugene Meade of Royal Oak; and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Meade was preceded in death by her daughter, Kimberly Meade, in 1979.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association of Michigan or the American Diabetes Association.

ROBERT H. BREWER

Arrangements for Robert Brewer, 74, of Westland were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Mr. Brewer, who died March 13 in Livonia, was born Dec. 4,

1924, in Sharon, Tenn. He was a

(Wayne) Baird; five grandchilcorporate traffic manager in auto dren; and many nieces and Surviving are his sons, Robert nephews.

Mrs. Voss was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; daughter, Katherine; and siblings, Robert (Alice) Krys, Edgar (Irene) Kress, Andrew (Ena) Kress and Joann (John) Eckard. Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

DOLORES J. SZYMANSKI

Services for Dolores Szymanski, 61, of Westland were March 16 in St. Theodore Church with entombment at Cadillac Memorial West. Services were provided by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Mrs. Szymanski, who died March 13 in Southfield, was born Feb. 14, 1938, in Belmont County. She was a homemaker. Surviving are her husband, Gerald; sons, Gerald II and Keith; daughters, Lisa Grundy and Tracey (Kari) Norman; and one grandson, Dennis John II.

GORDON G. ALLEN

A memorial service for Gordon Allen, 76, of Waters, Mich., will be noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 27, in Sts. Simon & Jude Church, 32500 Palmer in Westland.

Mr. Allen, who died March 1 in Charlotte Regional Hospital, was born in Goodland, Kan. He came to this community in 1974. He attended Wayne Memorial High School. He served with the Coast Guard. He was retired from Wayne County Road Commission.

Surviving are his wife, Edith; sons, Ronald (Peggy) and Robert (Barbara) of Westland; daughters, Jeanette (Pete) McCray and Linda (Tony) Kiser; four brothers; two sisters; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Grand Rapids Veterans Home.

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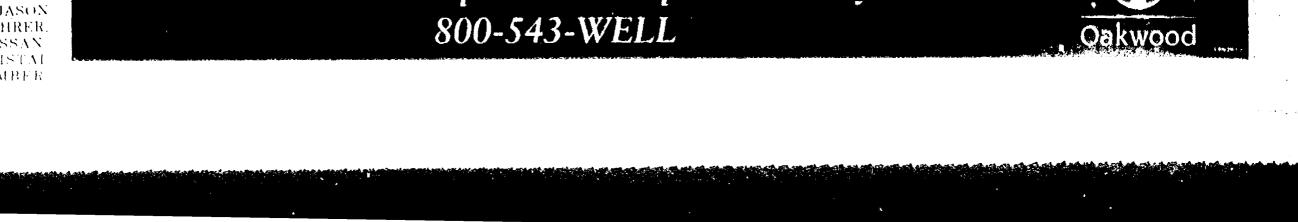
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Changes eyed for Hines Park, nature preserve

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

The William Holliday Forest Nature Preserve in Westland may obtain a new board walk and trail repairs, while park facilities throughout Hines Park will be continued to be made accessible for the disabled.

The Wayne County parks master plan listed these improvements for funding this year. The five-year plan was released to Wayne County commissioners in February.

Hurley Coleman, director of Wayne County parks, said the plan serves two purposes.

"We get to look at Wayne County parks and what we'd like to see in 2004 and 2010. It's a dynamic plan of action. It gives a good evolution of where we are.

"We've gone through the master plans from local communities and look at what Wayne County ought to be doing. We've got 43 communities in Wayne County, so there is only a limited amount of what we can do.

Coleman said the parks department uses the report to help lobby the state Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality to obtain grants through

land trust and federal land conservation funds. One of the applications calls for an approved five-year plan, Coleman said. "That requirement forces communities to take the time and think of the scope of their projects," Coleman said.

The plan highlighted many of the \$31 million in improvements made since 1997. Approximately 82 percent of the funds needed for the five-year action plan for parks and recreation improvement came from the special five-year property tax, approved by voters in August 1996 and scheduled to expire in 2001. The remaining funds came from grants and the Wayne County general fund.

About 51 percent of the money from the tax, grants and general funds were spent in Wayne County parks, including 22 percent spent in all the parks, and Hines with 16 percent. The remaining 49 percent went to "Partnership Parks," such as historic Fort Wayne, Mariner Park and Chandler Park in Detroit.

"These (partnership parks) will range from cooperative improvement of existing local

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parks, that will have regional significance, the example there is the Chandler Park Aquatic Center (in Detroit), and the maintenance and programming functions as performed at Crosswinds Marsh (in Sumpter Township)."

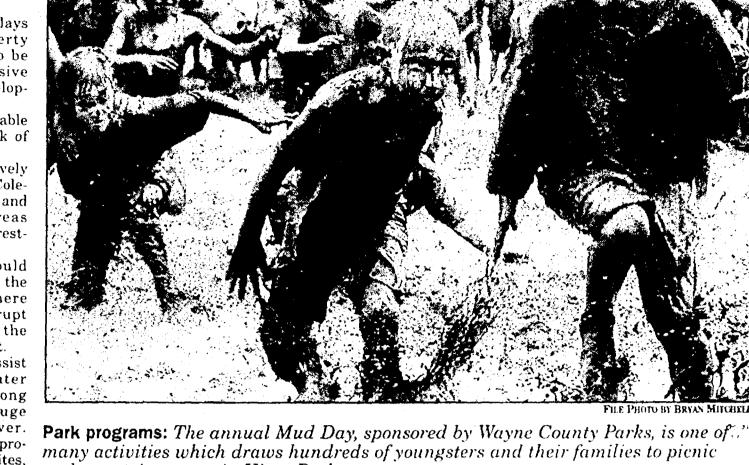
Coleman hopes the plan lays the groundwork for property acquisition. "We ought to be buying into areas for passive recreation in areas of development.

"In the past we were not able to do this because of a lack of resources.

Wayne County is not actively pursuing property yet, but Coleman identified Brownstown and Sumpter townships as areas Wayne County may be interested in.

Property acquisition would help connect Hines Park and the Lower Rouge Parkway where private land holdings "disrupt the flow and continuity of the park," according to the report.

Land acquisition would assist with the protection of water resources, particularly along tributaries along the Rouge River and the Detroit River. Such a program would help protect historically significant sites, such as the Hines Drive bridge over Plymouth Road in Livonia, where Ann Arbor Road begins. That bridge was recently nominated by the State Historic Preservation Office as a historical site.



many activities which draws hundreds of youngsters and their families to picnic and recreation areas in Hines Park.

the plan:

■ Nankin Mills Interpretive

Hines Park were highlighted in review the history and nature of courts and ice rinks; the region in exhibits;

Expenditures include a bike grills and trash receptacles and Center, a renovation of a mill path, new backstops and bleach- mobile stage.

Other ongoing projects in once owned by Henry Ford, will ers, soccer fields, basketball

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Phone companies battle for middle-distance business

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

MCI, the long-distance telephone company, and Ameritech Michigan, the local telephone system, are slugging it out in the state Supreme Court over the middle-distance business.

is the "IntraLATA" market mid-distance calls to a neighboring town or county, though not long-distance. Ameritech has tight grip on IntraLATA.

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dial in order to have the mid-dising parity," a caller wouldn't added, "The Court of Appeals compete in InterLATA (long dis-Please see PHONE, All S'craft to hold blood drive **SAVE 40%** March 25 **Finity Naturals** The collection of gray, blue and samon.Reg. 44.00-188.00, Every 20 seconds, someone in sale 25.99-111.99. southeastern Michigan needs Transfusions are life giving. not only for accident and emergency victims, but for hospital patients, people with sickle cell anemia, cancer, heart disease, loukemia and other major ill-You can help meet this need by donating blood Thursday, March 25, at Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center. The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be stationed in the Community Room from noon to 9 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call (734) 462-4400. Ext. 6470 or 5050. Walk-in donors are welcome. The Radcliff Center is located 1751 Radeliff, just south of Ford Road between Wayne and Merriman roads, in Garden City. THINKING ABOUT P.EN. STARTS FRIDAY, MARCH 19

Commission, prodded by MCI tance IntraLATA call handled and AT&T, ordered Ameritech to provide "dialing parity," and the Court of Appeals agreed. But Ameritech won't give up.

"A customer in Southfield calling Ann Arbor would have to dial an extra seven digits, in addition to the number," said In telephone jargon, the prize David Voges, an assistant attorney general representing the state PSC in March 11 oral arguments before the high court.

He referred to the 10-10-288 or 10-10-321 prefixes a caller must

more cheaply by a long-distance company instead of Ameritech.

"There's no doubt that requiring an extra seven digits has taken a large bite out of competition," added Peter Lark, another assistant attorney general.

Lark noted that in recent years Ameritech Michigàn's flat rate went up 20 percent, from 15 to 18 cents per minute while Ameritech Illinois' rate fell from 12 to 7 cents per minute.

Under the PSC-ordered "dial-

have to dial the seven-digit prefix in order to use MCI or AT&T. Dialing parity was supposed to start Jan. 1, 1996.

The Supreme Court tries to decide cases within a year of hearing oral arguments. Easy decisions come out in a few weeks. Difficult ones like MCI take many months.

Arthur LeVasseur, AT&T's attorney, added that the PSC ordered a 55 percent discount by Ameritech "to the extent its orders weren't applied." He

Service Commission had authority to set a 55 percent discount rate. There's a constitutional issue."

Ellsworth replied, "Competition goes both ways." He complained that a federal law says Ameritech must provide mid-dis- was granted relief to compete. tance dialing parity when it is allowed into the long-distance market. So far that hasn't happened.

"The inability of Ameritech to

found in 1997 that the Public tance) is a severe disability. It (Ameritech) has absolutely no ability to offer a package," Ellsworth told the justices.

Under federal law, said Ameritech attorney Peter Ellsworth, there's a "linkage" between competitive markets for long-distance and mid-distance business, "but Ameritech never

> "In 1996 the U.S. Congress and the Michigan Legislature wrestled with the problem. Congress linked IntraLATA par-



DeHart, Kelly say tax break bill is nothing but corporate welfare

sion is made to move to another

Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, also

voted no. They were the only

three area House members to

In the Senate, the four dis-

senters were all Republicans,

including John J.H. Schwarz of

Battle Creek. They made no on-

the-record protests, however. All

area senators of both parties

Bullard's bill defines an "eligi-

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

Sen. Bill Bullard's new business tax break ran into a couple of rough spots before landing this week on Gov. John Engler's desk for signing.

Bullard, R-Milford and chair of the Senate Taxation Committee, won 32-4 approval in the Senate on Feb. 25 and 93-15 approval in the House March 9.

His SB 102 would allow local units - cities, villages and townships – in an "eligible distressed area" to exempt all new personal property of a business relocating there. Bullard said the goal is to encourage businesses to locate in older urban areas.

· "Another form of corporate welfare," said Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland. "My communities are in jeopardy of losing business to a neighboring community who fits the criteria of being 'distressed.'

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"neighborhood enterprise zone." Added Rep. Ruth Ann Jamnick, D-Ypsilanti: "There is no SB 102 also provides: provision for repayment to the To be eligible for the tax taxing units if a corporate decibreak, businesses must employ

at least 25 and be in the manufacturing, mining, research and development, wholesale or office operations.

Ineligible would be retail stores, professional sports stadiums or portions of a business used for retail trade.

"Personal property" includes machinery, equipment and inventory.

The Senate Fiscal Agency didn't calculate potential tax losses, but it noted that school districts would be "held harmless" - that is, the state would pay their guaranteed per-pupil foundation allowances.

A business planning to move

Free shuttle service on tap for patrons at O&E job fair

attending the Observer & Eccentric/HomeTown Newspapers Job Fair on Wednesday, March 24, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

located on the corner of Schoolcraft and Levan Roads, to Laurel Manor, located on Schoolcraft., just south of I-96. Job fair attendees who wish to catch the shuttle bus will be able to larger attendance at the park for free at Madonna March job fair, and the shut-University's southeast cor- tle bus service should help ner parking lot and board us realize that goal. We hope the bus. The bus will make that those who come to the

will be available to those available from noon to 5 p.m. on the day of the job fair. Job fair hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"Due to the overwhelming success of our September The 18-seat shuttle bus 1998 job fair, we realized will run in a continuous loop that a shuttle bus service from Madonna University, was needed in order to grow this event," said Rick Ficorelli, director of marketing for the Observer & **Eccentric Newspapers**

"We anticipate an even a complete loop every 15 job fair and find limited

Free shuttle bus service minutes. This service is parking at Laurel Manor, will drive one mile to Madonna University and catch the free shuttle."

This free shuttle bus service is provided courtesy of the City of Livonia Community Transit. For more information, contact Kurt Sonoras at the City of Livonia (734) 466-2700.

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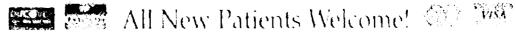
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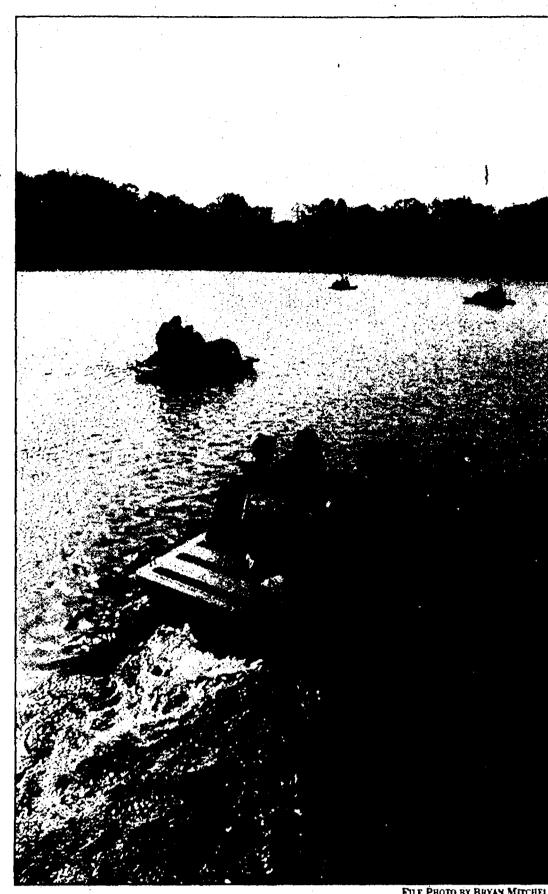
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Park users can reel in summer fun



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

You can get your fishing rod and reel ready for Newburgh Lake, but please, please, please don't eat the fish.

Newburgh Lake will be open for catch-and-release fishing this year, but public fish consumption advisories from the Michigan Department of Community Health will remain in effect.

Newburgh Lake, an impoundment of the Rouge River in the city of Livonia and Plymouth Township, was officially dedicated in October after a 19-month, \$10 million restoration project to remove contaminated sediments, but Memorial Day will mark the lake's actual reopening to the public for recreational activities.

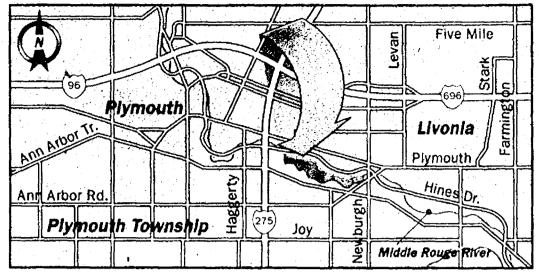
Canoes and paddleboats will be available at Newburgh Pointe after Memorial Day. Residents can bring their own small boat to launch at the lake's public site, but they will need a permit. Motor boats will not be allowed.

"Fishing will be allowed, but of course, they will have to follow the (Department of Natural Resources) rules," said Hurley Coleman, director of Wayne County parks. "We're not doing anything different from the DNR rules. For sportfishing, we'd always advise catch and release."

Fish advisories against consumption will continue this year for the middle branch of the Rouge River, including the impoundment of Newburgh Lake, below Phoenix Lake.

Gary Towns, district fisheries biologist, said the DNR encourages anglers to enjoy the lake, but they should, of course, follow state regulations outlined in fishing guides and advisories distributed when they purchase their fishing licenses. After the DNR had received requests from people who wanted to fish at the lake last fall, Towns met with county officials to discuss it.

Newburgh Lake



grow large enough this year to be were present in Newburgh Lake ---"keepers." "If they do get to the legal size, we have these regulations and we will be patrolling it. Those regulations protect 'subregulated' fish."

Towns expects the fish to grow quickly and could reach legal size next year. "There's no reason for (recreational anglers) not to enjoy it."

Wayne County commissioners are expected to study a proposed list of parks fees next week at a meeting of the commission's Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services, which will then return the fee schedule to the full commission for a vote. possibly for the following week.

The fees include a small-boating permit for \$5; canoe rentals from Newburgh to Nankin and Nankin to Merriman, \$10 each, or Newburgh to Merriman, \$15.

Coleman proposed \$100 fees for the daily rental of picnic shelters throughout the park system.

The canoe livery will be opened at the Nankin impoundment on Hines Drive just west of Ann Arbor Trail and, for the first time, at Newburgh Road. For the first time, canoeing will be permitted from Newburgh to Ann Arbor Trail.

A public health advisory against

polychlorinated biphenyls — bioaccumulate in large fish, so if any PCBs were present, they would be evident in species, such as largemouth bass. Contaminants are not expected to be found in the fish, as 558,000 tons of sediment were removed from Newburgh Lake over the past two years. Approximately 250,000 tons were contaminated with PCBs.

Two fish kills over the last two years removed about 30,000 pounds of fish, some contaminated with the PCBs.

Newburgh was stocked last year with 50 gallons of fathead minnows. 10,000 bluegills, 4,000 largemouth bass, 3,000 catfish and 1,000 walleye. None of these fish would grow to a catchable legal size except for possibly the bluegill.

Those same fish are expected to be restocked this year, along with 4,000 northern pike, 300 crappie and 100 pumpkinseed sunfish. In 2000, 3,000 catfish and 2,000 northern pike will be restocked.

Coleman said county parks staff have discussed having Newburgh Lake as a recreational activity since 1989.

"So much is being done on the

FILE PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Paddleboat party: Youngsters enjoy a paddleboat during the official dedication of Newburgh Lake in October 1998. Paddleboats will be available for rental at Newburgh Pointe after Memorial Day, according to Wayne County Parks Director Hurley Coleman.

"(Anglers) knew they weren't going to be able to catch any fish, if any at all, but they just wanted to wet a line and enjoy the park. There's no reason why they can't do that."

Towns doubts that any fish would

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Legal review

Prosecutor to examine airport bus leases

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

Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair is reviewing the vehicle lease agreements of an airport parking operator after an auditor general's report indicated that Wayne County may be overpaying an airport parking operator \$400,000 for the lease of 37 shuttle buses.

The prosecutor's office stopped short of calling it a criminal investigation, referring to it as a review to check whether the lease reimbursements were "unreasonable.'

Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy released a report in December, which disclosed that lease agreements with the Cleveland-based APCOA cost an average of \$28,000 per vehicle. Dunleavy and his staff found that airport could have leased the majority of these vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 per vehicle.

"At this rate, the airport could be paying as much as \$400,000 too much to lease the 37 vehicles," Dunleavy said.

Auditor's report

Dunleavy sent his report to the prosecutor's office in accordance with the county ethics ordinance.

by Wayne County commissioners and addressed to Wayne County Corporation Counsel Edward Ewell and Airport Director David Katz, O'Hair said: "We have not yet reached any conclusion with respect to intentional wrongdoing."

Said George Ward, chief assistant prosecutor: "We're still getting information. We've been focusing on whether the payments and reimbursements were unreasonable." Ward expected the prosecutor's review would be completed in two weeks, at which time the county would decide whether to attempt to recover any reimbursement.

Dunleavy's report also found that \$1.4 million in parking taxes were underreported, but O'Hair's office was not reviewing that audit problem, Ward said.

"The state Treasurer's got jurisdiction on that," Ward said. Wayne County was waiting for an interpretation of state statute on what percentage of the parking tax should be levied.

. APCOA deducted labor costs from the valet parking receipts before calculating the parking tax. Dunleavy calculated that that amount was less than 25 percent of the total charge of the parking tax. Airport officials say APCOA now computes the park-

In a letter received Tuesday ing tax on the entire amount. County commissioners received the letter the same day they were to study a recommended approval of APCOA to a three-year contract, but decided to pass the contract for the day, which means it is expected to be discussed again at the next committee-of-the-whole meeting March 30. Commissioners also are meeting today for a regularly scheduled business meeting.

The contract calls for APCOA to operate and manage the public parking facility's 11,810 parking spaces at Metro. Wayne County would pay to APCOA-Williford Parking an amount equal to 0.23297 percent of the total gross revenues. APCOA-Williford Parking is a joint venture between APCOA of Cleveland and Williford Enterprises of Detroit.

Commission to act

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, wanted to wait to discuss APCOA's contract until the prosecutor's office completed its investigation.

"The report on APCOA's contract was one of the most shocking things I've ever read," Beard said. "Things were egregious."

Beard said she was "disappointed" she didn't hear from Katz or Ewell about the letter.

"Until things are cleared up, I think it would be unwise (to OK the contract)," Beard said.

Ward told the commissioners they could approve the contract, if they chose to do so, but it would not affect the prosecutorial review. "Whether or not you do will not prejudice our review of the past reimbursement," Ward said.

Katz agreed that the commission should wait before acting on the contract. "Let the prosecutor complete his review before you act on it," Katz said. "Whatever makes the board comfortable." Katz said in a recent interview the APCOA contract was the low bidder, less than one-half the cost of the other bidders.

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, said she wanted a copy of the previous contract to compare it to the new one before she acted on it. Dunleavy listed some recommended changes to the contract, which he forwarded to the commission.

Katz said APCOA has acted in good faith during the last contract and bid process. He said his department has answered questions from Ward and others from the prosecutor's office. Ward also said Katz was cooperative.

"If we feel we are owed some money, we will get a refund.' Katz said.

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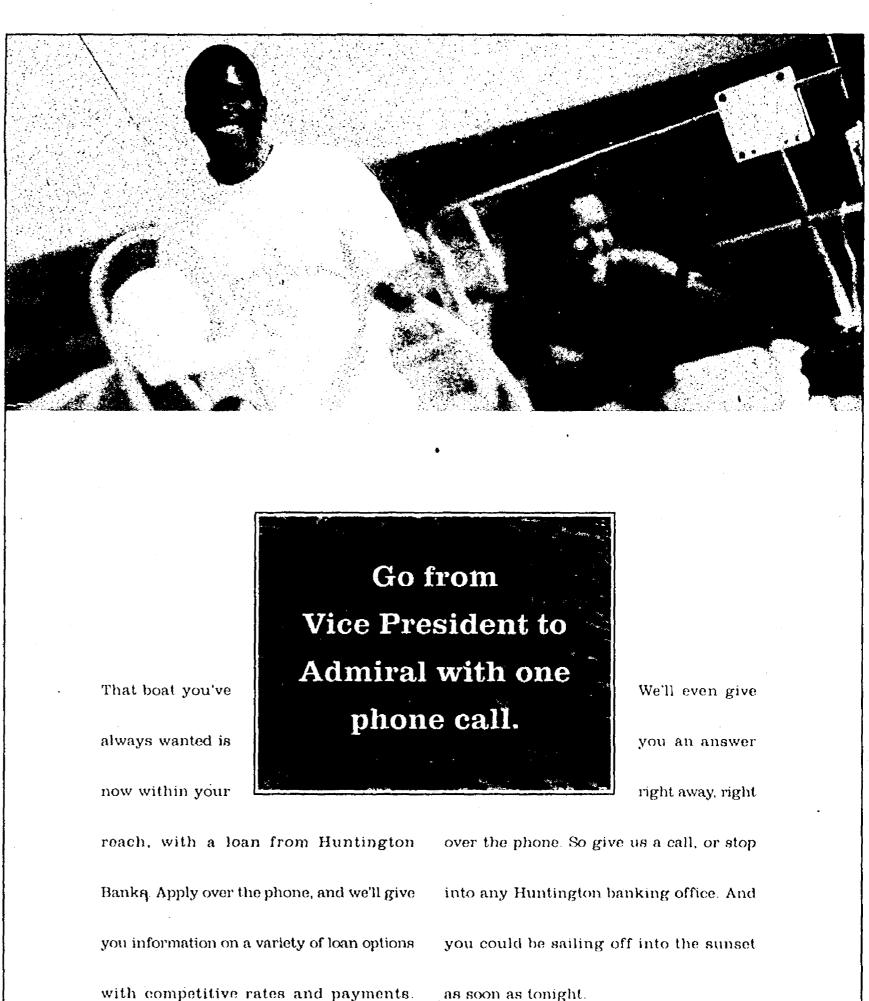


Robert Dodds, MD, recently joined the practice of David Clarke, MD, Christina DiMaggio, MD, and Kang-Lee Tu, MD. He specializes in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and has a special interest in treating conditions of infertility, urinary incontinence, and pelvic prolapse.

After earning his medical degree at Wayne State University, Dr. Dodds completed his internship and residency at Providence Hospital. Among his other awards and activities, Dr. Dodds was honored as Resident Teacher of the Year each year from 1995 through 1998. He is also a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Medical Association.



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Dems balk at bill to fill lieutenant governor vacancy

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER trichardCoc.homecomm.net

Senate Democrats balked, defeating a plan to fill any vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor.

The plan required a two-thirds vote of the Senate, or 25 of the 37 sitting members. It died when just 20 Republicans voted yes, and 14 Democrats said no.

Both House and Senate would

November 2000 ballot as a constitutional amendment for voters to approve.

Senate Joint Resolution G, as it's known, would allow the governor to appoint a lieutenant governor with the concurrence of the Senate.

Here is how area senators voted:

nett of Canton, Bill Bullard Jr. of Republican and one Democrat.

have to vote to put it on the Milford, Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia, Mike Rogers of Brighton, John Schwarz of Battle Creek.

> NO - Democrats Dianne Byrum of Onondaga, John Cherry of Clio, George Hart of Dearborn, Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township and Alma Wheeler Smith of Salem.

ABSENT - Mat Dunaskiss, R-YES - Republicans Loren Ben- Lake Orion, along with one other state and attorney general with

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One Senate seat is vacant.

The vote came March 9 after senators rejected, by voice vote, an amendment by Alma Smith, D-Salem, to require concurrence by both the House and Senate.

Republicans rejected it, arguing that only Senate concurrence is needed for most appointments. And the governor is allowed to fill vacancies for secretary of no legislative concurrence at all.

floor leader, moved for reconsideration, leaving the plan still on the Senate calendar.

But the 1961 Constitutional Convention intentionally didn't provide for filling a vacancy for lieutenant governor, according to SJR G's sponsor, Sen. Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville.

Without a lieutenant governor

Afterward, Rogers, as majority to cast a tie-breaking vote, the Senate could deadlock 19-19, Sikkema said.

> Only once under the current constitution - in 1969-70 - has there been no lieutenant governor. Gov. George Romney resigned to take a post in the Nixon cabinet. Lt. Gov. William G. Milliken moved up to governor. The lieutenant governor post went vacant until voters elected James Brickley in 1970.

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ity to InterLATA with two exceptions. One doesn't apply to Michigan.

"The other applies to states with dialing parity. This allows states to proceed with dialing parity, but not until Ameritech can compete in InterLATA," said Ellsworth, contending federal regulations are controlling over state law.

"This case is moot," said the Ameritech attorney, saying it should be held in abeyance and not decided by the Michigan Supreme Court. He said a U.S. Supreme Court decision held the Federal Communications Commission had authority to control IntraLATA (mid-distance) rates.

"It is not moot," shot back Albert Ernst for MCI. "We still have the 55 percent (discount) issue. Michigan could implement dialing parity on its own. Thirty-five states have implemented dialing parity. We (Michigan) can't get it.

"They (Ameritech) want to keep their 1+ monopoly. That's all it's about. Ameritech won a great victory by delaying."

Justice Maura Corrigan, who was elected in November of 1998, asked about the state act that limited Ameritech's requirement to offer mid-distance dialing parity to 10 percent of customers on a graduated scale. "Ameritech made a good case with the Legislature for a level playing field," she added. "Ameritech has an obligation," said Voges, the assistant attorney general. "It doesn't say the converse (that Ameritech must be allowed access to the longdistance market)."

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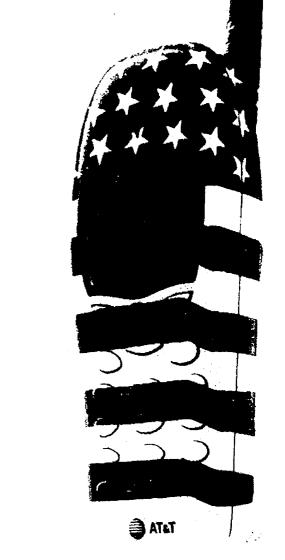
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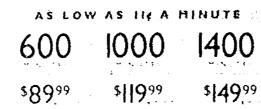


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Children can turn in the marshmallows for prize-filled eggs at the drop at 11 a.m. at Nankin Mills in Westland. Children will collect the marshmallows in different age groups.

If the weather does not cooperate, the event will be rescheduled for Saturday, April 3.

"This is an exciting event for children of all ages," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. "What a great way to start out the spring with a wonderful outdoor activity."

The Great Marshmallow Drop is co-sponsored by WNIC-FM and is the first of a record number of warm weather events planned by Wayne County Parks for 1999.

Nankin Mills is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For additional information on this or any other Wayne County parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

Schoolcraft will offer basic boating class

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New laws effective in 1999 require that all persons born after Dec. 31, 1978, must attend

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The class offers a review of safe, legal and responsible boating operation in the state, including equipment requirements, preparation for trailering, navigational rules and safe

All boating safety course students must be at least 12 years old and will receive state certification to legally operate a boat or PWC upon successfully completing the class.

The two-week class begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 20,

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For more information on fees and schedules, call (734) 462-4448

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Employers sought for collegiate job fair

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The fair is co-sponsored by Wayne State and Eastern Michigan universities and promoted by more than 70 other four-year and two-year institutions. ESD, the Engineering Society, is a supporting sponsor.

The fair is expected to draw 1,000 to 1,200 seniors and recent alumni from colleges and universities throughout Michigan and surrounding states.

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Class of 1964 Aug. 21 at the Elks Club. Cost is \$35 per person. (248) 852-6784

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Class of 1989 June 5 at the River Crest in Rochester Hills. Cost is \$50 per person. (248) 393-1151, (248) 969-8313, (248) 852-8744 or (248) 952-0444 Class of 1979 Aug. 7 at the Somerset Inn in Troy. (248) 366-9493, press #6

ROYAL OAK KIMBALL

Class of 1989 Nov. 26 at the Fox and Hound in Troy. (248) 366-7004, press #8

ST. ALPHONSUS

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ST. HEDWIG

Class of 1954 Oct. 1 at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. (313) 278-8890

ST. LADISLAUS Classes of 1978-79 Are planning a reunion. (261) 370-8537 or (248) 543-8664

ST. MARY'S OF REDFORD (734) 428-9379 or (734) 721-8036 Class of 1979 WAYNE MEMORIAL Sept. 11 at the Novi Hilton Hotel Class of 1983 in Novi. Sept. 26 at Roma's of Garden (734) 432-0774 or (734) 254-9616 City.

SOUTHGATE SCHAFER

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TAYLOR CENTER Class of 1979

Nov. 27 at the Marriott Hotel in

Romulus. (248) 360-7004, press #7

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Class of 1989

50th class reunion.

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son. (313) 884-5452

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January-June classes of 1944 May 23 at the Hotel Baronette in Novi. Marcia Pollock, 29393 Laurel Woods Drive, No. 201, Southfield 48034 Class of 1949 Sept. 4 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn. (248) 661-0269 or (248) 545-7496

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(517) 522-4893, (734) 213-4350 or (248) 486-5170 Class of 1979 Oct. 9 at the Holiday Inn-West in Livonia. (734) 397-8766 or www. reunionworks.com

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(248) 349-8589. Class of 1950 Is planning a reunion for 2000. (248) 851-7620 Class of 1989 Nov, 27 at Baker's of Milford. (313) 621-8350 Class of 1979 Nov. 27 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (248) 344-8767 Class of 1994 A reunion is being planned. (248) 476-3270

Bully's in Northville (734) 453-0157, (734) 261-4827 or (517) 548-3535

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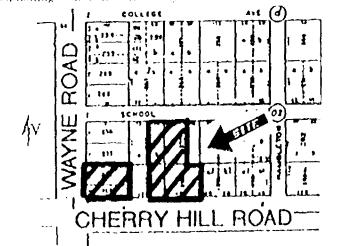
CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

#1957B, Proposed Rezoning from CB-4 and R-5 (Vehicle Service and Single Family Residential) to CB-1 (Low Intensity Commercial Business), Parcel #043-02-0287-000, 0288, 0288, 0290, 0278, 0279 and 0289, NE Corner of Wayne Road and Cherry Hill, SW-16, Sean P. Kavanagh.

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Case #1957D, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Walgreen's Drug Store with Drive-Through Pharmacy, Parcels 2043 02/0287/000//0288//0290//0278 0279, 40289, 40276, and 40277 NF Corner of Wayne Road and Cherry Hill SW-16, Sean P Kayanagh

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be hold in the City Hall (460) Ford Road Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 pmin. Eausday, April 6: 4000

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

CITY OF WESTLAND

COMBINED NOTICE

City of Westland Department of Community Development, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186, Telephone Number 595-0288, TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS: On or about April 2, 1999, the above-named City will request the State of Michigan via the Michigan State Housing Authority (MSHDA) to release Federal funds under Title II (the HOME Investment Partnership Act) of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 for the following project: FUNDS

PROJECT	LOCATION	PURPOSE	ALLOCATION
HOME Rental Rehab	Census Tract 5685 (Norwayne)	The City of Westland HOME Rental	\$166,500
Program	the area bounded by Merriman	Rehabilitation Program is designed	
1998 Housing Resource Fund	Palmer, Glenwood and Wildwood	to bring substandard rental buildings (10-	
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	area bounded by Annapolis	improvements to substandard rental	
	Inkster, VanBorn, and Middlebelt	properties affordable to low-income	
	Roads	families	

2 It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the City of Westland has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL91-190) The reasons or such decision not to prepare such a Statement are as follows

A. The program involves rehabilitation only. No new construction will be paraitted

- Unit densities will not increase by more than 20%.
- The Program does not involve changes in land use from residential to nonresidential or from one class of residential to another
- Each proposed project's estimated cost of rehabilitation is less than 75% of the total estimated cost of replacement after rehabilitation
- This project has continuing relevance. The Environmental Review Record for above-mentioned project area was prepared in prior program. years for the HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program

An Environmental Review Record respecting the project has been made by the City of Westland which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why an environmental impact statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying. up in request at the Office of Community Development Programs, Dorsey Community Center 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI between the hours of 9.00 a.m. 5.00 p.m. Monday through Friday No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted, prior to the request for federal funds. All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Westland to the Office of the undersigned

Such written comments should be received at 32715 Dorsey Road, by April 1, 1999. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of Federal funds or take administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

The City of Westland will undertake the project described above with HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act. The City of Westland is certifying to HUD and the State of Michigan that the City of Westland and Mayor Robert J. Thomas, in his official capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review, decision making, and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Westland may use the HOME Rental Rehabilitation funds and the State of Michigan will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The State of Michigan will accept an objection to its approval of the release of tunds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases a that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of applicant approved by the State of Michigan of be that applicant's Environmental Review Record for this Project indicates onussion of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 Clif Part 38 and may be addressed to Michigan State Housing and

Development Authority at P.O. Box 30044, Lansing, Michigan 48909, Objections is the release of funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by MSHDA. No objection received after April 20, other will be considered by MSHDA. MAYOR ROBERT J THOMAS	1 1	RORUR Friedword (1995), 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 19 Westward Pranizza, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1997, 19	999 BOWERS, Chairman	5 will be held in the City Hall. 1 7:30 p.m.: on Tuesday April 6, 199 ROBERT C B WESTLAND PLANNI	Planning Commission Westland Michigan at
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THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1999 -

Fund-raiser Foundation plans annual ball

local community organization that supports Westland will hold one of its biggest fund-raisers next week – and it could use your support.

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The Westland Community Foundation's third annual spring ball will feature Irish entertainment, including Celtic Pipes and Drums, Finvarra's Wren with Irish Dancers and dance music by Marty Viers and the Music Doctors.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy, Westland.

A cocktails and hors d'oeuvres reception will kick off the event, with dinner and raffle drawings beginning at 7:30 p.m.; Celtic Pipes and Drums at 8:45-9 p.m.; Finvarra's Wren with Irish Dancers at 9-10 p.m.; and dance music by Marty Viers and the Music Doctors at 10 p.m. to midnight.

Dinner/dance tickets are \$100 a person, which includes a raffle ticket for prizes valued from \$50 to \$3,000.

Call (734) 585-7727 for reservations.

The foundation sponsors a spring ball annually to raise money for projects and charities. The foundation also has a history of supporting community projects.

For example, in 1998 the Westland Community Foundation:

Hosted its fourth Christmas in July

event and raised more than \$27,000 to help the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

Donated \$12,000 in scholarships to 14 Westland students.

Sponsored two Westland students to attend the Blue Lake Music Camp.

■ Gave \$5,000 to the Wayne-Westland YMCA summer camp program.

Donated \$15,000 to the Salvation Army for summer camp programs.

■ Donated \$5,000 to John Glenn High School's instrumental music program for band uniform replacement.

Gave \$5,000 to Taylor Towers senior citizen housing for a computer lab.

Donated \$6,000 to an Oakwood Health Center based at Lincoln Elementary School. The clinic also serves Jefferson-Barns Elementary.

Donated \$500 to Jefferson-Barns for a school playground renovation project.

Co-sponsored a children's summer concert series at the Westland public library and sponsored an adult coffee house concert series.

Sponsored a holiday event.

As the Westland Community Foundation works to help local people and projects, it needs support from others to continue its successes. Here's a chance to help the foundation continue its work and an opportunity to have a fun "Irish" evening out.

Welfare drug bills fall short

To get a handle on this welfare drug test question, ask yourself: What percentage of Gov. John Engler, who is making his second drug users would you have to find to justify invading everyone's bloodstream or urine sample? That's the constitutional heart of the debate over requiring all welfare recipients to be tested. Here's what the Michigan Constitution says: "The person, houses, papers and possessions of every person shall be secure from unreasonable searches and seizures. No warrant to search any place or to seize any person or things shall issue without describing them, nor without probable cause supported by oath or affirmation."

Despite his reputed fiscal conservatism,



LETTERS

Three patriots

Monica Lewinsky's recent tearful condem-nation of the evil Ken Starr and his band of heartless prosecutors was somewhat of a hoot.

Monica reminds me of one of those teenage shoplifters who start crying after they get caught. Why is it that young people who enjoy high-risk activity wait until the police show up to become tearful? Bad police? Bad Ken Starr? You decide.

Contrary to the cynical sneers of the media pundits, the only people acting like rational adults through this whole affair have been Ken Starr, Linda Tripp and LuciAnn Goldberg. I urge you to actually listen to their words and observe their actions. They may have saved this country from disaster.

depredation by humans and domestic pets. Workers and mechanical equipment during construction can intrude and further damage the forest. It has already suffered a tremendous edge assault. Protection of Sassafras Trails must begin promptly.

The forest will continue to suffer from water and nutrient depletion incurred by the sale of portions of Sassafras Trails to the developer by the school district. The school board has not yet addressed this problem.

As I stated to the school board, any interested member of the community may find all of my documented information in the Westland library and the Wayne library.

> Charles W. Johnson Wayne

That's a high, tough standard. Law enforcement people must swear they have probable cause to believe someone has drugs before obtaining a warrant.

But the bills passed by the state House of Representatives fall far short of that standard. House Bills 4090 and 4091 give the state Family Independence Agency authority to run three pilot sites to test welfare recipients for drug use. One test area would be urban, another rural, the third in Wayne County.

If a welfare client refuses to take the test, he's punished by loss of benefits - no trial.

The sponsor, Rep. Lauren Hager, R-Port Huron, calls it "tough love and compassion in its purest form. A welfare client who is shown to be addicted is offered state-paid treatment." That's wise. Welfare should do more than subsidize people. The new welfare system is designed to get people on their feet, not, in the words of the bills' sponsors, to pay for their addiction.

The program wouldn't be cheap. The House Fiscal Agency said 175,000 tests a year would be given. At an average cost of \$3,000, treatment would total \$78.7 million. The Family Independence Agency (FIA) said it's unclear whether Medicaid would reimburse the state.

"All are good. I

Robin Ashford

have no

favorite,"

request for the welfare drug tests, isn't afraid to spend money. Remember when he ended "general assistance"? He didn't just put the money into other programs. He used it to match welfare federal grants and signed the biggest welfare bill in Michigan's history.

But back to our original question: What percentage would have to test positive for drugs to justify testing everyone? FIA estimates 15 percent will test positive. Elsewhere, we read of 20 percent testing positive.

Michigan has run into this kind of constitutional problem before. In the mid-1980s, Gov. James Blanchard advocated vehicle check lanes to catch drunken drivers. Cops would figure out which bars would generate lots of drunken drivers on which roads and stop every one passing by.

The courts shot it down for precisely the constitutional reason we cited - there was insufficient "probable cause" to justify stopping every driver.

Moreover, we note that supporters of HB 4090-4091 rejected an amendment requiring all state officials, including the governor and 148 legislators, to submit to drug tests. What's sauce for the welfare goose could well have been sauce for the legislative gander, particularly since lawmakers from both parties have been nailed for drug usage over the years.

Reps. Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield, and Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, bucked their colleagues in voting against the drug test bills. We applaud them for reading the Michigan Constitution, which their oaths of office require them to uphold.

The bills probably will be passed. The courts may well call them unconstitutional. The unsavory mess could be avoided if we would all read our constitution and take it more seriously.

Contrary to Monica's shallow opinion, Clinton is not just "a guy" or a "good kisser" to be laughed about in Georgetown singles bars by Monica and her girlfriends. The president is the most powerful leader in the world. Billions of lives are relying on him to be both competent and uncompromised.

Clinton's Oval Office escapades were borderline treason because they exposed him to being blackmailed or compromised by nefarious forces unknown to us. We should all be grateful that Linda Tripp blew the whistle on this affair before the Russians or Chinese got into the act.

Indeed, recent revelations of Chinese theft of our nuclear warhead miniaturization technology should make us all realize how dangerous the world is.

We owe Ken Starr, Linda Tripp and LuciAnn Goldberg our gratitude. History will call them true American patriots and heroes. Walter Warren

Westland

Address fence problem

spoke at the March 8 meeting of the Wayne-Westland school board. I protested their implication of my responsibility for their abrupt cancellation of their expression of gratitude to our legislators and community members, who had achieved the protection of Sassafras Trails by obtaining the DNR purchase of development rights.

A small victory for Sassafras Trails was forthcoming. Trustee Mathew McCusker stated that Superintendent Greg Baracy has twice publicly agreed to install a fence to replace the one removed from within the Wilson School area. It is unfortunate that I was not present at either of the public occasions when Baracy gave that pledge.

I hope the school board moves swiftly to implement his wishes. The removal of that fence by the developer has opened the forest

Many qualified workers

read Philip Power's column, "GOP leads way in job training," in the Observer and feel compelled to reply to some of his remarks.

First of all, I was impressed by his opinions. However, I must challenge the statement: "The current shortage of qualified workers is already viewed by business folks as Michigan's biggest economic problem. Employers can't find qualified, skilled workers."

I am a qualified, skilled legal secretary who retired too early after almost 13 years at my last place of employment. I do conduct myself in a professional manner and dress appropriately. I have even done fashion modeling which tells me that I can hold my own. I find it very difficult to believe that the job market for qualified workers is in such poor condition because I have responded to newspaper ads, been interviewed, by one and/or three people at the same time after having been tested for several hours and leaving feeling very confident that all went well, only to be advised that I was not chosen for the position.

Upon inquiry as to why, I was given very vague answers leading me to believe that my unspoken age was the deterrent. The law prohibits discrimination because of age and thus, the employer evades the issue rather than risk a lawsuit charging age discrimination.

Is this not strange considering that the mature worker usually is more efficient, dependable, trustworthy and most willing to go the extra mile? During these past months that I have been looking for part-time employment, I have encountered far too many inefficient people holding down jobs who cannot and/or will not answer a simple question, i.e., bank tellers who do not know the employer's policies, a manager who clearly states that she does not know anything about the subject of my inquiry. I know that I am fully qualified, but obviously I cannot work in the minimum wage neighborhood.

Florence Ziarnik

QUESTION:

With the Oscar winners to be announced Sunday night, which movie is your favorite to be named the year's best?

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* 'Saving Private Ryan.' Ryan.' ' Michael Murray



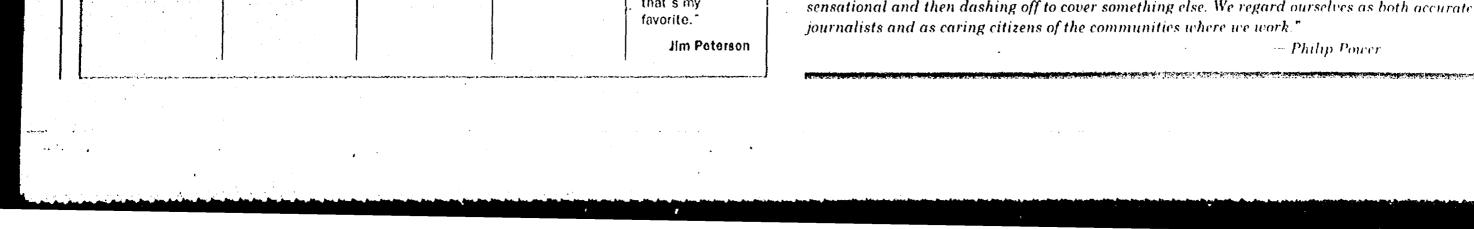
*I don't watch movies much. **'Saving Private Debble Murray** Ryan' is the only one I've seen in the past year, so

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POINTS OF VIEW

Educators too often use language merely to obfuscate

any readers are leery of watching and listening to U.S. senators at the recently closed (thank goodness) impeachment trial of President Clinton talk like lawyers.

Those in the legal profession, like all professions, have a language of their own.

Fortunately, most people don't spend a lot of time with lawyers or in a courtroom listening to lawyers and judges talk they are from another planet.

Recently, an Oakland County school superintendent was chastised by his school board for using too many educational abbreviations that the public doesn't understand.

After covering various school

boards for 41 years, I agree there is a problem of how some educators communicate with the public.

In recalling countless curriculum and budget presentations, I can

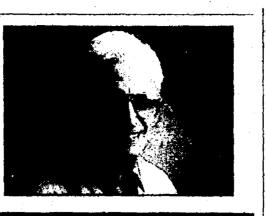
understand why some parents can be confused after leaving a school board meeting or watching proceedings at home on cable TV.

Let me enlighten you on a few key words that have a variety of meanings.

For example, when there is a budget crunch, school administrators and some board members will moan and groan about the lack of "resources." That's a long word that really

means "money." When they complain about the

state Legislature and/or governor



LEONARD POGER

For example, when there is a budget crunch, school administrators and some board members will moan and groan about the lack of 'resources.' reducing state "support" to local schools, "money" is still the operative word.

When the board and administration discuss "prioritizing our precious resources," they mean that "we have to cut art, music and physical education (that's gym to most people) programs."

When the board talks about "overcapacity of buildings," it means that your neighborhood school has too small of an enrollment to be "economically viable" and might be closed down next year.

Why can't educators say that history textbooks aren't keeping up with events when it makes more sense to say that the books are hopelessly out of date, ending about the time the Vietnam War was just starting to escalate?

One recent comment from a school board meeting was to praise local teachers for "working very hard for a positive outcome" on Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests.

Officials would be able to communicate more effectively if the officials boiled it down to a comment that teachers are hoping to improve academic test scores.

City and township officials have a similar language of their own – but that's another column.

Leonard Poger, Garden City community editor, may be reached via email at lpoger@oe.homecomm.net or by phone at (734) 953-2107.

'Use it or lose it' plan takes aim at school elections in state

his column started out as an April Fool joke. Then I took a trip to the local library, and it got serious.

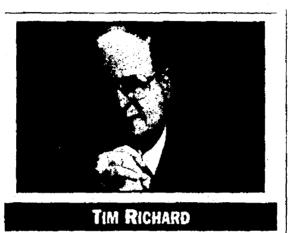
My idea for civic reform is called "Use it or lose it." Any local election where voter turnout was less than 10 percent would be declared null and void.

The proposal is aimed at school elections in June. Typical turnouts are 10 to 15 percent. Only when there's a controversial money issue on the ballot do 20 or 25 percent turn out. Many elections are decided by a 3-percent turnout.

Some school officials like it that way, particularly when they want to slip through a bond issue. There's a whole science devoted to scheduling special elections. March is a good time because people are sluggish and the senior citizens are in Florida. Saturday is a good day because most people are used to Tuesday elections in Michigan. advertisements with small type, you don't seek audiences before the Rotary and League of Women Voters, you use telephone banks to contact identifiable "school people," and you hope for a low turnout of just your supporters.

Well, my "Use it or lose it" plan would block that. If just 8 percent of voters turned out, the bond issue would lose, even if 95 percent of those voting said "yes." Only elections with at least a 10-percent turnout could be valid.

Scanning the library shelf, I came across the Feb. 21 issue of the Los Angeles Times with a page-one story that many cities were canceling their elections. These included the famed Beverly Hills (inc. 1915), Lakewood, San Gabriel, Hidden Hills and City of Industry.



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My plan is different. If the turnout were too low, the posts wouldn't be filled at all, and the money proposals would fail.

This brings us to the question of why voter turnouts are so dismal.

In L.A., city officials say they're doing such a good job that the lack of competition signifies the public is ecstatic with their performance. Michigan's low school turnouts are a bit of an optical illusion. For amount of deadwood on the voter rolls - people who have died or moved, but their registrations haven't been canceled.

Bill Ballenger, in his Inside Michigan Politics newsletter, tells of a petition circulator whose work was challenged before the state Board of Canvassers. Seems the lady had registered to vote in six different places in Detroit. To her credit, she voted only once, but her five deadwood registrations never were canceled.

Democrats love deadwood. In Michigan, they fought long and hard to prevent inactive voters on the rolls for 10 years. In Congress, they twice passed "Motor Voter" bills so that states would have to register people at welfare, unemployment and public health offices – but not at banks or churches. Good George Bush vetoed it dice Miller has worked to set up a computerized master voter list. As soon as you reregister in a new loca tion, your old registration is canceled Of more than six million registered voters, she reports, 600,000 were deadwood and have been removed.

With a smaller denominator, our percentage turnouts won't look so, bad. What looked like a 5-percent turnout now will become a 5.5-percent turnout. Now that we have good regis tration numbers, it's time to try the "Use it or lose it" plan.

Phil Power has a plan for improving public knowledge of, and particle pation in, school elections. I will let him explain it in future issues. His plan is superb. Stay tuned.

health offices – but not at banks or churches. Good George Bush vetoed it *Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional*

So you pick a day when turnout will be small, you buy only legal That was in Los Angeles County alone. Other elections were canceled in Orange and Ventura counties. It seems that if there are no contests, the clerk can cancel the election, and those on the ballot are declared electin 1992. Clinton signed it in 1993. Even aliens were registered. Michigan's Secretary of State Can-

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Blanchard's choice is our loss

wasn't all that surprised when I got the fax from Jim Blanchard.

"I thought long and hard about once again serving the people of Michigan in Washington but have decided not to seek election to the Senate for personal and professional reasons."

For months, Blanchard had been considering running against Republican freshman Sen. Spencer Abraham.

Like most potential candidates, Abraham has been working on fund-raising. Aiming at a \$9 million war chest for his campaign, last week he raised \$1 million at a single event in Livonia. But Abraham was widely regarded as vulnerable, especially to Blanchard, a skilled campaigner and still a popular former governor who served with distinction as ambassador to Canada.

Blanchard's departure from the race says more about the sad state to which our politics has descended than it does about Abraham's relative vulnerability. Over the weekend, Blanchard and I talked at length about his decision and about how the current state of politics affected it.

Power: "It seems as though state-of-the-art politics has turned into little more than an exercise in fund-raising."

Blanchard: "I'm afraid that's true. (U.S. Sen.) Carl Levin told me he went to 250 fundraisers for his last campaign, and I know that I'd have to do something close to that if I decided to run. Politicians today tend to look at people as though they're walking wallets. It's gotten completely out of hand."

Power: "Moreover, the kind of mud-slinging and personal abuse would make anybody but the toughest flinch before getting into a big race."

Blanchard: "There's a rule of thumb in politics: You have to want to get elected to whatever office you're running for with every atom of your heart and every piece of your soul. If you have any hesitation at all, it's wise not to do it."

Power: "Campaigns used to be regarded as an opportunity for public debate about issues and a chance for people to show what they're like. Has that changed, too?"

Blanchard: "Entirely 1 got into politics because of ideas and people. Ideas to help people. But people, especially, 1 love old-fashioned campaigning because it puts you directly in



PHILIP POWER

Power: "So how are you going to contribute? Are you going to withdraw entirely from public service?"

Blanchard: "No. I'm going to be working hard to elect (Vice President Al) Gore. I can live a life of public service, accomplish a lot, have a lot of fun without all the invective and hate, without running for elective office. That's why I took the job as ambassador, and that's why I wrote my book on that experience. I wanted to show young people it's still possible for folks to contribute to society in other ways than running for office."

Blanchard's answers to my questions – thoughtful, humane, practical – helped persuade me that his decision not to make the race for the Senate was the best decision for him ... and the worst outcome for the people of Michigan. Because, whether you're a Democrat or a Republican, people like Jim Blanchard are exactly the sort who should be making the race for significant office in our country.

No doubt the Democrats will come up with a credible candidate to run against Sen. Abraham. But the net effect of what has happened to our politics in recent years is to have deterred from running for public office precisely the kinds of able, effective, thoughtful and same people who should be in positions of responsibility in a democracy. Sadly for the republic, the field is increasingly being left to the insecure and the egomaniacal, the wealthy and the celebrities with high name ID and the passionately ideological.

Is this why I'm not surprised Geoffrey Fieger is talking about running for the Senate?

Phil Power has known Blanchard for years and served as chair of job training while Blanchard was governor. Power is chairman of HomeTowy

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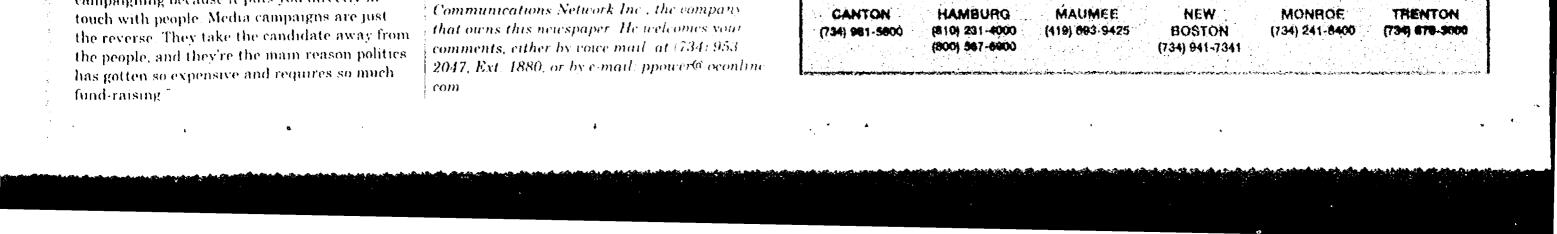
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Senate takes action against drunken snowmobilers

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

The Michigan Senate moved quickly this month against drunken snowmobilers, drugged welfare recipients, and aliens Tregistering to vote.

Points charged

Snowmobilers with serious violations would be charged "joints" on their driving records under Senate Bills 125-126, the Senate passed 34-1.

owmobilers are running d, killing themselves and s," said Sen. Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph, sponsor of the mea-^rsure.

Added Sen. Don Koivisto, D-Ironwood: "Two factors account for the increase in accidents: increased speed and alcohol." Drinking is involved in 60 per-

cent of accidents and excessive speed in 80 percent, added Sen. Walter North, R-St. Ignace.

Only Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, voted against the measures. He sought a three-year "sunset" on the bills, so their effect could be re-examined, but the Senate shot down his amendment 7-17.

If the bills become law, they would take effect in October of 2000. They would treat off-road offenses the same as motor vehicle offenses. The would require

Schoolcraft's Waterman is site of beekeepers' school

The 61st annual Bee School, sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers Association in cooperation with the Schoolcraft College Beekeepers Club and the Cranbrook Beekeepers Club, is scheduled 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 17, in the Waterman Campus Center on Schoolcraft's campus.

Featured speakers are Zachary Huang from Michigan State University, speaking on "Social Organization of the Honey Bee Colony," and Roger Hoopingarner, a retired professor from Michigan State University.

Nonmembers must pay a \$5 registration fee at the door, and attendees should bring a dish to pass and table service for the noon potluck lunch.

For information, call Roger Sutherland at (734) 668-8568 or Jim Goodrich at (248) 628-0321.

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the Secretary of State to record be required to enter a treatment on a violator's driving record:

Six points for manslaughter, negligent homicide or felony Bills 4090-4091 by 25-10 votes, resulting from operation of a but a two-thirds vote is required snowmobile or off-road vehicle (ORV).

Six points for operating a the governor. snowmobile or ORV under the influence of alcohol or controlled drugs, or allowing another to operate under the influence.

while visibly impaired.

Up to 93 days in jail for violations. Currently, the jail term is 90 days. The extra three days bring this law into line with other state laws.

One bill amends the vehicle code; the other, the natural resources act.

The bills go to the House. Refer to SB 125-126 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

Welfare testing

Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, threw a monkey wrench into Gov. John Engler's effort to have welfare recipients tested for drugs.

A pair of bills would allow the Family Independence Agency to test the program in three areas. Clients who test positive would

program or lose benefits. The Senate passed House

to give the bills immediate effect as soon as they are signed by

Dingell voted yes on both but withheld his vote on SB 4091, leaving 24 votes for immediate effect, one shy of the two-thirds Four points for operating requirement. Result: Unless Dingell changes his mind soon, the bills may not become law until about April of 2000.4

All Republicans and four Democrats voted yes.

Among those voting no were area Democrats Dianne Byrum of Onondaga, John Cherry of Clio, George Hart of Dearborn, Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township and Alma Smith of Salem. Byrum objected that the cost of the program was underestimated. "You cannot take the same number of dollars, divide it among clients and have the same level of service," she said. The Senate Fiscal Agency estimated cost of testing at \$172,300 to \$1.6 million. Sen. John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, put the cost of individual tests at \$50.

intends to implement the laws statewide by April 1, 2003. Currently the state has 287,400 welfare clients, of whom onethird are estimated to be adults eligible for testing. The laws wouldn't apply to those 65 or older.

Aliens blocked

A quirk in the federal Motor Voter Act allowed some aliens to register to vote in Michigan, and the state Senate is moving to correct the problem.

The Senate passed 35-0 a bill by Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, to prohibit the Secretary of State, other registrars, city and township clerks from offering noncitizens the opportunity to register to vote.

Motor Voter became federal law after a bitter partisan debate in the U.S. Congress. President George Bush vetoed it in 1992. President Bill Clinton signed it in 1993 after a Democratic Congress repassed it. Republican Gov. John Engler sued unsuccessfully to block it.

It requires state welfare, unemployment and public health agencies, as well as driver's license agencies, to offer their customers a chance to register to vote. Hammerstrom, a former township clerk, said many aliens, not understanding the system, "would sign everything The bills say the Legislature put before them. This (bill) pro-

tects them from trouble."

Her bill would prohibit state agencies from offering a person the opportunity to register if the person had submitted a written document saying he or she was not a U.S. citizen.

The bill goes to the House. Refer to SB 312 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

Beware of ties

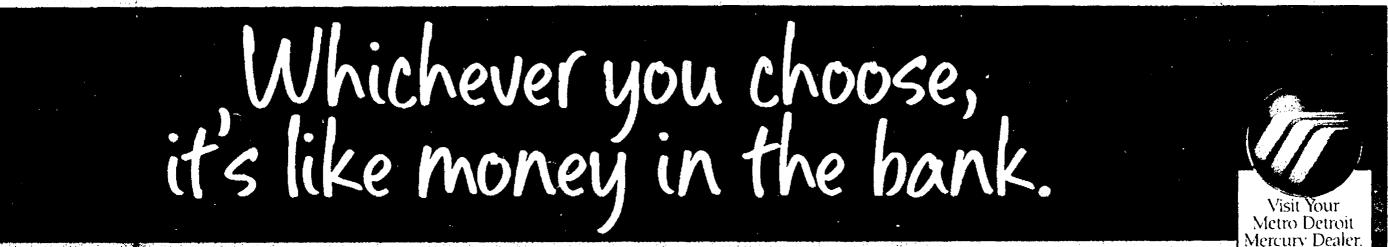
Lawmakers are working on measures to prevent tie votes at everything from the township park board level to the state Senate itself.

The first is called the West Bloomfield case, because that Oakland County township has seen 3-3 tie votes on its elected park commission. So last week:

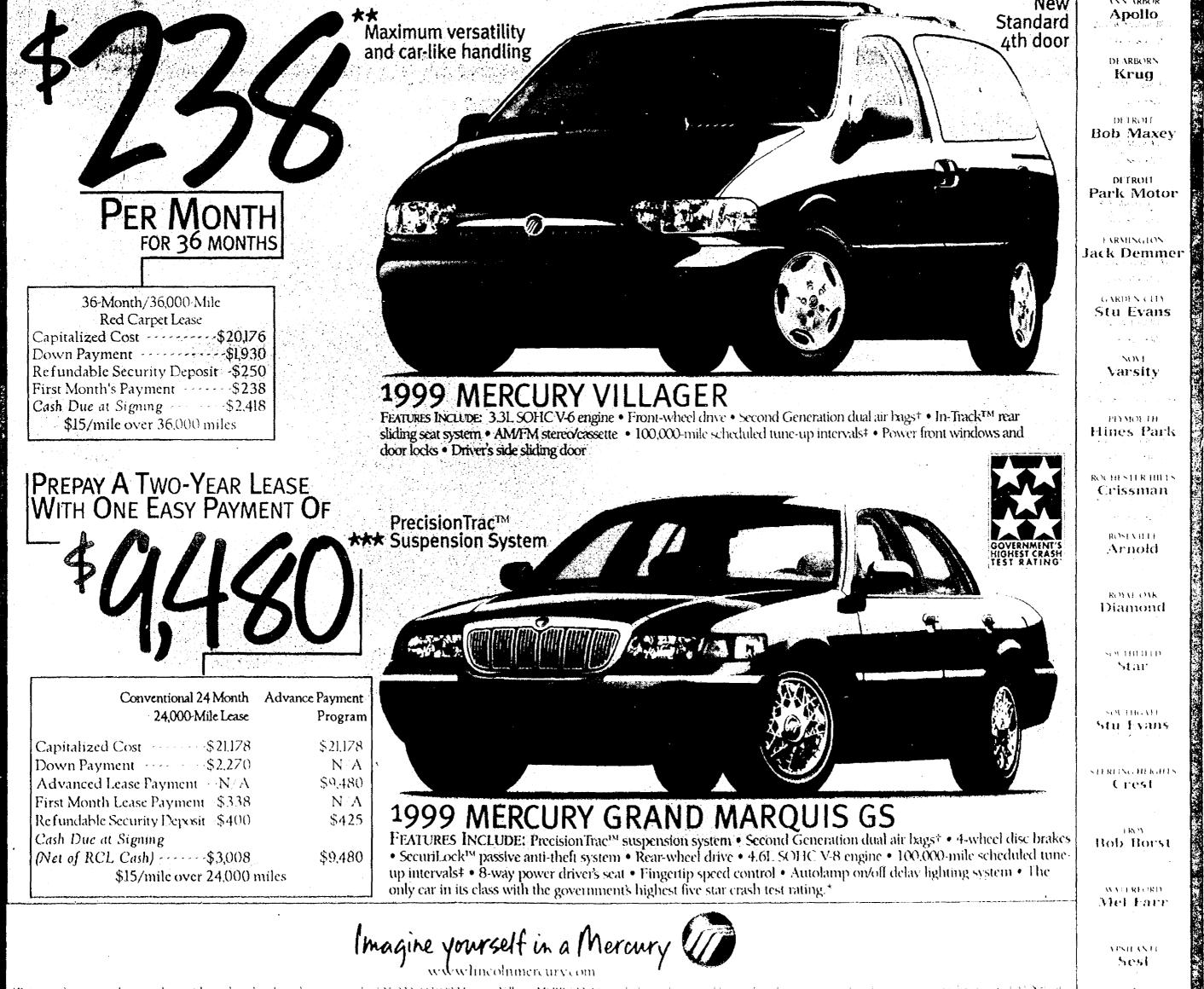
The Senate passed 35-0 a bill amending the election law to allow the township board to set the number of parks commissioners to be elected. Sponsor of SB 336 is Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford.

■ The House passed 100-7 a companion measure changing the township parks law to require an odd number of parks commissioners - as few as five, as many as nine. Sponsor of HB 4011 is freshman Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield.

The bills are tie-barred, meaning both must be passed in order to become law.

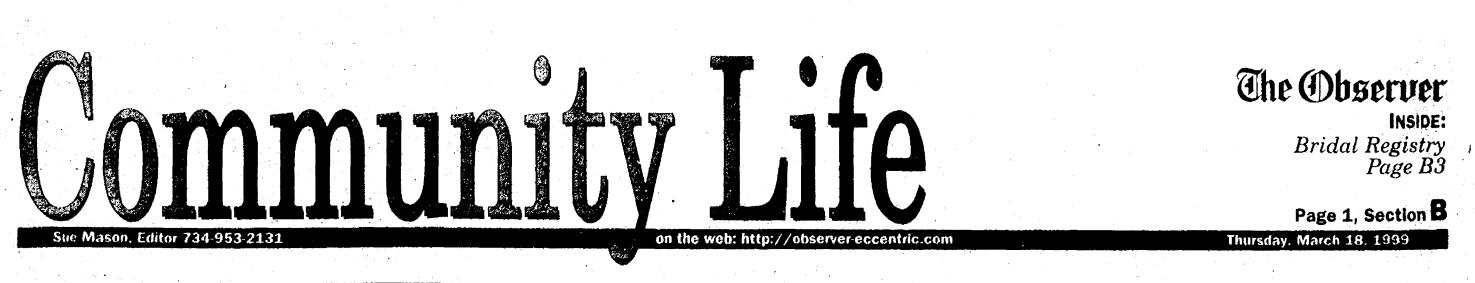


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A doorknob, broomstick and privacy

t started about 10 o'clock one night when The 10th-Grader came downstairs and said, "Dad, I can't get in my room!"

"Of course you can," I said. "You're 15 years old."

"No," she said, starting to get irritable. "I can't open the door. The doorknob doesn't work."

"Oh, for heaven's sake. Let me see." I trudged up the stairs, a little irritated myself. "Doorknob doesn't work. Right."

The door was closed. It usually was, even years ago when it was her brother's room. It's a privacy thing with teenagers.

I put my hand on the knob and turned it. It turned. But the door didn't open. I tried again. And again. The knob was turning, but it wasn't moving the bolt, which was firmly in place in the doorjamb.

"Well, time for the old screwdriver trick," I said to the cat, who was watching me with great interest.

Down three flights of stairs to the basement, then back up with an assortment of screwdrivers in hand.

Let's see, what size do I need for

Fans go 'cuckoo' for Laurel and Hardy

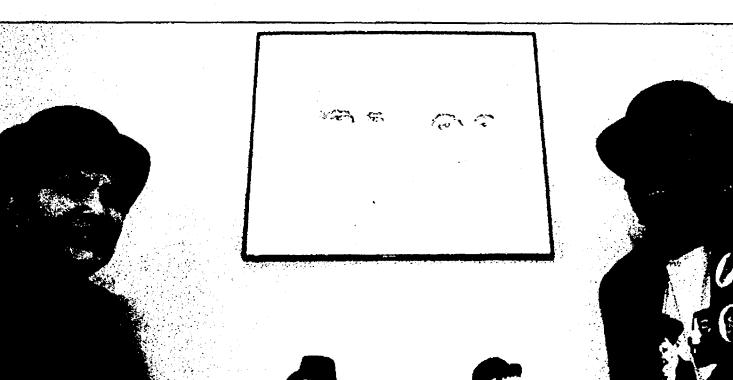
BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

iners at Mama Mia's Restaurant in Livonia may hear some strange noises coming from the back room five times a year. Singing, dancing and laughing radiates through the eatery.

As absurd as it sounds, it's a group of metro Detroit-area Laurel and Hardy fans, collectively known as the Dancing Cuckoos, celebrating the movie stars' legacy.

"I'm sure they hear us when we're singing our Cuckoos song, our 'Sons of the Desert' song. If nothing else, we do it loud," said Rose Lahiff, "corresponding Cuckoo" and Canton resident.

The Dancing Cuckoos is the local chapter or "tent" of Sons of the Desert, a national fraternal organization devoted to the memory of the persons and films of Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy. It is named for the Laurel and Hardy film of the same name. Lahiff joined the Dancing Cuckoos 15 years ago, but some of the members have been around since the group's inception in 1965. The Dancing Cuckoos was the second tent formed after Sons of the Desert was founded in 1964 by Orson Bean, Al Kilgore, John McCabe, Chuck McCann and John Municino. "When they started in New York, it tion and every second year they have was men-only membership. I think a convention that's an international it's only been about the last 15-18 years that women could come. Women event," Lahiff said. "Last year Jean (Senkowski, fellow Cuckoo) and I could come as guests on certain went to England. The convention was nights and then they started allowing in Birmingham, England, we had the them membership. They joined the opportunity to go to Ulverston, which '90s, what can I say?" Lahiff said. is a small community not too far from All of the tents have taken their Birmingham, but that's where Stan names from a Laurel and Hardy film with the exception of the Dancing Laurel was born." Between 300-400 Laurel and Hardy Cuckoos, which is named after the fans invaded Ulverston. duo's theme music. "They literally closed down the "This is an international organiza-



that little hole that you put the screwdriver in to unlock the door when the bratty little toddler has locked himself in the bathroom?

Uhhh, there's no hole there. Just a solid doorknob. Wait a minute! There's a hole in the bathroom doorknob, but not this one. Why not? Well, of course, this one doesn't lock.

'The broomstick fails out if I don't keep a towel stuffed in there. I need a doorknob.'

But it doesn't open, either. Now what? Maybe the old credit card trick. Nope, I'd have to take the molding off to

get a credit card or even a screwdriver inside that latch.

Nothing to do but take the doorknob off. That's easy enough.

"What in the world's going on up here?" It was The Feminist. Checking

things out.

"I'm trying to get this door open. That's what.

"Why don't you just take the doorknob off?"

"I did that already. But the bolt is jammed into this doohickey in the wall. It won't turn, it won't slide, it won't budge."

"Maybe if you try jiggling the door

"It won't jiggle. It's jammed too tight. Give me a hammer."

"Be careful."

"There. It's open. Look at this. That latch is cheap plastic. It just broke apart and jammed everything up."

"Uh, Dad?"

"Now what?"

"There's a hole in my door." "Of course there is. I took the door-

knob out."

"I need a new one."

"Not tonight."

"But I can't shut my door."

"You'll survive."

Is it morning already? Must be, I

can smell the coffee.

"Dad!" "What?"

"I need a doorknob."

"I know. I know. But ... what's that in your door? I can't open it."

"It's a broomstick."

"And why do you have a towel stuffed in the hole?"

"The broomstick falls out if I don't keep a towel stuffed in there. I need a doorknob."

"She's right, you know. You really should get her a doorknob. It's been six weeks. Besides, I want my broom back."

"Oh, all right. I'll go to the hardware store tomorrow."

"How hard is it to install a doorknob? You had enough trouble getting

A bit about the Cuckoos

The Dancing Cuckoos, a Laurel and Hardy appreciation organization, holds their next meeting on Thursday, March 18, at Mama Mia's, 27770 Plymouth Road, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. The evening begins with 6 p.m. dinner (at your own expense), followed by the 8 p.m. "business" meeting and movies.

Membership for The Dancing Cuckoos is \$20 a year, however, the meetings are open to the public.

The group meets the third Thursday of September, November, January, March and May. This year, the May meeting will be part of the gala party, "Mae Busch Night," on Friday, May 21, at Vassel's Banquet Hall, 26750 W. Eight Mile Road, Southfield.

The evening begins with cocktails at 7 p.m. and dinner at 8 p.m. followed by entertainment and dancing. Tickets are \$35. For more information, call Rose Labiff at (734) 981-2798 or visit http://members.aol.com/ rozlaf/cuckoos.html.

town for us," Lahiff recalled. "They had policemen out there directing traffic. The lord mayor came. People were lining the streets applauding us. We were walking around singing Laurel and Hardy songs with our paper umbrellas and our fezzes or Derbies. We had a wonderful time."

The Cuckoos have a knack for making spectacles of themselves.

"Last year at Redford Theatre they had a Laurel and Hardy weekend. We got up on the stage and joined hands before the movies started and sang 'We are the Sons of the Desert' in front of all the people who had come

Growing up in Detroit, Lahiff remembers watching Laurel and Hardy movies as far back as 5 years

"I suppose because it's so absurd," she explained about why she's a fan. "It's absolutely funny. It has no relationship to real life whatsoever. It's definitely a stress reliever."

She learned about the club from friends who took her to a meeting for her birthday. She did her part in spreading the Cuckoos' wings. She recruited her friend, Jean Senkowski of Westland eight years ago.

"It's just good clean fun," Senkowski said. "You can't go in there with a sad face. You don't stay that way very long. There's no way you cannot laugh. You go around and see a bunch of grown ups sitting there with Derbies and fezzes and sitting down eating their dinner. And then getting up, joining hands and singing their songs and going through this mish-mash we call business.'

Meetings begin with dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed at 8 p.m. by the "nonsense meeting" filled with jokes, political satire and announcements.

"If anybody has anything they want to say, they get up and say it," Lahiff said. "We usually toast Laurel or Hardy or members of the various casts. We show old Laurel and Hardy flicks."

The Dancing Cuckoos also raffle off Laurel and Hardy memorabilia. which fills the basement of Lahiff's home. The group generally meets the third Thursday of the months of September, November, January and March. This year, however, the May meeting will be replaced by "Mae Busch Night," a gala celebration of Laurel and Hardy, Friday, May 21, at Vassel's Banquet Hall, 26750 W

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to see the movie," Lahiff said. Longtime fans

old.

Being an effective advocate for your child

By TERESA VANBOURGONDIEN **GUEST COLUMNIST**

Is your child getting enough aca demic attention in school? Are your doctors paying enough attention to the welfare of your daughter? Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed with the challenges of Awareness parenting and wonder if there's anyone who could help?

> Because your children are your most precious possessions, you

want to make sure they have access to the support they deserve. You may sense that your children aren't getting their needs met by others who are responsible for their care, like doctors, teachers or

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them reach their full potential now and as they grow — making a plan of action for your child into adulthood.

Get the facts: We know that no child is perfect and sometimes children get into trouble. We also know that every child has possibilities. To effectively advocate for your child to realize those possibilities, you need all the facts.

If your child is having difficulties in school, ask for documentation supporting these difficulties. If your child is having medical problems, ask for literature on the medical condition and possible courses of treatment

At Lifespan Clinical Services, for example, a mother brought in her child for an assessment for respite care because he was diagnosed with a developmental disability

Know your rights and responsibilities: In every system medical, educational, and mental health - the individual has both rights and responsibilities. When advocating for your child, it is necessary to be fully informed regarding these rights

For example, a father at a local elementary school disagreed with the special education placement for his daughter. However, he did not realize that he had the right to not sign the forms, placing his daughter in the specialized classroom

The father was frustrated that, in his opinion, his child was inappropriately placed. The school did not realize the extent of the father's frustration because he had signed the forms, agreeing to the placement

For information on your educational rights and



Following tradition: Derby hats are only part of the costume Dancing Cuckoo members Jean Senkowski of Westland and Rose Lahiff of Canton don in memory of their favorite comedians. Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy.

"Should be simple enough. Just a couple of screws. Uh-oh." Please see GLADDEN, B2	day care workers. This article is meant to serve as a guide for advo- cating for your child, whether it be for a more appro- priate school placement, for more intensive medical attention, or for more community support. Knowing	During the evaluation, the social worker re- that the mother did not know what constitu- developmental disability. She also did not know her child was entitled to a number of ser- because of his disability.	tuted a ow that	responsibilities, contact your local school board. For medical rights, contact your local hospital or depart- ment of health. For mental health rights, contact your local Department of Community Mental Health.
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Summer Girl Scout camps: where girls grow strong

Looking for adventure? Girl Scouts in the Huron Valley Girl Scout will find just that

while boosting their self-confidence and self-reliance through Girl Scout camp.

This year, the council's camps will bring back old favorites and introduce new adventures like troop swim parties in the pool and sessions for sisters or best friends.

With the exception of Camps Crawford and Linden, the Huron Valley Council day camps are planned and directed by a volunteer staff. Each family is asked to volunteer in some way, and fees are reduced for girls whose parents volunteer. Child care is available for siblings.

This year's volunteer-run day camps are:

Stars and Beyond," June 21-25 at the Chilson Beach recreation area, Brighton.

"Wild Things!," July 12-16 at 30, "Linden Pioneers" Aug. 2-6 Central City Park, Westland. n "Art in the Park," July 12-16 at Lower Huron Metro Park. New Boston.

"Imagine a Rainbow," July 12-16 at Maybury State Park, Northville.

"Hilltop Goes Hollywood." July 19-23 at Camp Hilltop, Ann Arbor.

Camp Crawford Family Day Camp for Girl Scouts and siblings will offer weekly themed sessions throughout the summer. Before and after camp day care will be available 6-8:30 a.m. and 4:30-6 p.m. at the Stony Brook Day Care Center in Milan.

At Camp Linden in Livingston County, day campers will experience weekly sessions of "Space Cadettes" June 28-July 2, "Hoofprints" July 6-9, "Kaleidoscope" July 12-16, "Wet and Wild" July 19-23, "Dream Catcher" July 26-

and "Linden Animals" Aug. 9-13.

Family time at camp

Girl Scouts and their families also can spend time together at Camp Linden. Opportunities for family fun are "Family Together" Memorial Day weekend, May 28-30, and Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-5, "Sisters/ Best Friends Forever" for sisters or best friends July 6-9, "Me and My Gal" for girls and their mothers or significant adult female July 10-11, and "Me and My Guy" for girls and their fathers or significant adult male Aug. 7-8.

Located in northern Livingston County, Camp Linden provides horseback riding, swimming, funyaking (kayaking for children) and cooking dinners as part of its resident camp.

Two-night, three-day resident camp programs are geared for first-time campers in grades 1-6. Brownie and Junior Girls Scouts in the programs sleep in platform cabins with battery- operated lanterns. Themes include "Animal Lover," "Lost in Space" and "Outdoor Creativity."

Junior Scouts ready to spend 6 days-5 nights at camp build on their outdoor living and teambuilding skills. Outdoor cooking, canoeing and archery are planned at that level.

Programs for Cadette Scouts focus on developing group and individual living skills. Girls plan their own programs. Climbing the low ropes, funyaking and biking around the camp are just a few of the daily options.

'Teens at Camp'

Senior Girl Scouts in the "Teens at Camp" live at the main camp or at the Meadows where they cook most of their own meals and walk into the main camp twice a week for showers.

swimming and dinner at the dining hall. Counselors-in-training live at camp and learn how to work with the young girls.

In addition, teens can take advantage of van trips this summer. "Wave Women" participants will travel to West Virginia for a white water, canoe and tubing adventure. "City Girls" participants will visit Chicago to shop the Magnificent Mile, visit a museum and tour the Windy City.

Meadows horseback riding programs are for teens ready to be responsible for the daily care of the horse assigned to them. "Rough Riders" is for intermediate riders and "Senior Riders" for those who have significant riding experience.

Troops also can camp, with troop adults providing supervision for their girls and a core staff of trained adults providing activity instruction and leader- at (800) 49-SCOUT.

ship. Troop camp is offered in June and August.

Troops spend two nights and three days at camp in "Brownie Bite." "Juniors on their Own" and "Cadettes and Seniors Go Extreme!" New this summer are troop pool parties on three Saturdays in July.

Fees range from \$50 for volunteer day camps to \$385 for Senior Riders. Non-Girl Scouts may attend camp for an additional \$7 membership fee. Financial aid is available. Registration is open now until sessions are filled.

All programs are listed in the 1999 Summer Camp Brochure, mailed out to Girls Scouts this month. Copies of the brochure and financial aid applications are available by calling the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council

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agency.

Access community agencies: Community agencies can provide an enormous amount of support for families. They often have extensive resource lists that will link you with the appropriate programs for your child.

Whether you're looking for an after-school program that provides tutoring or an evening program that works with troubled adolescents to examine their consequences and make better deci-

sions, community agencies can tionship with those who are help.

They also provide families with the opportunity to communicate with other families, to share information, and to provide support. The support and information parents receive from community agencies can be conferences, counseling sessions, invaluable in addressing a child's needs.

Communicate with individuals working with your child: Open communication is the key to having a good working rela-

assisting your child. Teachers, doctors and counselors need to know that you are invested in the growth of your child. They also need to know when you have particular concerns.

Attendance at parent-teacher and doctor appointments will afford you the opportunity to gather needed information and to relay concerns. It also allows all of the individuals involved to work as a team toward common goals and to provide consistent feedback to the child.

A mother who received family counseling from Lifespan Clinical Services, for example, wanted her child to identify his goals and steps to achieve them. She invited everyone who works with her child to attend a planning meeting, including his teacher, counselor and school social worker. The group assisted the child in identifying his strengths, weaknesses and goals. They then helped him to develop a plan for achieving his goals.

At the end of the meeting, the prompting, and thanked each person for caring enough about him to come to the meeting. Working as a team, with open communication, allows those involved to work with the child for the child.

Involve your child: Despite parents' best intentions to provide a supportive environment for their child, their plans will not succeed, if the child is not invested. The child should be informed of the need for more assistance.

Include your child in the process by having him identify his personal goals and express his anxieties regarding the process. Invite the child to team meetings, such as the Individualized

advanced for the child.

When the individuals child stood up, without any involved are antagonistic towards one another.

When the discussion will focus more on someone else than the identified child.

The child should not feel that his life choices are being decided solely by others. Children need to feel that those involved with their personal issues are people who truly care about their welfare. It is always difficult to decide how much the child should be involved, but the guiding principle should be to keep the child's best interests at the center of your decisions.

Advocating for your child is a necessary role that each parent plays at some time. For your child, it could be one of your most important roles. But your

child will be grateful that you

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Teresa VanBourgondien is the

care enough to do it.

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Eight Mile, Southfield.

convention. We're presenting a discuss the constitution and con- bers, which average at age 40

"Once a year, somebody will

Despite all the friendly argu-'Mae Busch Night' is a mini stand up and say, 'It's time we ments, the organization's mem-

And anybody is welcome even skeptics.

(fend for themselves)."

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hour."

"Anybody who likes Laurel

"Are you almost done, Dad?

"Just leave him alone. You

know how he is when he gets

like this. Just stay away from

"All right, it's in. Now let's see

him. That's what I'm doing."

You've been working on it for an

'Fine Mess Award' to somebody sider ratifying the articles.' They who's really goofed up some way. never seem to get beyond the Hopefully, one of the nominees first one," Lahiff explained. "It's organization are very outgoing, invited to come because by the will come to accept the award," Lahiff said slyly. She wouldn't about yes and no, or why and reveal the names of the nominees, but said they are "dignitaries."

Absurdity at its best

The basic premise of all the tents is the members to agree to disagree. The bylaws were approved by Laurel, but "being the type of organization that we are, it's never been ratified," Lahiff said.

a good humor type of argument why not."

All the articles contradict each other. Article Six says "Despite his lack of authority, the grand sheik or his deputy shall act as chairman at all meetings and will follow the standard parliamentary procedure in conducting same." The next article says Article Six is ridiculous. "It's an absolute hoot," Lahiff

said.

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Sealed bids for Bid Package #4

TMP Project #98023 - Hoover Elementary School TMP Project #98024 - Jefferson Elementary School TMP Project #98025 - Kettering Elementary School TMP Project #98026 - Lincoln Elementary School TMP Project #98031 - Schweitzer Elementary School

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will be received until 1:30 P.M. local time on Tuesday, April 6, 1999 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community School Board of Education, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened. Faxed proposal's will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of a separate se ded bid for the following Bid Divisions:

Bid Division Description 102 Asphalt Paving 103 Selective Demolition 104 Concrete Footings, Foundations & Flatwork 106 Masonry 107 Steel & Misc. Steel 108 Carpentry & General Work 109 Roofing & Sheet Metal 113 Hollow Metal, Wood Door & Finish Hardware - Supply 114 Aluminum Windows, Glass & Glazing 115 Metal Studs/Drywall/E.I.F.S. 116 Hard Tile 117 Acoustical Treatment 118 Carpet & Resilient Flooring 120 Painting/Staining/Caulking 121 Visual Display Boards 122 Signage 125 Toilet Partitions 128 Plastic Laminate Casework 130 Window Treatment 140 Plumbing 142 HVAC 143 Electrical 148 Landscaping

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McS/EV, 26001 West Five Mile Rd., Redford, MI 43239; the FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield: the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit.

Bidders may obtain a set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager (313) 535-1140. Additional plans may be ordered and purchased directly from Dunn Blue Reprographics Technology, (248) 353-2960. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McS/EV. The bid division(s) being bid is (are) to be identified on the outside of the envelope. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McS/EV. The bid division(s) being bid is (are) to be identified on the outside of the envelope. There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on Wednesday, March 24, 1999 at 2:50 P.M. at the Wayne Westland Community School Board of Education Building. All bidders are encouraged to attend.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of at least five (6) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the hidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10)

and older, get along swimmingly. and Hardy .. if they think they

"The people who belong to this don't like them, they're still very friendly. They just accept time they're done they'll like the everybody at face value. I don't club," Lahiff said. "We have think a harsh word (has been greeters, so that when anybody said). It's just a great group of walks in, they're not just left to people," Lahiff explained.

Gladden from page B1

"What?"

"The bolt is too big for the hole in the door. It's off by about a 16th of an inch. Gotta go back to the store."

"So'd you get another doorknob?"

"Nope. They're all the same size. It's the door that's off. I got a round file. Have to make the if it'll close."

CITY OF WESTLAND **INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford, Westland 48185, on or before April 15, 1999, at 11:00 in the morning (no exceptions) for the following:

Emergency Medical Care Vehicle/Ambulance

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. Al Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

> JILL B. THOMAS **Purchasing Agent**

> > 1885.774

Bid Item No. 335-014599 Publish: March 18, 1999

WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS **ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

'The District will receive scaled bids for:

WAYNE/WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC IMPROVEMENTS

Deliver three (3) copies of the Bid Proposal Form in a sealed envelope marked with the Name of Bidder and Project.

Bid Proposals will be received until the time and the place, as follows, where and when the opening of bid proposals will be conducted by the Owner in public meeting:

- Time: March 31, 1999, 2:00 p.m. EST Delivery of bids. Bid opening shall be 2:00 p.m. EST
- Place: Board of Education
 - Wayne-Westland Community Schools
 - 36745 Marquette
 - Westland, MI 48185
- If delivering prior to Public Bid Opening or mailing your Proposal, send to: **Board of Education**
 - Wayne-Westland Community Schools
 - 36745 Marquette
 - Westland, MI 48185

Attn: Barb Evanson, Supervisor of Purchasing

Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after March 12, 1999 at TMP Associated.

Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP. ASSOCIATES, INC., Architects - Engineers - Planners, 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; F.W. Dodge Corporation Plan Room, Detroit Michigan; or the Construction Association of Michigan. Detroit, Michigan, or Daily Construction Report Plan Room, Madison Heights, Michigan.

Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the Base Rid Sum maximum possible proposal amount

Educational Planning Committee in school or a meeting with the family doctor.

Some discussions and issues are meant for adults only. There are a few times the child should not be invited:

"Well?"

start over."

ly need a doorknob."

latch plate. Oh, great."

"Can you fix it?"

"Now what?"

■ When the discussion is too LIFE for more information.

"Aargh! I put the bolt in back-

"Never mind, Dad. I don't real-

"It's OK. I've got it now. It

closes, but it won't stay shut.

Guess I'll have to change the

"The new latch plate is too

thick. Now the door won't close."

wards. Gotta take it out and

look at that. There's another thing here underneath the old plate. Maybe I don't even need this part."

"Does it work?"

"Well, it closes. And it latches. Yeah. Yeah. I think it's fixed. It

works." "Dad?"

"What?"

"Thank you."

"No problem. Heck, it's just a doorknob.'

Jack Gladden is a copy editor "I'll fix it. I'll fix it! Just take for the Observer Newspapers. He this new plate off and ... well, lives in Canton Township.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MARCH 30, 1999

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Planning Commission at 6:00 p.m., March 30, 1999 at the City of Garden City, City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments regarding the revocation of the approved site plan for Tall Timbers Subdivision to address the following inconsistency:

1. Underground electrical wiring does not conform to the Site Plan.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS City Clerk-Treasurer

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

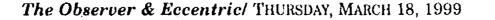
On Tuesday, March 23, 1999, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M. at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAB	MARE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
88	Ford	2 Dr. Escort	White	1FAPP9190JT206498
87	Linc.	2 Dr. Mark VII	Gray	1LNBM93M7HY700364
87	Ply.	Horizon 4 Dr.	Gray	1P3BM18C8HD696046
94	Ford	2 Dr. Escort	Blue	1FARP11J9RW157283
86	Ford	2 Dr. T-Bird	White	1FABP46W4GH224378
89	Buick	4 Dr. LeSabre	Black	1G4HR5137HH416327
89	Nissan	2 Dr. Pulsar	White	JN1GN34S1KW421290
93	Dodge	2 Dr. Shadow	Green	1B3XP28D1PN560878
89	Chev	2 Dr. Cavaller	Gray	1G1JC5110KJ254359

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

80	GMC	Sierra Pickup	White	TCT33AV605029
82	Chev	Stake Truck	White	1GRHC34M0CV131207

days after notice of award of contract. If awarded a contract, the auccessful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Wayne- Westland Community Schools reserve the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding. This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate. Dublish: March 18 and 21, 1939.	Bidder sl days afte Accepted and Labo to Bidder The right any infor	shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposa er date for receipt of bids. I Bidder shall be required to furnish satis or and Material Payment Bond in accords rs. t to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either rmalities therein is reserved by the Board arch 18 and 21, 1999.	sfactory Performance Bond ance with the Instructions or in part, or to waive l of Education.	the an list at	nount due f	or towing and stor ior to the start of th	age Vehicles	IGBHC34M0CV131207 IZVPF20C0L5176448 IB3XA46K6NF104610 2GBEG25HXD4146754 in all vehicles will start at may be deleted from this	
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McCarthy-Schuler

Denis and Patricia McCarthy of Hartland, formerly of Westland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Tomi, to William Arthur Schuler, the son of Lynn and Bonnie Schuler of Tecumseh.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Hartland High School and a 1996 graduate of Grand Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in health sciences. She is employed at William Beaumont Hospital.

Her fiance is a 1986 graduate of Tecumseh High School. He is studying welding and engineering at Washtenaw Community College. He is employed by the Ford Motor Company.

A September wedding is

Weber-Fox

Allen and Joan Weber of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Jean, to David Norman Fox, the son of Stuart and Jean Fox of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1985 graduate of Redford Thurston High School. She is employed as a bank teller at NBD Bank.

Her fiance is a 1975 graduate of Thurston High School. He is employed as a press operator at Masco Tech Braun.

A May wedding is planned at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Redford.

Lewandowski-Romps

James and Donna Lewandowski of Pinellas Park, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to Kenneth Ronald Romps, the son of Gregory and JoAnna Romps of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a master of science degree. She will earn her doctoral degree



planned at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Brighton.





WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Galindo-Krahe

Ricardo Galindo and Helen Galindo, both of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Frances, to Raymond Joseph Krahe, the son of Ruth Krahe Buettner of Cleveland, Ohio, and the late Raymond Adam Krahe.

The bride-to-be is a 1984 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1988 graduate of Kalamazoo College with a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics and computer science. She is employed as a lead technical specialist for United Parcel Service in Ramsey, N.J.

Her fiance is a 1990 graduate. of the New Jersey Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree. He is employed as a professional engineer for URS Griener Woodward Clyde in New Jersey.

Storm-Ericson

Bruce and Shannon Storm of Bloomington, Ind., announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Jane, to Brady Daniel Ericson, the son of Ray and Marian Ericson of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Culver Academy Summer School and a 1988 graduate of Bloomington High School North. She is a 1994 graduate of Indiana University with a bachelor of arts degree in theater and drama. A member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and Miss Indiana in 1994, she is attending graduate school at the University of California-Los Angeles.

Her fiance is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1994 graduate of GMI Engineering and Management Institute (now Kettering University) with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. A member of Sigma Chi fra-

Dee-Garbarino

Mary Alice Garbarino and Richard Brough Dee were maried at Holy Family Catholic



An April wedding is planned at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia.



ternity, he is employed by Allied Signal Inc. Turbocharging Systems as manager of sales and marketing. He lives in Los Angeles.

An April wedding is planned at Meridian Street United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, Ind.



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

Sayn-Milne

City announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Dawn, to Jason Scott Milne, the son of Rod and Michele Milne, also of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Garden City High School. She works in child care in Livonia.

Her fiance is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School. He is employed by D'Arquette Construction Co.

No wedding date has been set.

Mullinax-Carnes

Mr. and Mrs. William Mullinax of Georgetown, Texas, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Donna Lynne, to Kenneth Lynn Carnes, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Carnes of Livonia.

The bride-to-be attended Murray State University. She is employed in the research and development division of BMC Software.

Her fiance is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Michigan State University. He is employed as a procurement professional by Dell Computer.

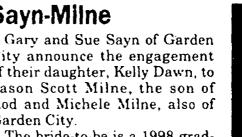
An April wedding is planned



employed by United Parcel Ser-, vice in Livonia. An April wedding in Livonia is being planned.







in clinical psychology in August from Bowling Green State University.

Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1993 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in accounting.

Papciak-Barnett

Edward and Joan Papciak of Novi, formerly of Plymouth. announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurie, to Kevin Barnett, the son of George and Jacque Barnett of Phoenix, Ariz.

The bride-to-be is a 1986 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1991 graduate of Western Michigan University.

734-953-2069



He has been employed by United Parcel Service since 1981.

An October wedding is planned at St. Thomas a' Becket Church in Canton.

She is employed as a SAP consultant for Deloitte Consulting. Her fiance is a 1981 graduate of Arcadia High School in Phoenix and a 1986 graduate of Arizona State University. He is

employed as a systems analyst with ASML of Tempe, Ariz. An April wedding is planned

at Arizona Community Church in Tempe

Church in Novi. The Rev. John Budde officiated.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Garbarino. The groom is the son of June Dee of Westland.

The bride is a 1977 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed as an office administrator in Birmingham.

The groom is a 1973 graduate of Detroit Redford High School. He is working in the computer field.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother. John Garbarino. She asked Kim Downs to serve as her matron of honor. with bridesmaids Kristin Michelle Dee and Jessica Sciberras as bridesmaids, Ashley Garbarino as junior bridesmaid and



Samantha Downs as flower girl.

The groom asked Mark Davies to serve as best man, with Rick Dee. Joey Garbarino and Derek Garbarino as groomsmen

The couple received guests at the Country Epicure in Novibefore leaving on a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico. They are making their home in Livonia.

in Austin, Texas.

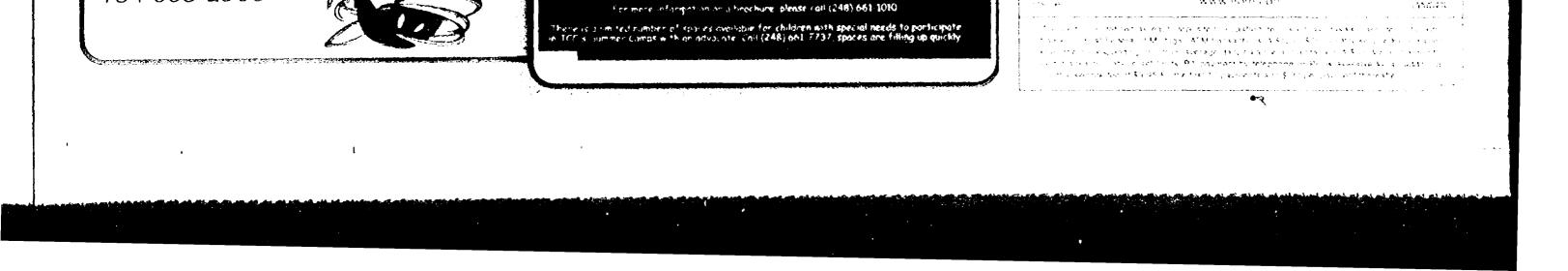


Dr. James Kibbie Dedicates Ward's New 60 Rank Casavant Organ Dr. James Kibbie is Associate Professor of Organ at the University of Michigan He maintains a full schedule of concert, recording and festival engagements throughout North American and Europe, including appearances at the Cathedrai at None Dame in Paris, Royal Festival Hall in London. Dvorak Hall in prestigious Prague and Lincoln Center in New York.

He was awarded the Grand Prix d'Interpretation at the International Organ competition of the Prague Spring Festival in Czechoslovakia. Dr. Kibbie will be dedicating the recently enlarged Phelps-era Casavant Organ at Ward Church Sunday afternoon, March 21st at 4:00 p.m. Dr. Kibbie will be joined by Wards Chancel Choir and a brass ensemble. Refreshments will be served in the church hospitality center following the concert

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UPCOMING **EVENTS**

BUNNY ARRIVES

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The Easter Bunny will arrive at Westland Shopping Center 11 a.m. Saturday, March 20. Children of all ages are invited to welcome the Easter Bunny in West Court near JC Penney. Also featured is an Easter magic show with Steve Ryder of Absolutely Baffling Magic. Digital Image photographs will begin in East Court after the arrival and magic show.

WRESTLING

Midwest Territorial Wrestling is hosting pro wrestling, featuring Skull Ganz with Jade Jager vs. Joey Legend with Johnny Bradford, plus six other matches at the Wayne Ford Civic League. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. with opening bell at 7 p.m. Saturday. March 20. Tickets are available at the Wayne Ford Civic League and are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

BOWLATHON

The Tourette Syndrome Association will hold its 13th annual Bowlathon Saturday, March 20, at Vision Lanes in Westland, 38250 Ford Road. For

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 MEET

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

AT THE **CHAMBER**

AFTER HOURS The next informal after hours event for new chamber members is 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at Farwell and Friends in Westland. All chamber members 421-6196. are invited to attend. The PRESCHOOL PROGRAM event will include hors The Wayne-Westland Comd'oeuvres, spirits and soft

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 **RESOURCE CENTER**

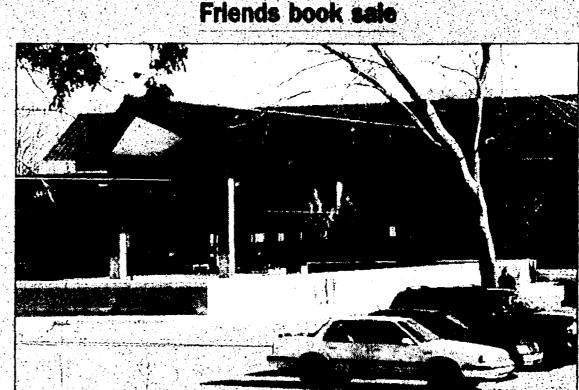
The Family Resource Center is offering parenting classes. "Dealing with Your Spirited Child" will be 9:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, April 13, 20 and 27, at Hamilton Elementary School, 1031 Schuman in Westland. Cost is \$5 a person. To register, call (734) 595-2279.

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)



At the library: The Friends of the Library are having a mini book sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 20, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 21. Browse the selection of paperbacks and hardcovers at reduced prices. Select from mysteries, romance novels, science fiction, nonfiction. Proceeds from the sale will go toward the library's Summer Reading Program. The sale will be held in Community Meeting Room A.

Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 561-4110.

CHARTER SCHOOL The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through seventh grade. The school emphasizes a basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with access to the Internet. Call (734) 722op, with parents working 1465 or (248) 569-7787. LITTLE PEOPLES 422-0149. Livonia Little Peoples Coop Preschool is now enrolling for the fall in programs for 3 and 4-yearolds. For more information call (734) 422-1176.

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

Every third Tuesday of each month a representative from Personalized

FOR SENIORS HEARING CHECKS

Hearing Care of Westland

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.

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 they want to serve. Call (734) 422-1052. **DYER CENTER**

information, call Debbie Likeric at (734) 525-6245.

FOUNDATION EVENT

The Westland Community Foundation's Third Annual Spring Ball will feature Irish entertainment including Celtic Pipes and Drums, Finvarra's Wren with Irish Dancers and dance music by Marty Viers and the Music Doctors. Dinner-dance tickets are \$100 per person which includes a raffle ticket for the ball which begins at 6(30 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road in Westland. Call (734) 595-7727 for reservations.

BOOK SIGNING

A book signing of "And ... Howe" by Gordie and Colleen Howe is set for 11 a: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.

KINDERGARTEN TALK

Representatives from each elementary school in the Wayne-Westland school district will be available to talk to parents of children about to enter kindergarten 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at Stottlemyer Early Childhood Center, 34801 Marquette, between Wayne and Wildwood in Westland. Ice cream sundaes and face painting will be available for children.

RECOGNITION BANQUET

VFW Post 3323 and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their annual policeman and firefighter recognition banquet and dance Saturday, April 17, at the post home, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. 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 Sherman Arnold and Interstate Band with tribute to Elvis and C.J. performing Neil/Diamond for Saturday, April 17, at Local 735 UAW Hall, 48055 Michigan drinks compliments of Farwell and Friends.

JOBS AND CAREERS FAIR

The third annual jobs and careers fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, at Westland Shopping Center. An advance signup list for tables and sponsorships is being compiled by the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222.

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being taken for the chamber's spring awards – The Athena Award and the **Business** Person of the Year Award. The Athena Award recognizes an individual who exemplifies excellence in a business or profession, serves the community in a meaningful way and assists women indeveloping their leadership potential. The Business Person of the Year recognizes a Westland business person or manager who works to improve the business climate and overcome adversity in some way. The awards will be presented at a murder mystery dinner, "Pasta, Passion and Pistols," beginning 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Joy Manor in Westland. Tickets are \$30 a person. For nomination forms, contact the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

GOLF CLASSIC

The 19th annual Westland Chamber Golf Classic at Pheasant Run Golf Club is planned for Tuesday, June 22. Reservations for foursomes are being taken now at the chamber office, (734) 326-7222.

RECREATION **RECREATION AND FUN**

A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled is the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center, Call (734) 722-7620.

FIGURE SKATING

The Westland Figure Skating Club has formed an adult introductory preci

munity School District has ongoing registration for the

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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-

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.

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

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

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

513.7708.

St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. Registration has begun. Call (313) 274-6270. YWCA READINESS The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early

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

CALENDAR

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI. 48150, or by fax to 734-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

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. Cal: (248) 471-2077.

FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and community. Members need not have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made

Westland. The program, 4-**Call President Jim** 5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, is for students Everyone is welcome.

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Children, ages newborn to 6, and their mothers are invited to a Mom's Morning Out 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh, Livonia. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. This program is an optional co-

HISTORY BEGINNING

GENEALOGISTS

The Westland Historical Commission and the Westland Library have scheduled a session on learning about family history 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Westland Library conference Room B. Information will include how to get started, forms and how to fill them out. If there is enough interest, a series of classes will be set up. Call Steve Keller at (734) 722-6305 or e-mail: stgakeller@aol.com

WESTLAND MUSEUM

The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturday_J at 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET

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

will be checking and clean ing hearing aids free from 2-3 p.m. by appointment only. Call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

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, once each month. Call (734) 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.

SENIOR CHOIR

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

Sign up at the front desk.

First 23 seniors to register.

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 Variaty Cand

CLUBS IN ACTION

WESTLAND JAYCEES

The Westland Jaycees have several upcoming events planned. The club is hosting a bowling fund-raiser 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at Vision Lanes in Westland to benefit Jeffrey Clein of Westland. Cost is \$18. The club will sponsor a Vegas Night 7 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Harris Kehrer Hall. An Easter Egg Hunt will feature 8,000 eggs and different age groups plus the Easter bunny 1 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Westland Jaycee Park. A social night is planned for 7-11 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, at the Library Pub and Grill. Cost is \$15 a person and includes beverages and appetizers.

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.

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 wookly

	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 per- son, \$35 a couple, \$15 a retiree or senior citizen. For tickets, call (734) 729- 8681.	sion 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.	Telephone: Additional info.:	Use additional sheet if necessary		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	attend the club's weekly meetings 6 p.m. each Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to West land Shopping Center Call John Elbe at (734) 326 5419	
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Zonta Club members step out in style for First Step

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER smason@oc.homecomm.net

In the four years since it was started by Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area, the First Step Stepping Out in Style has generated more than \$100,000 for First Step Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

And if Beverlee McAllister and her fellow Zonta club members have their way, the Sunday, March 21, benefit will attract 900-plus people and top last year's \$30,000 donation to First Step.

"Each year, we've been able to increase attendance by 20 per900 last year, but have branched out. We have people coming from Auburn Hills, Rochester, Bloomfield Hills ... Part of the reason is the cause and part of it is because it's a fun evening."

The fifth annual benefit will be 6-9 p.m. at the Parisian store at Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia. Tickets cost \$25 each and are available in advance by calling McAllister at (734) 453-0822 or by faxing her at (734) 455-6125. Tickets also will be available the door.

The evening will feature informal modeling of petite and women's plus sizes and men's wear as well as a 7 p.m. fashion

cent," said McAllister. "We had show, featuring the latest spring na, Schoolcraft College Culinary styles.

> Entertaining guests will be a caricaturist, singer/guitarist Ryan Winkler, the Ad Libitum string quartet from Farmington High School, the Motor City Mix quartet of the Sweet Adelines and a disc jockey from Silver Sounds in Canton. Also making an appearance will be Miss Michigan Laura Welling.

Twenty restaurants will be providing the strolling supper. Participants will include Carlson Catering Co. of Taylor, Catering by Sayers/BBQ Man of Redford, Coffee Beanery, Macaroni Grill, 4 Outback Steakhouse, Real Seafood Grill, Rio Bravo Canti-

Gourmet Club and Villa deRoma of Livonia, Great Harvest Bread

Company of Northville, Schulz Cap 'N' Cork, Plymouth Fish-Seafood Restaurant and the Water Club Seafood Grill of Plymouth, Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train of Walled Lake. Putter's Restaurant and Corner Pub of New Hudson, TGI Fridays of Novi. 10th Street Market-Bakery and Catering of Wyandotte and Two Unique Caterers and Event Planners of Bloomfield.

"This is a great chance to sample new places like Putter's in-New Hudson," McAllister said. "You might be out on a Sunday

drive and want to stop for something to eat and know about the place."

There also will be a raffle with prizes ranging from cash, gift certificates for lunches and dinners to free hotel stays and other exciting raffle prizes. Benefitgoers also will be entitled to a 15 percent discount on purchases at Parisian during the evening.

Club Zonta of Farmington/Novi Area is a chapter of Zonta International, worldwide service organization of female executives in business and the professions working to improve the status of women.

Proceeds from Stepping Out in Style will be used to support and enhance the services and programs offered by First Step. The nonprofit agency offers crisis intervention and assistance to the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in 35 western Wayne and Downriver communities.

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First Step recently moved its offices to 44567 Pinetree Drive, Plymouth. For more information, about its programs, call (734) 416-1111.

"One of the reasons we've been. able to make the money we have! for First Step is because every-: thing is donated," McAllister said. "It shows there's a lot ofpeople who are interested in a nonviolent world."

ANNIVERSARIES

Dziekan

Raymond and Lillian Dziekan of Garden City recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a family gathering at the home of son and daughter-in-law Ryan and Linda Dziekan of Brighton.

The couple exchanged vows

on Nov. 20, 1948, at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church.

The Dziekans have six other children -- Ray and wife Linda of Howell, Shirley O'Neil, Jim and

Kassel

Glenn and Winifred Kassel of Westland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 27 at a dinner party at Montana's Steak and Seafood House in Westland. The party was given by their family and



wife Nancy of Livonia, Gary and wife Jennifer of Plymouth and the late Suzanne Dziekan.

They also have 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchildren.



Performance benefits SandCastles

Tevye once again will be scheming to marry off his five daughters in pre-Revolutionary Russia when the Village Players present a benefit performance of "Fiddler on the Roof' 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, at the Village Player Theater, 725 Chestnut, Birmingham.

The one-time evening performance will benefit SandCastles, a grief support program for children and families and a division of Hospices of Henry Ford Health System.

"Fiddler on the Roof" takes place in 1905 in Anatevka, a small Jewish village in Russia. The story revolves around Tevye, a dairyman, and his attempts to preserve his family's traditions in the face of a changing world.

When his eldest daughter, Tzeitel, begs him to let her marry a poor tailor rather than the middle-aged butcher that he has already chosen for her, he must choose between his daughter's happiness and those beloved traditions that keep the outside world at bay.

Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under age 12. For ticket information or to purchase tickets, call Jean Butrico Cooper or Lorrie ('hopra at (313) 874-6881.

The proceeds will help SandCastles in the opening new programs for children and families who have lost a loved one through death. Programs currently are' offered in Southfield, St. Clair Shores, Clinton Township and Downriver.

Women Hibernians host Heritage Day

The Rose Kennedy Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians will host an Irish Heritage Day 11 a.m. Saturday, March 20, at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall, 24242 Grand River Ave., Detroit.

Different events and demonstrations are planned throughout the day and Irish food will be served noon to 5 p.m.

The Irish are well-known for their woolen goods, so that day will include spinning wheel demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., and genealogy expert Dick' Doherty talking about tracing Irish roots at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.

There will be and explanation of how St. Brigid's Cross originated and a demonstration of how to make it (materials will be ington will present a fashion provided) at 11:30 a.m. and a demonstration on making Irish soda bread by Peggy Boland at 1:30 p.m.

Irish dancers will perform at noon, with Irish storytelling at 1 p.m. and noted Irish musician of local fame Jim Perkins performing at 3 p.m.

The Celtic Shamrock of Farm-

show featuring Irish styles for all ages at 4 n.m., with Irish music by INIS COL closing out the event at 5 p.m.

There also will be a display of Irish collectibles and memorabilia and a virtual museum of Ireland. Participants will be able to mark on a large map of Ireland where their ancestors originated.

friends.

The couple married on March 27, 1949, in Warren, while he was serving in the Army. They moved to Wayne in 1951 and to Westland in 1963.

The Kassels have seven children. All are college graduates, and three served in the armed forces. They also have eight grandchildren.

Interested in politics, Glenn Kassel also enjoys operating the Sims Real Estate Agency in Wayne, which he has owned since 1955. He is active in the Knights of Columbus in Wayne and the Salvation Army.

"Winifred Kassel studied art at Detroit Cass Technical High School before she married and, when her children were old enough, returned to school to complete her high school educa-

tion in 1969. She volunteered in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools for many years and later became an employee, retiring in 1991 as a library clerk after 15 years of service. She enjoys oil painting, participating in church activities, playing cards and visiting her family.

The Kassels also were involved in the Boy Scouts in the 1960s and 1970s.

Conference aims to empower women

The Student Life Office at the vational address on how women gies for Women, Leadership University of Detroit Mercy will host a women's empowerment seminar, "You Make It Happen!," 2:30-5 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the Ward Conference Center on the Outer Drive campus.

The conference will focus on the spiritual, personal, and professional development of women. It is free and open to the public. Free child care will be provided on site.4

delivered by Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, D. Detroit, who will deliver a motican "make it happen" in their lives, professionally, personally and spiritually.

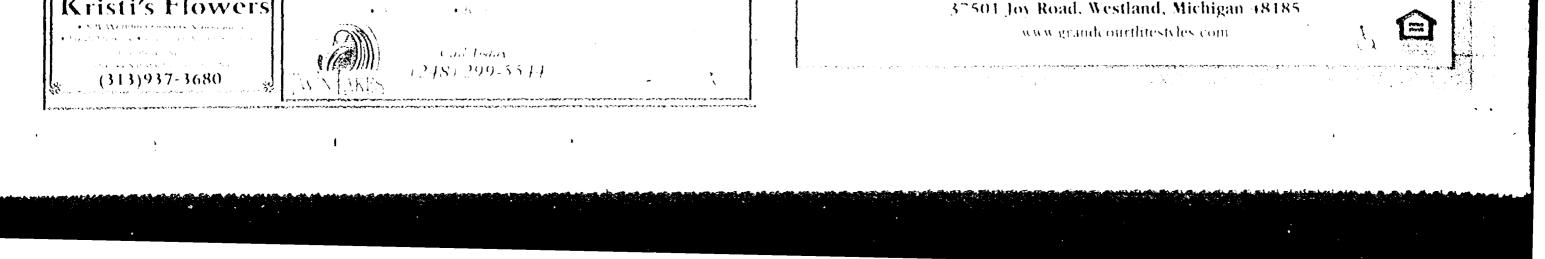
The program also will include workshops on Job Search Strate-

Skills for Women, Getting the Relationship You Want and Deserve, Spirituality 101 and Spirituality in a Hostile Environment.

The University of Detroit Mercy Outer Drive Campus'is located at 8200 W. Outer Drive, Detroit For more information, call Pam Reese in the Student Life Office at (313) 993-1593.



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RELIGIOUS NEWS

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

Registration currently is taking place now for kindergarten classes offered through the Christ Our Savior Early Childhood Program at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The Christian program has a class size of 15-18 children with two teachers from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Extended care is available. For more information, call (734) 513-8413.

FISH FRY

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

JOURNEY OF HOPE

"The Journey of Hope ... from Violence to Healing," a program on forgiveness, will be presented at 6 p.m. Lenten soup supper Friday, March 19, at St. Hilary Catholic Church, 23901 Elmira, Redford. Murder victim family members will share their personal spiritual journeys and discuss their opposition to the death penalty. There is no charge. People planning to attend should call (313) 533-1560.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville Township will host a Stepping Stones Seminar 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 19, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville.

Gary Sprague, executive director of KIDS HOPE ministries. will speak to children in grades one-12 whose birth parents are divorced, separated or never married. This workshop will aid in the emotional, relational and spiritual healing of children who live in single parent families and help the kids know that even difficult situations can turn into hope. The cost is \$15 per child or \$30 per family.

Women legislators honor Baker Eddy

The National Foundation of Mary Baker Eddy, with the Women Legislators has honored the late Mary Baker Eddy, founder of The Christian Science Monitor, with the 1999 Media Award.

John Selover, manager of The Christian Science Publishing Society, accepted the award at the foundation's annual awards luncheon. "What has been considered an 'untold story' of the contributions and achievements of

A grief seminar will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 27, in the chapel. Cathy Clough will speak about "The Process of Grief," and Ruth Sissom will speak about "How Do We Move Beyond Grief?" The cost is \$20 and that includes continental breakfast, lunch and seminar materials.

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For information about any of the events, call the church at (248) 374-5920.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Tri-City Christian Center is hosting "Let God Touch Your World," a women's spring retreat Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, at the Sheraton Inn, 3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor. Through costume, storytelling and song. Bonnie Bachman brings to life the stories of ordinary women in history who have touched our world. Tickets are \$79 per person. For more information, call (734) 326-0330.

SPECIAL VISIT

Actor Bruce Marchiano will speak to young adults in a relaxed coffeehouse atmosphere 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at **Clarenceville United Methodist** Church, 20300 Middlebelt, north of Seven Mile, Livonia. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling (248) 474-3444. Marchiano will return to Clarenceville UM to give his personal testimony at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 21, for The Gathering. A love offering will be accepted. For more information. call the church at (248) 474-5581.

help of this honor, is now becoming more of a 'told story,' ' Selvor said.

During National Women's History Month this month. The Christian Science Reading Room at 445 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, is featuring this remarkable pioneering woman: Mary Baker Eddy established a sound basis for fair and balanced journalism during the 19th century, a time Health With Key to the Scrip-

p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. Secondhand children's clothes (newborn and up), baby furniture and maternity items will be sold. Admission will be \$1. For more

STORYTIME

Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia is hosting TLC Storytime for children and their parents 3-4 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail. The books are chosen for children ages 3-10, but kids of all ages are welcome to participate. For more information, call (734) 427-2290.

information and table rental, call

Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a St. Patrick's Day dance 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Haggerty, south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The charge of \$8 includes refreshments. Call Val at (734) 729-1974.

DINNER-DANCE

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will have a dinner-dance Saturday, March 20, at the church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Music will be by Carolyn Cherney and the Blue Mountain Rockers. Representatives of Hegira will present a program on drugs for junior and senior high students and their parents on Sunday, Sacred Heart Church will have March 21, at the church. For more information, call the

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were severely limited. In the face of life's challenges, she never gave up, even in her own life where she faced and overcame homelessness, poverty, divorce and chronic poor health. Her desire to find freedom, purpose and individual worth led to the discovery of a system of healing that she later recorded in her best-selling book, "Science and

church at (734) 722-1735. PRAYER GROUP

The Madonna University Prayer Group will meet 6 p.m. Sunday, March 21, on the Ground Floor Patio Room 1, on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Ben Stapel of the **Detroit Charismatic Center will** be the guest speaker. For more information, call Cecile at (734) 591-3247 or John at (734) 422-5611.

IN CONCERT

Canton Free Methodist Church will present the special contemporary instrumental music of Mike Jones 11 a.m. Sunday, March 21, at the church, 44815 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For more information, call the church at (734) 981-5350.

LENTEN PROGRAMS

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have a potluck dinner and performance Sunday, March 21, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. and will be the seventh annual Potato Dinner. Cost will be \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for children and \$14 maximum for families. The choral group from Canton's Geneva Presbyterian Church, Geneva Convention will perform. Proceeds will benefit the Society of St. Andrew. Registration is required. For more information, or to sign up for the dinner, call the church office at (734) 422-6038

"We welcome everyone to come and explore the life and ideas of Mary Baker Eddy here in our reading room," said Sharon Rea, librarian of the Plymouth reading room.

"Science and Health." The Christian Science Monitor and other works by and biographies about Mary Baker Eddy are available at the Plymouth Christian Science Reading Room.

Arbor Trail, Livonia. The potluck dinner (there is a small cost for meat, coffee and milk) will be at 6 p.m., followed by the presentation, "Juggler for Jesus," by David Cain, at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0149.

Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road. Garden City, has a soup supper and Lenten services, beginning 6 p.m. Wednesdays. There is no charge for the soup supper. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-3660.

■ The First United Methodist Church of Garden City will have a dinner and Lenten program Thursday, March 25, at the church, 6443 Merriman. The potluck dinner will be at 6 p.m., followed by Ralph Janka presenting "A Visit with Martin Luther." For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-8628.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

The Board of Fellowship and Social Welfare of Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church will present "The Breath of Prayer" fellowship activity 12:30-1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the church, 9600 Leverne, Redford

Families and members the opportunity to discover how they can worship God together

games, activities, storytelling and a chance to visit your favorite Holy Land "sites" and get snacks in the Saints' Cafe. For more information, call the religious education office at (734) 421-5240.

MUSICAL DRAMA

Covenant Community Church will present a musical drama, "Who Will Call Him King of Kings," at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the church, 25800 Student, north of Five Mile, Redford. Admission is free, and a nursery will be provided. A cafe reception will follow. For more information, call the church at (313) 535-3100.

SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beit Kodesh will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at the synagogue, 31480 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. The Passover Seder will be discussed by Anita Cottrell, president. Refreshments will be served.

PARENTS DISCUSSION

Timothy Lutheran Church's Parenting Book Discussion Group on parenting will be held at four different times once a month -10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursday,s March 24-25 and April 28-29, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia.

The group will begin with Thomas Lickona's "Raising Good Children." The church will supply the books as long as participants register at least one week in advance. For more information, call (734) 427-2290.

LENTEN SERVICES

Lola Park Lutheran Church will have midweek Lenten services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the church. 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.

MOM TO MOM SALE

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Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Lenten dinner and program Sunday, March 21, at the church, 36500 Ann

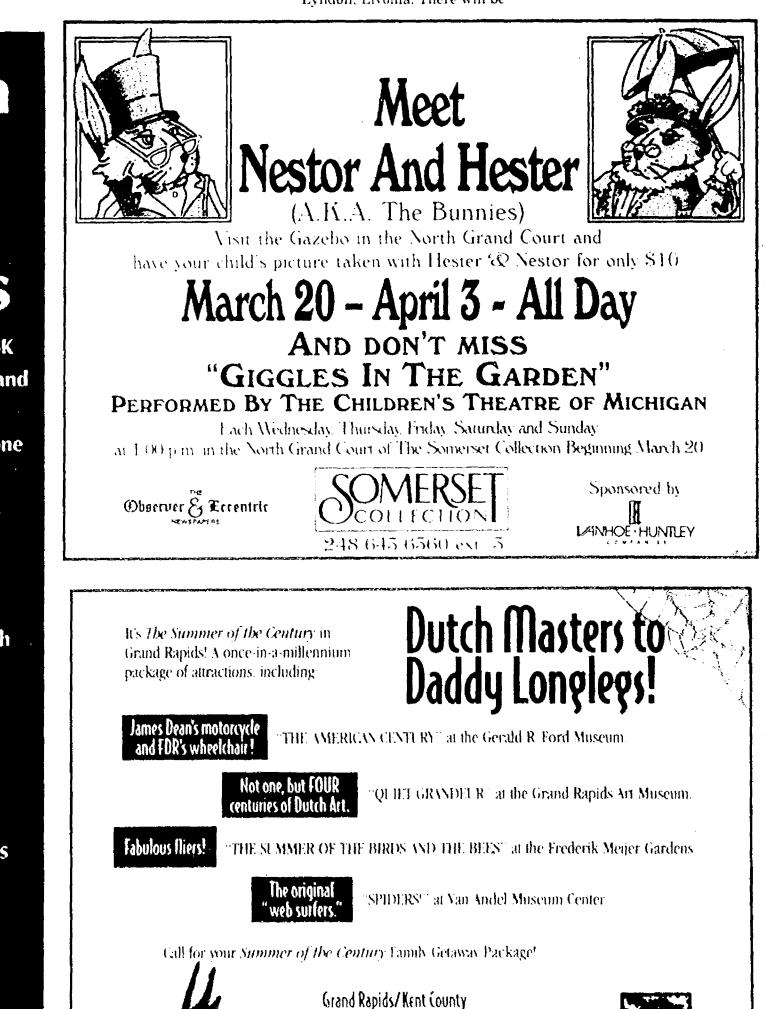
through prayer. Participants must register in advance by calling Lisa Clayton at (313) 533-2009 by March 19.

BIBLE FAIR

St. Maurice Religious Education will sponsor a Bible Fair 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the parish hall of the church, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia, There will be

Temple Baptist Church's annual "The Glory of Easter" performance will be held 7:30 p.m. Fridays, March 26 and April 2, 6 p.m. Saturdays, March 27 and April 3, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3, and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at

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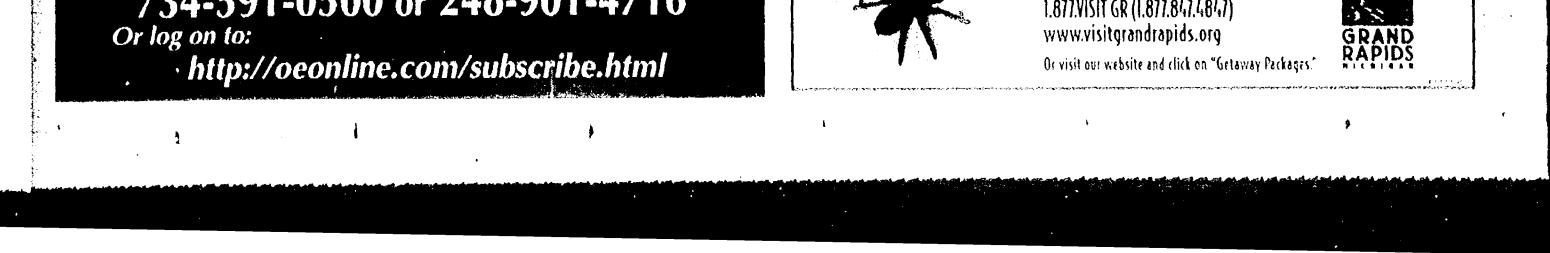
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NEW VOICES

Ronald and Nichole Esch of Westland announce the birth of Joshua Thomas Nov. 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sibling, Ronfrié, 2. Grandparents are Sharon Esch, Ron Esch, Marilyn Williams and Thomas Tetreault. Erin M. Meek of Westland announces the birth of Parris John Meek Dec. 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Charles and Elizabeth Morgan of Westland and Jerry Meek of Ypsilanti.

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John and Paulette Donahue of Westland announce the birth of Justan Taylor Nov. 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City. He joins a brother, Brandan Joshua Roberts, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Larry and Peggy Armstrong of Cedar Springs, Lor-

raine Donahue of Redford and Thomas Donahue of Milford.

> Jim and Brooke Walton of Plymouth announce the birth of Aaron Henry Dec. 7 at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Abbi. Grandparents are Jim and Dawne Fournier and Don and Mary Walton, all of Livonia.

David and Connie Boyd of Westland announce the birth of Michelle Renae Nov. 16 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two sisters, Hannah Mae, 2, and Rebeca, 1. Grandparents are John and Hanny Lear of Westland.

Ron and Karen Ainsworth of Garden City announce the birth of Raymond Alan Dec. 7 at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins two sisters. Jessica, 20, and Amber, 3. Grandparents are Robert and Candance McHale of Westland, Louise and Jack Bostwick of Dearborn, Mary Ainsworth of Carson City, Nev., and Richard Ainsworth of Riverside, Calif.

Joshua Lee Chadwick and Melissa Jeanann Holman of Westland announce the birth of Cheyenne Elizabeth Chadwick Nov. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Christopher Lee Chadwick, 4. Grandparents are Bob and Mary Hunt of Garden City.

Ed Pawczuk and Tracey **Bailey** of Westland announce the birth of Sydney Michelle Pawczuk Dec. 10 at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne, Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey of Hudson, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs.

Chester Pawczuk of Westland. Marc and Monica View of Canton announce the birth of Matthew Scott Nov. 18 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Macayla, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Larry and Mary Rasmussen of Canton, Dennis and Dee Szymanski of St. Clair Shores and Mr. and Mrs. Henry View of Farmington Hills.

Jim and Sharon Stanley of Redford announce the birth of Joseph Robert Nov. 9 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. He joins a sister. Katerina, 3. Grandparents are Robert and Marie Hamel of St. Clair Shores and the late. Josephine and Matt Stanley.

Dan and Lisa Vega announce the birth of Allison Theresa Jan. 3 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Christopher and Tammy Law of Redford announce the birth of Christopher William Jr. Nov. 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Jessica Jade, 15 months. Grandparents are William and Trina Law of Kauai. Hawaii, and George and Janece Gomolak of Westland.

Ron and Dorene Vensko of Livonia announce the birth of Mallory Edith Dec. 29 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Aurel and Jill Schryer of Dearborn Heights, Marie Zammit of Lexington, Mich., and John Vensko of Uniontown, Pa. Great-grandmother is Mary Lashock of Deltona Beach, Fla.

Randy and Candace Brouwer of Redford announce the birth Fla.

of Shellby Nicole Nov. 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Savannah Renea, 22 months. Grandparents are Dick Brouwer, Shirley Klenn and Vince Klenn.

Patrick and Lisa Dufour of Westland announce the birth of Victoria Rose Aug. 11 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She joins a sister, Kaitlyn, 2 1/2. **Grandparents are Ted and Marie** Chorney of Livonia and David and Noreen Dufour of Amherstburg, Ontario, Canada.

Paula Gearin of Westland announces the birth of Michaela Cathleen Jan. 7 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Mike and Barb Gearin of Livonia. Great-grandmother is Winnie Shorkey of Avon Park,

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the church, 49555 N. Territorial. Plymouth Township. This year's play is "A Soldier's Choice." Tickets are \$10. For more-information, call (734) 414-7777 or visit www.templenet.org.

LENTEN BREAKFAST

: The First United Methodist Church of Garden City will have a Lenten breakfast 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 27, at the church 6443 Merriman. It will be a time of mediation and breakfast, followed by a program featuring Joseph Jessup, tenor. soloist and guitarist.

A program for women sponsored by the United Methodist Women, there is no charge, but a donation will be accepted. Reservations are requested and can be

made by calling (734) 421-8628. SILENT-LIVE AUCTION

Meadowbrook Congregational Church will have a live and silent auction 7-10 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the church. 21355 Meadowbrook, Novi.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for signin and preview of all items. Admission will be \$5 for adults. children 12 year and under free. Admission includes, refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages and a chance to win a variety of door prizes. Trips, dinners and sports memorabilia will be among the items auctioned off.

(248) 348-7757. CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

For more information, call

The Praisemaker Choir of Memorial Church of Christ will present their musical. "Two by Two," 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the church, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia.

The children, in costume, will sign songs about Noah and his ark. The directors are Mike and Shona Vincent, Dave and Diane Jacobs, Jim and Leslie Buchanan and Paul Pilat. For more information, call the church at 9734) 464-6722.

CONGREGATION SKATE

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church will have an afternoon of roller or in-line skating Sunday, March 28, at the Skating Station II. Joy Road between Haggerty

and Lilley roads, Canton. Skate times will be 1:30-4:30 p.m. and cost \$4.50 plus \$2 skate rental. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-2424.

NEW BEGINNING

New Beginnings, a grief support group, will have its regular meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees.

People may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038. Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734)

462-3770. SPECIAL PROGRAM

Ronald C. Smeenge will present the one-person play, "Pontius Pilate," based on the historical novel by Paul L. Maier, at continental breakfast and service Maundy Thursday, April 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia.

Sponsored by St. Matthew's United Methodist Women, the continental breakfast will be at 9:30 a.m., followed by the program at 10:15 a.m. A nursery will be provided free of charge. Tickets cost \$5 each and are available in advance only through Monday, March 22. For reservations, call (734) 422-6038.



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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Chiefs off to nationals

The Motor City Chiefs, a Junior B hockey team featuring five area players, earned a spot in the Junior B Nationals, March 22-28, in Minneapolis, Minn. after finishing runner-up Sunday in the Central States Hockey League Gold Cup Tournament.

Defending National Junior B champion Toledo defeated the Chiefs, 3-2 in overtime to win the title at Tam O'Shanter Ice Arena.

The top two teams advance to the national tournament.

The Chiefs, coached by Westland's Rick Statham, won three straight games to reach the tournament final. They defeated St. Louis (6-4), Columbus (7-0) and Toledo (5-3).

Area members of the Chiefs include Matt Wysocki, Brandon Martoia and Frank Fudero, all former Livonia Churchill players, along with Andy Domzalski and Mike Majkowski, both of Livonia Stevenson, and Gordon Statham (Westland).

The Chiefs (ages 8-21) are 15-24-3 overall after finishing fourth in the CSHL.

Livonia Fiyers advance

The Livonia Midget B Flyers have posted a 3-0-1 record to advance to the Little Caesars Tier I hockey playing.

Lance Antrobius scored a pair of goals at the Flyers, now 22-12-3 overall, defeated the USA Hawks, 2-1, to earn a spot in the final four. The opponent will be RFB beginning at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25 at Redford Arena. The championship game

CC repeats; Rowe Mr. Hockey

Redford Catholic Central senior Keith Rowe will take home a trophy from the 1998-99 season but the onehe'll cherish most is the one that will stay in the school's trophy case.

Shortly after the Shamrocks defeated East Kentwood 2-0 in Saturday's Class A hockey championship at the Flint IMA, Rowe learned he won this year's Mr. Hockey award.

The trophy honoring the year's top senior will look nice at home, but he'll look forward to returning to school on occasion to get a glimpse at the state championship hardware.

Rowe also played on CC's 1997 state champion team when he was more of a follower than leader.

"This year I was more a part of it as a leader," said Rowe, who led the Shamrocks in assists and was fourth in goals scored. "What I took more pride in is my leadership skills. I for it," Rowe said. "Team awards

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hockey player. I think we have the hardest working team in the state and it shows. We worked through the summer, running hills in 90 degree weather."

Rowe said his biggest influence in hockey growing up in Redford Township was Joe Job, his coach for five years with the Detroit Diesel Power travel teams.

A 3.1 student who scored 22 on his ACT, Rowe plans on playing either for a junior A program or attending a prep school next year.

Former CC player Scott Curtin was the Mr. Hockey recipient two years

"It's really an honor and I'm happy matured as a person, not just as a come first but I'll take individual

awards, too.' Jim Spiewak, a sophomore sensation, scored both CC goals, which weren't easy to come by against East Kentwood's senior goaltender Gary Olson.

Olson stopped 39 shots and was helped a couple times when CC shots rang off the goal post.

"They're a good team, real fast, and have done it all year," Olson said. "They deserved it. I'm very exhausted. I can hardly walk right now."

East Kentwood, which lost a nonleague game to the Shamrocks 4-2 earlier in the year, managed only 10 shots at CC junior goalie Ben Dunne.

As dominant as CC was, East Kentwood nearly tied the score at 1-1 with 4:16 left in the second period when Dunne made brilliant saves on a breakaway by Eric Jensen and the rebound shot by Mike Lenhertz.

Shamrocks opened the scoring with a goal by Spiewak, assisted by Todd Bentley and David Moss 41 seconds into the second period.

Spiewak finished the two-on-one after taking a perfect pass from Bentley and firing the puck over Olson's outstretched legs.

"I skated into the zone, the defense-" man faded off to Bentley, the goalie went down and I just chipped it over him," said Spiewak, who finished the season with 11 goals and 19 assists.

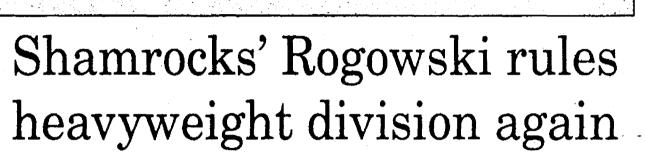
Spiewak added an insurance goal at 13:11 of the third period, picking up a loose puck and driving a wrist shot past Olson from close range.

Bentley had the assist on that goal, too.

"To be honest with you I didn't see the second one go in,^p Spiewak said. "It was a little luck."

After a scoreless first period the

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The next championship Redford Catholic Central's Casey Rogowski and East Lansing's Kyle Croskey vie for will be of the team variety when they become football teammates at Central Michigan University.

But on Saturday, they battled only for themselves in the Division I individual state wrestling tournament at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena.

Rogowski secured his second-straight state championship and two-straight undefeated seasons with an 11-6 win over Croskey in the finals of the heavyweight division. Each finalist has accepted football scholarships to CMU, which gave this match a subplot. Croskey has a playing weight of about 285 pounds in football which means he had to cut weight just to be eligible for the 275pound division.

PREP WRESTLING

Rogowski is 91-0 over the last two years, including 46-0 this year.

From day one, he was the prohibitive favorite to defend his championship. He surprised the field in his junior year, winning the state title despite not being ranked No: 1 throughout the season.

"It's just like a great relief that it's over, I

is Monday, March 29, at Joe Louis Arena.

Clutch goaltending from Steve Chambers and goals by Anthony Ciotta, Doug Bingham and Danny Bowerson carried the Flyers to a 3-2 opening-round win over the Mount Clemens Avalanche.

A three-goal third-period comeback, capped by Joe McCrohan's game-winner with 45 seconds to go, gave Livonia a 4-3 second-round win over previously unbeaten RFB.

Joe Pellerin, Doug Nassar and Bowerson also scored goals in the win.

Game No. 3 was a 4-4 tie against Woodhaven as Pellerin, Jeff Dwyer, George Remy and Antrobius scored for the Flyers. Eric Clinton played a strong game in goal.

Other members of the Flyers include Jeff Krupinski, Pat Robert, Nick Niemiec, Chris Walczyk, Brandon Larson, Steve Dufour and Rob Ashcraft.

The Flyers are coached by Tim McCrohan, Frank Antrobius and John Niemiec. The team manager is Maura Bowerson.

Sponsors included Dwyer & Associates and Hard Ice Cream Cafe.

Kearney 2nd in MITCA

Churchill High senior Ryan Kearney, representing the Livonia Track Club, finished second in the 55-meter hurdles last Thursday in the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association indoor meet Thursday at the University of Michigan.

Kearney, a two-time All-Observer pick in boys track, captured five straight meets during the MITCA indoor season.

Rutherford top prospect

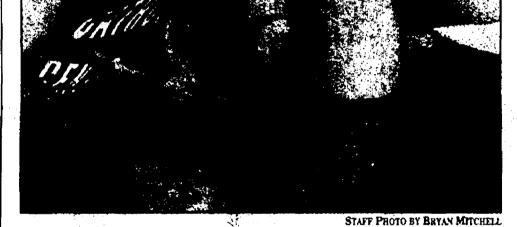
Former Livonia Churchill High and Eastern Michigan University standout Mark Rutherford has been selected by Baseball America as a top prospect and future scar.

Last season, Rutherford, a member of the Philadelphia Phillies organization, was rated with the best control in the FSL.

The All-Star selection walked just 20 batters in 119 innings en route to an 8-5 record and a 2.65 earned run average.

In John Benson's book of Future Stars for 1999 and 2000, Rutherford is considered to be a minor league prospect "with great mound presence and should start the '99 season at

the finals and that was the turning (al), 5 3. Final record: 49 12. Ottawa, 7-4. Moreau said "He wrestled smart and Dave Lemmon, 130, Clarenceville (did not Sports Scene, write to: Brad Emons, point," Moreau said "It definitely gave A two-point takedown move proved place): lost to Chad Edwards (New Lothrop), he deserved it 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. to be more than enough in the finals to him a lot of confidence " 12.0; p. Clayton Millman (Bronson), 0:17; fost-Gunterman, who also plays on the 48150; or send via fax to (734) 591to Ryan Erickson (Whittemore Prescott), 6.5. Gunterman placed third at the Westbeat Early. Stevenson golf team, plans to continue Final record: 52-8. "I kind of surprised myself," Gunter- ern Lakes meet and followed that up 7279. Please see GUNTERMAN, C1 man said. "The march (of finalists) by capturing the individual district at 14 1



Repeat champion: Redford Catholic Central heavyweight Casey Rogowski (left) went undefeated, 91-0, in his final two years of mat competition.

Rogowski dismissed Croskey in methodical fashion. The two were tied 0-0 after the first period.

Rogowski will be glad to have him as a college teammate.

"He's the biggest guy I've ever wrestled," Rogowski said. "You think 285 pounds and you think fat, but he wasn't. He was about 6-2, 6-3 and really put together."

accomplished all I wanted and all my worry ing is done," Rogowski said. "It's a lot harder being the favorite."

Rogowski is the Shamrocks' ninth repeat state champion.

"He's an awesome wrestler and so were the other eight before him," said CC coach Mike Rodriguez, who shed tears while hugging Rogowski afterward. "When you're close to a young man like Casey it's just tearful." Rogowski was teary-eyed but none of the tears fell.

"I was too tired to cry," he said.

To reach the finals, Rogowski had to beat a familiar opponent, Portage Central's Jim Kilcoyne, in the semifinals. After falling

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Spartan-like effort: Gunterman champ

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER bemons@oe.homecomm.net

Call him a hired Gunterman.

The new Division I state individual wrestling champion at 103 pounds from Livonia Stevenson spent a majority of the season at 112.

Junior Josh Gunterman, however, took advantage of a new Michigan High School Athletic Association tournament rule implemented last year, which allows schools to enter more than one competitor in each weight class.

Spartan teammate Joe Moreau, the Observerland and Western Lakes Activities Association champion at 103, competed on the opposite side of the bracket and finished sixth. (Plymouth Salem's John Mervyn and Ron Thompson took fifth and seventh, respectively, at 112.)

"My natural weight this year was about 107 or 108 and when I wrestled 103 I never had any trouble getting down to weight," said the 5-foot-3 dynamo, who edged East Kentwood's Jordan Early, 2-1, in the championship final Saturday at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena. "Wrestling up at 112 was definitely a big difference because guys are a little bigger and stronger."

Gunterman finished the year 39-10 with all 10 losses coming at 112.

In his semifinal match, Gunterman and Kyle Klooster of Grand Haven tied at 5-5, but the Stevenson grappler won on criteria as determined by the officials.

right before the finals really got me fired up. It was really fun."

Meanwhile, Moreau, saddled with a late season shoulder injury, won his first two rounds, including his 100th career win.

But in the third round he fell to Early, 6-3. He lost his next two in the wrestleback and finished his season at 47-7.

"I've had to wrestle Joe since my freshman year and he's one of the hardest workers I know," Gunterman said. "I had to wrestle him in the regional (a 9-5 Gunterman win) and it was not fun. I really didn't like to wrestle one of my teammates, especially in that situation."

As a sophomore Gunterman wrestled 25 varsity matches. He was used mainly as an understudy for Moreau and state placer Katsuhiko Sueda.

"Those guys really helped me a lot, they were great," Gunterman said. "All the coaches have been great along with the whole team. I can't single anybody out."

Gunterman began his mat career as an eighth-grader at Holmes Middle School in Livonia working under the direction of Jim Carlin, now the varsity wrestling coach at Redford Union.

"A couple of my friends were doing it and it's one of those sports where size doesn't matter, plus I was too small for football," Gunterman said.

According to Stevenson assistant conch Bob Moreau (and Joe's father). Gunterman's season took off Jan. 30 at the Observerland Tournament.

"He defeated Mike Kassbri (of In the first two rounds, Gunterman came through with the biggest win of Class AA Reading, Pa." 2) lost by pin to Dicky Robinson (Blissfield), decisioned Randy Ribay of Rochester, Wayne) in the semifinals and Jesse 2:41; lost to Mike Walden (Galesburg Augushis career against Early Purdon (of Westland John Glenn) in 8-1, and Jason Fuller of Holland West ta), 6-2; dec. Josh Halfman (Carson City Crys-"He wrestled the perfect match," Bob To submit items for the Observer



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCH, AN

103 champion: Livonia Stevent son junior Josh Gunterman won his weight class in Division I Saturday at Joe Louis Arena.

Troy Athens (when Joe Moreau defaulted in the finals because of

"We could have had two in the state finals, but Joe really tore up his shoulder." Bob Moreau said "Hell have-to have reconstructive surgery Just to finish sixth basically using one arm was an accomplishment."

With the door open, Gunterman

AREA WRESTLERS RESULTS March 11-13 at Joe Louis Arena DIVISION I Casey Rogowski, heavyweight, Redford

STATE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Catholic Central (1st place): pinned Andy Iszler (Grand Ledge), 5:04; decisioned Ted Bowersox (Northville), 19-4; dec. Jim Kilcoyne (Portage Central), 7-3; dec. Kyle Croskey (East Lans ing), 11-6. Final record: 46-0.

Josh Gunterman, 103 pounds, Livonia Stevenson (1st place): dec. Randy Ribay (Rochester), 8-1; dec. Jason Fuller (Holfand West Ottawa), 7-4; dec. Kyle Klooster (Grand Haven), 5-5 (on criteria); dec. Jordan Early (East Kentwood), 2-1. Final record; 39-10.

Mitch Hancock, 152, Redford CC (runnerup): dec. Chris Schuyler (Saline), 16-1; dec. Brandon Cooper (Holt), 5-4; dec. Doug Norton (Romeo), 10-5; lost to Brad Anderson (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central), 8-6 (OT). Final record: 47-4.

Broce Naysmith, 215, Redford CC (3rd place): p. Jon Rugenstein (Bay City Western), 4:12: dec. Josh Adams (Temperance Bedford) 7-3; lost to Pat DeGain (Clarkston). 17-4; dec. Vic Moya (Bay City Central), 17-4; dec. Mike DeLorge (Flint Carman-Ainsworth), 8-2. Final record: 35-4.

Joe Moreau, 103, Llv. Stevenson (6th place): dec. Telg McLellan (Bay City Western), 8-4; dec. Ben Dubols (Jackson), 6-4; lost to Jordan Early (East Kentwood), 6-3; lost to Shawn Newton (Davison), 4-2; lost to Charlie Moreno (Wyandotte Roosevelt), 6-2. Final record: 47-7.

Brandon LaPointe, 152, Livonia Churchill (7th place): dec. Matt McCartney (Roseville); 9-5; lost to Doug Norton (Romeo), 11-3; dec. Kevin Harrington (Birmingham Brother Rice). 10-3; lost to Brandon Cooper (Holl), 10-8; dec. Nathan Thompson (Ulica Elsenhower), 5:4 Final record: 37-8.

Brian Barker, 160, Liv. Stevenson (8th plecel: lost by technical fail to Andy Auten (Clarkston), 4:48; dec. Matt Stone (Brighton), 8-2; dec. Joey Brasic (Grand Rapids Union), 8 5; lost to Adam Backing (East Kentwood), 7-5 (OT): lost to Nathan Robison (Okemos), 2.0. Finel record: 37-11.

Imad Kharbush, 135, Llv. Stevenson (did not place): lost to Casey Roberts (Temperance Bedford), 40; lost to Tim Markel (Bay City Western), 12-6; Final record: 38-16.

Sean Bell, 140, Redford CC (did not place): lost to Brad Herd (Swartz Creek) by technical fall, 18-6; lost to Dan Scappaticci (Northville). 12.4. Final record: 16.15

Ryan Zajdel, 145, Redford CC (did not plece); lost to Deven Lambart (Holi), 14-3; lost by pin to Paul Zeits (Traverse City West), 3:00. Final record: 37-18.

DIVISION IV Walter Ragiand, 189, Livonia Clarenceville (6th place): p. Seth Butters (Bronson), 4:48; dec. Josh McGeathy (Whittemore Prescott), 9-

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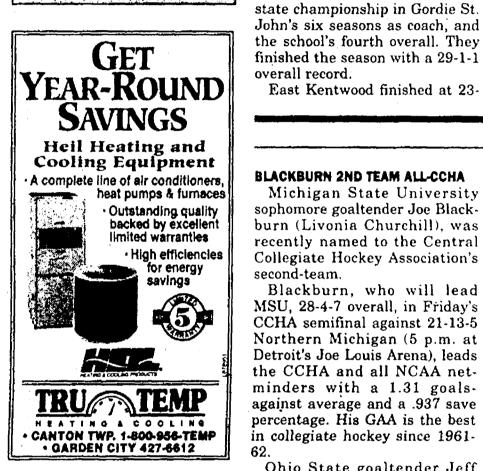
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Coach of Year: Jim Baker, Bir Rapids.



Ken Holland makes personnel without interference." decisions as general manager of the Detroit Red Wings but he's just a fan

and a parent when it comes to watching Redford Catholic Central hockey games. CC senior Brad Holland is a secondyear forward for the Shamrocks, who

won their second Class A state chanpionship in three years on Saturday with a 2-0 victory over East Kentwood at the Flint IMA.

Those who didn't know better and saw Holland watching the Final Four might have thought he's desperately searching for help with the NHL trading deadline looming.

Rest assured, Wings' fans.

The Wings are more interested in someone with NHL experience than a high school player.

But sharing in their son's glory is a top priority for Holland and his wife Cindi. As busy as he is, Holland attended more than a third of Brad's games.

*Mr. Holland stays really behind the scenes and you can tell Brad has a real good feel for hockey at this level," CC assistant coach Todd Johnson said. "It's real nice to have a father of a player who has so much knowledge but allows us to do our job

This was the Shamrocks third 7-1.

East Kentwood finished at 23-

Michigan State University

Blackburn, who will lead

CC champs from page C1

In this era when some parents at all levels think they know it all and tell the coach as much, it's refreshing to see someone who probably does

know it all remain in the background. The CC coaching staff has marveled at Brad Holland's development from his junior to senior years. He turned into one of the Shamrocks' top playmakers and forecheckers as well as their fifth-leading goal scorer.

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Perhaps his confidence improved in the off-season taking shots at his dad, a goaltender in his playing days.

"Brad was the last forward to make the team as a junior and he's worked his way up to playing center on the number one and two lines," Johnson said. "He's made a huge improvement in one year's time."

There won't be a parade and the Stanley Cup is considerably heavier than high school's most coveted trophy but Cindi Holland said the "joy and excitement" she felt for her son's championship was the same as watching the Red Wings win two straight.

The road to the Stanley Cup leaves her nervous a lot longer, however.

"This was in a span of two weeks, the Stanley Cup (playoffs) goes two months," said Cindi Holland, a regular at games.

The Hollands also have two daughters. Julie and Rachel, who play field hockey at Mercy High School, and a younger son Gregory who plays goalle for a youth hockey team.

His team also won a championship on Sunday night.

"He had just seen Brad win his championship and when it was over he threw his gloves off and stick in the air and made a victory lap just like his brother," Clndi Holland said.

Winning is contagious in this famił٧.

 Paid attendance for Saturday's championship game was 2,004.

.Holland is one of 10 CC seniors. The others were Pat O'Dea, Chris Morelli, Erik Hawkins, David Phillips, Shawn McGowan, Chris Beaty, Matt VanHeest, Keith Rowe and Nathan Lewarne.

O'Dea, VanHeest and Rowe, selected as the state's Mr. Hockey, played on the 1997 CC state champion.

 This was the 15th state championship game worked by on-ice official Rick Wheeler, a Livonia resident. He was assisted by James Gagleard of Canton and Redford's Michael McComb, refereeing his final game.

Whaters' bad weekees colminates in Skloten

Let's just get to the players seedbed The Plymouth Whalers cause up for the seedback mances last weekend, losing back at home Storm Baturday and 6-1 to the Whalers of Machine Store losses dropped the Whalers to 20 Loss seedback atop the overall Ontario Homers Langue Store points (two more than the Barris Colta)

Guelph, first in the OHL's Midwest Division, is #2-21-2: Windsor, last in the West Division, is 23-38-4

Robert Holsinger made 17 saves in goal against Causion, but gave up a power-play goal to Eric Beaudain in the first period and second-period goals to Kevin Mitchell and Joe Gerbe. Jamie Lalonde scored for Plymouth on the power play in the third period, ruining the shutout hid by Storm gualie Gruig Anderson (40 saves).

In the loss to the Spitfires, Holsinger surrendered three goals in the first two periods and Rob Zepp allowed three more in the third. They combined to make 21 saves. Bon Vegel allowed one goal and made 45 stops for Windsor.

Nikos Tselios scored Plymouth's only goal, in the third period. Jasono Polera and Jeff Martin each second two goals for the Spitfires.

The Whalers final game of the regular season is Frider at Bramoton

Compuware Ambassadors remain in 1st place

The Compuware Ambassadors knocked off the Chicago Freeze 5-1 Sunday in Chicago to stay in first place in the North American Hockey League with a 34-11-8 record, one point ahead of the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians (36-15-1).

Josh Bowers collected a goal and an assist, and Mark Misk. Pat Brush, Nick Schrader and Rob Globbe added store and for the Ambassadors, who host the Indiana in a show first place Saturday and Sunday at Compervare Arena in 20. mouth.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Maund was named All-CCHA track athletes may choose to compete or choose to attend the dedication without competing.

Blackburn's teammates Mike Weaver, a defenseman, and For more information, write to: Jess Shough, boys track coach, Mike York, a forward, also were or John Kitchen, girls track coach, John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland, Mi. As part of the dedication of 48185; or call (734) 595-2300; or fax to (734) 595-2338. **BENCH PRESS COMPETITION**

The Wolves, who outscored their opponents 24-5, won the final games game with a 3-1 victory over the Soccer Club of Baltimore, Md.

The tournament also featured teams from Canada and Mexico.

Members of the Wolves include Louis Djokic, Keith Sied, Carl

WEEK AHEAD

STATE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT **REGIONAL FINALS** CLASS A

Thursday, March 18: Plymouth Salem vs. Southfield-Lathrup, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 at the University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall vs. Macomb Dakota regional cham CLASS C

"This goalie did a great job,

held them in the game, but right to the end we were very patient tonight," St. John said. "It was frustrating that we couldn't put it in and we hit the pipe a couple ence."

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Westland John Glenn's new track, the coaching staff is organizing an alumni meet starting at 4 p.m. (field events) Wednesday, March 31.

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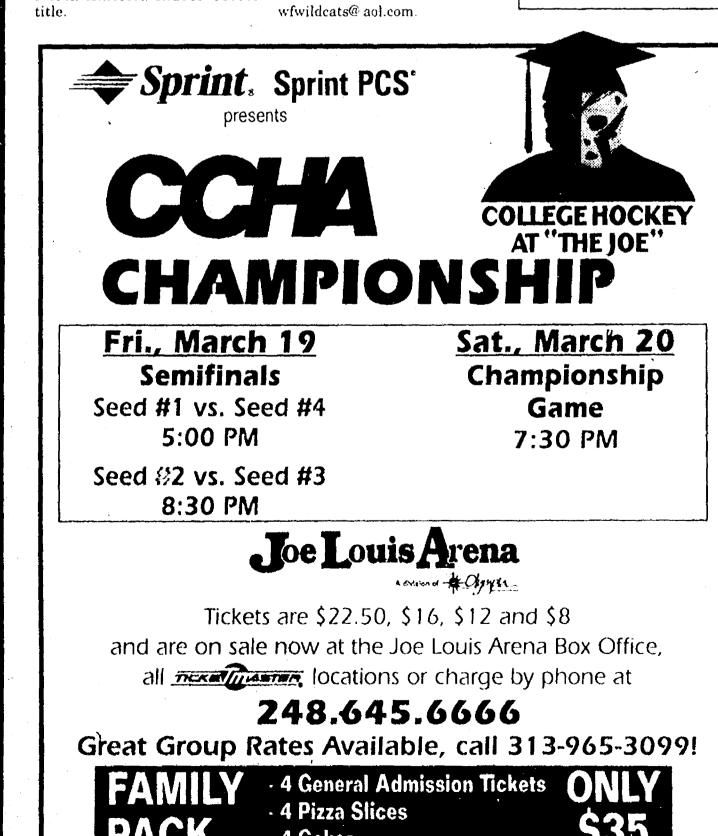
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Falk, Bublitz star for Spartans

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER bemons@oe.homecomm.net

Livonia Stevenson didn't win the state Class A boys swim meet held Saturday for the first time at Oakland University.

That honor went to Ann Arbor Pioneer, which unseated five-time defending champion Birmingham Brother Rice, 184-157.

But the Spartans, thanks to the individual efforts of senior Keith Falk and sophomore Joey Bublitz, finished 10th overall with 40 points.

Stevenson was just ahead of Western Lakes Activities Association rivals North Farmington and Plymouth Salem with 39 and 37, respectively.

Falk, a senior, capped an outstanding career with a third-place finish in the 200yard freestyle (1:42.53) and a sixth in the 500 freestyle (4:46.47).

Bublitz, a sophomore, set a personal best of 1:53.82 in the 200 individual medley en route to third place.

Both Falk and Bublitz combined with senior Mike Malik and junior Brad Buckler to finish 10th in the 400 freestyle relay (3:15.28).

At 150 yards, Falk was neck-and-neck with Pioneer's Robert Urguhart and University of Detroit-Jesuit's Michael Porth.

Urguhart won the race in 1:41.08, while Porth took second in 1:42.12.

Ironically, Falk set a Stevenson school record during Friday's prelims, clocking a 1:42.37 to break Bryan Morrison' 1992 mark of 1:42.96.

"When you break at record at Stevenson you're a great swimmer — our records are tough," Spartans' coach Doug Buckler said. "Keith trains faithfully and has a big heart. He doesn't like to lose. He just keeps coming.

"He had a great state meet and he's done everything for the team this year. He's matured into a great swimmer."

Both Falk and Bublitz will be in Buffalo.

STATE BOYS SWIM MEET

N.Y. this week for the U.S. Junior Nationals. Buckler believes both their state meet times will earn All-America status in their respective events (the top 40 high school times in each event from all 50 states.)

Buckler calls Bublitz "a very modest kid."

"He came running out of the pool directly to me and he couldn't believe he had gone that fast," the Stevenson coach said. "He's only 15 years-old and he really hasn't trained year-round.

"I may be going out on a limb, but he's going to be a state champion some day. He has not yet tapped his ability, but he's starting to be ome a great swimmer."

In the 100 backstroke, Bublitz did not place in the top 12 at the state meet, but posted a time of 54.38 in the prelims to break Joe Saunders' school record of 54.67.

"It was just an awesome day for me," Bublitz said. "I never thought I'd drop seven seconds from my original time (in the 200 IM). Coach (Buckler) had a big grin on his face."

Bublitz was a WLAA champ in the 200 IM and second in the 100 backstroke. Bigger and better things are expected next year.

"The only thing I can say about next year is I hope the team does well and we get some good freshmen in," Bublitz said. "We'll have a young club, but we also have some juniors who are going to step up.

"And I can only hope I can get better and drop more time. If I do that, then maybe I'll be a state champion in the IM. But only time will tell."

Both Falk and Bublitz swim for the Clarenceville Swim Club (under the direction of Stevenson girls coach Greg Phill).

"Coach Buckler, coach (Jeff) Shoemaker and coach Phill have all been big influence on me," said Falk, who has not made a col-

lege choice, but carries an impressive 3.6 grade-point average. "I trained harder than last year. I was into it more because it was my last year."

Despite being outkicked during the final 50 yards in the 200 freestyle, Falk was happy with his performance.

"I dropped a lot of time this year in the 200 freestyle and the 200 IM," said Falk, whose sister Mandi was a 1994 girls state champion in the 100 breaststroke and later swam for the University of Wisconsin. "I liked the pool, it was a nice setup, plus the excitement of swimming in a pool I had never been in before."

He was also pleased to break the Spartan school record in the 200 freestyle.

"It means a lot," Falk said. "None of those records are easy.'

Redford Catholic Central's Ryan Meekins also had an outstanding meet, finishing sixth in the 100 freestyle.

He was clocked in 47.12 after going 46.58 in the prelims. Birmingham Seaholm's Bill Sargent took first with a state-record time of 44.63.

The CC senior also placed 11th in the 200 freestyle (1:46.37) after posting a clocking of 1:43.58 in the prelims.

In the 100 butterfly, senior James McPartlin became the first swimmer since state champ Matt Martin, who later competed for Stanford University, to score points for Westland John Glenn at the Class A meet.

McPartlin finished eighth in 52.64 after going 52.88 in the Friday's heat.

CC freshman Brett Meconis was 25th in the prelims in the 100 butterfly (54.39). Teammate Josh Markou, a senior, was 33rd in the 100 breaststroke prelims (1:03.59).

Stevenson's 200 freestyle relay time of Falk, Bublitz, Buckler and sophomore Mike Nemer took 16th in the prelims (1:30.21).

CC junior Greg Braziunas was 25th in diving (148.70 points), while Glenn sophomore Chris McFarland took 28th (140.70).

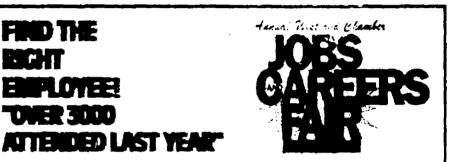
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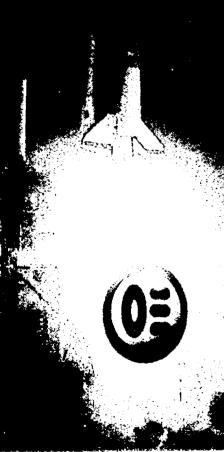
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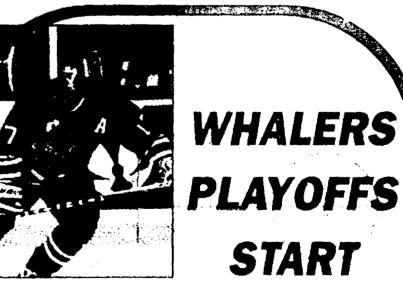
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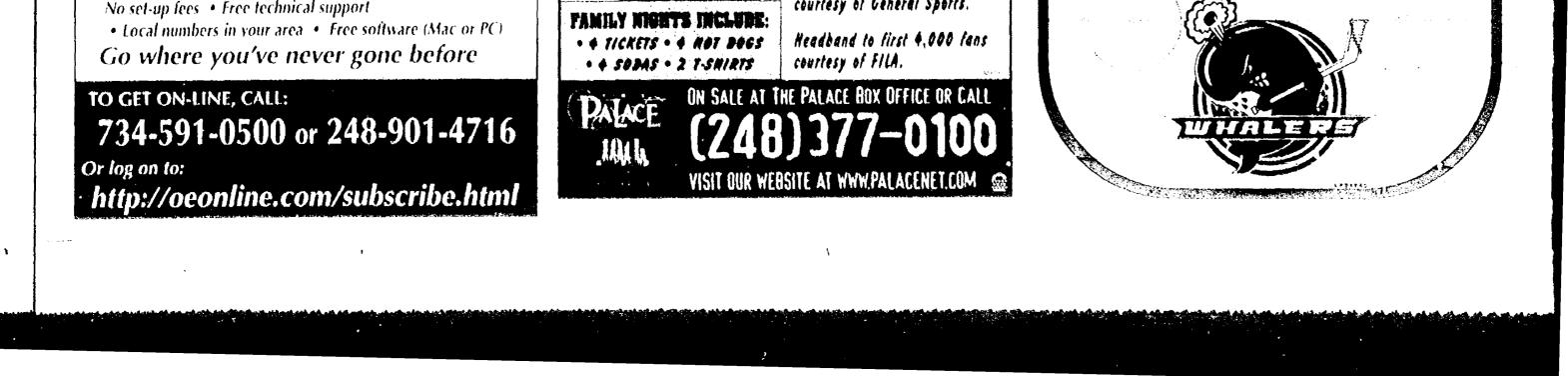
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Bedford eliminates Salem

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

They went just about as far as they could go.

Temperance-Bedford defeated Plymouth Salem's volleyball team, 15-10, 15-7, Tuesday night in the quarterfinals of the Michigan High School Athletic Association tournament.

Still, the Rocks' first season with Tom Teeters as coach has to be judged a success.

"We set some goals at the start of the season," said Teeters, whose teams in recent seasons have been kicked out of the state tournament by the Kicking Myles. "We wanted to go where 'ng Plymouth Salem team has gone in 23 years.

"We wanted to take the regionals, which no Salem team had done since 1977. Obviously, once we'd done that we wanted to go to the final four.

"It didn't happen but this was an accomplishment since twothirds of the starters from last year had graduated.

"This was a big burden off our backs and will help the team next year and in the future."

Andrea Pruett and Angie Sillmon stood out for the Rocks, 48-11-1, but Temperance-Bedford blocked so many of their hits it logked like Coach Jodi Manore had gotten a copy of Teeters' play book.

But maybe she's played Teeters' teams so many times she has his style down pat. And has the players to execute it, of course.

game Sillmon put on an exhibi- ting three blocks in the first

tion worthy of Flo Hyman or Rita Crockett, stars of perhaps the best women's volleyball team the U.S. has ever seen - its 1984 Olympic Gold Medal winners.

Sillmon rallied Salem from a 12-6 deficit with a sterling fourpoint string in which she had two kills, a block plus a pair of blocked shots which preceded one of her kills.

Plymouth pulled up to 12-10 but Shayna Munson buried a hit to return the momentum to Bedford. Eight sideouts later, a Salem error made it 14-10 and Sarah Oleszczuk served an ace to close it out.

Munson is one of just four seniors on Manore's team - but it's a team which won the state title last year.

The frustrating part for Salem was having kills attempts by Sillmon, Pruett and Amanda Suder blocked back over the net.

"That's the best we've blocked all year," said Manore, whose team takes a 74-7-3 record into Friday's semifinals at Western Michigan. "They have a couple of people they have to go to more often than not.

"We can spread it out, which makes it easier. We knew they had to get the ball to Angie."

Munson had six kills in the first game plus four key kills at the end of the second. She also had two solo blocks plus three shared blocks.

Valerie Lyczkowski had five kills in the first game plus two in the second while Melissa Mein-Midway through the first hart was strong at the net, get-

Almont spikes Lady Warriors in 'C' regional

game plus a solo and a shared block in the second.

Linda Bankowski was outstanding as the setter.

Ten Salem errors contributed to Temperance-Bedford racing out to a 13-0 lead in the second game. Sillmon, Pruett and Suder teamed up to bring the Rocks back to 13-6 before a Lyczkowski kill put them on the brink.

Salem fought off five match points but Munson finally buried the winner despite some good returns by the Rocks.

Pruett split nine kills between the two games while Sillmon notched eight and Suder four. Sillmon also had three blocks.

"They're a talented team," Teeters said. "You've got to give them credit."

Teeters' Livonia Ladywood teams had been ousted by Temperance-Bedford in recent years. He's always made it a point of playing the Kicking Mules during the regular season, too.

Salem played Temperance-Bedford once this year, winning a game but not the match in the finals of the Kicking Mules' tournament.

The Rocks were strong defensively at the start of the match, taking leads of 2-0 and 5-3 before the Kicking Mules ran off four straight points on Bankowski's serve and three more in a row later to take a 10-5 lead.

Temperance-Bedford had a run of nine points in a row while Olesczuk was serving in the second game to go up 13-0.

The Rocks kept the ceiling from caving in. But they'd come to the end of the road.

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> Livonia Franklin DIVISION STANDINGS

CC's Hancock 2nd at 152

The individual state championship victories of Redford Catholic Central's Casey Rogowski (heavyweight) and Livonia Stevenson's Josh Gunterman (103 pounds) should not overshadow the efforts of several other area wrestlers at the Division I state wrestling tournament held last weekend at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena.

Redford CC's Mitch Hancock nearly took center stage when he finished runner-up at 152, losing to Brad Anderson of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central in the championship final, 8-6, in overtime.

Hancock, who had a 6-2 lead in his final match, finished the year with an outstanding 47-4 overall record.

One of his big victories came in the second round, a 5-4 decision of Holt's Brandon Cooper.

CC teammate Brocc Naysmith also made a strong showing with

a third-place finish at 215. Navsmith, 35-4 on the season. defeated Mike DeLorge of Flint Carman-Ainsworth, 8-2. Eventual state champion Pat DeGain of Clarkston handed Naysmith a 17-4 loss in the third round.

PREP WRESTLING

Also at 152, Livonia Churchill senior Brandon LaPointe went 3-2 on the day to finish seventh. LaPointe wound up 37-8 on the year.

Stevenson also a pair of wrestlers finish in the top eight - senior Joe Moreau (103) grabbed sixth, while teammate Brian Barker (160) was eighth.

In Division IV, Livonia Clarenceville senior Walter Ragland captured three out of five matches to finish fifth at 189 to wind up 49-12 on the season.

See area complete results on page C1.

behind early, Rogowski rallied for a 7-3 victory.

Rogowski from page C1

"He got ticked because he got taken down on his back," Rodriguez said.

Rogowski beat him earlier in the year, too.

"He was more prepared this time, knew what was coming, what I had," Rogowski said. "He came out more fired up, used more stuff the second time."

Rogowski is a three-sport star for the Shamrocks, spending spring on the baseball team. He took up wrestling as a freshman as something to do between seasons.

Then he started to like it.

"I took it up just as an in between thing to keep in shape,"

Gunterman from page C1

he said. "It helped with my balance. When I got in the room I decided I wanted to be a threetimer (three-time state champion),"

Rogowski had to settle for being a two-timer after failing to make the state tournament as a 189-pounder in his sophomore year.

When asked if he'll ever have another wrestler like Rogowski, Rodriguez said "Yeah, his brother."

Ryan Rogowski is a freshman on the CC wrestling team and big brother thinks he has a promising future.

"He saw what I did so I told him it's his turn next year," Casey said.

ball history is just that — history. Powerful Almont sidelined Lutheran High School Westland, 15-13, 15-2, Saturday in the Class C regional finals of the state high school volleyball tournament.

The best season in Lutheran Westland's volley-

land, Stephanie Lynch two and Sarah Marody one. Amanda Sales stood out in the backline.

"We had a good season," Ollinger said. "It was better than they've ever done in the school's history.

"We won some tournaments and we won the dis-

gine and America Yaklin, Walled Lake Centrel: Amenda Suber and Leine Sterling, Plymouth Selem: Kele Lebience and Carly

"We did well in the first game, especially early," Coach Joan Ollinger said, "but in the second game we couldn't do anything right.

"Our hits weren't going over and our serves weren't going over.

"I guess it just wasn't meant to be."

The Warriors wound up 18-12-1.

Anna Schwecke had four kills for Lutheran West-

trict for the first time in the school's history.

"We lost some games we should not have lost. But some of that was due to nervousness.

"We'll be better for it next year."

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As for the girls, Ollinger noted "they've all gone on to other sports."

Almont took a 33-4-5 record into its quarterfinal match against St. Louis.

Lakes: 1. W.L. Central; 2. Salem; 3. Stevenson; 4. Farmington; 5. John Glenn; 6. N. Farmington Western: 1. Franklin; 2. Chuschill: 3. Northville: 4. W.L. Western: 5. Carston; 6. Harrison.

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got a boost last summer by attending Olympic gold medalist Steve Fraser's Bad Boys Camp at Adrian College.

"It was intensive competition, fun and hard work," Gunterman

to wrestle in the off-season. He said. "It really got me back into it.'

And what is the future?

"I'll take it as far as I can," he said. "I love it. I'll try and do it again next year. I'll enter some tournaments this summer."

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Lathrup's defensive job does in Raiders

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Southfield-Lathrup turned up the defensive pressure on North Farmington in the second half and turned a close basketball game into a rout Tuesday.

The Chargers outscored the Raiders 40-14 after halftime and coasted into the final of the Class A regional tournament at Birmingham Groves with a 65-41 victory.

"We let (the Raiders) get too comfortable running their offense in the first half," Lathrup coach Mike Avery said. "It was standstill defense instead of pressuring the ball. They got confident because we weren't guarding like we normally do.

"It was a good team effort on everybody's part as far as stepping up their game in the second half."

Lathrup (21-3) will play another Western Lakes Activities Association team, Plymouth Salem, for the regional championship at 7 tonight.

The Rocks (19-4), who lost twice to North during the regular season, were 70-68 winners over Detroit Northern in the other semifinal contest Tuesday.

"It's going to be a tough ballgame," Avery said, adding the Chargers "welcome the challenge. They have a good outside shooting team. You have to get on the perimeter and play some defense.'

Lathrup senior Brandon Edwards scored 15 of his gamehigh 21 points in the second half when he was 11-of-12 shooting free throws.

Solomon Edwards, a 6-foot-2 senior who has signed with Wagner, a Division I school in New York, had seven of his nine points in the second half and 6-4 junior Ken Moore six of his nine.

"He's our senior captain

put Lathrup ahead following the Bridges foul. With North's presence in the post reduced, the Chargers quickly upped their lead to 41-31 at the end of the quarter,

"That was the swing point of the game right there," Mantyla said. "Once they got it up to 10, it was a fight for us to get it back, although we still had opportunities to knock it down."

Deljosevic made two free throws to keep North within eight, 45-37, but Lathrup went to a delay offense, resulting in Brandon Edwards making four straight free throws.

Deljosevic was ejected with 3:12 to play after protesting a no-call situation. Edwards made all six technical foul shots, and the Chargers turned the game into a rout with 16 unanswered points to lead 61-37.

In the first half, Lathrup grabbed an 11-3 lead, but Watha hit four threes and junior Brian Shulman one to put North back in the game and on top at halftime.

The Chargers shot 45 percent (23-of-51) for the game and the Raiders 30 percent (14-of-46). Lathrup was 17-of-26 at the line and 2-of-8 shooting threes; North was 6-of-10 and 7-of-20, respectively.

Rocks bounce Northern in cage test

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The final buzzer was sounding, and still the outcome was in doubt.

. This Class A state regional semifinal played Tuesday ended the way it should have - without certainty. At least not until the shot Detroit Northern's Tony White launched from just past the half-court line a moment before the buzzer blasted had banged off the rim, coming perilously close to being a game-winner. Plymouth Salem 70, North-

ern 68.

The Rocks, now 19-4, return to Birmingham Groves at 7 p.m. tonight to play Southfield-Lathrup (now 21-3) for the regional championship. The Chargers defeated North Farmington 65-41 in the other regional semi.

Northern finishes 17-7.

With 3:20 left in the final quarter, Salem led 65-60. But a turnover and an offensive foul helped the Jav Hawks score. seven-straight points (five by White) to give them a 67-65 lead with 55 seconds remaining.

That turning point was followed by a missed jumper by Salem's Adam Wilson and a missed one-and-one free throw

the latter with 42.4 seconds left. After a timeout, the Rocks worked the ball into the paint to Rob Jones, and he was fouled by Brynell Jones (his fifth). Rob Jones made both, and the game was tied at 67-all with 25.6 seconds to play.

Turning point No. 3: Northern's White dribbled toward the top of the key, and Jake Gray dived in to knock the ball away. Aaron Rypkowski retrieved it and sped downcourt with the final seconds ticking away, but his layup was blocked by Shannon Pope, who was whistled for his fifth foul with 6.8 seconds remaining. Rypkowski missed his first from the line, but hit the second, and the Rocks were up 68-67.

Turning point No. 4: Solomon tried to split the Salem defenders near half-court, but lost control of the ball — and the whistle blew again, this time signalling a foul on the Rocks' Mike Korduba. Solomon tied the game at 68-all with his first shot, but he missed his secondwith 3.4 seconds to go.

Which led to turning point No. 5: Wilson took the inbounds pass and tried to get in position for a last-second shot, and was inexplicably fouled by White with .5 left. Wilson hit both, leading to White's last-ditch,

missed.

And that led to delirium on Salem's bench.

It was a huge win for a team that started the season fast, then fell into a funk midway through and is just now coming out of it.

"We played as well as this earlier this season," said Rocks' coach Bob Brodie. "Even better - the first time we played (and beat) Northern, we played better.

"But we played just as hard tonight as we've ever played."

Rypkowski literally carried Salem through the first half, pumping in 20 points on 8-of-9 floor shooting - including three three-pointers as the Rocks led at intermission 39-36.

senior swingman explained. "They weren't covering me and I was finding the openings in their zone. If I feel it. I take it." Rypkowski and Jones, who scored Salem's first six points,

led the early charge. The Rocks rattled off 11straight points in the opening quarter to go up 15-5, and those two accounted for 10 of them. Salem led 19-12 after one period.

The Hawks never caught the line (83 percent), including 8-Rocks in the second quarter, of-10 in the fourth.

by Northern's Gary Solomon, half-court shot that barely but they trimmed the deficit to three with their crash-theboards style of play.

Northern then scored the first three points of the success half to knot it at 39-all, and it was a battle from then on, with neither team leading by mere than five.

Rypkowski's fourth triple of the game with 50 seconds loft in the third gave Salam a fourpoint cushion, but the Hawks Jones got a layup with seven seconds left to slice Salem's lead to 58-56 after three.

The final quarter was abb and flow for the first seven minutes. Northern's Marvin Vaughn tied it at 60-all with 6:01 left, then Salem scored five-straight to match its biggest lead of the second half.

Rob Jones netted 16 points "I was just open," the 6-foot-2 for the Rocks, and Tony Jancevski had 10. Wilson scored seven - none more important than those inst two from the stripe.

Solomon's 17 topped Northern. Jones had 16, White scored 15 and Chris Laws finished with 14.

The Hawks, however, were 9of-20 from the line (45 percent), including a 1-of-7 performance in the fourth quarter.

Salem was 15-of-18 from the



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(Solomon Edwards) and he's called upon to do a little bit of everything - shooting, rebounding, pushing the ball up the floor and leading our defense," Avery said. "He does whatever it takes to win. He got us going defensively, but we like to see all five doing the same thing."

Senior guards Kim Bell and Antoine Johnson tossed in 10 and eight points, respectively, for the Chargers, who shot 50 percent (12-of-24) in the second half.

The Chargers tightened their perimeter defense, taking away what enabled the Raiders to hold a 27-25 halftime lead, and still guarded the post well while putting more pressure on the ball. North had just four secondhalf field goals.

"Our defense in the second half became our offense," Avery said. "(The Raiders) are pretty solid and did a good job rebounding. But in the second half we did a good job keeping them off the glass.

"We got hurt on second shots and by their pressure," North assistant coach Pete Mantyla said. "They're quick and they're physical with their pressure.

"The teams that have hurt us have been ones who've gone after us man-to-man. (The Chargers) have a big quickness advantage."

Mantyla was filling in for North head coach Tom Negoshian; who was in Idaho to see his son Todd's team, Cornerstone College, compete in the NAIA national tournament.

North junior Phil Watha scored all of his team-high 14 points in the first half, but Lathrup shut down his three-point shooting in the second. Junior center Emir Medunjanin had 11 points and senior Albert Deljosevic nine.

The turning point occurred late in the third quarter with the score tied, 31-31

Medunjanin, while taking a lob pass into the low post, suffered a bloody nose in a collision with Moore and had to leave the game

Shortly after that, North junior Adrian Bridges received his fourth foul and went to the bench, too.

Medunjanin returned with 2:43 remaining, but the Raiders (18.5) missed Bridges, who was a strong defensive rebounder and a big help in breaking the Lathrup press.

"As a coach, it's a tough post tion to be in." Mantyla said. "Do



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tisn't the best attitude to the Ligame spring baseball trip Et it is to Florida.

that the mix a couple of Division II, a team that had **payod the** Tigers just a week carlier, and a few others against teams that aliendy have several games under their beit and the outcome is understandable.

Ledama University spent nine conputive days in Florida, but it seemed the two different trips. The start wen an ominous one for the Fighting Crossdors, six games, six losses, 71 rune allowed, three shutouts suffered.

Bars carne the turnaround. **B clarted** with a 5-5 tie, March 10 at **Webber Col**lege in Babson Park, Fla. after that cume a strong finish -- fourand as scort ().

Madonna returned with a respectable 4-6-1 mark. It's next two games are scheduled for Friday at Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio.

That March 10 turnaround started out badly for the Crusaders, They "matched Webber in hits, but not in runs, losing 3.0. Aaron Shrewsbury, who enjoyed a phenomenal trip (.333 batting average with five home runs and 10 runs batted in), collected two of Madonna's six hits. Bob Mason (from-Westland) suffered the loss (0-2, 7.94 earned run average for the trip), allowing three runs on six hits and four walks, with three strikeouts in 5% innings.

That's where Madonna's slide ended. In the second game against Webber, the two teams hattled through 11 innings before the game was halted with the score tied at 5-all. Dave O'Neill slugged a three-run home run in the sixth inning to put the Crusaders up 4-2; Jeff Warholik (.313, four RBI for the trip) and Darvi Rocho etermines, with 17 runs allowed (.314, four doubles, one homer, 10 RBI) each had two hits and an RBI.

James O'Connor (Rections Calbelle Central) started and method 65 innings, giving an lower raise (two carned) on five sets and two waters with eight states and two waters ing one run on per hits and sold and two with three Ks. Madonna followed by here the states of the states of the states of the state with three Ks.

again 5-3 on March 13. All four games were played at Cocca Beach.

Shrewsbury provided the offensive punch in the win over Beltimore City, slugging a double and two solo homers while going 3-for-3 at the plate. Bob Hamp added two hits and an BEI; Rocho had a double and two RBI; and Jason Brocks had two hits. E.J. House was the winning pitcher, allowing four runs on seven hits and six walks in the innings.

The first win over Ohio Valley required a three-run raily in the the score at 5-all after five and two more is win it in the sixth. Mike Butler evened his record at 1-1 by giving up four

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The first half of the trip was distant record-wise. Madonna was nowhit by Rollins College 12-0 on March 5: was edged by Eckerd College 12-11 on March & lost twice to Florida Southern, the No. 1-ranked toam in NCAA II, 6-0 on March 7 and 10-7 on March 8; and was beaten by Rensselner Poly 18-7 March 8

The Crushder's gave up 66 hit- in those five losses (more than 13 a game) and committed nine errors.

But against Eckerd they got a series. a double and a home run with two alBI from Wolfe: a homer and a single with four RBI from Sheewsbury; four hits from O'Neill (361, one homer, six RBI for the trip); three hits from Todd Miller (Farmington Hills/Birmingham Brother Ricel; two hits and two RBI from Rocho: and two hits and one RBI from both Voletti (.244, three homers, nine RBI) and Warholik.

Shrewsbury had another two-homer day in the 10.7 loss to Florida Southern, both of them solos. Voletti added a two-run blast in the loss.

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ACTIVITIES

Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a six-mile hike along the Paint Creek Trail on Sunday, March 28. Participants are asked to meet at noon behind the Michigan National Bank on 14 Mile Road, just east of I-75, in Troy. Call Mike Scanlon at (313) 884-2214 for more information.

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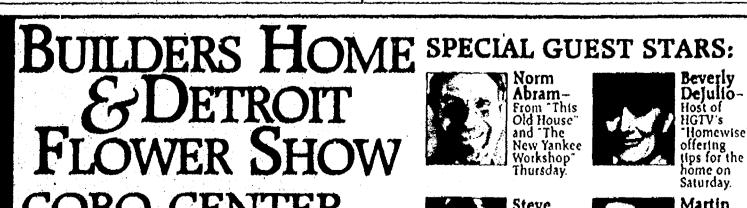
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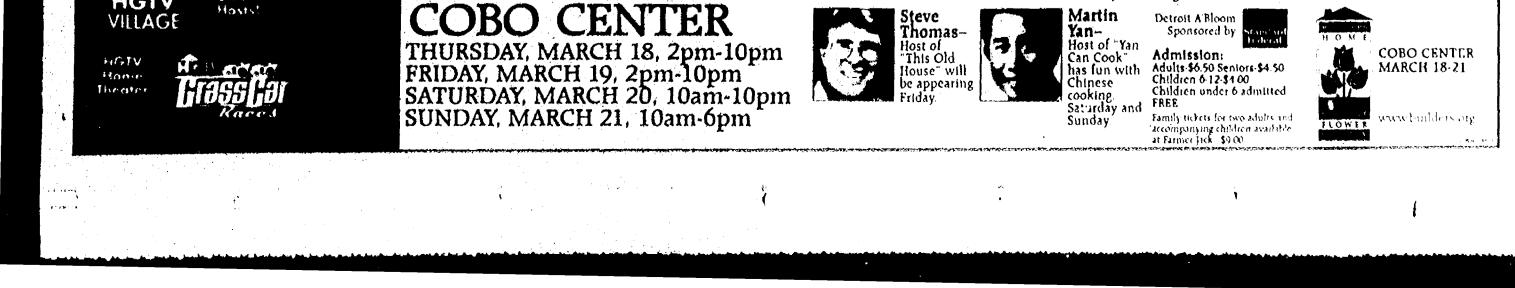
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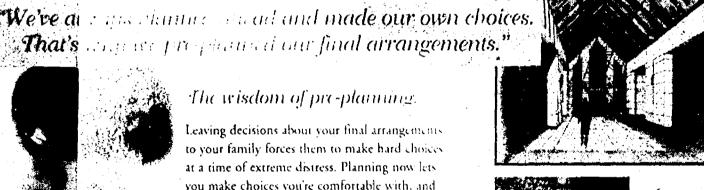
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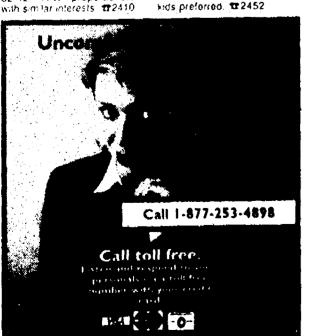
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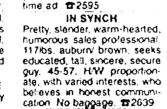
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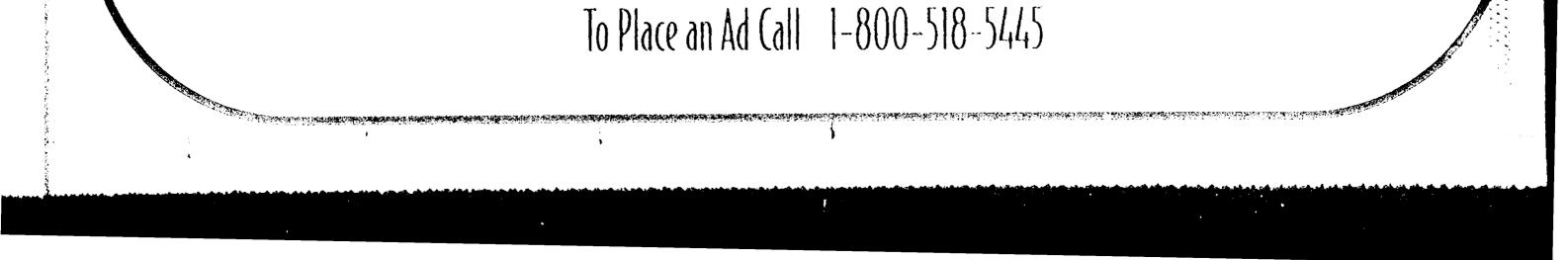
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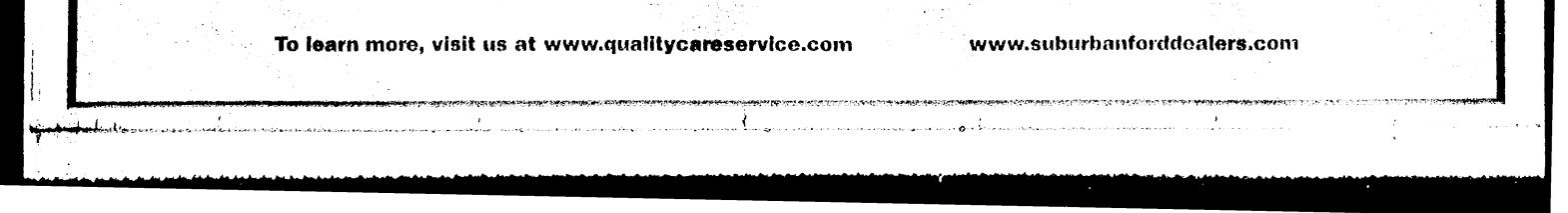
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Margaret Exner (left to right), Mary Jane Pories, Mary Vinette and Nyima Anise Woods in "Impeachment and Cream," 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. at The Second City-Detroit. Tickets \$17.50, call (313) 965-2222.

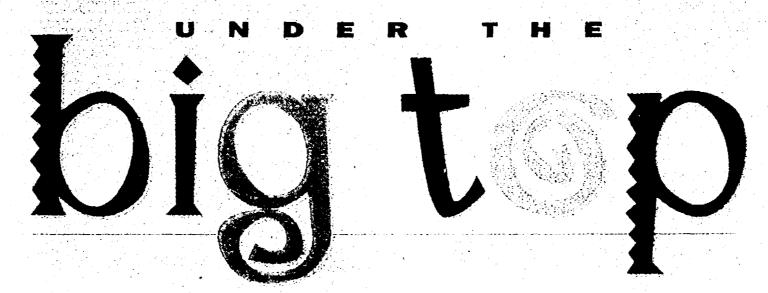




David Copperfield brings his show "U" to the Fox Theatre, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets \$45, \$37.50 and \$27.50, available at all Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 433-1515.



Hot act: All eyes turn to Andre when he steps into the ring with his Serengeti Lions.



Clowning aside, Shrine Circus is serious fun

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

he Shrine Circus - "The Circus with a Heart" is cele-



more to a Shriner than seeing a kid who was on crutches being able to walk."

Thornhill has been attending the Shrine Circus since he was a

Gypsy caravan brings celebration of culture, music

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

In the past Gypsy caravans would travel across Europe in brightly colored wagons. The Gypsies were both romanticized as vagabonds of the road and persecuted as thieves and "outsiders," victims of the churches, the Nazis and the Communists alike.

On March 26 another kind of Gypsy caravan comes to the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor, a celebration of the culture and music of the Gypsies or Rroma, the people who originated in Rajasthan, India,

and began moving across Europe in the Middle Ages. Their music is instantly recognizable for its speed, its lilt, its dancing spirit. And yet it is as varied as the lands where the Gypsies settled and the cultures they absorbed. The Yuri Yunakov

Ensemble plays a style called "wedding music."

"Wedding music is a style that became popular in Bulgaria in the 1970s and incorporated other styles of music. The new elements included Western instru-

Band leader: Yuri Yunakov and his ensemble celebrate gypsy "wedding music.'

mental influences, rock, jazz ..." said Carol Silverman, a folklorist and cultural anthropologist who sings with the group The music is rhythmically complex, incredibly fast and joyously upbeat. Silverman acted as translator during a telephone interview with saxophonist and band leader Yuri Yunakov. Yunakov began winning a wide following in the 1970s when he joined with Bulgarina clarinet player Ivo Papasov, modernizing traditional Bulgarian dance music with western instruments and outside ethnic influences, which landed Yunakov in jail twice during the Communist era. "Well, it was because of politics," Yunakov said. "Politics was tied to all of this music. At that time, the government prohibited Turkish and Rrom (Gypsy) music. ... The only kind you could play was Bulgarian and Russian. The government wanted to remove foreign impurity from the music." But wedding music became too popular for government resistance. Yunakov and his band would play scores of weddings, attracting as many as 2,000 people, some standing outside in the street just to hear the music.



The musical "Annie" returns to the Masonic Temple Theatre, direct from Broadway. Performances 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$19.50 to \$49.50, and are available at the Masonic Temple Theatre and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-666 to charge tickets, or (313) 832-2232 for information.



You can tune in the Academy Awards Ceremony on TV to find out if "Private

brating its 91st year bringing laughter joy and smiles to children of all ages.

This year's spectacle begins with a multi-colossal light show of amazing animations, thunderous songs and 3D laser beams zapping through the air featuring the circus on parade.

You'll see Andre and his Serengeti Lions, Circus Elephants, the Flying Redpaths, and Boitchanivis, Bulgarian teeterboard specialists who take to the skies from four springboards.

There's always something amazing going on in the three rings. Other highlights include, California Benni's trampoline comedy, Justino the Juggling Genius who performs with authentic machete knives, hoops and flaming torches, and human cannonball David Smith-Captain Circus.

"It's our biggest fund-raiser,"

Shrine Circus

WHEN: Continues through Sunday, March 28

WHERE: State Fair Coliseum, Michigan State Fairgrounds, Woodward Ave. at 8 Mile Road, Detroit. PERFORMANCES: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 à.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday; 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday. TICKETS: \$6, \$10, \$12, and \$14, available at the Shriner's Circus Ticket Office, (313) 831-1620, the Michigan State Fairgrounds Box Office, (313) 366-6200 and all Ticketmaster outlets, (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 831-1620 or (313) 366-6200. To purchase tickets online, visit the web site, www.shrinecircus.net

work." Shriner's have a soft spot for children, especially those that are handicapped or burned.

Clowning around: Friends

"Howie" Howard Zimmer

man, one of the members

said Larry Ode, Potentate of the

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Through the generosity of the Shriner's and various community organizations, which sponsor school groups, thousands of under-privileged children, whose families can't afford the price of a ticket, get to see the circus.

"The tickets are very inexpensive," said Ode. "We want people coming."

John Thornhill of Farmington Hills, Assistant Rabban, will be Potentate, and in charge of the circus in the year 2001.

"It's for the children, we have fun and raise money," he said. "There's nothing that means

Boy Scout in the 1940s. "I give the clowns a lot of credit," he said. "They're all Shrine Clowns, and they work hard every year as part of the circus."

Hugh Laird of Redford enjoys clowning around as "Racer." A teacher for 17 years, and administrator for 20, Laird loves kids and nothing makes him happier than to see them laugh and smile.

The best part of being a clown is "I can be with kids, and I don't have to mark report cards," he said. A white face clown, Racer "always has fun, he loves kids and to play tricks on them," said Laird who retired five years ago from the Redford Union School District.

"You know the saying — when you grow up you want to run away and join the circus. Fortunately we get to in Detroit," said

Please see CIRCUS, E2



Aerial magic: The Flying Redpaths display one of the most daring aerial presentations ever witnessed on the flying

By the late 1980s, the government began to embrace the music and even held contests.

Ironically, the situation for wedding musicians has deteriorated with the end of Communism.

Please see GYPSY, E2

WHAT: Gypsy Caravan: Gypsy Culture from India to Eastern Europe and Iberia, featuring Taraf de Haidouks (Romania): Kolpakov (Russia); Kalyi Jag (Hungary); Yuri Yunakov Ensemble (Bulgaria/Macedonia): Antonio Pipa's Flamenco Dance Company (Spain): and Musafir (Rujasthan, India) WHERE: The Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor WHEN: 8 p.m. Thursay, March 25 TICKETS: \$22 \$34 Call (734) 764 2538 of (800) 221 1229

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MAGIC Guns, gorillas and bunny rabbits in store for Penn and Teller fans

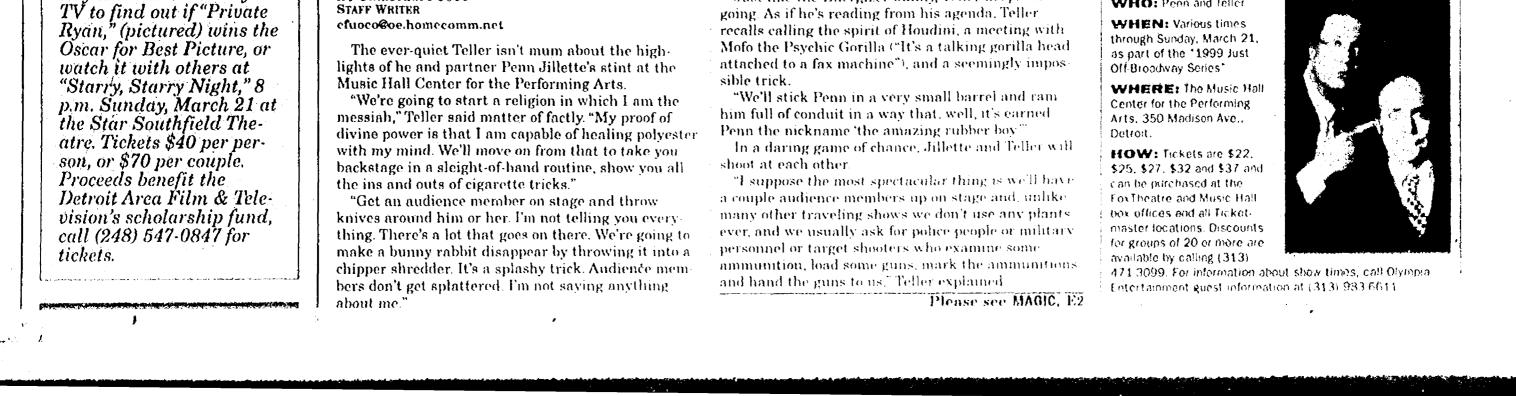
BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

Just like the Energizer bunny, Teller keeps on going. As if he's reading from his agenda, Teller recalls calling the spirit of Houdini, a meeting with Mofo the Psychic Gorilla ("It's a talking gorilla head attached to a fax machine"), and a seemingly impos-

In a daring game of chance, Jillette and Teller will

WHO: Penn and Teller

WHEN: Various times as part of the "1999 Just Off-Broodway Series*



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Gypsy band: Taraf de Haidouks plays music that combines medieval ballads and Turkish-flavored dance tunes. The name of the group translates as "band of brigands."

Gypsy from page E1

"The situation in Bulgaria little less frantic. today is really terrible since 1989," Yunakov said. "The economic situation is so bad that people are not celebrating weddings which in the past was the basis for community organizing. There is hardly any work for wedding musicians."

He said where once 1,000-2,000 people would gather for a wedding to hear a live band, now weddings use recorded music. He said in the Thrace section of southern Bulgaria the musicians would play for six or seven hours while the people danced.

Listening to Yunakov's recent CD "Balada: Bulgarian Wedding Music" (Traditional Crossroads) the tempos are so fast and the rhythms so/complex, it seems almost too fast for dancing.

When asked about this, Yunakov laughed heartily.

"You've heard our CD and those are concert pieces," he said. "At a wedding, I keep the tempo down so people can dance to it. There are different repertoires for concerts and weddings

"He works many places and has played for three years at The Turkish Kitchen, an excellent restaurant in New York at 22nd Street and 3rd Avenue," Silverman said.

Yunakov plays a variety of ethnic events as he is proficient in Arabic, Turkish, Rrom and Albanian music.

"He really likes a lot of different kinds of music, any music that's played well." Silverman said.

That includes jazz. Yunakov said he relaxes by listening to sax player David Sanborn's "Smooth Jazz" radio program. He has even played with Sanborn on a television program. But Yunakov believes music is a two-way street.

"He listens to jazz a lot and takes elements from many sources but is not a jazz musician," Silverman said. "He said it would be good for jazz musicians to take elements from his music as well. Bulgarian music is not to be thrown out."

The Gypsy Caravan is

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Annie' teaches strong life lessons

"Anne of Green Gables," a production of the First Theater Guild of Birmingham, runs 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in Knox Auditorium at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 Maple, between Southfield and Cranbrook Roads, Birmingham. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 seniors/students, (248) 644-2087, Ext. 151. BY LIBBY PRYSBY SPECIAL WRITER

The First Theater Guild combines a classic children's novel, enthusiastic actors, humorous dialogue, and a valuable lesson to produce an entertaining production- one that all will enjoy and learn from, "Anne of Green Gables" is a must see for all ages, even if the theater-goer has never read this timeless tale. It is easy to follow and enjoyable to watch from opening to closing curtain.

Many have read the story of Anne (with an "e") Shirley, a



Laird. "We perform in the circus and do two acts. That's very unique, to actually be allowed to perform. Every once in a while we get to be in the center ring, that's the ultimate."

Laird and his fellow clowns are serious about one thing helping children in burn centers. "All clowns support burn research," he said. "That's our big thing."

Charles Miller of Livonia "Chaz" directs the Shrine Clown Unit for the metro Detroit area.

"For clowns, their biggest joy is working with kids, entertaining kids, especially handicapped kids," he said. The circus isn't the only show in town, these clowns are busy all year. "We do 10 or 11 parades in the summer, birthday parties and union picnics" said Miller. "At the circus, we deal with a lot of kids and sign thousands of autographs. I like mainly to just walk around and mix with the kids and have a good time." At 4-foot-11, Howard Zimmer-

n celebration of the Phantom's

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three extraordinary 'Phantom' guest stars.

Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert and comes to live with them on their farm, Green Gables. The Cuthberts and all the other townsfolk of Prince Edward Island learn to love Anne and all her mannerisms and actions. even though she can be a little eccentric. The audience as well develops a liking towards Anne and is immediately drawn to her charming personality. There is never a dull moment in Anne's adolescent life, which is filled with tea parties, classroom lessons and roof climbing.

young orphan who is adopted by

Anne's dynamic character and personality would not be as impressive without the talent and acting ability of Christine Wearney, who brings her alive. Wearney, a freshman at Rochester High School, is delightful as Anne with her heartwarming gestures and pleasing voice. Wearney's character development is so good that the audience experiences Anne's growth from a jovial girl to a

mature young woman. Because of this, Wearney becomes a wonderful role model for aspiring actors and actresses as well as those who look up to Anne.

Helping Wearney create a heart-warming atmosphere at Green Gables are John Paul Andree III (Matthew Cuthbert) and Kirsten Eklund (Marilla Cuthbert).

Alexandra Grossi plays the "bosom buddy" to Anne, Diana Barry, and also does a fine job in portraying her character. With Wearney she creates a delightful and entertaining atmosphere for the audience in their moments together. Sara Lennox, who plays Josie Pye, Birmingham residents Meg and Kate Mathis, who play Ruby Gillis and Jennifer Taylor, who plays Prissy Andrews, all add to the classroom and tea party scenes with humor and smart remarks.

Other actors who enhance the production are Jessica Mchann, Billy Dixon. Blair and Lane Brettschneider, Julie Cronk,

Betsy Cypert, Rebecca Hyke, Carolyn Klein, Brittany and Harold MacDonald, Megan and Katharine Smith, Jackie Klein. Sara Tennent, Jason Smith, Craig Hemming, Jimmy Tobias, and Amanda Walters.

With the help of these young, talented actors, humorous dialogue is delivered faultlessly and with enthusiasm, while the kids have fun on stage. This feeling helps theater-goers enjoy themselves as well.

The audience leaves with happy hearts and a life lesson. "Anne of Green Gables" teaches audience members that anything is possible and, above all, one must be true to himself before he can be true to anyone else. Anne demonstrates this when she conquers obstacles to accomplish her goals and begins to accept herself. What can be better than attending an enjoyable play and, at the same time, learning that everyone of us is valuable and important. That's the lesson in "Anne of Green Gables."

work: Don Petty (left), Harry Postoian and Bill Green discuss the next issue of The Center Ring, the world's smallest newspaper.

Shriners at

WINSTON MILLER

Ring, the world's smallest newspaper, always has his eyes open for a photo.

Bill Green of Livonia is the editor of Center Ring, and Don Petty of Clarkston and Harry Postoian of Southfield write articles, which include profiles about the volunteers. There's a joke in every issue.

"It's strictly for the Shriners," said Petty. "It tells the Shriners what's going on, and they can take it home to their wives so they know where they are. We try to get a lot of people's names in."

While the circus is going on in the auditorium, the guys have their own Center Ring going on as they work to put the paper together. It's a fun department, and they enjoy the camaraderie.



where people dance."

Yunakov's band was constantly, working weddings. Silverman said the band was sought after by. everyone. Since 1994, Yunakov has lived in the United States where his schedule is a

ing the music of several cultures to 16 cities on the current tour. The Gypsy musicians bring their individual sounds from Russia, Hungary, Roumania, Spain, Bulgaria and from the Gypsy homeland of India.

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man "Howie" of Garden City, is someone kids relate to, "because good day." I'm at their level," he said.

For him, "just being able to make the children smile," is reward enough. "So many children who come to the circus are under-privileged. It makes you feel good inside to know you

helped them smile and have a

There's a lot of news to report, and Winston Miller of Farmington, photographer for the *Center*

"I wouldn't miss the circus for the world," said Miller. "We just love it. When you work for Center Ring you get to know a lot of the performers."

Magic from page E1

"We then go to opposite ends of the stage and (sides) fire the guns at each other's faces and the bullets end up between our teeth. I believe it's the best magic trick that anybody in the audience has ever seen. It's fooled very knowledgeable magicians. It's a deeply amazing and wondrous sort of trick. It's a trick that had its origins in the bullet catch which is a trick that has killed off over 12 magicians in the course of history. We won't be killed, of course."

Longtime "team"

The duo met April 10, 1974, and performed together Aug. 19 to Sept. 3, 1975, during the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. Since then, they have become regular guests on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "The Late Show with David Letterman," and "Live! With Regis and Kathie Lee." In addition to that, they have recurring roles as Drell and Skippy on "Sabrina, The Teenage Witch," and as attorneys Fenn and Geller on "The Drew Carey Show."

On Aug. 10, Penn and Teller kicked off their weekly variety series, "Penn & Teller's Sincity Spectacular," which airs at 10 p.m. Fridays on the FX cable channel.

Penn and Teller were offered the television show based on the assumption that they could take a variety show "someplace it hasn't been before," Teller explained. "I think we've done that," he

added with a laugh.

And it took plenty of brainstorming to achieve that.

"You don't come up with an hour's worth of material every week for 24 weeks without just ringing your brain dry of ideas," Teller said.

Teller explained that performing live and in front of a camera are two totally different animals. "It's just different because on TV the camera makes the choice of what you're looking at. In the live theater, you get to make the choice," he said.

forming in two media - televi- show, you're traveling around the

of trouble just doing TV," he said.

"When you're doing a live show like Penn and Teller, which of course you're not, I am, you're becoming very big fish in a tiny little pond. There is nothing to get through to be able to do what you want. FX gives us complete power and anonymity. They don't bug us at all but still you're working with a team of 120 people. It's wonderful and terrific. But it's also nice to go back to a team, which Penn and Teller is, of six people. So I like both very much. It's nice that it works out."

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., and Greenfield, Mass., respectively, Teller and Jillette now reside in Las Vegas. Teller has lived there for five years and recently flew home from a performance to see Bob Dylan's show. "He's sort of regal and goofy at the same time," he said.

Jillette prefers to lay low.

"How great is it?" Jillette said of Las Vegas. "I'll tell you if you don't drink - which I've never had a drink in my life – if you don't do drugs and you don't gamble, which none of those things I do, it's the perfect city. It's a cheap holiday on other people's misery, to quote Johnny Rotten. Your living is subsidized by bad math. People who are bad at math fly here and spend money. It's a great city where you can live really really fancy rich for no money."

Of course, he does make an exception to his strict lifestyle when he comes to Detroit.

"Where's Detroit?" "I don't really look forward to

going anywhere. I love being on the road, I love doing shows. But the way I've become perfect at being on the road is by not seeing cities as different from one another. I spend most of the time in my hotel room. I read, I play with my computer and go in and I do the show. There are exceptions to that. I think Detroit has good strip clubs in Windsor and so on. I do enjoy that now and again. I'll find good restaurants In between bites of a chocolate and so on. People think that bar, Jillette said he enjoys per- when you're on the road doing a



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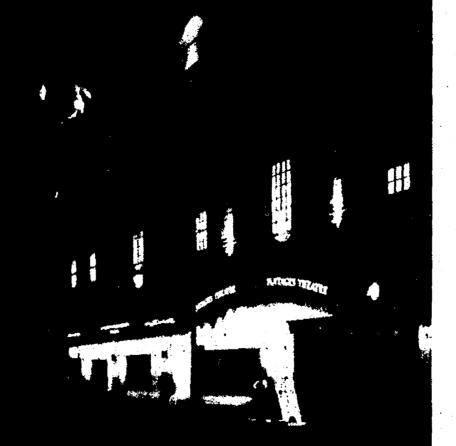
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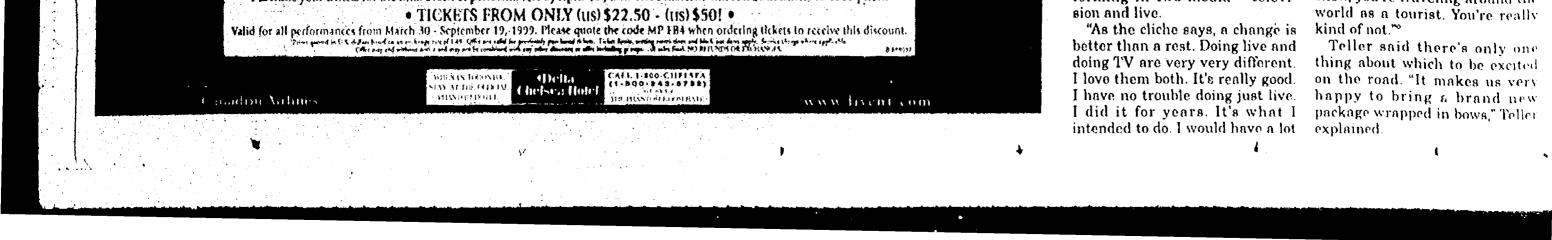


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Village Players put heart into 'Fiddler on the Roof'

Village Players of Birmingham presents "Fiddler on the Roof," March 19.21 and 26.27. Performances 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. Tickets \$14, call (248) 644-2075.

BY MARY JANE DOERR SPECIAL WRITER

As far as musicals go, the Village Players seems to have become enamored with the creative team of Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick this year.

Last fall they produced a light hearted "She Loves Me." Now the company is presenting a heart-felt production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

Keeping the fiddler on the roof is a delicate show biz balance between the harsh realities of the show and its romantic sentiment.

Director Barbara Anne Gowans dwells on the personal relationships of the four love stories, down playing the cruel scenes between the soldiers and the Anatevka Jews.

The show centers on the families and not as much on the volatile politics of 1905 Russia.

Grace and Glorie: Gloria, Elizabeth Bradford of Plymouth (left) and Grace, Laura Gumina of Redford, play two women from opposite backgrounds who struggle with issues of living and dying.

There is little thrown around by the Russian soldiers during the ransacking scene that breaks up the wedding dancing, and few actions to physically create the reality of the coming Revolution, just a real sense of warmth between the couples.

Perhaps, it is because Gowen has cast vibrant young actors and actresses to play Tzeitel and Motel, Hodel and Perchik, and Chava and Fyedka.

Concetta La Macchio (Tzeitel), Rachel Cantor (Hodel), and Courtney Thomasma (Chava) quickly win over audiences in their harmonious "Matchmaker." Later, Rachel Cantor sings a beautiful "Far From the Home I Love" turning what has to be one of the most heart wrenching scenes in all musical theatre into an understanding of the depth of love. Her fiancé, Perchik, is portrayed by a convincing Paul Bernstein. Together they elicit a "made for each other" impression.

The dther couples has the same appeal. Courtney Thomasma is a soft Chava that matches up with Joey Bybee as Fyedka. Concetta La Macchio is well paired with Nate Topie as Model.

Topie has bright appeal in "Miracle of Miracles."

Even though her matching proved fruitless regarding these three couples who marry for love, Diane D'Agostino as Yente, the Matchmaker, is a penetrating character with her dominate and clear voice. Barry V. Levine has the same ability with a pronounced and humorous Rabbi. George D. Cirilli's Lazar Wolf, the butcher, makes its hard to understand why Tzeitel turns him down.

Cirilli handles the bar room scene and the wedding scene with a sense of humorous timing. Both scenes are enhanced by Debra Bernstein-Siegel's simple but appropriate choreography, especially in the bottle dance which the moveable set design leaves as much stage space as possible.

Liz Walters has the difficult part of playing Golde and she does it with a strong voice singing "Sunrise Sunset." Her Golde is a softer one than we are used to, in keeping with tone of this production. One of the best scenes in the show is the dream scene with Ann Stevenson as

Grandma Tzeitel and the chorus.

more difficult because she must play opposite the inimitable Dan Castle. More than anything this show belongs to Dan Castle who plays and sings Tevye with a very fine voice. This time Castle has traded his traditional comedy for a no adlib, no shenanigans, no fiddling around role. From time to time, Castle throws a few sideways glances at the audience, drawing more humor out of the lines, but it is never out of keeping with the role or out of place. Perhaps "If I were a Rich Man" is a little low for his range but the later songs bring out a lovely richness. He plays the very kindly Tevye whose musings with God reflect our questions about life but with a kindly attitude toward his daughters.

as Tevye, his style of interaction with the daughters and Golde, more than anything else, Castle keeps this fiddler fiddling on the roof.

The nine member orchestra supports well from the back of stage pit. Good placement for the sound. Walter's role is made even

With his humor and warmth



Loving couple: Dan Castle (Tevve) and Liz Walters (Golde) in a scene from the Village Players prot . duction of 💈 "Fiddler on the Roof."

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Theatre Guild's'Little Foxes'

Annette Hissong as Addie the maid presented a solid performance as one of the few whole-

"Steel Magnolia" type, the only who has the gumption to stand up to the whole dysfunctional Hubbard family. Mudge works at Hancock Fabrics and put together very attractive costumes for her character.

Matt Eskola, in the role of Horace Giddens, Alexandra's father, a true Southern gentlemen in very poor health. His make-up and demeanor was quite convincing. But, Lorreta Wilson, as Regina Giddens (nee Hubbard), was the show stopper in both costume and character. Sister and business partner of Oscar and Benjamin, she is a Gibson Girl; gone gonzo with greed. The twisted family and business. relationships all center around this grasping character Whether she's leaving her ailing. husband, Horace, to flounder on the stairs, or is flirting with: William Marshall, Regina Giddens is always impeccably dressed and the clear matriarch of this scheming family. The complex relationships of the entire cast are a real treat to see. To paraphrase a line from the? play: "There are those who act upon a stage, and those of **us**

Trinity House tackles tough issues

Trinity House Theatre presents sons, never traveled more than The chemistry between Lee Tom Ziegler's "Grace and Glorie" 50 miles from her home, and is and Gumina cements the

is a well-cast production their roles.

Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford presents Lillian Hellman's "The Little Foxes," March 19-21, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, Redford. Tickets \$10, \$9 seniors/students, call (313) 531-0554.

some characters in this play. Morris Goodman, an attorney by day, was convincing as Cal the butler. Connie Fox, in the role of Birdie Hubbard, was very believable as the sad captive of her abusive husband Oscar Hubbard, played to perfection by theater veteran Thom Hinks. Hinks has a fine voice, and puts it to good use on stage as well as lending his time as a reader for the Detroit Radio Information service (a reading service for the blind). Hinks also serves as an Audio Describer for blind patrons at Meadow brook Theatre. Joshua Ebi, in a marked contrast to his previous roles as Tiny Tim and Linus, was able to pull off the role of young wastrel Leo Hubbard quite well. The role of William Marshall, unsuspecting business partner of the Hubbard family, was well played by Dennis Day. Jeff Bartos is marvelous as Benjamin Hubbard, brother of Oscar. He has the smiling Southern civility routine that barely disguises hostility down pat.

8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through March 28 at the theater, 38840 West Six Mile, west of 1-275, Livonia. Some adult language. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or more, (734) 464-6302.

BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

Trinity House Theatre's touching and heartwarming production of "Grace and Glorie" has the potential to be their sleeper hit of the season. Don't be scared off by it being a play about death: the dialogue-driven play is more about life and the choices one makes. Director Trudy Mason has been blessed with a strong, believable cast, a compelling script and a talented technical team. "Grace and Glorie" is community theater at its finest

Gloria is an agnostic, Harvardbred New York business woman turned hospice volunteer, whose lawyer husband relocated them to the laid-back pace of

unable to read. However, her profound faith and her simple yet remarkably insightful observations about life allow Grace to help Gloria confront and understand her own personal demons.

Elizabeth Ladd Lee of Hazel Park plays the efficient yet insecure Gloria with her heart on her well-tailored sleeve. Although Gloria tries to maintain the aloof, detached composure she developed as a business woman, she ends up receiving more from Grace than she could have possibly imagined. Lee plays the role with both nervous energy and gentle compassion. Impeccably costumed and made up, she's both likable and annoving, and convincingly real.

Laura Gumina of Redford is outstanding in the role of Grace, weary yet regal, a queen holding court in her small Appalachian cabin with a homemade quilt as her mantle and Walkman headphones as her crown. A fall and a broken hip led her to the unexstrength of the budding relationship and provokes the liveliest dialogue. Grace brings Gloria down to reality by reminding her that "Glorie, honey, you didn't come here to see me through this, you came here to see me die."

As Gloria helps Grace with her physical needs, Grace helps Gloria deal with her emotional conflicts, reminding her that "each life is like one stitch in a sweater. If one stitch is gone, the whole thing is gone."

The set is a homey and comfortable rustic cabin with a working pump sink, an offstage oven that billows smoke when Gloria forgets to open the flue, and amazing attention to details through the props.

The sound effects are a major component of the play, as they create the realistic backdrop of encroaching bulldozers eager to formers, and were well cast in level Grace's beloved farm.

SPECIAL WRITER

BY MAGGIE BOLEYN

Greed, lies and warped family values. No, not 1999, but 1900 is the setting for Lillian Hellman's unsettling play "The Little Foxes." Presented by The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, under the direction of Cranbrook graduate Peter Sonnberg, the turn of the 20th century set is a delight as we turn to the 21st century.

The set showed great care and attention to details such as the pitcher and wash basin as well as period photographs hanging on the walls.

The costumes are equally imaginative, with cast members working with Sonnberg to create their outfits. A feathered pink dress worn in the first scene is a real eye popper.

The cast members are all seasoned community theater per-

Kristen Mudge as Alexandra Giddens, portrays a young who watch them

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A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE "Sunset Boulevard," Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical starring Petula Clark as Norma Desmond, continues to March 21, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, at the opera house, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$32.50-\$65. (248) 645-6666

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

Camp Logan, Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the 1917 Houston riot and court martials, through Sunday, March 21, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666. JET

Anne Frank and Me^{} continues to March 26 at 10:30 a.m. for students \$(5), general public 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21 (\$10, \$5 students), at the Millenium Theatre Center, Southfield. (248) 788-2900 or http://comnet.org/jet MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE

"Annie" featuring Sally Struthers. Brittny Kissinger as Annie, and Conrad John Schuck as Daddy Warbucks, through Sunday, March 21, at the theater, Detroit. \$19.50-\$49.50. (248) 645-6666/(313) 832-2232

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"A Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts," Karim Alrawi's play about the relationship between Edsel Ford and the politically controversial artist as the Detroit Industry mural were being created at the Detroit Institute of Arts, runs to April 4, at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester, \$24-\$35, (248) 377-3300

OPERA

VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN Presents a concert of solo arias and duets from "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "I Pagliacci," 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Henry Ford Centennial



LAURIE SPARHAM/MIRAMAX FILMS

Drama: Gwyneth Paltrow and Joseph Fiennes in "Shakespeare in Love," nominated for a Best Picture Oscar. You can watch the Academy Awards Ceremony on TV Sunday, March 21 or celebrate with others. Here are a few events to consider, Starry Starry Night, a benefit for the Detroit Area Film & Television scholarship fund, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 21 at the Star Southfield Theatre, 24333 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield. Tickets are \$40 per person, or \$70 per couple, call (248) 547-0847. Detroit's third annual Oscar Night America party will be held 7 p.m. Sunday, March 21 at The Second City and Risata Restaurant. Tickets are \$125 per person, proceeds benefit the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts, call (313) 833-0247. Excalibur Restaurant, 28875 Franklin Road, Southfield, will have a live telecast of the Academy Awards ceremony and Oscar Derby. Call the restaurant, (248) 358-3355 for reservations/information.

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Winter Movie Series continues with "The Quiet Mah" starring John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara and Barry Fitgerald, 8 p.m. Friday, March 19 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March' 20 (organ overtures start 30 minutes earlier, guest organists all performances Dave Calendine), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

POPS/SWING

COUNT BASIE TRIBUTE

Johnny Trudell's Big Band featuring Teddy Harris Jr. is joined by trombonist Al Grey, 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Clarenceville High School auditorlum, Middlebelt south of Eight Mile, Livonia. \$15, proceeds to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival and the Clarenceville Foundation. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454

"FRESCHETTA MIRROR BALL TOUR" With New Morty Show, Alien Fashion Show and Blue Plate Special, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (swing)

THE PRO'S The 17-plece orchestra with female vocalist performs 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, beginner swing lessons start at 8:30 p.m., at the 24 KT Club,

start at 8:30 p.m., at the 24 K1 Club 28949 Joy Road, east of Middlebelt, Westland, (734) 513-5030 SHAKEN NOT STIRRED

9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Karl's, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (swing)

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

1 p.m. Sunday, March 21, during the Detroit Rockers game at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (western swing) II-V-I ORCHESTRA

9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit, (313) 259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 663-7758

AUDITIONS

19, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522
Northwestern Highway, Southfield.
Free, 21 and older, (248) 223-1700
JACK DRYDEN TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 18,

Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (bass/piano/drums trio) TIM FLAHARTY TRIO

With Nancy K., 10 p.in. to 2 a.m. Friday, March 26, Club Bart, 22726 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 548-8746 (classic jazz guitar and vocals)

ERIK FRIEDLANDER

Jazz cellist who performed with the rock band Hole during MTV's "Unplugged," performs with his quartet Topaz, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Kerrytown Concert Hall, Ann Arbor. \$10 and \$15. (734) 769-2999 GROUND.EFX

Live dub and jungle featuring former members of Larval and Butterfly, 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S: Ashley St., Ann Arbor: \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

NATE GURLEY

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS

8-11 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, at the No.VI Chophouse & Lobster Bar in the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 305-5210; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-7333

JAZZHEAD

9 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (funk/jazz) "JAZZ IN THE STREETS" The series continues with Straight

Ahead, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward. \$20. (313) 833-1262 for reservations

VANESA JOHNSON AND FRIENDS

9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20 and 26-27, Tom's Oyster Bar, 29106 Franklin Road, Southfield, (248) 356-8881

BETTY JOPLIN

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662 8310

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EMU THEATRE

*35 Miles from Detroit, * a one-man drama about one black man's life in the latter half of the 20th century, starring Ricardo Pitts-Wiley, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the Sponberg Theatre on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-1221

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Neil Simon's hysterical farce "Rumors" 6:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20 and 26-27 (\$19 includes dinner and 8 p.m. show), and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 2-3 (\$8), at the college, 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (734) 462-4596

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

Moss Hart's comedy "Light Up the Sky" continues in rotating repertory to April 1, and "The Playboy of the Western World," a literary classic from Ireland about a playboy who cons his way into becoming the romantic hero of a small peasant village, runs through May 8 in rotating repertory, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS

"The Children's Hour," Lillian Hellman's adult drama, March 18-20, at the theater, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$13. (248) 608-9077 BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS The musical. "Fiddler on the Roof," March 12-14, 19-21 and 26-27, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$14. (248) 644-2075

BLOOMFIELD PLAYERS

"Wizard of Oz," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20 and 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 21 and 28, at Andover High School theater, Andover and Long Lake roads, west of Telegraph. \$10, \$8 under age 12. (248) 433-0885

FIRST THEATRE GUILD

"Arine of Green Gables," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, In Knox Auditorium at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 Maple, between Southfield and Cranbrook Roads. \$7, \$5 seniors/students. (248) 644-2087, ext. 151

JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS "Cahoots," a comedy thriller about a group of friends who get together for a quiet dinner that ends in murder, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20 and 26-27, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's recreation and organizations center, Evergreen Road between Ford and Michigan, Dearborn. \$8, \$5 seniors/students. (734) 797-JACK

PARK PLAYERS

"Quilters," March 19:21, and 28:27, at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. \$10 (313) 561-TKTS/(313) 277-5164 **PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY** "The Trial of One Shortsighted Black

Monroe and Outer Drive, Dearborn. \$11.

"The Trial of One Shortsighted Black Woman vs. Mammy Louise and Safreeta Mae," continues to March 28, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 18-19, 25-26, and 6 p.m. Sunday evenings, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren at Brush, Detroit. (313) 872-0279 **PONTIAC THEATRE IV** "Educating Rita," 8 p.m. Fridays-

Saturdays, March 19-20 and 26-27, at Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene. \$7, \$6 seniors/children. (248) 624-3187/(248) 682-1165 **RIDGEDALE PLAYERS**

"Beau Jest," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 21. at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Crooks and Livernois, Troy. \$11, \$10 students/seniors on Sundays. (248) 988-7049

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK

"Dearly Departed," a comedy about a group of Southerners brought together by the death of a family patriarch, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 25-27, at 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$12, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 644-0527

SRO PRODUCTIONS

*Eat Your Heart Out," Nick Hall's comedy about an out-of-work actor paying the bills as a waiter, March 19-21 and 26-28, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at The Burgh, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. \$8, \$7 senior/child. (248) 827-0707 **STAGECRAFTERS**

"Light Up the Sky," runs Fridays-Sundays, through March 28, at the Baldwin Theatre, 416 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$10-12. (248) 541-6430; Special dinner/theater package available from Illustions Bar and Grill in Royal Oak. (248) 586-1313 **THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD** Lillian Hellman's "The Little Foxes," March 19-21, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, Redford. \$10, \$9 seniors/students. (313) 531-0554

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

*Grace and Glorie, * 8 p.m. Fildays-Saturdays, March 19:20 and 26:27, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 21 and 28; at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile; (west of I-275), Livonia. \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or more. (734) 464-6302 WEST END PRODUCTIONS

*Saucy Bossy and Burlesque," a hysterical coniedy capturing the robust spirit of the jokes of the vanished era, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through April 3, March 27 sold-out benefit performance, at the Wunderground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., south of 11 Mile above ACE Hardware, Royal Oak. \$12. (248) 541-1763

DINNER THEATER

7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Wednesdays-Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac.

YOUTH

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE'S JUNIOR THEATRE COMPANY

A futuristic version of "The Emperor's New Clothes," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 18-19, 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the theater, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$6 adults, \$5 children. (734) 971-2228 MARQUIS THEATRE "Velveteen Rabbit," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 25, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 5-9, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

*Jack and the Beanstalk, * runs Saturdays-Sundays to May 23, 1 p.m. Saturdays (lunch at noon) and 2 p.m. Sundays (lunch at 1 p.m.), at the Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, Detroit. \$7.50, includes lunch and show. (810) 662-8118 PHOENIX THEATRE COMPANY

"Thespis," an humorous and romantic operetta by Gilbert, Sullivan and Nodus about a group of mortals who take over the tasks of the gods on Mt. Olympus for a year, performed by gifted high school students, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18, and 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, at the International Academy, 1020 Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, \$5, \$4 advance. (248) 645-4820

SPECIAL EVENTS

"COLLAGE" CONCERT

Featuring 250 of Henry Ford Community College's best musicians and singers performing everything from jazz to classical favorites, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, \$15, proceeds help defray the performing expenses for Henry Ford Community College music students as well as other group activities. (313) 576-5111/(313) 845-6470 DAVID COPPERFIELD Five performances, Saturday-Sunday, March, 20-21, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50-\$45. All ages. (248) 433-1515 THEATRICAL EVENING In honor of Women's History Month, Lynette Brown takes on the role of midnineteenth century women's rights activist Elizabeth Cady Stanton 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St. Free. (734) 453 0750, press 4

FAMILY EVENTS

CASEY & MAC

The dynamic duo combines storytelling with music and song, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

KIDS CONCERT

younger. (313) 271-1620

Features traditional Irish storyteller Gerald Maloney reciting the tale of "The Tinker of Tamlach" 1:30-2:15 p.m. Saturday, March 20 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022

SUPERFAIR

Carnival rides and midway attractions, Friday-Sunday, March 19-28, 4-11 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturdays and until 10 p.m. Sundays, at the Pontiac Silverdome. \$8 Monday-Thursday, \$12 Friday-Sunday. (248) 456-1600

WIGGLE GIGGLE STUDIO

1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 20, presented in conjunction with the new African American Portraits of Courage exhibit, at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward, \$5 per child. Call for reservations (313) \$33-1262

BENEFITS

*CREATIVES FOR A CURE" Benefit for the Karmanos Cancer Institute featuring a performance by Stewart Francke, his first since undergoing a stem cell transplant for treatment of leukemia five months ago, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$35 mezzanine, \$100 open bar on the ground level and table seating. (800) KARMANOS

MORRISCO ART THEATRE

"Bye-Bye Love," a musical-theatrical review to raise funds for the Ann Arbor MorrisCo Art Theatre, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 18-20, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$20, \$12. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With Conductor Neeme Jarvi and violinist Julian Rachlin, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, March 19, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20; With Jarvi and pianist Garrick Ohlsson, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48, and a limited number of box seats for \$40-\$60, (313) 576-5111 REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY

ORCHESTRA Plays well-known music by Strauss,

Haydn and Rimsky-Korsakov 3 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at Thurston High School In Redford, Free. GRIGORY SOKOLOV

The renowned planist performs as part of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit series, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111

TAKACS QUARTET

Performs music of Haydn, Bartok and Dvorak, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor, \$12, \$18, \$22, and \$24, (734) 764-2538

ORGAN

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND Now in its 26th year, the band is looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass and especially percussion players) of all ages, rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Groves High School, Birmingham. (248) 474-4997 NOVI THEATRES

Auditions for ages 13-college for "Picnic at Hanging Rock" 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18, once cast all actors pay fee of \$125, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile. For performances May 14-16. (248) 347-0400

RADIO CITY ENTERTAINMENT'S "WIZARD OF OZ"

Holds open auditions for Munchkins for Fox Theatre performances of "The Wizard of Oz,* 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 22, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Candidates must be girls and boys between the ages of 8-14, or little people no taller than 4'10." Height will be measured upon arrival. Six selected Munchkins will have walk-on roles in one of three designated performances of "The Wizard of Oz.* (313) 596-3288 THE SECOND CITY The Second City is looking for new, talented actors by hosting limited auditions by appointment only, Monday-Wednesday, April 5-7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call backs April 9th. Candidates (non-equity and equity) must have stage and performance experience, strong writing skills

mance experience, strong writing skills and be able to sing. Walk-ins will not be accepted. To register, (313) 964-5821 by April 1.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE HONORS

The college auditions planists Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, and those who play other instruments and sing, Saturday, March 20, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Students in elementary through high school grades are eligible for the piano competition; students in grades 5-12 may enter the instrumental division; and students in grades 9-12 may compete in the vocal category. Judges will select winners from the various categories, and winners will receive cash awards ranging from \$50 for elementary plano to \$250 for winners in the senior voice competition. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

SHOCK WAVE DANCE TEAM

The Detroit Shock's dance team hosts open auditions for youths ages 13-17 (male and female) to perform at WNBA Shock games, 4 p.m. Monday, March 22, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. (248) 377-8696/(248) 377-0132/(248) 377-0199

SHOWBIZ EXPO

Accepting applications from boys and girls ages 3-18 for Michigan's 12th annual Showbiz Entertainment and Photogenic Expo, March 20-21. Portions of all proceeds to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation. (248) 650-1741/(810) 977-2741

JAZZ

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO

EILEEN KELTER TRIO

1 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Jewish Community Center, Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Free, tickets are required. (248) 967-4030 KATHY KOSINS TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, March 19 and 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass trio) SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays in March,

Woodruff's, 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak, Free, All ages. (248) 586-1519 KEIKO MATSUI

With Eric Marienthal, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, and with The Ken Navarro Group, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak, \$28.50. 21 and older. (248) 546-7610 MATT MICHAELS

With saxophonist Paul Vornhagen Thursday, March 18, with trumpeter Marcus Belgrave Thursday, March 25, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington. \$5 cover waived with dinner order. (248) 474-4800

M.A.S. (MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY)

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 18-20. and Wednesday-Saturday, March 24-27. Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard. Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838

PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND

2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Hall (M-59) and Garfield roads. Clinton Twsp. \$24, \$22 students/seniors, \$70 family of four. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737 CHARLES SCALES DUO

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8 p.m. Mondays in March, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit, Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838 GWEN AND CHARLES SCALES

8 p.m. Tuesdays in March, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838 STRAIGHT AHEAD

B'Jazz Vespers presents the popular African American women's jazz group 6 p.m. Sunday, March 21, 20 minutes of worship interlude celebrating Women's History Month, at First Baptist Church. 300 Willits at Bates, Birmingham, Free will offering is taken for the musicians (248) 644-0550

PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 20. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax and vocal/piano/bass trio) URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a m Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Aug. Displayer forte, 201 S. Woodward

Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older (248) 594-7300

WORLD MUSIC

BLACKTHORN

 6 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Free (248) 644 0550 or http://www.black thorn1.com (Irish)
 BOYS OF THE LOUGH
 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, The Ark

20. (313) 531 0431 **PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN** "I Remember Mama," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays; March 19:20, and 26:27, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the theater, 21730 Madison, southeast of BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE Satu 'Tony n' Tina's Wedding,' an Interactive Henri theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live with band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run, at for m

Saturday-Sunday, March 20-21, at Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Bivd., Dearborn. Free with musuem admission of \$12,50, \$11.50 seniors. \$7.50 kids 5-12, free for members and children ages 4 and Livernols, De

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DETROIT THEATER ORGAN SOCIETY8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 25DETROIT THEATER ORGAN SOCIETYEdison's, 220 Merrill St., BirminghamConcert by Chris Elliott, 3 p.m.Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150Saturday, March 20, at the Senate(vocal/plano/bass trio)Theater, 6424 Michigan Ave., atCALVIN BROOKSLivernols, Detroit. \$12, (313) 894 08509:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, March

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316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$15, All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (Scottish) IMMUNITY

8:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, March 26, The Alley, 215 Main St., Rochester. \$3. 21 and older. (248) 652-6620 (reggae) LIZ MOMBLANCO

10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., Chelsea. Free. (734) 327-2041 (Asian and Hispanic) NEW ORLEANS KLEZMER ALL STARS 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 JIM PERKINS

9 p.m. Wednesdays in March, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, inside the Starry Night Lounge in Van Gogh's, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 324-0400 (Celtic folk)

FOLK/ **BLUEGRASS**

BARBARA BARRETT

Performs on open mike night for new tatent, 8-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, new acoustic and spoken word talent wishing to perform must arrive before 7:15 p.m., at the Angel Caravan Coffeehouse in the Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Free, suggested donation \$5. (734) 327-2041

PHIL COOPER AND MARGARET NELSON

Sing new and traditional songs from Britain and North America ranging from bloody murder ballads to comic songs and serious social comment, also Paut Goelz amd Cindy Simmons on hammered dulcimers, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor, \$7. (734) 769-1052 DAVID GRISMAN QUINTET 8 p.m. Friday, March 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$25. All ages.

(734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass) JAN KRIST

8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20. Smitty's, 222 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 RICHARD LAWRENCE

Union Jam Band, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 20 (open jam for string band musicians of all levels 4-6 p.m., free). at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor, \$7. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241

DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dance program featuring Judith Jamison and senior company members of the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater, discussion and excerpts from "Cry," one of Ailey's most outstanding choreographic pieces, 2 p.m. Saturday, March 20, in the Main Library's Friends Auditorium, 5201 Woodward, north of Warren Avenue. Free. (313) 833-4042/(734) 764-2538 ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, to live music, at Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

RADOMIANIE POLISH FOLK DANCE ENSEMBLE

The dance ensemble hosts their annual performance and Polish Easter Brunch (Swieconka), 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 750 N. Beech Daly Road, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads. Dearborn Heights, \$16, includes brunch and 2:30 p.m. performance. No tickets available at the door. Deadline for reservation is March 21. (734) 427-8640/(734) 522-6560 "STOMP"

Friday-Sunday, March 12-21, at the Fisher Theatre, Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays. (248) 645-6666 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

*The Mindless Crowd: New Studies in Theater and Dance Based on the Work of Magdalena Abakanowicz" brings together community performers inspired by the Polish artist's sculptures, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18 in the museum's Apse 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$7, available in advance at the museum gift shop. Seating limited. (734) 647-0521. The installation of Abakanowicz's headless sculptures continues to May 2. (734) 764-0395 or

http://www.umich.edu/~umma/

COMEDY

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, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER "Breaking Through: The Creative Engineer," an exhibit exploring creativity in engineering everything from rollercoasters to Colorado's Hanging Lake Viaduct, continues to April 30 in the Exhibit Hall; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays Fridays, and multiple showings of "Everest" and "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R (at Warren). Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400 HENRY FORD ESTATE- FAIR LANE Visit the estate of the automotive ploneer including the restored riverside

powerhouse and Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, see giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still generate electricity today, travel the underground tunnel to the 56-room mansion with elaborate carved woodwoork and personal artifacts, hours are 1-4:30 p.m. Sundays, 1:30 p.m. weekday tours through April, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Family Fun Month "Swings into Spring" with musical performances, swing dancing, yo yo demonstrations, puppet shows and more, March 20-21 and 27-28, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11,50 seniors. \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620 CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF

65-5060; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Atwater Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 393-2337 (R&B) BRANDED

7 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Mr. Mugs, 217 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti, \$2. All ages. (734) 484-4049 (rock) BROKEN HALO With Out of Reach, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30

a.m. Friday, March 19, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (rock) JONATHA BROOKE 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Borders Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St.,

Ann Arbor, Free, All ages, (734) 668-7652

CALLIN MARVIN 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rock) DAWN CAMPBELL AND BLUE FUSION

9 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free, 21 and older. (248) 543-6911; 10 p.m. Friday, March 19, Shark Club, 6650 Highland Road, Waterford. Free. 21 and older. (248) 666-4161; 10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (R&B)

SCOTT CAMPBELL

8-10 p.m. Friday, March 19, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 737-0100 (rock) CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Karl's, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.

Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (blues) CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA DAVIS

9 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (R&B) CLOVIS MINOR

7 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 18, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (acoustic rock) THE DISCO BISCUITS With The Element, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$7 in advance, 19 and

older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.99music.com (jam rock) 8 p.m. Friday, March 19, Coffee Beanery, 307 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 650-3344 or http://www.ib.com/onemanclapping/li sa.htm (acoustic rock) JILL JACK

With Jody Carlson and Waka Jawaka, 9 p.m. Friday, March 19, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (roots rock) JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES

CONNECTION 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20. Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

JIMMY EAT WORLD With Sensefield, 7 p.m. Monday, March 22. The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$7. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.96imelt.com (rock) JOHNY VEGAS

9 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 Main St. Rochester. Free, 21 and older. (248) 652-6620 (rock) BILL KAHLER

7 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 25, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (rock)

KID ROCK With Staind, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$16 in advance, \$18 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (rap/rock)

GLADYS KNIGHT

With The Temptations, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$47.50 and \$40, (248) 433-1515 (R&B/Motown) AL KOOPER

Founding member of Blood, Sweat and Tears, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26. Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock) LYLE LOVETT

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, Michigan Theater, 603.E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$27.50 and \$35 (gold circle). All ages. (734) 99-MUSIC or

http://www.99music.com (country: MARTINA MCBRIDE

With Diamond Rio, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$22.50 reserved, \$10 general admission, All

Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit: \$21 in advance, \$24 week of show. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (hip-hop) ROXANNE -

7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, inside Starry Night Lounge in Van Gogh's, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (acoustic alternative rock)

RUINERS With Lantern Jack and Dr. Peeper, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

LEON RUSSELL

8 p.m. Friday, March 26, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$20. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com(rock) SAX APPEAL

8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

KRISTIN SAYER

9 p.m. Friday, March 26, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (rock)

SILVERCHAIR

With Lit, 6 p.m. Friday, March 19. St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$14. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock) SLEATER-KINNEY

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10:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18. Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills, Free, 21 and older. (248) 853-6600; 9 p.m. Friday, March 26, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (roots rock) TIN STAR

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8-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, with Celtic music by Sean Henne, at the Angel Caravan Coffeehouse in the Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor. Free, suggested donation \$5. (734) 327-2041

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Meadow Brook finds its role with 'Glory'

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAPP WRITER fproyenzano@oe.homecomm.net

"Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts," written by Karim Alrawi and directed by Debra L. Wicks. Through Sunday, April 4. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday Saturday, except 6 p.m. Saturday, March 27; 2 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday; and 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Tickets: \$19.50-\$35, (248) 377-3300.

Few plays accomplish something before the curtain rises. But Karim Alrawi's "Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego

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Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts" is that rare original work whereby the promise of regional theater pays off.

Before the play opened at Meadow Brook on Saturday. Alrawi's story about the struggle behind the famous murals had already raised the quality of discussion about the integral role for regional theater as a place where local stories are dramatized.

That's hardly a small feat.

"Gift of Glory" is set in Detroit during the economic depression of the 1930s, a time of unprecedented discrepancies of wealth. Another striking discrepancy is the emotional differences between Henry Ford and his only son, Edsel, who, at the time, was president of Ford Motor Co.

When the elder Ford approves the action taken by his personal henchman, Harry Bennett, to shoot protesters at the gates of the Rouge Factory, the differences between father and son become irreconcilable.

Around the same time, DIA Director William Valentiner has asked Rivera to paint a mural at the museum. The Mexican-born Rivera is an avowed Marxist who is intrigued by the machinery of the Ford plants and the struggles of laborers.

Alrawi speculates that it was the Rouge incident where five workers were killed that served as the catalyst for Edsel Ford's financial and emotional support for the murals.

In essence, Rivera's mural is more of a mirror that reveals the has created an utterly unlike-

soul of the working man. And it's no less of a capitalist than Edsel Ford who appears as Steinbeck's Tom Joad in a three-piece suit.

While the opening-night performance, at times, lacked the polish of a seamless drama, the play presented many layers for audiences to ponder.

To his credit, Alrawi doesn't flinch in rubbing away at the bigotry and ideological zealotry of the likes of Henry Ford, Harry Bennett and Father Coughlin, who were all opposed to the mural for their own reasons.

Ultimately, "Gift of Glory" isn't about a "painting," but the universal struggle between ruthless materialism and benevolent humanitarianism.

Ironically, this type of serious discourse has been strikingly absent at Meadow Brook, even though the theater is located on a university campus where academic freedom supposedly thrives. Alrawi's vigor and intellectual breadth is both challenging and refreshing.

In general, Alrawi's message is delivered with warmth, humor and at times, the tone of a history lesson. Sometimes explanations of historical details seem a bit starchy, yet at other times, the playwright masterfully blends information into a breezy dialogue.

New Yorker Chris De Oni as Rivera constructs a larger-thanlife character whose lust for painting and fairness for the common man provides the play with a sense of urgency. Alrawi

able antagonist in Bennett, played with an icy cruelty by Hollis Huston.

But ultimately, the play's success depends on whether Dan Kremer's portrayal of Edsel Ford can rise to the level of inspirational.

In the quieter scenes, Kremer proves up to the task. But in the confrontations with Bennett, Father Coughlin and Henry Ford, too often Edsel doesn't show the kind of backbone to justify being the center of the drama.

Despite several wrinkles, "Gift of Glory" will encourage audiences to think more deeply about the manufacturing culture that many of us have mistaken for a more meaningful culture about aesthetics, ethics and social purpose. The culture in Detroit, as Alrawi boldly points out, is inextricably bound to the art of making automobiles.

Beyond Alrawi's drama of the mural lies the struggle within Detroit's first family, the power of art to represent the truth, and the polemics of the greatest social upheaval in U.S. history. A discussion that seems extraordinary compared to today's paby... lum.

That Alrawi was able to incorporate so many subplots into his. story is both the play's strength and weakness. But on balance, "Gift of Glory" is one of the most compelling pieces of "regional theater" in recent years.

Perhaps Meadow Brook will" begin to explore other stories that lie in the heart of the collective soul called Detroit.

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in amusing 'Forces of Nature'

BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

Let's all agree on one thing: Sandra Bullock looks a lot better in her underwear than the late John Candy did in his. Any other advantages of "Forces of Nature" over "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" are also in the eye of the beholder.

"Nature" takes the "I've got to be somewhere soon, but this kook I've been thrown together with is making it awfully hard" concept and gives us two beautiful people (Bullock and Ben Affleck) doing the work of two comedians (Candy and Steve Martin). Do they hold their own? Interestingly, yes.

Ben Affleck plays Ben, an uptight groom-to-be headed from New York to Savannah, where the bride (Maura Tierney of "Liar, Liar") and her parents are busy putting up tents and mixing mint juleps. In the background we hear broadcast reports of a hurricane apparently bearing right down on their backyard.

While sitting in the plane writing his vows on a laptop, who should plunk down beside him but wild child Sarah (Bullock), a woman of such energy that one wonders why she needs a plane at all.

When the jet skids off the runway, Ben inadvertently saves Sarah's life, setting them on a course into troubled water. He couldn't wait for the next plane, no ... off they go in a rented Geo with a guy named Vic. When that ends with a police bust in Virginia, they board the train. When that ends with the train going the other way, she finagles them onto a Miami-bound bus of condo-hopping seniors. And with each succeeding disaster we learn more about what's waiting for the eccentric Sarah in Savannah, while Ben considers what's waiting for him there as well.



DARREN MICHAELS

Romantic comedy: Sarah (Sandra Bullock) and Ben (Ben Affleck) pass themselves off as young marrieds to get a ride with a busload of senior "Sunseekers" heading South in "Forces of Nature."

by hail, fire, rain, lightning and the aforementioned hurricane, much of it computer-generated by the team that gave us "Twister." But the thing that takes the most beating in this film is the institute of marriage. Ben may end up soaking wet, but he is continually deluged by storm warnings from the matrimonially burned around him.

From his own grandfather to fellow passengers, we are led to believe that there isn't a single happily married person on the East Coast. It also doesn't help Ben's wedding bell blues when songs like "The Tender Trap" and "Love the One You're With" are playing nearby. Most of all, Sarah is guite an irresistible force herself.

To quote that famous forecaster Bob Dylan, "you don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows," and in a mar-

velous moment that mixes real time and slow-motion, Ben is blown in his life's direction at last.

Bullock is a whirlwind. Equally at home in thrillers ("Speed," "The Net") and romantic comedies ("Practical Magic," "While You Were Sleeping") she's unafraid to look like she just came in from the rain, and that attribute will keep the welcome mat out for some time to come. Affleck was cast in "Nature" before "Good Will Hunting" was released; talk about forecasting Broad comedy may never be his thing, but he's just fine doing the straight conservative guy who's pulled into the maelstrom.

Together, they're an appealing pair who we'd enjoy seeing in further adventures. Let's see, maybe he's an astronomer and she's a dancer and there's this meteor coming. ...

Along the way, they are beset

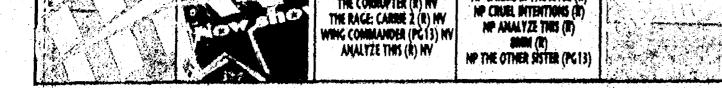
Stagecrafters 'Light Up the Sky'

Stagecrafters is presenting the comedy "Light Up the Sky," by Moss Heart through Sunday, March 28 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette in downtown Royal Oak.

Tickets are \$10-\$12, all seats in the self-affectionate star's reserved. Call (248) 541-6430. A (Rosemary Gass of Southfield) special dinner/theater package is hotel room before and after the Hammell and the real life wife of available from Illusions Bar & play's out-of-town opening. Reeling through the hilarious Grill in downtown Royal Oak by calling (248) 586-1313.

In "Light Up the Sky," an idealistic young author (Wayne Dossin) is surrounded by the emotional people who have had a hand in getting his first play produced. The action takes place

vousness are the star, her assertive stage mother (Maureen Cook of Beverly Hills), a director (Marc Mege) whose reactions teem from his tear ducts, the irascible producer (Mark Hammell of Lathrup Village) and his jewel collecting wife (Linda Mark Hammell).



The production is directed by scones at a crazy pitch of ner- Jay Kaplan of Lathrup Village.

Grammy-winner Alanis Morissette happy, peaceful

Wearing a red shirt, deep blue denim jeans and sitting crosslegged on the floor, Alanis Morissette confessed she's relieved that the loneliness has lifted.

"It feels heartening," Morissette said Wednesday, March 10. about her fans' deep understanding of her music. "I love that. When I write about my own experiences, especially when 'Jagged Little Pill' first came out and people related to it, it was comforting because a lot of times I felt like I was going through what I was going through on my own. It was very isolating. To realize I wasn't alone, it was beautiful."

Morissette held court with a small group of her fans who won passes to a "Town Hall" meeting sponsored by WXDG-FM (105.1) "The Edge," held hours before her show with Garbage at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Fans were chosen based on questions they would like to ask Morissette.

One of those listeners was Sandy Robinson, 36, of Farmington Hills. She wanted to know if Morissette, whose "Jagged Little Pill spoke bitterly of relationships, believes in soul mates. Prior to meeting Morissette, Robinson was curious to see how she treated fans.

"I want to see how she presents herself in front of a bunch of regular people," she said.

During the "Town Hall," the diminutive Morissette came across as spiritual and pensive yet slightly nervous.

Multiple Grammy winner Morissette, who's enjoying success with her sophomore album

Junkie" (Maverick), has been involved in the arts since she was 7, the age during which she took her first dance lesson.

"When I was little I really when I was 7. My first dance class I had a broken arm, I just went in. I was really scared, but I loved it."

She moved onto songwriting at age 9, seeing it as the best way for her to express herself. Her early inspirations, as a child growing up in Europe and Canada, were "anything my father and mother were listening to" including ABBA, Bob Dylan and Carole King.

"When I was younger I remember driving in the backseat in the car with my family and hearing her voice and just really connecting with her."

As she grew older, she read books about psychology and then eschewed reading for fear of being influenced.

"I love writing probably more than I like reading other people's art. Some of the reasons for that may be that I don't want to be overly influenced perhaps and when I'm inspired I need to get it out of my system and I probably would watch more films. I would watch more films before I would' read a poetry book I think. Leonard Cohen, I think is amazing. Joni Mitchell, after 'Jagged Little Pill' I started reading her lyrics," she said of her platinumselling debut.

Besides reading Mitchell's lyrics. Morissette indulges in snowboarding and yoga.

"(Snowboarding) is a very

"Supposed Former Infatuation humbling experience especially when I was first starting to learn. It reduced me to being an 11-year-old again and allowing myself to not know what I was doing and to keep conceptually loved dancing. I started dancing and literally falling, and just very free and zen. Just being up in the mountains there's so much clarity and fresh air and snow."

Clarity is what's important to Morissette nowadays. After the rigors of touring in support of "Jagged Little Pill," Morissette skipped the Grammy Awards and went to India to learn yoga.

"I stopped thinking, which is a big one because there's always been a lot of kinetic energy around all the time and a lot of movement. For the first time ever when I stopped after the last tour, and went to India and learned a bit of yoga I stopped for the first time in my life and was able to be still and connect He tries to persuade a reporter with who I believe God was and connect to friends and family in a way that I never have been able to before. Yoga was just a part of it for me to be in my body and see it as the instrument that it is."

Boredom setting in?

Sitting around doing consecutive interviews can get old pretty quickly. To ease the boredom, Silverchair drummer Ben Gillies is all for getting a laugh - even at a writer's expense. Gillies answers the phone and begins chatting about the previous night's show in an accent that's a strange amalgamation of Australian, English and Dixieland.

"I'm only joking. That's not my accent," Gillies said.

On Tuesday, the once-teen phenoms Silverchair released its third album "Neon Ballroom' which has already spawned the obvious 1999 hit, the Def Leppardesque, yet hipper, "Anthem for the Year 2000."

Guesting on the song "Emotion Sickness" is David Helfgott, the pianist who inspired the Oscar Award-winning film "Shine," and the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. He described Helfgott as "nice" and "affectionate."

"Daniel (Johns. guitarist/singer) wanted him on the song. He really wanted a manic plano player. I think we all just kind of decided that David Helfgott was the best guy for the job," said Gillies who said he falls asleep every time he tries to watch "Shine."

Already bored with the interview, Gillies is surfing the net. to check out a Web page but doesn't offer any information except for the address. Later, it reveals cartoon characters doing what comes naturally, generally in a restroom.

"It's so fricking funny."

Silverchair and Lit perform Friday, March 19, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. The show is sold out. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit www.961melt.com. Silverchair's Web site is www. chairpage.com.

Joy and pain

Frat party heroes Rob Base and DJ E-Z Rock return to the Detroit area on Friday with a full arsenal of hits including "Joy and Pain" and "It Takes Two" -

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Anthemic: Australia's Silverchair – from left, drummer Ben Gillies, bassist Chris Joannou, and vocalist/guitarist Daniel Johns.

and a new single.

"We do have a new single that we pressed up ourselves and put out that we probably will be performing that night," DJ E-Z Rock said of "Ready to Party."

A new album is in the works United States "eventually."

"Ready to Party" carries the rap duo's early hits.

"We still party. It's still the homecomm.net same party feel."

Rob Base and DJ E-Z Rock perform at 11 p.m. Friday, March 19. at La Boom, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Tickets are \$10 in advance. For more infor-

mation, call (248) 926-9960 or (248) 645-6666.

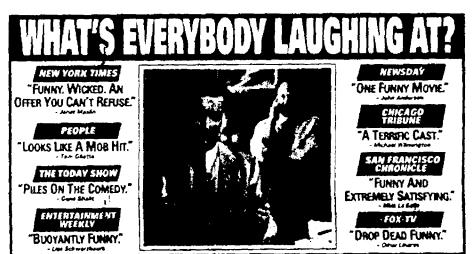
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"RAVENOUS"

Iselated with eight others in a snowbound fort in the Sierra Nevadas, circa 1847, an army captain must fight hunger within himself, as well as killer who dines on men, Stars Guy Pearce.

"TRUE CRIME"

A pewspaper reporter discovers proof than en innocent man is about to be executed and has only one day to save him. Stars Clint Eastwood, Frances Fisher; Sydney Poltier, James Woods, Lisa Gay Hamilton, and Denis Leary.

Scheduled to open Friday, March 26 "20 DATES"

A young filmmaker is struck with an idea that had the potential to change his luck all at once: to make a movie that would chronicle his owned dogged and indelicate quest for true love. The result, an insightful look at one hapless romantic's roller coaster ride through singlehood filmed Candid Camera Style Written and directed by Myles Berkowitz.

"DOUG'S 1ST MOVE"

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Animated film about the misadventures. of Doug Funnie, an imaginative and quirky 12-year-old, who finds himself caught between saving the endangered to the school dance

"ED TV"

Film about a video store clerk who agrees to be filmed all day, every day, by a 24-hour cable-Network. Stars Jenna Elfman, Woody Harrelson, Ellen DeGeneres, Elizabeth Hurley.

"THE MOD SQUAD"

A feature film version of the hit TV series about three rehabilitated juvenile delinguents who become undercover cops. Claire Danes.

"THE HARMONISTS"

The story of the rise and fall of the legendary Berlin ensemble The Comedian Harmonists, who at the end of the 1920s began an international career which, only a few years later, fell victim to racial Nazi politics.

Scheduled to open. Wednesday, March 31

"THE MATRIX"

Science fiction tale about a society that lives to unknowingly provide energy for an artificial intelligence known as the Matrix until a few break free and set out to make changes. Stars Keanu Reeves.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 2

"A WALK ON THE MOON" A provocative and poignant romantic comedy about one New York housewife's personal sexual revolution during the summer of 1969.

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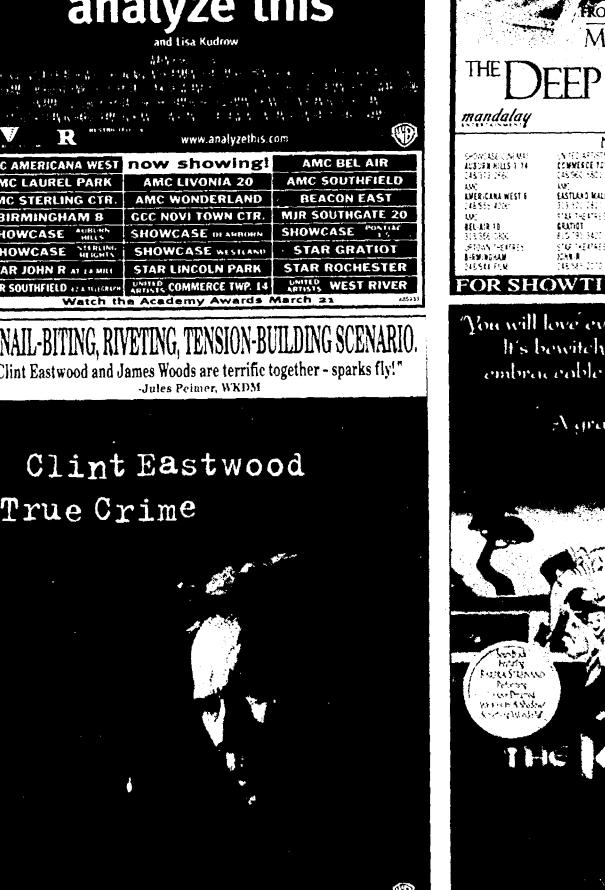


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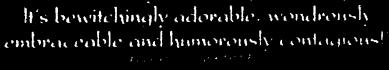
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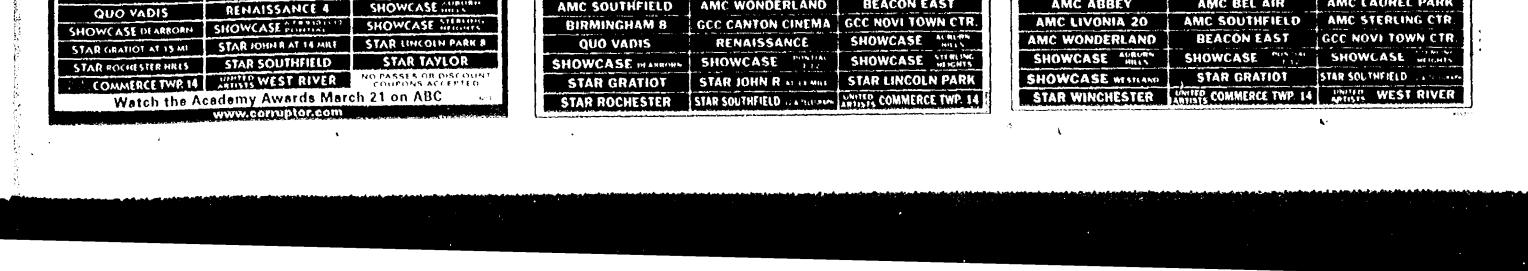








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Escape to New Orleans at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

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Mardi Gras is over, but New Orleans is still a nice place to escape. For those of us who can't just hop on a plane and go, it's a good thing there's Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe.

With locations in Detroit, Southfield and St. Clair Shores, Fishbone's is about as close to New Orleans as you can get in metro Detroit.

"It's a place where we like to have fun, it's a restaurant with energy. It's not necessarily a quiet place," said John Furbush, general manager of the Southfield restaurant. He recently moved to the Detroit area from New Orleans. "We're trying to provide a dining experience. I have the music shipped in from New Orleans. Right now you're hearing vintage Louis Armstrong from the 1920s. We try to make it as authentic as possible."

Fishbone's offers plenty of atmosphere, from the lace curtains in the windows, to the murals on the wall, and potted palms. You'll feel like you stepped into another world. It's easy to get comfortable at one of the tables or booths, and forget it's Michigan and below freezing outside.

For those unfamiliar with New Orleans cuisine, Furbush recommends the brunch where you can try a little bit of this, and that. The brunch also offers an omelet station, waffles and other traditional breakfast fare.

"We have a number of stations at brunch — a hot line, dessert and salad," he said. "It's an opportunity to go after real New Orleans style dishes such as

Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe

Where: 29244 Northwestern Highway, (just north of 12 Mile Road), Southfield (248) 351-2925, fax (248) 351-2919.

Hours: Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday; noon to midnight Sunday; 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday brunch, 2-10 p.m. regular menu.

Menu: Taste of New Orleans, including Seafood Gumbo, Jambalaya, seafood, steaks, chops and chicken. Salads and sandwiches also available. Some vegetarian items.

Cost: Moderate. Sandwiches \$5.95 to \$8.95; Entrees \$9.95 to \$21.95.

Reservations: For parties of six or more

Credit cards: All majors accepted Private parties: Semi-private space available for parties of up to 60

people. Carry-out: Every item on menu available for carry-out. Also offer "Pans to Go" a carry-out service for groups and parties. All pans feed six to eight people.

Entertainment

🖩 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Pamela Wise, piano jazz

5-8 p.m. Thursdays, Henry Gibson, piano jazz

5-8 p.m. Fridays, Harold McKinney, plano jazz; 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Pamela Wise and the Afro-Cuban All Stars, jazz with Afro-Cuban rhythms

5-8 p.m. Saturday, Harold McKinney, piano jazz; 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Audrey Northington, jazz vocalist

🔳 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Janet Ténaj, jazz vocalist

Other Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe locations:

Greektown - 400 Monroe St., International Building, Detroit, (313) 965-4600

St. Clair Shores - 23722 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, (810) 498-3000

went down South you'd be in heaven with this type of brunch." The cost for brunch is \$16.95 adults, \$8.95 children under age 12, and \$2.95 for children under two.

Starting with appetizers on the main menu, Furbush recommends New Orleans Bar-B-Que Shrimp served with a spicy butter/pepper sauce. Fresh crawfish, flown in from Louisiana, are also available. Catfish Beignets and herbs. Crab Cakes are other often requested appetizers. You can also order Crab Cakes as an entree. They're served with a Chicken & Sausage Sauce fried shrimp, catfish, crab fingers salad, Fishbone's aims to please lemon caper dill sauce. Moving on, you've got to try Creole Baked Eggplant is a vege-

the Seafood Gumbo, "it's guaranteed to warm you up a little bit." said Furbush.

Fishbone's offers a selection of grilled "bronzed" steaks including Filet Mignon, Ribeye and Porterhouse. Scallops, catfish, snapper, pork chops, lamb chops and chicken are on the menu too. Bronzing is Fishbone's method of blackening food. They use a mild, flavorful blend of spices and

Crawfish Etouffee is a Fishbone's specialty along with Shrimp Creole, Zydeco Chicken,

Cool crustaceans: General manager John Furbush and Executive Chef Faiz Albanna at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe in Southfield.

tarian eggplant casserole baked with jalapeno jack cheese and marinara sauce.

Fishbone's is known for its Whiskey Ribs served with Dirty Rice and a vegetable. They also offer a variety of fried seafood selections such as shrimp, oysters, scallops, and catfish served with homemade fries and Charleston Slaw. If you can't make up your mind, try the Combo Mombo - a platter of

For lunch, Furbush points to the Po-Boy sandwiches - fried shrimp, catfish, chicken, pork, or fried chicken. Another favorite is the Muffuletta sandwich - layers of Genoa salami, ham, Mortadella and Provolone topped with an olive salad on a large bun. "I'm a big fan, and our's is pretty close to what you'd find in the French Quarter of New Orleans," said Furbush.

If you're hungry for just a

Crawfish Salad, Pirate's Alley Olive Salad, and the familiar Caesar, Grilled Chicken, and Greek Salad.

Save room for dessert, made by Fishbone's own pastry chefs — Bourbon Street Bread Pudding, Banana Foster Sundae, Pecan Pie, Key Lime Pie, and Peach Cobbler.

Quench your thirst with a Blackened Voodoo beer. There are a number of bottled beers to choose from, premium wines, and specialty drinks.

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deep fried Cajun turkey, collard greens, and candied yams. If you

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and oysters.

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Epoch Enterprises restaurants maintain ownership

BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

Epoch Enterprises owns high-profile Tribute restaurant in Farmington 'Hills, also Too Chez in Novi and Forte in Birmingham. Negotiations related to sale of Larry Wisne's Progressive Tool and Industries automotive-allied company fueled speculations about the Wisne family's other business, Epoch

Enterprises.

In the March 31, Wine Spectator now in distribution, Tribute and Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi became the first Detroit metro-area restaurant to receive expansive three-page coverage in this widely read wine and lifestyle periodical. Forte's executive chef Tim Voss is being touted in restaurant and lifestyle magazine cir-

and dinner.

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cles as a rising star. Too Chez restaurant's Greg Upshur has received recognition by Food Arts and Nation's Restaurant News, a weekly trade publication for the restaurant and food industry.

Epoch's restaurants are now being represented by a Santa Monica-Beverly Hills public relations/advertising agency and this added to the rumor mill. Does such publicity enhance the sale of Tribute and its sister eateries?

While Epoch president Toni Wisne remained unavailable for comment, Tribute's Maitre d' Mickey Bakst was willing to squelch rumors.

"I say this with the utmost certainty," he said. "Epoch is a complete and separate entity from Progressive Tool.

"Epoch is opening Latitude, it's new

Up North restaurant in the Bay Harbor complex. A chef is in the process of being hired. Epoch is also aggressively involved in the Lion's stadium project in Detroit.

"Tribute is like the Wisne family's baby. All the restaurants are an important part of the family's business ventures. The Wisnes are not selling any of their restaurants at this time."

WHAT'S COOKING

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CAFE HAWAII

A dance instructor from Dane Avenue — Social Dance Specialists, leads Cafe Hawaii patrons in a complimentary one-hour lesson of basic Salsa dance steps, 9-10 p.m. Fridays. Afterward, students are encouraged to stay as the dance floor opens up for a salsa dance party. For more information, call the restaurant. 22048 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn, (313) 724-2233.

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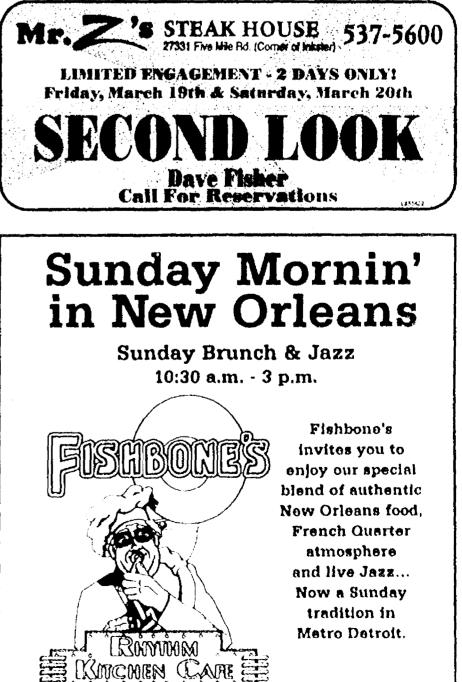
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