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Sex club suspects go to court



A Westland sex club's organizers, employees and some patrons appeared before Westland District Court Judge C. Charles Bokos Wednesday. The club was raided by police on Dec. 20.

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A Westland sex club fueled a new round of criminal allegations Wednesday afternoon as 31 people became the first defendants to face felony charges. The club's accused organizers, employees and flagrantly sexual patrons appeared in front of Westland

District Judge C. Charles Bokos for the first time since a Dec. 20 police raid closed down Peaches 'n' Cream, 230 S. Venoy.

Defendants charged in a series of arraignments Wednesday included married couples, unmarried pairs and single people from Westland, Garden City, Canton, Redford, Taylor and

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Raid changed many lives

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A police raid on a Westland sex club has decisively affected the lives of some party-goers, new court proceedings revealed Monday.

One South Lyon man said he lost his job and has suffered financially since he was caught Dec. 20 at

Peaches 'n' Cream - an Internet-advertised club where police said some people engaged in sex acts while others watched.

A Hendersonville, Tenn., divorced father of three - caught at the 230 S. Venoy club - hasn't been able to completely resume his life in the Volunteer State due to charges

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A note to our readers

Due to unforeseen technical problems, we were forced to adjust the format of our classified advertising sections in today's newspaper.

While we made every effort to ensure that all classified ads appeared in today's paper, some may have inadvertently been left out of the paper.

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Steve Pope,
 General Manager

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Easter magic



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Big bunny: Above, the Easter Bunny was surrounded after arriving at the Westland Shopping Center last weekend. At far left, Matthew Balley, 6, (right) of Livonia, Yvette Mays (center) of Westland and her daughter Natalie Mays, 4, enjoy the magic show. At left, Magician Steve Ryder (right) works with Kyle Sluder, 4, of Westland with a hat trick.

Masked gunman hits 2nd Westland party store

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A masked gunman who robbed a Westland party store Monday afternoon may be the same bandit wanted for a March 13 holdup at a local convenience shop, police said.

Employees gave police similar descriptions of a white male who wore a handkerchief or other cloth over his face.

"It appears that it may be the same guy," Westland police Lt. Marc Stobbe said.

No arrest had been made but the investigation was continuing, he said Tuesday afternoon.

The latest holdup occurred at 1:23 p.m. Monday when an armed bandit entered Jerry's party store on Warren near Middlebelt, pointed a handgun at a male clerk and demanded money, a police report said.

No shots were fired, and the employee told police that he gave an undisclosed amount of money to the robber, who fled north on a nearby residential street.

The bandit is suspected as the same man who robbed a Quick Mart on Ann Arbor Trail near Merriman at 2 p.m. March 13, Stobbe said.

In that incident, a masked gunman escaped with an undisclosed amount of money and lottery tickets after he used

a handgun to threaten a female clerk, a police report said.

No shots were fired during that holdup, either, and the gunman fled the store and was last seen running toward a strip center on the southeast corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman Road, police said.

The latest description of the suspect indicated that he was a white male, a little over 6 feet tall and 30 to 35 years

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Wayne Memorial senior wins state Junior Miss title

Courtney Brooke Cagnon, a senior at Wayne Memorial High School, has been named Michigan's Junior Miss for 1999.

"I'm really excited about it. It was really great," Cagnon, 17, said.

It's the second year in a row that the local Wayne-Westland Junior Miss program has produced a state winner and the seventh state winner since



Cagnon

1968. Stephanie Mead, last year's Wayne Westland Junior Miss, went on to win the state title for 1998.

"That's our goal to get that Michigan winner," Pat Hermatz, co-director of the local program, said.

Some 22 senior high school girls from throughout the state of Michigan competed Saturday for the title and more than \$9,000 in cash scholarships and another \$200,000 in college tuition scholarships.

Cagnon will receive a \$2,500 cash scholarship and her choice of tuition scholarships from the state program.

"It's such a tough competition I keep telling our

girls you're all winners," Hermatz said.

Cagnon was first runner-up at the local program held in November. She went to the state program as Wayne Memorial's Junior Miss. Kristen Fidh, a senior at John Glenn High School, represented the local program at the state level as Wayne Westland's Junior Miss.

In the talent portion of the program, Cagnon performed "My Favorite Things" from The Sound of Music. She had changed her talent program from a piece from "Les Miz" at the last minute, Hermatz

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WAYNE-WESTLAND

"These are big projects that you have approved this evening," Superintendent Greg Baracy told the seven-member board during a meeting.

Adams Middle School is located on Palmer Road west of Venoy in Westland. Taft-Galloway is on Gloria Street north of Annapolis in Wayne.

The latest bids came in about \$1.5 million below projections, but school officials cautioned that it's too early to celebrate because of pending construction projects that could chip away at the savings.

In all, the Adams and Taft-Galloway projects drew 120 bids for work that construction manager Bill McCarthy said should be completed by August 2000.

Officials chose low bidders except in rare instances where companies didn't bid properly.

"It was a pleasure to see that many interested bidders on the projects," McCarthy told board members Monday.

The latest bids won the board's favor as construction crews continue to work on earlier-approved bids for renova-

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tions and additions at Walker-Winter Elementary in Canton Township and Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary in Wayne.

Work crews also have completed various other projects, such as installing new tennis courts and running tracks for John Glenn and Wayne Memorial senior high schools.

On Monday, two parents raised questions about whether their special education students would suffer as Adams teachers pack up and prepare to move to another area of the school to accommodate construction workers.

Baracy promised that students would receive the attention they need.

"We've taken all necessary measures to ensure that our students will be in a safe environment," he said.

Baracy conceded that school employees, students and parents can expect some frustrations while construction projects are in progress.

"But the wait will be worth it," he said.

School officials have said the bond program will allow them to make widespread building

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repairs to schools that suffered years of neglect, due to previous budget problems.

The money also will be used to improve classroom technology at each of Wayne-Westland's 17 elementaries, four middle schools and two senior highs.

Voters approved the \$108.3 million bond issue on Feb. 17, 1998.

Meanwhile, organized labor activist Cliff Johnson questioned officials Monday on whether workers involved in the school projects will be paid according to prevailing wage guidelines.

"If they're not," Baracy responded, "then they're not going to be working for us."

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cities as far away as Flint and Monroe.

Just four suspects are actually accused of operating the Internet-advertised sex club, which police said had 139 patrons when it was raided. The four are William Michael Rice, 49, his wife, Elizabeth Ann Rice, 39, (both of Taylor); their son, Christopher Avery Rice, 22, of Westland and Hikmat Asso Kallabat, 54, of Southfield.

Bokos arraigned the Rices and Kallabat on two felony charges - conducting a criminal enterprise and keeping a house of prostitution or ill fame.

"We're not alleging prostitution," Westland police Lt. Gary Sikorski said. "It's the lewdness of what occurred there."

Authorities have said some patrons engaged in sex acts in a dance floor area while others watched.

The Rices and Kallabat pleaded not-guilty, and they are scheduled for an April 16 hearing that will determine whether they should stand trial. They could face 20-year prison terms and \$100,000 fines if convicted as charged.

The younger Rice was described by police as the club's deejay.

Bokos released the Rices and Kallabat on \$5,000 personal bonds.

The judge arraigned 10 other defendants, ranging in age from 22 to 72, on charges stemming from police accusations that they worked at the club. Those suspects could face five-year prison terms and \$2,500 fines if convicted of keeping a house of prostitution or ill fame.

The accused workers pleaded not-guilty and have been scheduled for court hearings on April 16. Bokos also released them on \$5,000 personal bonds.

Prosecuting attorney Thomas Beck said the club's operators and employees didn't receive any

offers to plead guilty to reduced charges.

However, 17 other defendants who appeared in court Wednesday accepted offers to plead no contest to lewd and lascivious behavior - a misdemeanor charge reduced from an original five-year felony charge of gross indecency.

"For the most part, these individuals were engaged in oral sex," Lt. Sikorski said, although some were accused of petting and fondling types of behavior.

"They were not involved in intercourse," Sikorski said.

For sentencing purposes, Bokos treated the misdemeanor pleas by the 17 defendants as an acknowledgment of guilt.

The judge dismissed felony charges against the 17 people and imposed fines of \$360 on each of them. He advised them that their records will remain clean if they stay out of trouble for the next year.

The 17 defendants could have faced a possible one-year jail term.

Police said the raid is expected to raise court arguments over issues of privacy, but authorities maintain that illegal sex acts occurred in public.

In court Wednesday, Bokos read aloud from documents indicating that the club had been in operation from early October until the raid was conducted about 12:30 a.m. Dec. 20.

Police said the sex club had its hours on Saturday nights into early Sunday mornings. Police said couples paid \$35 in admission while single patrons paid about \$25.

Police also said patrons signed up for memberships and could buy drinks, even though the business had no liquor license.

The leased building used for the alleged sex club had been used in the past for purposes such as bingo and club meetings.

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pending in Michigan. One Garden City woman's attorney described her as a hard-working, upstanding citizen who got caught in what she thought was a legal, private party.

One Farmington Hills woman indicated that she and her partner shouldn't be considered sex club regulars.

"Some of the people there had membership cards, and we did not have a membership," she told Westland 18th District Judge Gail McKnight.

In all, nine people Monday ranging in age from 34 to 48 appeared in front of McKnight for charges of lewd and lascivious behavior, punishable by a year in jail.

All nine defendants - among 139 caught at Peaches 'n' Cream - pleaded no contest to reduced charges of disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor that carries a maximum 90-day jail term and a \$500 fine.

Their decision to accept a plea agreement from Wayne County prosecutors averted possible jail time and spared them any other appearances in court.

Even McKnight noted that virtually all of the defendants who appeared in court Monday had perfect records. Only one man had a minor traffic offense in his past.

One man who couldn't be in court Monday was scheduled for an April 8 pretrial hearing.

The latest developments came about six weeks after dozens of other sex club-goers pleaded no contest or guilty to misdemeanor

charges, in return for fines and probation.

Monday's proceedings also came as more serious felony charges loomed this week against as many as 35 people.

Authorities have said defendants paid money to go to the club - a rental hall formerly used for purposes such as bingo and club meetings. Some club-goers were accused of engaging in sex acts on a dance floor while others watched.

Police also said liquor was sold on the premises without a license. Scores of police officers raided the club and began making arrests about 12:30 a.m. Dec. 20.

Judge McKnight, in response to the no-contest pleas Monday from defendants, announced several rulings:

■ She dropped the one-year misdemeanors of lewd and lascivious behavior in return for pleas on the lesser disorderly charges.

■ She fined all nine people \$360 each.

■ She ordered them to avoid the now-closed Peaches 'n' Cream and other places like it.

■ She agreed to set aside the disorderly cases for nearly one year and then dismiss them as long as the defendants stay out of trouble.

"I'm putting it on the shelf, so to speak," McKnight said.

■ She advised defendants that they can legally still say that they haven't been convicted of a crime.

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said. Cagnon called her performance "kind of like a comedy routine," because she used props such as a stuffed dog and warm woolen mittens to go along with the words to the song.

Cagnon also won the presence and composure segment of the program.

She is the daughter of William and Suzanne McFerran of Wayne. She plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor after graduation and study atmospheric, oceanic, space science engineering.

The Junior Miss contestants

spent a week in Alpena, where the state program is held. They visited Olde Town Alpena, toured historic Alpena homes, toured the Jesse Besser Museum and the Planetarium, and visited the public safety building to take mini-courses on self-defense, first aid and CPR.

Cagnon will now go on to represent Michigan in the national televised America's Junior Miss Scholarship Program in Mobile, Ala., at the end of June.

She plans to stay up on current events as well as staying fit in preparation for the national program, she said.

**CITY OF WESTLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 191-B-6-1**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDING CODE.

Section 1. That Chapter 22, Section 22-32, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

The "BOCA National Building Code, Thirteenth Edition, 1996" is amended and revised in the following respects:

Section 101.1 (page 1, second line). Insert: the City of Westland, Michigan.

Section 112.3.1 (page 5, fourth line). Insert: The appropriate fee schedule listed in section 46-1 of the Westland City Code.

Section 116.4 (page 6, sixth, seventh and eighth lines). Insert: misdemeanor, \$500.00, 90 days.

Section 117.2 (page 6, fifth line). Insert: \$50.00, \$500.00.

Section - 3408.2 (page 320, first line). Insert: March 11, 1999.

Section 2. That all other provisions of Chapter 22 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS
City Clerk

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old. He was said by one witness to have a bushy mustache even though his face was covered with a gray cloth.

The handit also wore a gray sweater or sweatshirt, blue jeans and a cap.

Anyone who has information about one or both of the robberies is urged to contact the Westland Police Department at 722-9600.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED BUDGET**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Westland for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000, will be held on Monday, May 3, 1999, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

The property tax mileage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Family: From left to right: DJ Linda Lee from Young Country radio, Jeffrey's brothers Brian Clein, 29, and Patrick Clein, 26, and Jeff's mother, Linda.

Fund-raiser strikes up money for family

A bowling fund-raiser Sunday raised \$1,950 for a Westland family.

Sponsored by the Westland Jaycees, the fund-raiser at Vision Lanes in Westland raised money for Linda Clein and her disabled son, Jeffrey.

Jeffrey, now 13, became disabled as a baby by a serious illness. His doctors have recommended that his mother have improvements made to her van to transport him more safely. The Cleins need the money to buy a wheelchair lift, tie-downs and raise the roof on Linda Clein's van.

About \$1,700 is still needed to pay the Cleins' expenses, according to Michele Austin, Jaycees president.



Concentration: Linda Lee gets ready to bowl.

Sunday's fund-raiser had 43 bowling participants. Donations came from the Fire Academy, Library Pub and Grill, U.S. Print, Alexander the Great restaurant, Sir David's Hair Salon, Chuck Smith of the Detroit Red Wings, Three Brothers Restaurant in Plymouth, Leon's Restaurant and the Observer.

Some \$400 in donations also came in from Westland residents.

"This event showed a tremendous amount of support from the residents of Westland, and it makes me proud to be a resident of this great city," Austin said.

Donations can be sent to Linda Clein, care of Westland

Donations can be sent to Linda Clein, care of Westland Jaycees, P.O. Box 85191 Westland 48185.

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Upcoming projects of the Westland Jaycees include: Vegas Night at the Harris/Kehrer VFW at 7 p.m. Friday, March 26; an Easter egg hunt at Westland Jaycee Park at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 28; and a City Social at the Library Pub and Grill at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 31.



Budding bowler: Jacob Hunter, 8, of Redford shows his bowling style.

Student-built house sold

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
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Once again, the Livonia house built from the ground up by Livonia students has been sold and will soon be occupied by its new owner, William Evans.

Evans' bid of \$180,000 for the house at 9867 Stonehouse, at Stark and Pinetree, has been accepted by the Livonia Board of Education.

Money gained from the sale will go into Livonia Public Schools' general fund; it will be used by teachers to buy the materials needed for the third house built on Stonehouse by students in the home construction course at the Livonia Career/Technical Center.

Altogether, over four years, four houses will be built next to each other on Stonehouse by students in the career center program.

The houses are being built on land once occupied by Stark Elementary School. When the school district sold the land to a home builder, it worked out a deal to retain four building sites for student-built houses. Homes being built by the builder are also going up on the site.

After the fourth house is built next year in the Camborne-Stark

subdivision, the district must find a new site for students to learn such on-the-job skills as plumbing, electrical and heating.

Starting each September, students spend the entire school year taking lessons learned in the classroom out to a home-building site.

Every step of the way is monitored by teachers and experts in the building trades.

"The kids have to do everything up to code," said Dennis Reitz, state-licensed builder and career center teacher. "They even put extra screws, extra nails, into everything."

Construction on the 1,800-square-foot ranch house just sold began in September, 1997 and ended around June 1998. It has three bedrooms, two baths and a full basement.

Basement walls are poured by an outside contractor; otherwise, the bulk of the work is done by the students themselves.

Construction of the "mirror-image" house next door — now about 75 percent complete — began in September 1998, and will end around June 1999. It, too, eventually will be sold.

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Building skills are so hot right now, students are easily finding after-school jobs in the construction industry, Reitz said.

The 30 students in the career center program come from the district's three high schools. Besides Reitz, their teachers include Tony DeVito, a licensed plumber, and Jim Fisher, a heating and cooling professional.

Each school day, students pick up on the job site where they left off the day before.

The hardest part of building each home is getting the roof and windows up and in before the bad winter weather hits.

"We don't want the kids working in the cold and battling the elements," Reitz said.

Because students don't get paid for the work they do, houses they build have top-of-the-line materials, such as Anderson windows, Reitz said.

The main difference between a student-built home and a home built by a construction company is the amount of time spent building the house.

"Students spend nearly a year building it, while some homes can go up in a week," Reitz said.

Candidates' deadline April 14

Candidates who want to be considered for a Westland City Council vacancy face a 4 p.m. April 14 filing deadline.

Six council members will be choosing an appointee to replace longtime Councilman Charles Pickering, who will step down April 30 — eight months before his current term expires.

Potential candidates for the appointment may send resumes to council President Sandra Ciarelli at the Westland City Clerk's Office, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, 48185.

Pickering, a former mayor in his 12th year on the council, already had decided not to seek re-election this year.

He announced last week that he would step down early to avoid becoming a lame duck councilman, to spend more time with his family, and to pursue hobbies and possible business interests.

Ciarelli hasn't announced when the council will choose an appointee.

Battery disposal sites listed

Few people who throw old batteries in the trash stop to think of the possible consequences, a Westland official said.

Discarded batteries can explode as they're crushed in garbage trucks, injuring workers, and they also can harm the environment, Richard Dittmar, public services director, said.

Accordingly, the city has established a few sites for battery recycling bins to help residents properly dispose of used batteries, Dittmar said.

It should be noted, however, that automotive batteries won't fit into the bins and should, instead, be taken to the public services department on Mar-

quette east of Newburgh.

Dittmar said most other used batteries may be dropped off at recycling bins at the Westland public library, Westland City Hall, the public services department, municipal cable station, Dorsey Community Center or the senior citizen Friendship Center.

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Deadline is April 12 to submit petitions for S'craft board

Anyone who wants to run for the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees has less than three weeks to pick up and turn in nominating petitions.

Petitions are available for two seats, each for six-year terms, on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees for the upcoming biennial election of trustees on June 14. Candidates must be registered voters and reside in the Schoolcraft College district, which includes the school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi.

Petitions can be picked up at the office of Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell in the Grote Administration Center at the college's main campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275, and must be returned to the secretary by 4 p.m. Monday, April 12. The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

The signatures of not less

than 50 nor more than 200 qualified voters are required for nominations. Candidates are asked to circulate petitions so that those signing any one petition are residents of a single school district. There is no charge for filing petitions.

The seats are currently held by Patricia Watson, who is board president and a Northville resident, and Greg Stempien, also of Northville and a Livonia attorney, who was appointed in January 1998 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John Walsh.

Watson and Stempien have not returned petitions yet, but Watson said she will run for re-election. Stempien was out of town early this week and unavailable for comment on whether he would run, but upon receiving the appointment last year he indicated he would run for his seat this year.

Trustees do not receive compensation.

Community policing

State grants help local departments

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Gov. John Engler has authorized \$3.4 million in community policing grants to be awarded to local law enforcement agencies throughout Michigan.

Most of the Wayne County communities are using the funds for computers and software for patrol vehicles should they receive federal matching funds later this year. This latest round of grants will be used for mobile data computers and laptops, crime analysis hardware and software, mapping software or geographic information systems, computer-related software, personal computers, computer-aided dispatch systems and automated booking systems and automated fingerprint identification systems.

"This funding is an important step in our ongoing war against crime," Engler said. "These grants will allow the metro area police to fight crimes more effectively by purchasing the technol-

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ogy needed to make the job of crime fighting easier."

Westland's Police Department will receive \$97,483 to use with federal grants for in-car computers and \$94,456 for radio system upgrade in a five-department consortium of Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Wayne and Westland.

"We'll be able to do in-car reports and access our mug file," said Emery Price, Westland's police chief, about the computer purchase.

Other police departments in Observer communities receiving state money are: Livonia, \$61,500; Plymouth Township, \$21,545 and Redford, \$32,567.

Robert Stevenson, police captain with the Livonia Police Department, hopes the grant can help upgrade its information management system including laptop computers for vehicles to help with writing reports and tickets.

"Our officers won't have to come in and do their reports here," Stevenson said. "All they'll have to do is press a button."

Livonia did not receive a federal grant, but money has been pooled from the city's general fund for the \$1 million computer upgrade, which is expected to take one year to complete.

"We have people that input data from written reports," Stevenson said. "We will be freeing up hours to send them into other projects, such as senior citizen programs and crime prevention."

Plymouth Township plans to use its funds toward an automated telephone message system and an automated fingerprinting system.

The fingerprinting system would be similar to one in Livonia, using \$17,000 toward the \$62,000 system while the remaining \$4,000 would go toward the phone system, similar to one in Canton, according to Police Chief Lawrence Carey.

"You can program in blocks of

phone numbers for a street or geographic area. When you see or respond to a gas leak, it will automatically phone these households." That will assist the township police in evacuations.

John Buck, deputy police chief in Redford Township, said the \$32,567 funds will be used to pay for software for field reporting to accompany the department's laptop computers in the patrol cars. "(The state money) would help us meet the match," Buck said.

Buck has not heard whether Redford will receive the 75 percent match from the federal government for the \$158,000 purchase.

The software will allow Redford police to complete reports in their vehicles and place them on a computer mainframe with the department, instead of transporting the written reports back to the station and assigning clerks to re-type them onto a computer.

"That will save us a lot of time," Buck said.

Police pursuit bill OK'd on partisan vote

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

NEWS FROM THE LEGISLATURE

A bill to regulate police pursuits turned into a partisan issue when it was passed 24-13 by the Michigan Senate March 18 and sent to the House.

Senate Democrats, led by Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, objected that it would cut chances for innocent victims to recover pain and suffering damages from police who were reckless and didn't follow departmental policy.

"Pursuits often have tragic consequences," said Peters. "Society should share in the compensation, the same way it benefits from a police pursuit."

Sponsor William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison and chair of

the Senate Judiciary Committee, argued successfully for capping non-economic damages at \$280,000.

"If the model policy is adopted by a defendant city, if its police officers are trained, and if someone is injured, there are limits on pain-and-suffering, but not on actual damages," such as medical care and work loss time, said the Republican leader.

Here is how area senators voted on final passage:

YES - all 22 Republicans, including Loren Bennett of Canton, Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia.

NO - 13 Democrats. VanRegenmorter's first bill,

SB 319, encourages counties, cities, townships and villages with departments to adopt a model policy. Reason: Police pursuits often cross municipal boundaries, particularly in crowded southeastern Michigan. "Neighboring communities have different pursuit policies," he said. "This encourages them to adopt a model policy."

His second measure, SB 320, was less controversial, passing 35-0 with two Democrats absent. It sets up a commission to draft the model policy.

Peters' Democrats did battle with how innocent bystanders would be treated by the law if they were injured or killed dur-

ing a pursuit. On mostly party-line votes, senators rejected his amendments to:

• Let a judge decide as a matter of law whether a pursuit was conducted in accordance with department policy. Peters argued for letting a jury decide it as a matter of fact. "This is a radical departure from our traditions of civil procedure," he said, quoting James Madison and Winston Churchill.

"There are obvious things a judge can decide as a matter of law and others for a jury," replied VanRegenmorter.

■ Remove the \$280,000 cap on non-economic damages. Peters said there is "no supporting evi-

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County plans for next winter snow removal

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

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The director of Wayne County's Department of Public Services may purchase 30 new vehicles and add 40 more employees to assist with snow removal efforts next winter.

Cameron Priebe expected to meet this week with an internal committee of county road officials for equipment recommendations, then present them to the Wayne County Commission

for approval.

The move will be accompanied by an orchestrated effort by the roads division to improve communications between county road crews, district yards and supervisors and local communities.

In February and March, county road officials and community leaders met in several snow removal districts to get feedback on how to improve snow removal operations after a Jan. 2 snowstorm and high winds hit the

Detroit area. County road crews worked to clear areas and many main thoroughfares, but they were hampered by high winds which blew snow back onto plowed roads and later were reassigned to clear freeways. Wayne County also was criticized for its handling of Canton Township roads, which Priebe later said the county "didn't do as well as it should

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have." "We're doing a lot of things to improve communications," Priebe said.

Here is what the county's road division has agreed to do:

■ Outgoing phone lines will be added at the yards. During the last snowstorm, supervisors had difficulties calling the trucks, because so many people were calling the yards, tying up the

lines.

"We could not make calls out of the yard, whether it was to have salt delivered or make business decisions," said John Roach, public information manager.

■ More trucks will be equipped with two-way radios to better coordinate snow removal activities. Nearly 30 percent of the vehicles were not radio-equipped, Priebe said.

Part of that upgrade will include cellular phones for area supervisors. "Previously, they

did not have cell phones for the road yards. That communication gap is gone," Roach said.

■ The roads division has updated a telephone contact list of upper and middle management officials for city mayors, township supervisors and police and fire departments. That list will include phone numbers of district and area supervisors and Priebe's home telephone number.

Priebe said he and county road

Please see NEXT WINTER, A16

Golf tourney to benefit SC foundation

Golfers can enjoy a day at the links and contribute to a Schoolcraft College scholarship fund on Monday, June 7.

That's the day of the 16th Annual Schoolcraft College Foundation Golf Tournament at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton Township.

In addition to the standard 18 holes, golfers can enter a "Putt for Dough" contest and win \$5,000 or drive away in a new car if they make a hole-in-one. They can enjoy use of the complete recreational and exercise facilities and amenities, including day care, at the Summit on the Park Conference Center, adjacent to the golf course.

Golfers can experience the course in the morning, with an 8 a.m. tee-off time, or in the afternoon, with a 1:30 p.m. start. The college will help arrange for morning golfers to play an additional nine holes at a nearby course in the afternoon, if they wish. Most packages include lunch and dinner, a clinic with a golf pro and a cart. Door prizes and a live auction round out the day.

Proceeds from this outing provide scholarships for students, many of whom could not attend college without this help. For information, call the Office of Marketing and Development at (734) 462-4417.

Schoolcraft offers toddler training, special events

Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services offers the following classes, workshops beginning April 5.

■ **Adventures in Toilet Training - Part of the Your Toddler series, the class offers insight into the toilet training process and provides helpful hints to make this adventure stress free. The one-day class is 7 p.m. Monday, April 5 for a \$26 fee.**

■ **Water Garden Glory - With the planting season just around the corner, learn practical tips about creating and maintaining water gardens, including facts on plant types, appropriate fish, site selection and types of water gardens. The two-week class begins 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, for a \$43 fee.**

■ **Motorcycle Rider Course - For those with minimal motorcycle driving experience, students will learn the basic riding skills and, upon successful completion, waive the riding skills test required for a cycle endorsement. The weekend course begins at 6 p.m. Friday, April 9, for a \$25 fee.**

■ **Systematic Steps to Opening a Child Care Center - This one-day class presents a step-by-step process for opening a day care center, including strategic planning, complying with state requirements, rules for hiring, and adult/child ratios. The class begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 10, for a \$39 fee.**

For information on these or other CES classes, call 734-462-4448.

Other events scheduled at Schoolcraft include:

■ **International Dinner - Enjoy a five-course meal of food from Italy prepared by second year culinary students. Serving begins at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, April 8, in the American Harvest Restaurant. The cost is \$25.95 per person. Call 734-462-4488 for reservations.**

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GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL PUBLIC NOTICE

Garden City Public Schools is soliciting sealed bids for Door and Frame Replacement and Canopy Addition and Remodeling. Questions should be directed to Gary Marchel at 734-762-6306.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 734-525-8814) on or before APRIL 9, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. for the following items:

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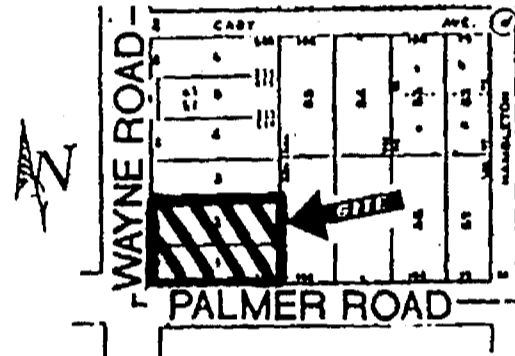
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

#2000C, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed McDonald's Restaurant with Drive-Thru, Parcel #063-02-0001-000, Northeast Corner of Wayne Road and Palmer Road, SW-1, Ronald J. Nelson.



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 6, 1999.

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

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

Publish: March 25, 1999

CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM R-1 TO R-2

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 7:30 p.m., April 8, 1999 at the City of Garden City City Hall, Michigan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of lots 3921-3925 or Folker's Garden City Acres #23, located west of 29469 Warren Road, measuring approximately 11,000 square feet. The sites are proposed to be rezoned from R-1, One Family Residential to R-2, Two Family Residential.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing.

ALLYSON BETTIS, City Clerk
EDWARD KANE,
Planning Commission Chairman

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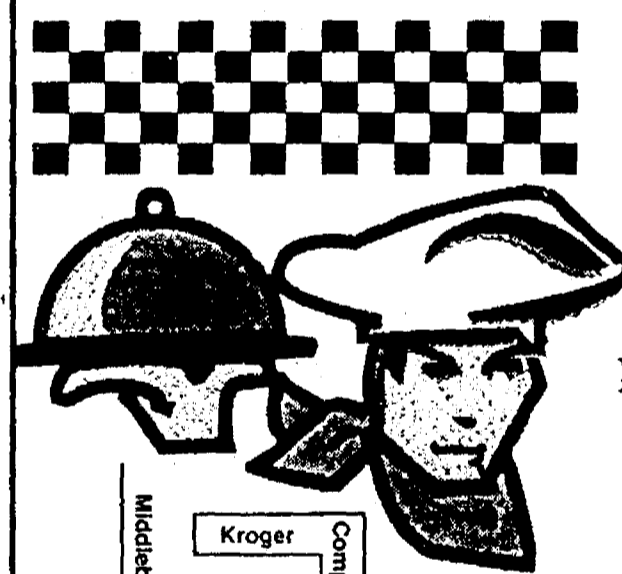
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OBITUARIES

CLYDE L. WHEELING
Services for Clyde Wheeling, 76, of Westland were March 10 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Wheeling, who died March 7 in Huber Heights, Ohio, was born Feb. 23, 1923, in Tennessee. She was a laundry worker in a hospital.

Surviving are her sons, Kenneth, David and Bill; sister, Lavonne Lewis; and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Wheeling was preceded in death by her husband, Jean, and sister, Jackie Wheeler.

LONNIE F. BRAMBLE

Services for Lonnie Bramble, 82, of Westland were March 19 in First Baptist Church of Canton with burial at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton. Arrangements were from Uht Funeral Home.

Mr. Bramble, who died March 16 in Wayne, was born April 8, 1916, in Kansas City, Mo. He was a meat cutter in a grocery store.

Surviving are his wife, Delores; sons, Rodney (Evelyn) and Scott; daughter, Pamela (Robert); five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

THE REV. FRANKLIN R. FARLEY

Services for the Rev. Franklin Farley, 63, of Westland were March 22 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

The Rev. Farley, who died March 17 in Wayne, was born March 12, 1936, in Elkridge, W.Va. He was a supervisor in the steel industry.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; son, Anthony (Theresa); daughters, Angela (Alan) Pronko and Yana Farley; mother, Estola; brothers, Fred and Ernest; sisters, Allen Faye, Nina, Lorene, Betty Ann, Shelby Jean and June Elizabeth; and seven grandchildren.

The Rev. Farley was preceded in death by his father, Fred.

JEANETTE K. COLLOM

Services for Jeanette Collom, 86, of Westland were March 11 in St. Richard's Catholic Church with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements were from Uht Funeral Home.

Mrs. Collom, who died March 8 in Westland, was born March 7, 1913, in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Merton of Westland, David and Patrick; daughters, Betty Arbor and Mary Collom; sisters, Annabelle Meyer, Frances Berger and Daisy Noret; 15 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

MAXINE B. BROWN

Services for Maxine Brown, 94, of Westland were March 19 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne.

Mrs. Brown, who died March 16 in Livonia, was born Oct. 31, 1904, in Coogootee, Ind. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Curt and Michael (Mary) of Westland; daughters, Sharon Popek and Marilyn Brown; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

BARBARA J. MOYER

Services for Barbara Moyer, 67, of Westland were March 19 in Uht Funeral Home.

Mrs. Moyer, who died March 16 in Dearborn, was born April 9, 1931, in Plymouth. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Robert; sons, Michael, Garry, Kevin and Randy; daughter, Lynn Charles; brothers, Lloyd Smith and Don Smith; sister, Beverly Huckabee; and 14 grandchildren.

Mrs. Moyer was preceded in death by her son, Larry

JEAN A. MANCHESTER

Services for Jean Manchester, 70, of Westland were March 19 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland. An American Legion Post 32 Auxiliary service was March 18.

Mrs. Manchester, who died March 16 in Dearborn, was born June 8, 1928, in McGrath, Minn. She was a press operator in the automotive industry.

Surviving are her husband, John; son, Roger (Rose) Williamson; daughters, Lois (Tim) Bennett and Barb (George) Duka; six brothers and sisters; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

CLARA B. MADDY

Services for Clara Maddy, 79, of Westland were March 19 in R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Officiating was the Rev. John Harris.

Mrs. Maddy, who died March 16 in Westland, was born Nov. 22, 1919, in Detroit. She was a lifelong resident of this area. She was a lab technician for Kerr Manufacturing, retiring in 1984. She was minister of Women for Jesus, and chaplain at Wayne County General Hospital.

Surviving are her daughter, Mary (Bill) Carothers; grandchildren, Terri Genson and Diane (Dean) Aldrich; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

IRENE V. GARDNER

Services for former Westland resident Irene Gardner, 78, of Sarasota, Fla., were Feb. 20 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Mrs. Gardner, who died Feb. 4 in Sarasota, was born Jan. 24, 1921, in Detroit. She was vice president of a structural steel company. She also resided in Wayne.

Surviving are her son, Jonathon Gardner of Sarasota, Fla.; and daughter, Elaine Walters.

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Sheridan

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Sheridan is the daughter of Gail Sheridan of Westland and a 1998 graduate of Cedarville High School, Mich.

Angela Gerych has enlisted in the Air Force. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course in San Antonio, Texas, she is scheduled to receive technical training as an aircraft communications and navigation systems apprentice. She will earn credits toward an associate's degree in

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

Gerych, the daughter of Joanne Strohmer of Frankfort and Daniel Gerych of Westland, is a 1997 graduate of Frankfort High School.

Heather Reulbach has enlisted in the Air Force. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course in San Antonio, Texas, she is scheduled to receive technical training as an environmental apprentice.

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

Reulbach, the daughter of Linda and George Reulbach of Westland, is a 1997 graduate of John Glenn High School.

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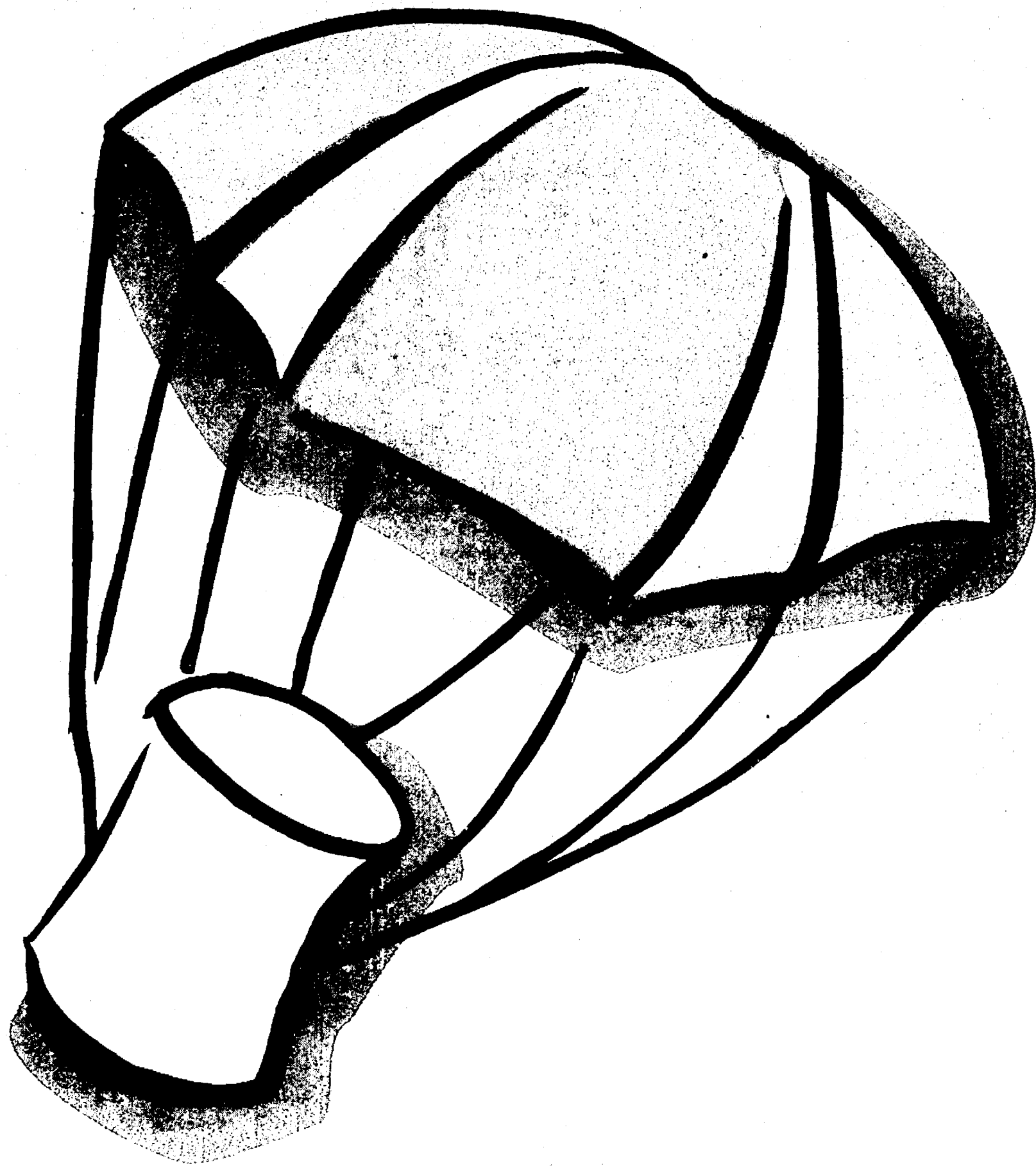
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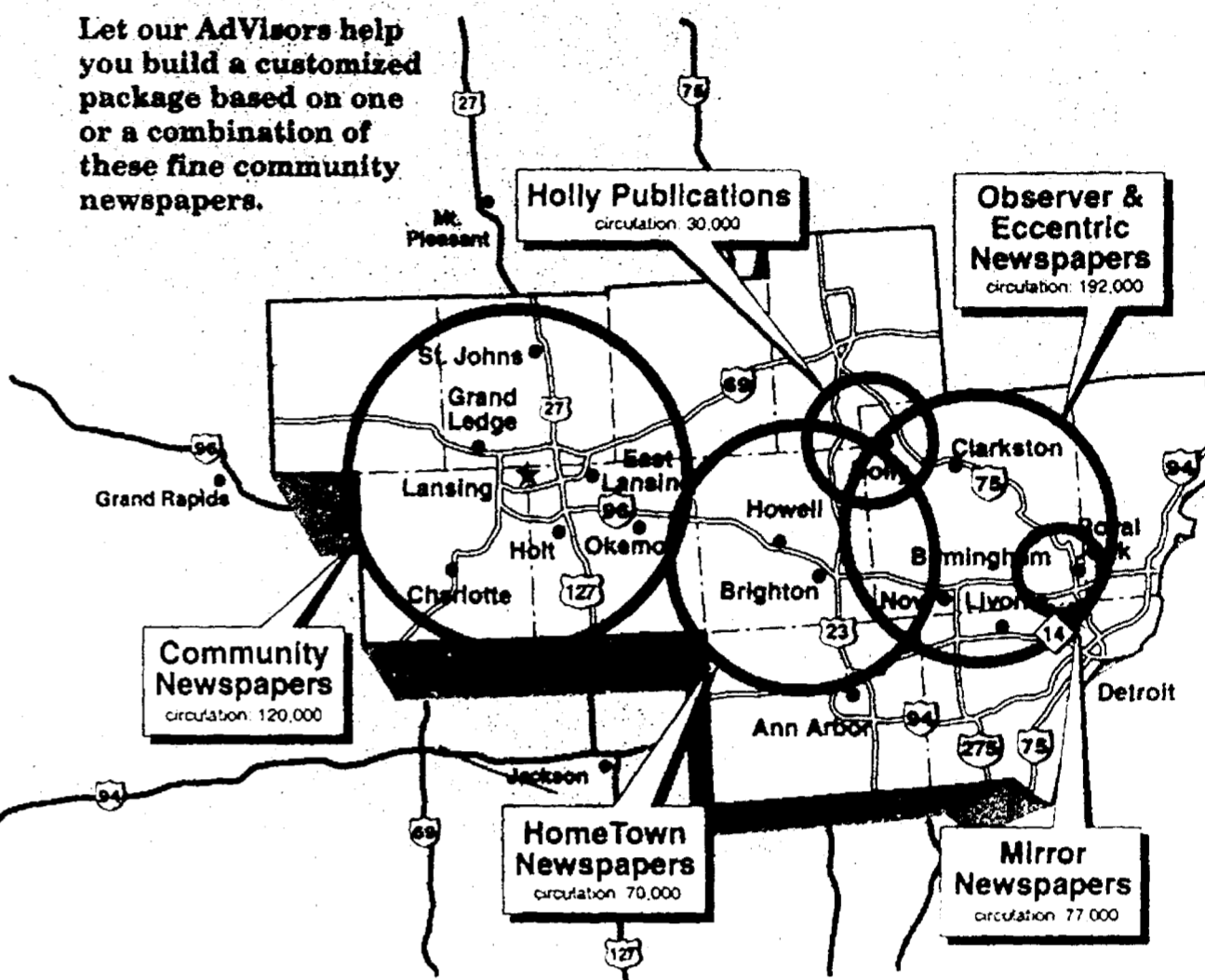
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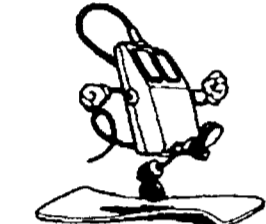
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Payable/Receivable, Bank recs. 5 yrs. experience in computerized growing company. Must be self starter & timely. \$10.00-\$12.00/HR. Call Kate (248)473-1112 or fax resume (248)442-1116

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Boost in state aid

House bill gives Schoolcraft more money

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Schoolcraft Community College may receive a 3.24 percent increase in state funds for the 2000-01 budget after the state House of Representatives approved legislation for the community college's appropriation on March 18.

The bill, now headed to the Senate for consideration, will increase overall community college funding by \$10.9 million.

State Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, a member of the House Appropriations Committee and former vice president of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, said community col-

leges, especially Schoolcraft, can offer affordable quality education programs "right in our backyard."

"The increase will allow these quality programs to respond to the growing number of students attending community colleges. After all, the more they know, the further they'll go."

Schoolcraft also will receive \$148,320 for at-risk student success programs. The programs aid students who are placed in one or more developmental courses, as a result of standardized testing, diagnosed as learning disabled or require English as a second language assistance.

Wayne County Community College will receive a 1.25 per-

cent increase in state funding. If the community colleges keep tuition increases under the rate of inflation, they would be eligible for an additional 1.5 percent increase.

State Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, was pleased with the state funding increases.

"Community colleges play a vital role in training employees for today's workforce, providing new skills to displaced workers and working with area companies to retrain workers as technology on the job changes."

The tuition restraint incentive program is a new feature in this year's budget, according to Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne.

"If community colleges keep


their tuition increases in check, they will receive a financial reward in the form of more state funding."

Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell expected to discuss the figures with the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees last night. If the Senate were to approve the same House package, Schoolcraft's state appropriation will increase from \$10.9 million to \$11.3 million.

Schoolcraft's 3.24 percent increase is better than the state average of 2.5 percent. "We think that's pretty good," McDowell said. "Anytime the state funds are above the average, it's to our benefit."

Sen. McCotter will meet with residents March 29

State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, has scheduled office hours 9-11 a.m. Monday, March 29, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, for residents of the 9th District, which includes Redford, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth Township and part of Canton. McCotter will be available to meet with constituents to answer public policy questions and assist in handling problems. McCotter is seeking public input and encourages all residents to attend.



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Senate OKs health insurance package

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Health insurers would be required to cover treatment of diabetes under a package of four bills passed by the state Senate and sent to the House.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce, however, is "strongly opposed" to a government mandate of benefits.

"Health benefits should be negotiated between employers and employees, based upon the needs of the workforce and the economic condition of the employer," said Nancy McKague, the chamber's lobbyist.

The chamber asked the Senate instead to remove health care costs from the single business

tax base. SBT is a value-added tax on business and basically covers payroll and purchases.

The Senate passed the package by 36-0 votes with one Detroit Democrat absent.

"The argument that it's a mandate is without merit," said Senate majority leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron.

"I'm tired of hearing 'mandated benefits,'" said the sponsor, Sen. John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek. "Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S. and third in some minority groups."

"Diabetes affects 391,000 people in Michigan - 4 percent of the population. There are at least three diabetics in this room, and I'm only counting one

side (Republican).

"These bills make certain, if one has medical coverage, that diabetes equipment is paid for. It covers training. Individuals can get, for \$80, a glucose monitor."

"These bills are not rocket science."

"There was not one bit of eye contact made by opponents of these bills to members of the (Senate Health Policy) committee. I believe they were ashamed," said Schwarz, the Senate's only physician member.

Sen. John Cherry, D-Clio, brought the issue to a personal level. "One of our former colleagues, Sen. Jerry Hart (D-Saginaw), was a diabetic and suffered many of the consequences

that were previously talked about."

"I know that one of the reasons that Senator Hart stayed on in this body for some time was, in fact, the cost of treatment for this disease," said Cherry. "Ultimately he passed away from complications from this disease, so as we do this I know, at least for me, it's a vote for Jerry Hart."

The package has four bills: SB 260-252, covering health maintenance organizations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and other insurers.

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The second-annual "A Joint Parade" — a walk to help the Arthritis Foundation prevent, control and cure arthritis — will be held Saturday, April 17, in Ann Arbor, Royal Oak and Rochester.

The walks begin at 9 a.m. at Burn's Park School, 1414 Wells Street, Rochester Community Schools Administrative Center, 501 West University in Rochester and the Boys & Girls Club of South Oakland County, 1545 E. Lincoln in Royal Oak. Participants must check in beginning at 8 a.m.

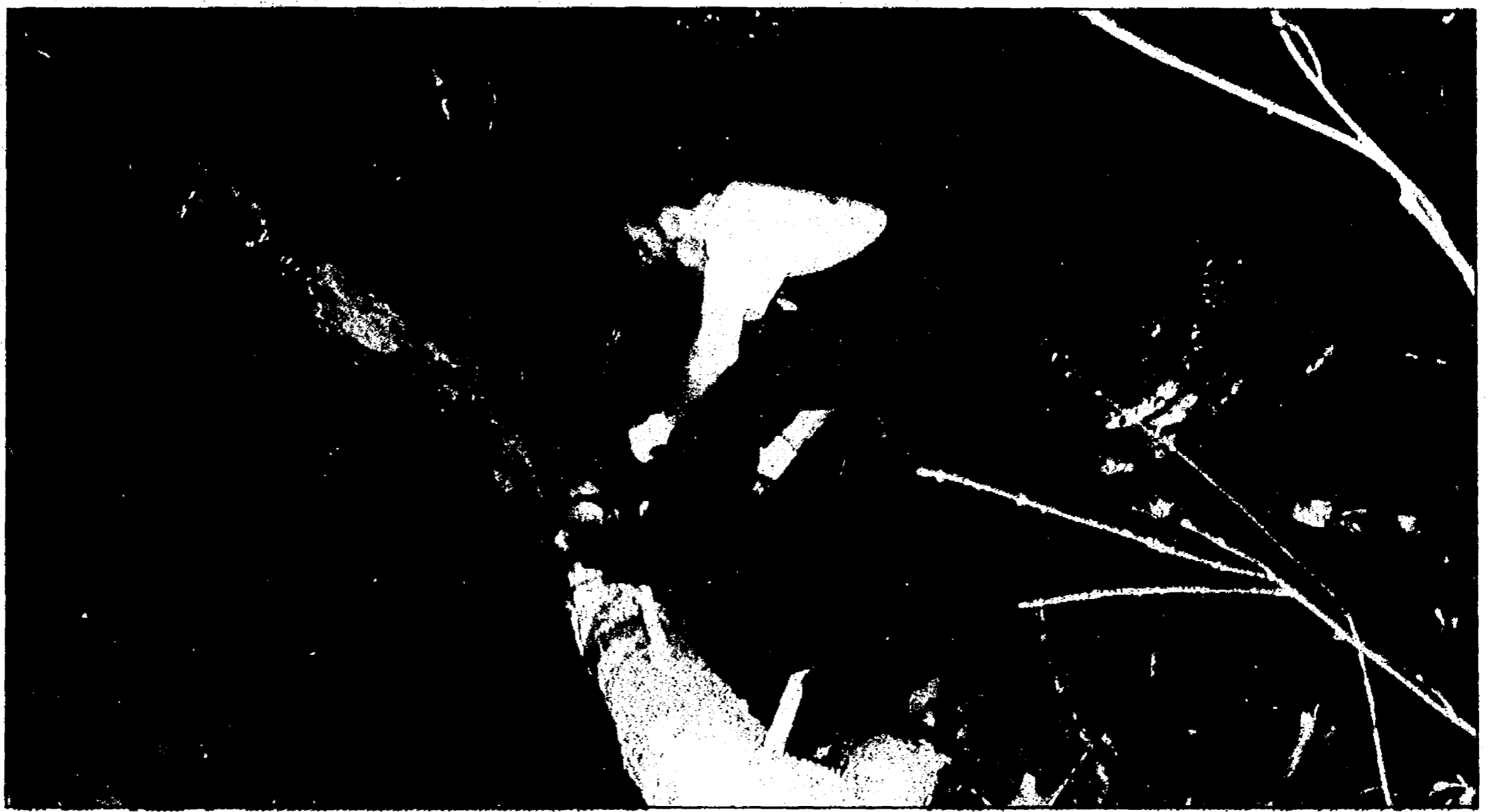
The 2-, 5- or 7-mile walks require no special skills and walkers don't compete for times. The only goals are to cross the finish line, have a good time, and raise money for the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter.

Individual walkers of teams can register for "A Joint Parade" or get more information by calling toll free (800) 968-3030.

Walkers will receive prizes based on the amount of money they collect in pledges. The grand prize is four nights in Las Vegas, including airfare, hotel, and transfers for two.

An estimated 43 million Americans 1.5 million of them in Michigan, have arthritis. Arthritis refers to more than 100 different diseases, which affect areas around joints but also can affect other parts of the body. It causes pain and loss of movement, and is the leading cause of disability in the United States.

The Arthritis Foundation, Michigan chapter, spend about 85 percent of its revenue on research and quality of life programs.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Rouge Rescue: The Holliday Nature Preserve Association participated in last year's river cleanup. Organizers are once again recruiting volunteers for the metro areawide effort to improve the watershed.

Nature preserve offers chance to get involved

The Holliday Nature Preserve Association offers participants a spring calendar of events ranging from nature hikes to river cleanup.

Scheduled activities include:
 ■ **Spring Fever Hike** — Get rid of those winter blues by getting out and looking at the world at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10. Meet at the Koppernick Entrance to the Preserve. Koppernick Road is located off of Hix Road north of Warren, turn to the west, and follow Koppernick just barely past the second bend in the road. For information call (734) 522-8547. The event is free.

■ **General meeting** in the Jenkins Room at the Livonia Civic Center Library, located at Five Mile and Farmington, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 8. Please note the change in the usual day. All welcome. For more information call (734) 522-8547.

■ **Earth Day Cleanup** — Volunteers are asked to meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 24, to spruce up the preserve. Meet at the Hix Park Entrance to the Preserve, located just north of Warren on the west side of Hix. Hot dog lunch will be served afterwards. The event is free. For more information, call (734) 522-8547.

■ **Rouge Rescue meeting** at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, in the Livonia Civic Center Library, located at Five Mile and Farmington roads. All are welcome. For information, call (734) 522-8547.

■ **Mother's Day Hike** — Mom, let the kids cook today, and come enjoy this annual stroll through the woods at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 9. Held in conjunction with the Sierra Club, this tour will highlight the gorgeous spring flowers found here in Michigan. Non-moms are welcome. Meet at the Service Merchandise Parking lot at Cowan Road behind Westland Mall. The event is free. For information call (734) 522-8547.

■ **Pre-Rouge Rescue Tour** — Come join association members at noon Sunday, May 23, as they explain the River Day expansion of the annual Rouge Rescue. Learn where the Holliday Nature Preserve Association will be cleaning up, and where it will be progressing beyond cleanup to improving the environment. Meet at the Service Merchandise Parking lot at Cowan Road behind Westland Mall. Event is free. For information call (734) 522-8547.

■ **Rouge Rescue** — Come join us for River Day beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 5. This includes the annual Rouge Rescue cleanup, hikes, and activities designed to improve the health of the complete Rouge River Watershed ecosystem. Meet at the Service Merchandise Parking lot at Cowan Road behind Westland Mall. For information call (734) 522-8547.

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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.

Getting ready for high school proms



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Prom fashions: The Plymouth Canton Educational Park held its 12th Annual Prom Fashion Show last Thursday in the Canton Cafeteria. Students presented the latest offerings in tuxedo and prom gown fashions. Modeling tux offerings this spring are Joe Wagner, from left, Dave Koontz, Terrence McDaniel, Brian Williams, Ken Szydlowski, Pat Holland, Antwan Webb, Eric Peterson and Matt Compton.

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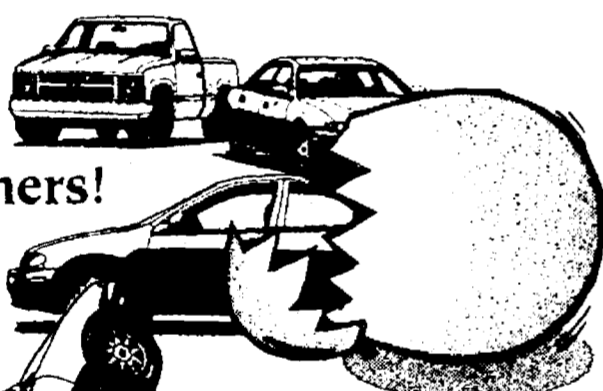
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Airport money

Sixteen public-use airports will get grants and loans totaling \$25 million, the Michigan Aeronautics Commission announced.

The lion's share, \$17.8 million, will go to Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport for support of a major multi-year improvement program.

Willow Run Airport, also a Wayne County operation, will get \$4 million for a fuel storage area, water main, stormwater system, runway resurfacing, new firefighting equipment storage building, and entrance signing.

Other funds will go to:

■ **Southeast Michigan Council of Governments** - \$55,556 for planning to determine the region's aircraft capacity needs.

Funds are a combination of federal and state grant and loans. Revenue sources are taxes on aviation fuel, passengers and aircraft registration fees.

Corporate board

April 5 is startup date for the new board of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., which will take over the functions of the old Jobs Commission under

Gov. John Engler's executive order.

"A wonderful cross-section of business leaders, local communities and educators," Engler said of his 15 appointments. Among area people are:

■ **David Brandon**, Plymouth Township, retired from Valassis Communications, now with Domino's Pizza and an elected regent of the University of Michigan.

■ **James Garravaglia**, Comeria, Detroit.

■ **DeWitt Henry**, Wayne County economic development.

■ **Paul Hillemonds**, Plymouth Township, former House speaker, president of Detroit Renaissance.

■ **Irvin Reid**, president of Wayne State University.

Dems praise

For once, House Democrats are praising Engler. The governor rescinded his executive order transferring the Transportation Economic Development Fund money to the Jobs Commission.

Engler transferred the funds back to the state Department of Transportation. "We have eliminated local governments' concerns that Transportation Eco-

conomic Development Funds would be diminished," said Doug Rothwell, CEO of the Jobs Commission.

The fund was created about 10 years ago to aid counties - particularly Oakland and Macomb - that had great road needs because of job growth.

Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, and two outstate Democrats had called on Engler to rescind the original order, saying it would harm local road efforts.

They welcomed Engler's change of mind. "Every last dime of this money belongs to Michigan's counties. It should not have been targeted for the Strategic Fund," Kelly said.

Juvenile board

Engler appointed 21 people to the Committee on Juvenile Justice, which reviews state plans for federally required juvenile justice and delinquency prevention.

Among area people are:

■ **Y. Gladys Barsamian**, Plymouth, retired Wayne County probate judge, representing the general public, and serving as committee chair.

Compiled from executive and legislative news releases by Tim Richard.

Learning center holds summer signup

The Learning Center at Madonna University in Livonia is accepting applications for summer term which begins in June. Enrollment is limited. Early application will allow sufficient time for an assessment of each student before classes begin.

The tutorial sessions are designed for students from the first through 12th grades who are experiencing difficulty in reading and related skills. Parents/guardians may choose one

session in Block I: 9-10:30 a.m. June 21-July 16; Block II: 9-10:15 a.m. or 10:30-11:45 a.m. June 21-July 2; Block III: 8:30-10:15 or 10:30-12:15 July 6-16; Block IV: 8:30-10:30 or 10:15-11:45 a.m. July 19-30. Individual or group (two students) is available.

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officials will meet with community leaders twice a year - once before the snow season and once after - to discuss the snow removal operations.

Hospitals and fire stations will be higher priorities on the snow removal list, Priebe said.

Priebe hoped the new efforts would present a "kindlier, gentler" Wayne County. "We're reaching out and listening."

Priebe said.

"There's money available to enhance the fleet and 40 additional people in the roads division, but we have to put these people to work 12 months a year," Priebe believes those employees could work in the summer on the maintenance of drains on gravel roads in Wayne County townships.

Canton Township Supervisor

Tom Yack said Canton officials did not meet with county road representatives at those meetings, but "that was our choice."

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James Hill, D.P.M.

Foot Pain Among First Signs of Spring

Spring showers bring May flowers, but according to Dr. James Hill, a Westland podiatric physician and surgeon, it also brings more foot pain. Dr. Hill says he sees more patients with heel pain in the spring. In the spring, as people get more active, pain is typically the result of inflammation of the plantar fascia ligament that runs along the bottom of the foot. He says weight can also play a role in heel pain. "People have a tendency to put on more weight in the winter. The greater the body weight, the greater the stress on the feet." Women who have been wearing higher-heeled shoes sometimes will experience heel pain when they begin walking in flatter shoes or go barefoot.

Dr. Hill, who is an Associate member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, says that most people with heel pain respond to conservative treatment such as stretching, icing and switching to more supportive shoes. However, custom-made shoe inserts (orthotics) may help prevent recurrence of the problem and provide long term relief. Very rarely is surgery recommended as treatment for heel pain. Dr. Hill also notices an increase in other types of foot problems at this time of the year. Many problems such as bunions, hammertoes, arthritis, ingrown toenails, corns and calluses are aggravated by a winter's worth of wearing tight, closed-toe winter shoes or boots.

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Dale Wardell, D.C.

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Pickering Council's losing strong voice

Westland will be losing one of its longtime public servants next month. It came as a surprise to most everyone, but Charles Pickering has decided to leave the Westland City Council as of April 30, eight months before his current term expires. 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.

What that means for Westland is the loss of a valuable independent voice on city council.

He hasn't been afraid to question decisions approved by a majority on council. For example, he opposed council's decision to seek a 1.5-mill, six-year tax increase for new police and fire programs in 1996. That proposal was defeated by voters. He also questioned city expenditures of \$2 million for a new Sears store at Westland Center, calling it corporate welfare as well as questioning the extension of a special taxing district north of Ford Road. He felt it should have ended after the Westland library was built, but a council majority chose to continue the Tax Increment Finance Authority district.

Pickering served as Westland's mayor for one term during the early 1980s. He served a sometimes-controversial term during which he

often found himself at odds with council. He was defeated when he ran for a second mayoral term.

But Pickering moved on from those years to serve as an insightful council member. He has often found a compromise to help bridge political gaps, according to one of his council colleagues.

He has been a strong voice on council, who could be counted on to ask the tough questions. But he also worked well with others and for his constituents.

As council begins its search to fill Pickering's seat, we hope someone willing to be a questioning force on council will either be chosen to fill the seat or will seek election this year.

Westland's residents deserve someone with a strong voice to represent them. They deserve someone who asks questions even if some other council members aren't asking.

It's not easy to take a hard line when others around you don't share your concerns. But that's what it takes to truly represent the voters who elect you.

Pickering has done things his own way during his political career in Westland, including announcing his resignation on the Ides of March with references to Julius Caesar.

Pickering's service to Westland has been immeasurable. He will be missed.

Buckling up just makes sense

The opponents failed to listen well as state Sen. Bill Bullard Jr. made the case for toughening Michigan's safety belt law.

They talked about Big Brother government. They talked about the slippery slope to outlawing smoking, closing doughnut shops and requiring calisthenics. They said police should concentrate instead on catching killers and rapists rather than issuing tickets to those rugged souls who refuse to wear safety belts. They beat on the insurance companies.

For a dozen years, Michigan has required drivers and passengers to wear safety belts when a vehicle is in motion. But it's punishable only as a secondary offense. A cop must have stopped you for another reason — such as speeding or having a busted taillight — before he can ticket you for failure to wear a safety belt.

But Bullard, R-Milford, wasn't talking about the number of extra tickets that could be issued with primary enforcement. He was talking about getting people to obey the law — compliance, not punishment.

Michigan, he said, is "stuck" at 70 percent compliance. Try as they might, state officials and insurers can't get 80 percent of people to wear them voluntarily under "secondary" enforcement. California, he said, raised compliance 10 to 15 percent when it went to primary enforcement. More people began obeying the law.

Many laws are like that — designed for compliance rather than punishment. The Open Meetings Act, for example, is very weak on punishments for violators. It's designed to be complied with, to be easily understandable by sometimes amateur public officials. It assumes officials of goodwill are inclined to do the right thing.

Take the littering law, as another example. If you're evasive, a cop never will catch you littering. But if you've been taught that trash pollutes, makes the environment look crummy

and can injure animals and fish, you as a good citizen obey the law and don't litter.

When more adults use safety belts, they set an example for kids. "When adults buckle up, 80 percent of children will. But when adults don't buckle up, only 50 percent of children will," Bullard said. It's too bad so many of his colleagues failed to get the message and mis-cast the issue in Big Brother terms.

There are other reasons for requiring drivers and passengers to buckle up. When unbelted occupants suffer closed-head injuries, they raise everyone's insurance rates. They cost a ton of money to treat and rehabilitate, sometimes for the rest of their lives.

It's a lesser consideration, but unbelted people injured in vehicle accidents take up six to eight hours of police investigation compared to a couple of hours for noninjury accidents.

Our highways became more dangerous when Michigan lifted its speed limit to 70 mph. It means that it's common to see drivers going 95 on I-96 without getting caught. So far, there are no statistics, but we suspect that the increasing use of "cruise control" means more drivers blunder into pile-up accidents or fail to slow down when danger appears.

All of those are reasons to wear safety belts and to make nonuse a primary offense.

We give a pat on the back to those senators who voted for SB 335: Bullard, Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, John Cherry, D-Clio, Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and George Z. Hart, D-Deerborn.

In the Observer & Eccentric area, only Loren Bennett, R-Canton, was opposed.

The bill goes to the House, which has passed a version of the measure in past years. But we have 64 new House members this year. Write to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909-7514, and ask him or her to support SB 335, primary enforcement of the safety belt law.

Spring ball



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. The ball begins 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road in Westland. Call (734) 595-7727 for reservations.

LETTERS

Gun law needs reform

Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners sponsored a meeting with State Rep. Eileen DeHart Monday, March 22, at the Westland Library.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss reform of the 1927 state firearms laws.

The law was originally passed following a near riot in Detroit after the family of a black physician moved into an all-white neighborhood.

After Dr. Ossian Sweet's family moved in, a crowd of angry whites gathered around the house, making threats and stoning the house. Though it was never determined who fired the first shot, a white man was killed.

It was only then the Detroit police, who had been present for several hours, made any move, and that was to arrest Sweet and other members of his family present in the home.

Sweet and his family members were found not-guilty of murder, and it was following this incident that Michigan passed the current laws.

Since that time these laws have been applied unevenly across Michigan's 83 counties.

Recently in Genesee County, Sheriff Joe Wilson was forced out of office after it came to light he was issuing permits to friends and acquaintances not living in his county. Macomb County prosecutor Carl Marlinga has interpreted the Michigan State Constitution of 1963's Article, 1 Section 6, which states "Every person has the right to keep and bear arms in the defense of himself and the state," as meaning any law-abiding citizen has the right to an unrestricted concealed weapons permit.

Just across Eight Mile Road in Wayne County, it is nearly impossible for a non-law-enforcement individual to obtain such a permit. One only needs to look at last year's statistics to see that Macomb County has had a drop in the crime rate four times faster than that of the rest of the state.

Residents of other states who come to Michigan and have permits from their home state are allowed to carry concealed weapons in our state, yet many law-abiding citizens that live here are precluded from carrying with no good reason provided by the gun board, nor have any avenue of appeal once denied by the board.

It is our hope to reform the current law so that Michigan citizens will have equal protec-

tion under the law in all parts of the state.

Dennis Kabaczy
Michigan Coalition for Responsible
Gun Owners

Dance successful

On Feb. 27, Westland Chapter 387 Vietnam Veterans of America hosted a '50s-'60s dance to raise funds for the families of the injured Ford Rouge Plant employees.

A sellout crowd danced to the tunes supplied by former "Honey Radio" D.J. Arnie Martin. Raffles were held throughout the evening for prizes donated by: Max & Erma's Restaurants, Westland Meijer, Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills, Double Tree Airport Hotel, Scott Colburn Western Store, On the Border Mexican Cafe of Novi, Motor City Harley-Davidson, Crestwood Dodge, Sandy's on the Beech Restaurant, Ginopolis Restaurant, the Fan Zone, and the Ford Motor Co.

Thanks to the support of the above-mentioned and all who attended the dance, Chapter 387 was able to donate a check for \$1,000 to UAW Local 600 for the affected families.

Rick Patry
Vietnam Veterans 387

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The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not publish letters that discuss new issues, since last-minute attacks don't allow a chance for rebuttal. Responses to already published issues will be accepted.

Letters should be mailed to: Editor, The Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150; faxed to (734) 591-7279; or e-mailed with your name, city of residence and phone number to: bjachman@oe.homecomm.net

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Which team do you think will win the men's NCAA basketball title?

We asked this question at Kroger on Ford Road.



"I would narrow it down to Michigan State or Duke, and then I'd say Michigan State."
Margie Hodgson



"I think Duke, but I'd like Michigan State to win."
Sue Pietruszka



"Duke. I think they're an all-around team, on the bench and everything."
Matt Molenda



"Michigan State. I just think they're up for it."
Nancy Hubble

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Busy month of March provides some food for thought

Who says March is meant only for college basketball?

Monday evening, March 1, saw us at Plymouth Canton High School in Canton for a Town Hall meeting with U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, who represents Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Garden City, Westland, part of Livonia and other areas. The discussion didn't focus on impeachment and other troubles of President Bill Clinton.

People were concerned about pocketbook issues, questions of foreign policy such as military intervention in Kosovo, and other concerns. The forum was enlightening, and my husband and I plan to attend future sessions. I have mixed feelings on military intervention in Kosovo, although the audience that night, at least those

who spoke, was overwhelmingly opposed.

Those my age and older remember the nightmare of Vietnam and question the reasons to get involved in other countries' conflicts. At the same time, humanitarian concerns exist.

War came to mind later in the month, with a discussion of Keith Richburg's "Out of America" for Contemporary Books at the Plymouth District Library Wednesday, March 17. Richburg is a Washington Post staffer, Detroit native and University of Michigan graduate I knew in college.

He writes about his three years reporting in Africa and concludes that American blacks shouldn't look to Africa for their roots. Its wars, coups and famines make it no place to look



JULIE BROWN

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for a higher meaning, he believes.

The book generated considerable discussion at our meeting, including comments from Jackie Troutman of Plymouth, who has traveled in Africa and elsewhere. We compared the economies of Africa and Asia, as Richburg does in his book.

He's now based in Hong Kong and would have more interesting things to say on that subject. We also discussed foreign aid to corrupt regimes, a concern of the group members.

Of course, the month hasn't been all heavy-duty thinking. We took time to go to the Ark in Ann Arbor to see the band Sonia Dada from Chicago. The March 4 concert was followed that Saturday (March 6) by ushering at the Plymouth branch, American

Association of University Women production of "Alice in Wonderland." The shows, involving the talents of many, were held at Garden City High School.

My role was small, but I was proud to help those who do so much more to bring live theater to children. I got to thinking that perhaps our world's problems would lessen if more children worldwide could have such opportunities. It may be naive to think wars will end that way, but I prefer to think of it as hopeful. After all, Alice saw a whole new world and learned from it.

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'Journalism' of MGTV and tribes leaves a lot to be desired

Like you, I often get sore at one news medium or another — sometimes a Detroit paper, other times the Washington Post, frequently the crime-ridden broadcast news.

But consider the alternative: socialized journalism. That's the worst of all. I cite two prime examples — state government and the Indian tribes.

MGTV stands for Michigan Government Television. It runs four or five hours a day of events in Lansing on cable. And it does so very badly.

Oh, there's a great-sounding boast: "... without commentary, analysis or editing for content ... a direct conduit to the audience without distorting their points of view."

For a reality check, consider the March 18 broadcast of the state Senate:

Majority Floor Leader Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, opens by moving to "pass items 1-3 for the day." They won't be taken up. What were items 1-3? Unless you have an agenda, you can't find out — MGTV doesn't show

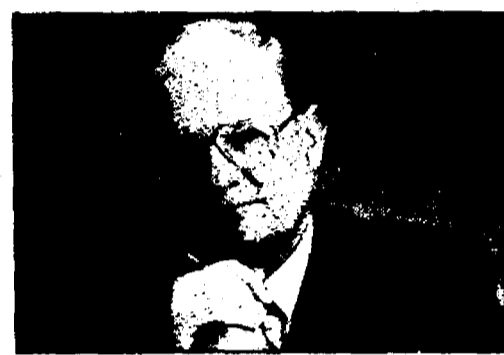
the agenda.

Rogers moves the Senate go to item 4, Senate Bill 319, an amendment to the Judicature Act. What's it about? MGTV doesn't tell.

Senate secretary Carol Morey Vimenti announces that "amendment No. 1 is on the chamber automation system." But MGTV doesn't show you what's on the chamber automation system. Senators and the press corps can see it, but you can't.

After some debate, you gather the bill is about police pursuits. The amendment has to do with removing a cap on the noneconomic ("pain and suffering") damages a jury may award an innocent person hurt during a police pursuit. The Senate's roll call takes 60 seconds. MGTV's camera shows the wallpaper on the top half of the screen, but it cuts off the actual roll call. You have no idea how your senator voted.

A TV colleague informs me that commercial TV cameramen are told by the Senate sergeants at-arms not



TIM RICHARD

to photograph the roll call. So unless a real reporter takes notes or checks the official journal next day, you don't see the roll call.

Four amendments are voted down by various margins, but MGTV never tells you how any one senator voted.

The sponsor offers an amendment, but no one demands a "record roll call." Secretary Vimenti announces there are 21 aye votes, but not the nay votes or the absentees. MGTV doesn't show the roll call.

On final passage, the Senate

votes 24-13. MGTV doesn't show the roll call.

MGTV cheats TV viewers. Only the press reports the content of the bill, the breakdown by party and the local senators' votes.

Next, the Senate takes up the diabetes bills. But MGTV cuts off the Senate debate at noon, moving to the House for an hour of quorum call and introduction of school children in the gallery.

Last week, Women in Communications, the Society of Professional Journalists and the Michigan Freedom of Information Committee (I'm a member of the latter two) heard Chicago-based journalist Karen Lincoln Michel talk about "Repression on the Reservation."

Michel, a Ho-Chunk Indian, has worked for commercial newspapers and tribal reservation papers. Her key point: America's Bill of Rights doesn't apply on reservations because they are sovereign nations.

"The media are owned, operated

and financed by the tribe," Michel said. In some cases, the editor has a second function: public relations spokesman for the tribe.

Reservation newspapers are a branch of government, as in Cuba and Third World socialist countries. There are no Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act.

"You don't report on crimes or anything that reflects negatively on tribal government," she said. Michel related a series of stories where tribal chiefs shut down reservation papers, laid off staff, even censored stories.

Tribal leaders, she said, rarely have attended college and distrust college graduates as reporters.

Newspapers — particularly the competition — have bad days. But on our worst days, we're not as bad as the socialized journalism of MGTV and the tribes.

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

Let airline competition take off

Given what air passengers have suffered in recent years, it's not at all surprising that the "Passenger Entitlement and Competition Enhancement Act" got a favorable hearing last week in Washington.

Sponsored, among others, by Michigan's Rep. John Dingell, D-Trenton, the bill has two parts.

One would, in effect, re-regulate the airline industry. It would require airlines to pay passengers' damages if they get stranded for more than two hours on a plane, increase airline liability for lost or misdirected baggage and discourage passenger bumping when flights are oversold.

Over the years, I've become more and more skeptical of attempts by government to resolve complex and subtle issues by passing yet more laws or imposing more and more complex regulations. Passing an "airline passengers' bill of rights" probably won't do much harm, but I seriously doubt that long-suffering air passengers will get instant relief through the actions of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

The airlines — Northwest among them — told the committee that re-regulation wouldn't work and would likely drive up costs. They argued that the industry, left to itself, would cure whatever problems might exist. They're right.

But my skepticism of government regulations is, if anything, overmatched by my distrust of an industry with magnificently developed instincts for profiting through monopoly rather than good service and competitive pricing.

Here's Dingell on the subject: "Since 1978, we have had unregulated monopoly rather than regulated monopoly or competition. It has resulted in increased consolidation, diminished choice, and higher prices in many markets. In Detroit, statistics indicate that new entrant Pro Air saved consumers \$180 million by introducing price competition.

"In fact, for Northwest Airlines — the dominant carrier in the Detroit market — the fare between Detroit and the Washington area appears to be directly influenced by whether a competitor is in the market. Pro Air operates from Detroit to Baltimore-Washington International airport for about \$100 and so does Northwest. However, Northwest also flies directly into National Airport where it faces no competition from Pro Air — for about \$400."

That's why the second part of the bill — to change the ground rules in air travel to promote market competition — has far more potential.

The legislation would give the secretary of transportation the power to create, withdraw or auction landing slots at airports so as to increase competition between airlines. North-



PHILIP POWER

west Airlines, for example, controls nearly 60 percent of the flights and 80 percent of the air passenger traffic at Detroit Metro Airport by owning the majority of landing gates. Other airlines control monopolistic "fortress hubs" — Atlanta (American), Cincinnati (Delta), Salt Lake City (United) are examples — by similar means.

The legislation would also require the secretary to establish and publicize a statement enumerating the consumer rights of air passengers. And it would authorize reports ranking costs for various domestic routes among airlines and relate those costs to the degree of market concentration possessed by airlines at their hubs.

All this makes sense. Up to now, airline passengers — at least those without a law degree and a good pair of glasses to assist reading the fine print on tickets — have no idea of their rights when being abused by airlines. And objective studies detailing how ticket prices go up when airlines monopolize hub airports will be a valuable first step.

First step to what? To an amendment to antitrust laws such that any airline holding a stranglehold on a given hub — say, 60 percent or more of flight departures or more than 70 percent of passenger traffic — would automatically be in violation of anti-monopoly statutes.

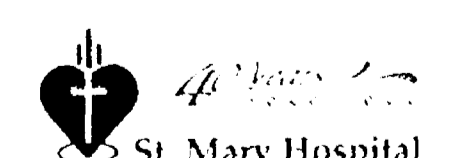
The remedy? Giving the secretary of transportation the power to compel monopolistic airlines to sell gates to competing carriers so as to allow competitive forces room to work in fortress hubs.

The result? Improved service and reduced ticket prices.

Carry on, Dingell!


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DRY CLEANERS - Counter Help

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We are a well established company whose fast growing HVAC division is looking for team players to climb our career ladder.

COMMERCIAL SERVICE TECHNICIAN

Three to five years experience with HVAC and technical troubleshooting preferred.

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Reports to Quality Manager, works with all departments to create, finalize documents and assure process compliance. Leads internal audit team, works with registrar, and manages quality system records.

Quality related degree or certification, complete or in progress, is helpful. Experience with process control techniques in small to medium shops is a plus.

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Control Gaging, Inc.
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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

There's a lot to be said for good deed

This story took place in an ordinary neighborhood ... maybe a neighborhood similar to yours where people didn't necessarily know each other, nor did they take the time to get to know each other. The next door neighbor was the extent of name recognition.

One day, a gentleman in the neighborhood got this idea that maybe it would be fun to host a potluck barbecue for the neighbors.

"Think anyone will come?" his wife asked.

"Well, we'll find out," he said.

If-you-host-it-they-will-come clearly took place. The couple was overwhelmed by the response of their neighbors. From infants to seniors, they all came and got to know each other as they ate together.

Following the picnic, subtle changes began to take place. They began to wave to each other as they passed on the street. Men could be seen leaning on their rakes at the end of their driveway, kibitzing with each other. The air of the neighborhood was decidedly more neighborly.

As the holiday season arrived, a particular story started to make its way around the neighborhood. A couple in the neighborhood, with little children, was struggling because the husband had a degenerative eye disease that was getting progressively worse.

As December grew near, the husband started to go blind and the doctor decided it was time to do a delicate surgery. The family was in turmoil. The wife could barely cope with taking care of the children, as well as trying to get to the hospital and stay ahead of the bills.

It wasn't long before the neighbors picked up on the family's crisis. One after another figured

out something they could do to help the family. From food, to cleaning to their house, to driving to the hospital, the neighborhood came together and rallied around the entire family. At one point, they even sent around a collection to help pay a mortgage payment.

Each time someone would arrive at the door with some act of kindness, the wife would tear up and say, "I just don't know how I could ever repay you for the nice things you have done for our family."

But the neighbors knew better. Their payment was the enjoyment of doing "good."

A young woman on television the other morning described to the talk show host all of the ins and outs of her bout with cancer, which she had been suffering from for several years.

When asked what has been the most significant thing that has happened because of her disease, she said, "It was when my dad suggested that I go talk to the children in our local hospital who were also suffering from cancer."

"I originally told him that it was the last thing in the world I wanted to do, but when I finally went there, and sat with them, and gave them hope, and laughed with them, I knew it was the most important thing in the world that I could have ever done, and I am so grateful to my father for pushing me to do it," she said.

Sometimes "jumping" from our complacent mode out into the discomfort zone seems like the most unpleasant thing we could think of ... but the rewards far outweigh the fears.

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Is your life on overload?



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Partners: As a personal coach, Marvin Yanke develops a partnership with his clients, helping them to get more out of life and to live their dreams instead of dreaming their dreams

Don't worry ... Get a coach

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Marvin Yanke just can't help himself when it comes to helping other people.

When a visitor to his office tells of an upcoming vacation and the load of work that must be done prior to that, he offers a bit of advice.

"Don't worry. There's only a few assignments left," he says without flinching as he slips through a file.

Yanke, who works out of his Plymouth home, has made a career out of helping people. He spent 18 years working as a psychotherapist and the last two years as a personal coach.

"Coaching is a partnership where I work with my client to help them get more out of life; essentially to live their dreams instead of dreaming their dreams; to reach personal goals and professional goals," explained Yanke, the owner of Yanke Enrichment Services, or YES!

"I liken it to a personal trainer for your physical fitness. Not everybody needs or wants a personal trainer for their physical fitness. Some people can become fit and exercise regularly without a trainer. Other people want

a trainer or recognize the value of having a personal trainer to keep them focused, to keep them accountable, to help them with a specific action plan. As a personal coach, I do the same thing - not for your fitness. I do it for your life."

Taking own advice

Yanke's first client was himself. A Southfield native, he graduated from Southfield High School in 1975. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1979 from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in clinical psychology from Eastern Kentucky University in 1981.

He has been licensed by the State of Michigan as a master's level psychologist since 1981. He still works in the health care field but in "corporate America." Yanke Enrichment Services is his side project.

Two years ago, Yanke found himself in the same situation as many of his clients. His personal life was and is "perfect," but professionally something was lacking.

"When I practiced, I was attracted to and felt I was more enthused about working with clients who took responsibility for changes in their

lives and were more active as a therapy client," Yanke said.

"When I got into 'corporate America' and got away from seeing clients, I realized that I missed being a part of helping people make a difference in their lives."

He searched for something that would bring him more fulfillment and stumbled across a story about personal coaching in a national magazine two years ago.

"It just seemed like a perfect fit. It was exactly what I was planning to do."

'Coach U'

He learned more about it through Coach University, a virtual "university" located at <http://www.coachu.com> that boasts 2,500 students. It costs \$3,000 to be a student at Coach University, where classes are taught via the telephone.

"If you enroll in a class on Monday nights, you call a phone number and you and 20 other students will be automatically linked. It's a very cool way to offer training. We use the Internet and e-mail with all of our students. We e-mail homework to them," said Don Edberg, a staff

member at Coach University.

The virtual university was founded in 1992 by Thomas Leonard, a CPA and former financial planner. He authored the book "The Portable Coach," which hit The New York Times best-seller list.

"He found that by working with his clients, many would say 'I have these other burning questions in my life. Do you have time for a cup of coffee and to talk?' They were searching for other things in their lives - guidance and support," Edberg said.

Although the government does not license personal coaches, Coach University does. The "Certified Coach Distinction" requires that personal coaches have 1,000 paid hours of coaching, have worked with a mentor coach for six months, have a board hearing, and demonstrate that they understand the ethics and principals of coaching, according to Edberg.

Stan Mann, a 34-year Livonia resident formerly of Southfield, is another personal coach that Coach University recommends. He has been motivating people for years as a therapist. Recently, he changed his title to

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Change is good for 'Big Dog'

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The "Big Dog" is taking a big step.

After four years of performing as a one-man blues machine, Livonia resident Pete "Big Dog" Fetters has thrown a few musicians into the mix on his new CD "Milkbone Underwear" (Two Sisters Records).

"I think anytime you use other people it makes the music a little more interesting," Fetters said. "I feel that I really kind have taken it as far as I can take it. To be able to reach more people with what I do and the songs that I write, I really need to be pursuing the band thing more."

The "other people" in Fetters' life - at least on disc - are bassist Darryl Lee, whom Fetters met four years ago during a jam session at the Attic Bar in

Hamtramck, and drummer Dave Watson of the Dawg Band.

Lee, he said, is a "real good player, fun guy to have around."

"I asked him if he would be interested in playing on the CD," he said. "As good as he is, he had not really had been able to spend much time in the studio, so he jumped right on it."

"Dave is a real good drummer and percussionist." Fetters is in the midst of looking for a drummer and a bass player but expects to begin playing as a band this summer, including Saturday, June 5, and Saturday, Aug. 7, at Hazel Park Raceway.

This Friday, March 26, however, he will perform solo during the "Empty Bowls Reception" at the

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STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Singing the blues: Livonia bluesman Pete Fetters will perform during the "Empty Bowls Reception" Friday, March 26, at the Creative Arts Center in Pontiac.

Keeping your cool with your children

PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH



MICHAEL IVASILE

Even the most loving, even-tempered parents sometimes lose their cool with their kids. At one time or another, you may catch yourself snapping at your children for leaving their toys out or yelling at your teenager for breaking a curfew.

It's important to know that you can better control your emotions, with a few simple techniques. But first, you need to understand that it's normal and healthy to feel angry at times, and it's OK to let your children know that you're angry.

How you deliver your message, however, is critical

Telling your children how their actions make you feel is a more effective method than blowing up when you lose control.

Second, when you do blow up (and we all do at times), repair the damage. Apologizing to your children and explaining where your anger came from will help them to understand and forgive.

With that said, here are some tips for helping you keep cool with your kids.

Change the physical situation.

When you're at the brink of losing your cool, creating a physical distance between yourself and your children - even for only a few minutes - can give you time to calm down, take a deep breath, and remind yourself that you are a good parent.

Infants and toddlers can be placed in their crib and younger children in their bedroom while you take a time out in the kitchen or living room. Older children can be left with homework or chores while you walk

around the block.

If you're feeling the tension rising between yourself and your children, you may also want to change the family mood or scene. Go on a family outing, have dinner in a different room, or turn on some upbeat or soothing music.

Find support in yourself or others.

Create a support system of people you know with children of similar ages as yours. Turning to friends, neighbors or co-workers when you are feeling mounting tension can be a huge relief.

Many times another person can help you see that your child's behavior is not unusually bad or out of line with their developmental stage. Also, in a few minutes you take to "talk it out," you create a calmer state of mind to deal with the problem.

Be your own support, too. Use self-talk to analyze

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personal coach. "When I was a therapist I was working with dysfunctional people. I've also been working with more than adequate, functional people to have a more effective life," said Mann, author of the book "Triggers: A New Approach to Self-Motivation" (Prentice Hall).

Yanke and Walt Hopkins, a personal coach in West Bloomfield, explained that personal coaching and psychotherapy are significantly different.

"It's much different. It's the next evolutionary step for people. I think therapy has a definite place for everyone who is having a difficult time," said Hopkins, a former clinical psychologist. "(Personal coaching) is not so much about uncovering as it is about evolving and functioning at a higher level."

Generally, personal coaches meet with their clients over the phone. But they do offer in-person meetings.

"These are intimate relationships that I have with my clients

Getting in the lineup with a personal coach

Marvin Yanke of the Plymouth-based Yanke Enrichment Services is a "personal coach" who helps clients improve their personal relationships and careers. Most of his work is done by telephone, but face-to-face meetings can be arranged.

Yanke charges \$250 per month which includes four 45-minute sessions. First session is free. To schedule an appointment, call (734) 453-2166.

Besides Yanke, Coach University's Web site, <http://www.coachu.com>, recommends three other coaches in the area.

Stan Mann, a 34-year Livonia resident who formerly lived in Southfield, penned the book "Triggers: A New Approach to Self-Motivation" (Prentice Hall). Mann

has a master's degree in social work from University of Michigan and charges \$200-360 per month.

He is hosting the seminar "You Can Create An Extraordinary Life" 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the Bloomfield Township Library, 1699 Lone Pine Road, at the southeast corner of Telegraph, Bloomfield Township. For more information, call Mann at (734) 261-0550. There is a continental breakfast at 9:30 p.m. The charge is \$59 per person, or \$49 per person if two or more people register at the same time.

Walt Hopkins, a former clinical psychologist who lives in West Bloomfield, charges an average of \$250 per month.

That includes four sessions of about 50 minutes each. Call (248) 551-7130 for an appointment.

Robert E. Zimmerman of Redford is also on the list. Coach University's Web site lists his fees as ranging from \$250-349 per month. For more information, call (313) 538-4123.

Coach University is located at 1971 W. Lumsden Road, Suite 331, Brandon, FL 33511. It can be reached by calling (800) 48-COACH, faxing (800) FAX5655, by writing to info@coachu.com, or by visiting www.coachu.com. For names of other coaches in Michigan or the world, visit www.coachreferral.com

but I have found that the work transpires through the line. The genuineness and the quality isn't jeopardized. I've had clients who have questioned that and after two or three sessions, there hasn't been a single one that has

said it's been a problem," Yanke said.

Other personal coaches, he said, coach using e-mail.

"To me, that's a little bit of a stretch. I don't know if I'd go that far."

During a typical session, Yanke helps his clients identify their goals, create an action plan and stick to it. For example, if a client is looking to increase his or her business, he would tell that person to meet with five

people next week.

"That's putting you in action rather than just talking about it."

With priorities in hand, Steve Schneider of Westland arrived at his first meeting with Yanke

ready to organize his life.

"My biggest thing was I've had a lot of success in business and my biggest concern was having a little fun with life. We put together a life values system. He has helped me sort out my own myriad and maze that I have created. Instead of going through a maze, I'm on more of a straight line," said Schneider who works in the cable business.

"The priority that I chose first was I wanted to start at the very foundation and work my way out. The best way in my mind to do that was to start with my inner circle - my family, my friends, my personal life and my relationship with God."

During the past two months, Yanke has helped Schneider accomplish that. Yanke's personal goal is to continue his streak.

"It's my personal mission to help people be 'happily ever after.' To me, I think too many people go through life feeling life is OK or feeling that it's pretty good," he said.

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stressful situations, asking questions like, "is this really worth getting worked up about," or "am I mad because my child spilled her milk or because the phone bill is overdue, I had a fight with my mother, and I missed the mail pickup."

Some parents keep a journal to write in when they are feeling stressed. Venting in your journal can be a healthy, insightful way to deal with your anger, but always try to end your entries with a positive note about your

kids.

If you don't want to keep a journal, scribble down a "good thoughts" list when you're feeling stressed and when you're feeling happy. As time goes on, add to the list. After a while you won't need to look at the list - the positive thoughts will occur to you during good times and tough times.

Take time for yourself. Many times, parents lose their cool because they haven't allowed enough time to take care

of themselves. If you never have a chance to exercise, read a novel, take a long bath or do something that is strictly for yourself, resentment against your family can build up, making you more prone to losing it.

Schedule a baby sitter or your spouse to watch the children while you enjoy some personal time. Or use nap time or school time. Forget what has to be done and instead, relieve some stress.

A healthy, loving parent has a better chance of raising good children. Take care of yourself by eating regular meals, making time for sleep and taking breaks

when you need them - not when it's too late.

Call for help.

When you feel yourself bending to a breaking point, call for help. Ask your spouse, parents or neighbors to watch the children while you cool down to a point where you are not at risk of hurting your children or yourself.

If your supports are limited, call a crisis line, a parent support number or a community respite center, like Safe Stay in Westland. Safe Stay Crisis Nursery and Family Respite Care Center is open 24 hours a day,

seven days a week, and provides a time-out for parents while children are cared for in a warm, homelike setting.

Practice keeping your cool.

If you practice some of the above-mentioned techniques, keeping cool will come more naturally. Remember, you are not only practicing for a healthy you, but for a healthy child. Your children will learn productive ways of dealing with anger from you.

As time goes on you will be able to better anticipate and plan for stressful situations and

increase the number of times you keep your cool with your children.

Michael Iavasile is the program manager of Starfish Family Services' Safe Stay Crisis Nursery and Family Respite Care Center in Westland.

Safe Stay provides a safe environment for children whose parents are in crisis. When parents need to resolve personal issues or take a time-out from stressful situations, Safe Stay provides 24-hour care to their children on a short-term basis. Call (734) 595-0411 for more information.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM R-1 TO C-2

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 7:30 p.m., April 8, 1999 at the City of Garden City City Hall, Michigan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of lots 1699 and 1700 of Folker's Garden City Acres #11 Subdivision, located south of Ford Road (behind the commercial property along Ford Road) and on the east side of Arcola. The area to be rezoned measures approximately 19,600 square feet. The sites are proposed to be rezoned from R-1, One Family Residential to C-2, Community Business.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing.

ALLYSON BETTIS, City Clerk
 EDWARD KANE, Planning Commission Chairman

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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:

Case #2007, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Advance Auto Parts Retail Store, 1615 Merriman, Lot 31 & 32, Ideal Community Little Farms Subdivision, East Side of Merriman, North of Palmer, SW-23, Nick Asmar.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 6, 1999.

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

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
 Westland Planning Commission

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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG NO 6-3/15/99

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

46: Approved: minutes of regular mtg held 3/1/99
 - Approved request from VFW Post 3323 sell "Buddy Poppies" at various intersections within city from 5/13/99-5/15/99
 - Set public hearing date on Mayor's 1999/2000 fiscal year proposed budget for 5/3/99
 - Adopted Ordinance 191-B-1, amending local amendments to 1996 BOCA National Code
 - Adopted Budget Amendment 99-18, Therapeutic Program, amt \$25,000
 - Adopted Budget Amendment 99-19, Purchase of Replacement Copier for Economic Growth Center, amt \$8,394
 - Adopted Resolution for resurfacing of Farmington Road from Ann Arbor Trail to Joy
 - Adopted Resolution for resurfacing of Edward Hines from Merriman to Inkster
 - Introduced Budget Amendment 99-20: Police Dept Overtime, amt \$13,000
 - Approved change in General Maintenance Supplies, amt \$12,000 from General Maintenance to Capital Outlay in order purchase Canon MS-400 Microprinter for DPS
 - Approved to purchase Konica 4345 Copier for Economic Growth Center from Albin Business Centers through State of Michigan Purchasing Program, amt \$8,394
 - Approved Merriman Park Restructure Plan Grant split, State will pay \$26,000 & City will pay \$8,500
 - Approved Corridor Park Enhancement Plan Grant, State will pay \$36,750 & City will pay \$12,250
 - Approved Central City Revitalization Plan Grant, the State will pay \$47,250 & City will pay \$15,750
 - Adopted Resolution extending Resolution of Designation* to Westland Development Corporation from 4/1/99 to 9/30/99
 - Adopted Resolution designating City Clerk as Freedom of Information Acts Requests Coordinator for City
 - Adopted Resolution accepting dedication of road right-of-ways adjacent to Emerald Pointe North Condos
 - Request to go into closed study session immediately following council mtg discuss pending litigation
 47: Approved sanitary & water easement located on Parcel #065-99-0001-012 & 065-99-0001-013 of Birch Hill Shopping Center be absolutely vacated
 48: Approved Wilmer Blvd adjacent to lots #25-#37 of Block N, lots #1-#13 of Block O, lots #16-#30 of Block R & lots #1-#15 of Block S, Ford Warren Park Sub be absolutely vacate, abandoned & discontinued
 49: Confirmed reappointment of M Bianconi to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for 3 yr term, expires 3/15/2002
 50: Confirmed reappointment of D Moore to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for 3 yr term, expires 3/15/2002
 51: Granted request from S&R McCoy to split lots #21 & #22a, Luttermoser Estates Sub
 54: Granted final plat approval for Wildwood Manor Sub, lots #437-#831 of Maplewood Estates Sub #1
 55: Granted request from S Sherman to rezone from Garden Apt Residence to Single Family Residential, S of Annapolis, E of Ireno
 59: Introduced Ordinance 248-A-8, to change the requirements of mini or self-storage warehouses to require special land use approval
 60: Approved Check List - \$654,081.23 & Prepaid - \$8,305,271.67
 Mtg adjourned at 8:31 p.m.
 Minutes available in City Clerk's Office

SANDRA A. CICIRELLI
 Council President
 PATRICIA A. GIBBONS
 City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

#1228E, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Assisted Living Center, Parcel #065-99-0001-021, West Side of Merriman Road, South of Cherry Hill Road, NE-22, Joseph Guido.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 6, 1999.

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ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
 Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

#1957C, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Walgreen's Drug Store with Drive Through Pharmacy, Parcel #043-02-0287-000, -0288, -0290, -0278, -0279, -0289, -0278 and -0277, NE Corner of Wayne Road and Cherry Hill, SW-16, Sean P. Kavanagh.

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ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
 Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, March 30, 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:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
89	MERCURY	SABLE 4DR	GRAY	1MEBMS5346KG658990
93	PONT	2DR GRAND AM	WHITE	1G2NW14N3PC777902
89	FORD	2DR PROBE	RED	1ZVBT21CXK6104762
85	FORD	PU	BLACK	1FTDF15Y4FLA04268
81	CADI	2DR ELTORADO	BROWN	1G6A15790BE648086
75	LINC	4DR TOWNCAR	YELLOW	5Y82A558416
84	PONT	2DR FIREBIRD	BLUE	1G2AW87GXEL209406
86	RENAULT	2DR ALLIANCE	SILVER	1XMAC9630GK174081
85	GMC	JIMMY WAGON	BLUE	1G5CT18B0P0529089
88	LINC	4DR CONTNL	BLACK	1LNBM9845JY769584
88	MERC	4DR TOPAZ	BLUE	1MEFPM385JK632113

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

85	CADI	2DR FLEETWOOD	SILVER	1G6DW4780F9750606
88	ACCURA	INTEGRA 2DR	SILVER	JH4DA334J3J0505549
91	MERC	TRACER 4DR	WHITE	3M4PM1QJ8MR621705
85	FORD	T-BIRD	WHITE	1FABP4630FH147674
85	TOYOTA	2DR SUPRA	BLACK	JT2MA6716F0153629
85	FORD	ECONOLINE VAN	TAN	1FTDE14Y7FHC16779
94	PLYMOUTH	2DR SUNDANCE	GRNWHIT	1P3AF24D5RN135899
88	PLYMOUTH	2DR SUNDANCE	BLUE	1P3B8441JN257646

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

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION
 Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after April 25, 1999, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

83	CHEVROLET	4 DR	TAN	1G1JAB6S35DY205975
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Louwaerts-Smith

Christopher M. Louwaerts and Holly A. Smith were married at Universalistic Unitarian Church of Farmington Hills by the Rev. Brenda Allen.

The bride is the daughter of Margaret Smith of Canton and the late Paul Smith. The groom is the son of Karen and Wayne Nichols of Reno, Nev., and Daniel Louwaerts of Farmington Hills.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and is attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn where she is majoring in history with a minor in psychology. She plans to teach high school history.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is employed as a computer programmer by Ciber.

The bride asked Lisa Prevatte to serve as matron of honor with Katie Austin and Sarah Smith as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Aaron Tack-



ett to serve as best man with Jack Gershon and Eugene Bonk as the groomsmen.

The couple received guests at a reception at Joy Manor in Westland. Following a trip to Las Vegas, the couple is making their home in Westland.

Hoftey-Grodzicki

Charles and Karen Hoftey of Spring Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Chandra Ann, to Matthew Conrad Grodzicki, the son of Gregory and Virginia Grodzicki of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed as a special education teacher at Muir Middle School in Milford.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Central Michigan University. He is employed as a health/physical education teacher at Livonia Churchill High School.

An April wedding in Grand



Haven is being planned.

Engling-Condon

Clare Marie Condon and Timothy James Engling were married Sept. 6 at St. Athanasius Church in Evanston, Ill., by the Rev. James Heyd.

The bride is the daughter of Edward and Patricia Condon of Northbrook. The groom is the son of Herbert and Nancy Engling of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Glennbrook North High School and St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. She has her master's degree in business administration from Loyola University of Chicago.

The groom is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He has his juris doctor degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law and his master of law degree from John Marshall Law School in Chicago. He is a partner at the intellectual property law firm of Lee, Mann, Smith, et al.

The bride asked Maureen Milota to serve as maid of honor, with bridesmaids Janet Hagen, Claudia Condon and Susan Tucker. Chloe, Esme, Bria and



Emily Condon and Samantha Engling were the flower girls.

The groom asked Thomas Condon to serve as best man, with groomsmen Keith Engling, Edward Condon IV and Jerome Condon and ushers Edward Condon V and Jason Engling. Lucas and Sean Condon were the ring bearers.

The couple honeymooned in the Hawaiian Islands. They are making their home in Evanston.

Napiewocki-Broderick

Leonard Napiewocki and Joanne Napiewocki of Oakland County announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Elise, to Brian Broderick, the son of Donald and Sheila Broderick of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1984 graduate of Bishop Foley High School, a 1988 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 1996 graduate of Marymount University in Arlington, Va., with a master of business administration degree. She is employed as a buyer for Visteon Automotive Systems.

Her fiancé is a 1984 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High, a 1988 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, a 1991 graduate of University of Detroit School of Law with a juris doctor degree and 1998 graduate of



Wayne State University with a master's degree in public administration. He is employed as an associate for public policy for the Michigan Catholic Conference and is a member of the Board of Trustees at Schoolcraft College.

An April wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Daske-Wise

Shannon Leigh Wise and James Edward Daske were married at Laurel Chapel in Livonia by the Rev. Kurt Stutz.

The bride is the daughter of John and Linda Klotz and John and Annette Wise, all of Livonia. The groom is the son of Christine Daske of Redford.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed by Standard Federal Bank.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Franklin High School. He is employed by Action Floor Covering.

The bride asked Lindsay Wise to serve as maid of honor, with Deanna Doyle as the bridesmaid. Whitney Daske and Paulina Daske were the flower girls.

The groom asked Jerald Daske to serve as best man, with Don-



ald Dixon and Tony Cervantes as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at the Wayne-Ford Civic League in Westland. They are making their home in Garden City.

Hendrick-Tantzer

Gary Hendrick of North Branch and Russell and Marsha Bur of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer LeeAnne Hendrick, to Joel David Tantzer, the son of Gloria Tantzer of Temecula, Calif.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Central Michigan University with bachelor of science degrees in education and journalism. She is employed as a high school teacher of English and government.

Her fiancé, who attended GMI, is working on a degree in management at Kettering Universi-



ty. He is employed at the United Parcel Service corporate office in Baltimore, Md., as an industrial engineer.

An April wedding is planned in Laurel Chapel in Livonia.

DeCarlo-Husted

Jon and Pam DeCarlo of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather, to Gordie Husted, the son of George and Annette Husted of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed as a sales consultant for HairCo Inc.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Divine Child High School. He is employed by Jon-Patrick Construction Co. as a finished carpenter.

An October wedding is planned.



Farris-Tubbs

George and Jill Farris of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Jean, to Dani Douglas Tubbs of Livonia, the son of Lynn Tubbs of Redford and Dani Tubbs.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ladywood High School and is attending Wayne State University. She is employed by Foreman Bros. Inc. in Detroit.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He also is employed by Foreman Bros.

A November wedding is planned at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.



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 fiancé 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 in Austin, Texas.



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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Listings for the Religious News can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2193.

FISH FRY

St. Edith Parish will have Lenten fish fries 4:30-7 p.m. Fridays, March 26 and April 2, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-1222.

GLORY OF EASTER

Temple Baptist Church's annual "The Glory of Easter" performance will be held at 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 the church, 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth. This year's play is "A Soldier's Choice." Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (734) 414-7777 or visit www.templenet.org.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville will host a grief seminar 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 27, in the chapel of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Cathy Clough will speak about "The Process of Grief," and Ruth Sis-

som will speak about "How Do We Move Beyond Grief?" The cost is \$20, which includes continental breakfast, lunch and seminar materials. For information, call the church at (248) 374-5920.

LENTEN BREAKFAST

The First United Methodist Church of Garden City will have a Lenten breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 27, at the church, 6443 Merriman. The program will feature Joseph Jessup, tenor, soloist and guitarist. A program for women, there is no charge, but a donation will be accepted. Reservations 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 sign-in and preview of all items. Admission will be \$5 for adults, anyone 12 and younger free. Admission includes, refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages and a chance to win a variety of door prizes. For more information, call (248) 348-7757.

PALM SUNDAY

Mt. Hope Congregational Church will have a Flower Processional as part of its 10:30 a.m.

worship service Palm Sunday, March 28, at the church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The congregation will join the choir in placing cut flowers in the chancel. For more information, call the church at (734) 425-7280.

EASTER FAIR

An annual Easter fair and egg hunt for children age 3 through second-graders will be 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Parents will accompany children through different activity centers, such as egg coloring, cookie decorating, craft making and a photo session with "Happy Bunny." There is no charge for the event, however, donations will be accepted at the door. To register, call (734) 522-6830.

'THE CHOICE'

Calvary Baptist Church will present a dramatic musical, "The Choice," at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 28, and 8 p.m. Friday, April 2, at the church, 43065 Joy, Canton. "The Choice" is a love story at the time of Christ's years of ministry and final week. Admission is free. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.

CONGREGATION SKATE

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran

Church will have an afternoon of roller or in-line skating Sunday, March 28, at the Skating Station II on Joy Road in Canton. Skate time will be 1:30-4:30 p.m., and will cost \$4.50 plus a \$2 skate rental. For more information, call (313) 937-2424.

EASTER CONCERT

Plymouth Baptist Church will present the dramatic Easter concert, "He's Alive!," at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 27-28, and Good Friday, April 2, at the church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. There is no admission charge. Children under age 5 will not be admitted in the auditorium, however, full nursery and preschool care will be provided. For more information, contact the church at (734) 453-5534.

LENTEN PROGRAMS

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have a pot luck dinner and performance Sunday, March 28, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. The Lenten program - "Walking Where Jesus Walked," a slide presentation of the Rev. Chuck Sonquist's recent trip to the Holy Land - will be at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038.

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

EASTER SERVICES

The Detroit Laestadian Lutheran Congregation will have Easter Week services at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 30-31, at 290 Fairground at Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Pekka Nurmela, a visiting minister from Vantaa, Finland, will speak at the March 31 service. For more information, call (248) 683-0253.

'EGG' STRAVAGANZA

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will present an Easter "Egg" Stravaganza for all ages 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 31 in the Fellowship Hall of the church, 3 Town Square, Wayne. Participants should bring hard-boiled eggs. There will be crafts,



At Northville Christian: Rheanna Council (from left) and Jared Detrich, both of Novi, Randy Jost of Plymouth, Bill Livingston and Mike Lane, both of Northville, are part of the cast of Northville Christian Assembly's presentation of "King of Kings" at 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the church, 41355 Six Mile. Saturday's performance will include a creative translation for the hearing impaired. The performances are free, but tickets are required and are available by calling (248) 348-9030.

stories and snacks. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

'IN HIS FOOTSTEPS'

"In His Footsteps," a documentary of the passion of Jesus, His life, death and resurrection taken from Mark 15:16-20, will be performed by John Trujillo at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, in the social hall of St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 427-9125.

NEW BEGINNING

New Beginnings, a grief support group, will have its regular meeting at 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. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

EASTER EGG HUNTS

Good Shepherd Lutheran

Church will have an Easter egg hunt for children infants to age 12 at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at the church, 26212 W. Six Mile, at Kinloch, Redford. There will be face painting, blue grass band, clowns, pictures with the Easter Bunny, an egg hunt on the lawn of the church and drawing for prizes. There also will be a Bunny Breakfast at the Elks Club, sponsored by the church and the Six Mile Neighborhood Association. Cost will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for children for all you can eat. For more information, call (313) 537-3778.

Timothy Lutheran will have an Easter Egg Hunt 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. There also will be crafts, games and the Rev. Carla Thompson telling the true story of Easter. A release form must be signed for each child who will participate in the egg hunt. For more information or to obtain a release form, call the church at (734) 427-2290.



Special performance: The 4-5-year-old Praisemaker Choir of Memorial Church of Christ will present an Easter musical, "Two by Two," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the church, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. The musical tells the story of Noah's Ark and features Alexandra Kournoian (seated, from left), Allison Gudeman, Lindsey Spaulding, Travis Vincent, Bethany Pilat, Ariel Rice, Jimmy Roach, Amber Prong, Laken Van Britson, Amanda Higgins, Calla Ziulkowski, Elena Voyles, Ashley Kurgan, Samantha Roach, Tabitha Hollars, Sydney Woll and Tyler Hendrickson. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

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Old medical journals can make you laugh or cringe

HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA PARKER

I love antique books and the history of medicine. Knowing this, my sister, Regina, gave me several pamphlet-size medical college catalogs from the 1870s-80s and an 1897 journal of medicine, which she found at an old and rare bookstore. Some of their contents will make you either laugh or cringe.

If you don't mind the idea of being treated by a very young M.D., then you won't blink at the requirement that graduates generally had to be at least 21 years old. They had to have three years of study, two of them involving hospital experience; be of good moral character - that's always a plus; pass their exams, and - nothing has changed - have all their fees paid.

You will also be glad to know that in 1889 at Chicago Medical College, a part of Northwestern

University, graduating doctors had to have dissected at least three parts of the human body. Wow! I'd just hope that, if I were in trouble, they had worked on the right three parts.

Maybe things were better than they seem because elsewhere, the catalog says that students must dissect a right or left half of a body to graduate, which appeared to count for two of the parts. This was a remarkable improvement over previous decades, when students could only watch from a distance.

Regarding studies of anatomy, the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons advised students to pay their fees early to "profit by a favorable allotment of anatomical material, which is obtainable in abundance..."

Missouri law gave "all the bodies of paupers to Medical Colleges for scientific purposes."

The cutting edge?

In some ways, late 19th century science was at the cutting edge. Dedicated physicians surely were swept up by the challenges. Chicago Medical, for

example, awarded prizes to graduates, including one for the best paper on puerperal (childbed) fever.

Too many mothers were dying from infections contracted during childbirth from unsanitary practices. Doctors were beginning to understand - but still arguing about - the benefits of disinfecting hands and instruments. The prize, by the way, was \$25.

And the cure was worse than the illness. Some old-time medicines had dangerous ingredients, like lead and mercury. Doctors frequently prescribed laudanum, which, as you may know, contained opium.

The publications I have preserve ads for many of these questionable turn-of-the-century concoctions. Manufacturers claimed their products cured just about everything. Some had very strange applications, too.

Listerine was around then - the 1880s version of it, anyway. The company recommended its antiseptic use both externally and internally - doses, sprays and irrigations.

Another product was "Lambert's Lithiated Hydrangea." This snake-oil remedy claimed to cure various urinary and kidney problems, gout and rheumatism.

Parke, Davis & Co., which started in Detroit, advertised an anti-diphtheria serum. This vividly reminds us of that era's public health risks. In the same ad, Parke, Davis offered serums for tetanus, tuberculosis (TB) and streptococcus.

Colden's Liquid Beef Tonic claimed to cure nervous weakness, malarial fever, incipient consumption (TB) and "general debility."

Charles Marchand promoted his Hydrozone as something that would cure "all diseases caused by germs." Would that it were so! He bolstered his claim by saying that Hydrozone won "the highest award" at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, although an award for what, he doesn't

say. Addictions aren't new

The Arlington Chemical Company of Yonkers touted Liquid Peptoids with Creosote as being both a food and medicine that were effective in treating typhoid fever.

To treat bronchitis, TB and, again, general debility, another pharmacy offered a tonic made with soda, lime, iron, quinine, manganese and strychnine! They claimed that combining it with their Wine of Coca would "yield most happy results."

Coca, of course, comes from the coca leaves, which render cocaine. We shudder to recall that use of addictive drugs was fashionable among some Victorians. We understand, as well, that coca was an ingredient, very early on, in a popular soft drink until the dangers became known and the ingredient was removed.

Addictions created a need for treatment, so centers for alcoholism and morphinism, which also handled the mentally ill, were advertised.

Moreover, an 1897 issue of the Nashville Journal of Medicine and Surgery devoted attention to congenital health problems and infant mortality associated with morphine-addicted mothers giving birth. Some modern-day problems are not as new as we think.

Turn-of-the-century medical practices certainly left a lot to be desired. Even so, some of those doctors made critical breakthroughs. Without them, we would not have the cutting-edge treatments on which we pin our own hopes today.

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

'Big Dog' from page B1

Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams St., Pontiac. This is the second year Fetters has played the "Empty Bowls Reception." Tickets for the event, which runs from 5:30-9:30 p.m., are \$30.

The "Empty Bowls Reception" benefits the Baldwin Church and Center. For more information, call (248) 332-6101.

have to hustle a lot. I spend a lot of time being my own booking agent. I do have some other people in town who will get me some dates here and there. The majority of the work I get I get on my own."

He had a little help with "Milkbone Underwear," a strong collection of original blues songs as well as Janis Joplin's "Me and Bobby McGee," Elvis Presley's "Hound Dog" and Willie Dixon's "Hoochie Coochie Man."

Roseann Gabrys added percussion to "Long Way from I.A." Producer/engineer Ben Ridley at The Boneyard Studio - an obvious partnership - in Warren offered a hand.

Having a band will help increase his income. Many club owners won't hire him, he said, because he's a solo act.

"They want a band. If I can come in with a real strong rhythm section as far as bass and drums and have them compliment what I already do, that should be enough," he said. "I think the big thing is this whole idea of being able to reach more people and create more energy when you have a couple people you can play off, especially with the drummer because the drummer will give you the option of different feels to music."

"After a couple hours of listening to one person do what they do, it gets to be kind of like the same thing over and over again. That's my big responsibility during the night is to try to make the music as interesting as I can."

Pete "Big Dog" Fetters also will be performing:

■ 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, March 27, at The Sunrise

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■ 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at Shield's Pizzeria, 1476 W. Maple Road, Troy. The free show is for 18 ages. For more information, call (248) 637-3131.

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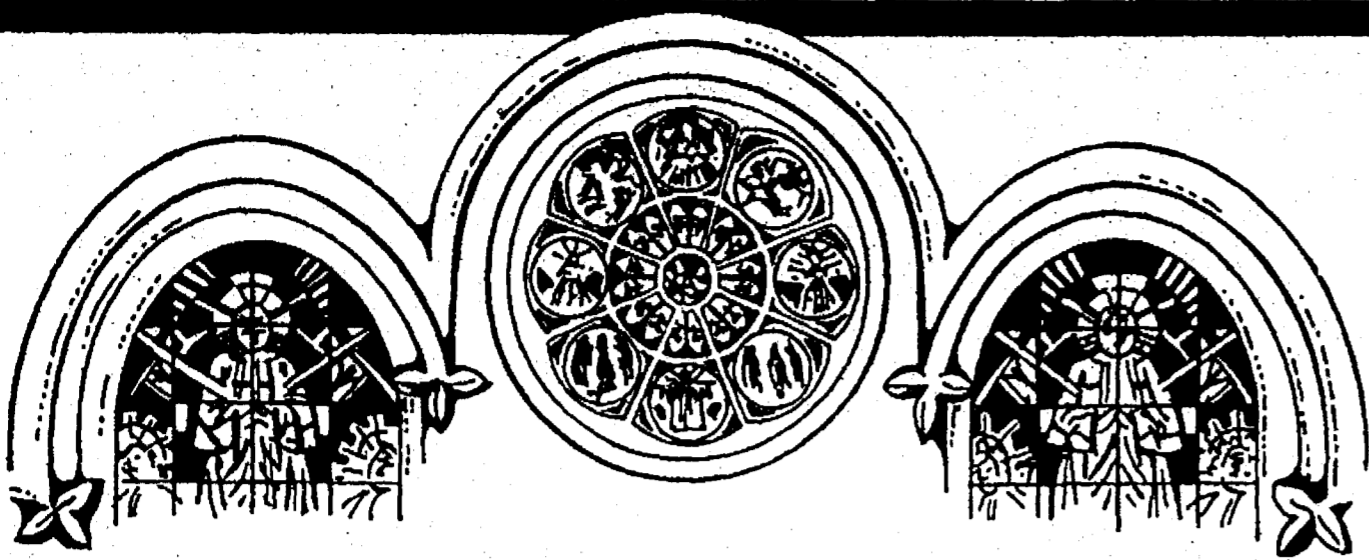
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 Outgoing, friendly DWCF, 49, 5'4", who resides in the Redford area, enjoys sewing, antiques and movies. She's seeking a secure, independent DWCM, under 56, for friendship first. Ad# 5321

LET'S CUDDLE
 Catholic DWF, 59, 5'2" 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic SWM, 51-61. Ad# 1992

THE POWER OF LOVE
 SWF, 57, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, traveling, movies, long walks and more, is looking for a sincere, compassionate SWM, 52-62. Ad# 7141

BE MY COMPANION
 SWCF, 56, 5'4", with blondish-red hair and blue eyes, full-figured, who enjoys reading and movies, is seeking a SWM, 55-62. Ad# 2433

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 Get to know this vibrant, classy DWCF, 47, 5'6", with dark hair/eyes, if you're a SWCM who enjoys meeting new friends, dancing, dining out, movies and great conversation. Ad# 1236

MAKE THE CONNECTION
 Looking for a long-term relationship? Make it happen with this DWF, 33, 5'5", because she is searching for a Born-Again SWCM, 34-40, N/S. Ad# 8565

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 Outgoing, honest and fun-loving, describes this DWCF, 50, 5'9", looking for friendship with a SWCM, 45-55. Ad# 4536

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

CONSIDER ME
 Personable, brown-eyed blonde DWCF, 50, 5'4", slender, is seeking an educated SWPM, 45-60, without children. Ad# 2323

IT HAS TO BE YOU
 Catholic DWF, 60, 5'6", who enjoys traveling, movies, the theater, walking, dancing and gardening, seeks a loving SWM, 59-64. Ad# 3138

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

AMAZING GRACE
 Pretty WWWCF, 50, 5'3", slender, with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys dancing, movies, bowling and country drives. She seeks a handsome DWCM, 45-50. Ad# 2130

SHARE HER DREAMS
 DWF, 27, 5'8", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys bicycling, working out, swimming and horseback riding, seeks a SWCM. Ad# 3919

GIVE ME A CALL!
 WWWCF, 55, 5'8", blonde with dark brown eyes, a great sense of humor and nice smile. I'm ISO of a SWPM, 50-62, who has eyes that sparkle and the same qualities. I love dancing, music, and people. Ad# 5577

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
 Handsome SWPM, 36, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking an attractive SWCF who enjoys sports, movies, dining out and more. Ad# 1534

GET IN STEP
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 Pleasant, never-married SWPCM, 42, 5'10", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fine dining, concerts, movies, sports and walking, is interested in meeting a compatible SWCF, under 37, N/S, without children. Ad# 1111

REACHING OUT
 Catholic DWM, 46, who enjoys dancing, quiet times at home, bowling, skating and NASCAR, is looking for a compatible SWCF, 25-50, without children at home. Ad# 1994

HEART TO HEART
 Born-Again SWCM, 22, 6'4", with black hair and brown eyes, self-employed, N/S, from the Redford area, who enjoys Bible study, movies, swimming and children, is ISO a SWF, 18-25, with similar interests. Ad# 4653

MAKE THAT CHOICE
 Handsome, slim SWCM, 40, 5'9", who enjoys children, the outdoors and biking, is seeking a kind, loving SWF, under 42. Ad# 4545

PUTS GOD FIRST
 This wonderful DWCM, 42, 5'9", is seeking a SWCF, 28-44, who enjoys the outdoors and puts God first in her life. Ad# 6667

BELIGHTFUL
 Never-married Catholic SWM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., who is active in his church choir, enjoys children, dancing, walking, movies, music and good conversation. He wants to meet a SWCF, under 50, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 3580

NEW IN TOWN
 Want to meet a great guy, then call this friendly DWCM, 29, 6'2", 125lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. He's seeking an outgoing SWF, under 40, who enjoys riding horses, outdoor sports and living life to the fullest. Ad# 3841

JUST FOR YOU
 Good-natured, 40-year-old SW dad, 5'9", with brown hair and hazel eyes, enjoys outdoor activities, romantic dinners, dancing, long walks and more. He wants to share a long-term relationship with a sincere, caring SWF, 30-40. Ad# 5858

NEVER-MARRIED
 Catholic SWM, 37, 6'1", with brown hair and hazel eyes, is looking for a SWF, 30-38, without children at home, who likes sports, plays and the theatre. Ad# 1970

HONESTY TOPS MY LIST
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THE MARRYING KIND
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HONESTY COUNTS
 Handsome DWPCM, 44, 6'1", who enjoys youth ministry, outdoor activities, movies and more, is seeking a slender, romantic SWCF, 30-44, without children. Ad# 2843

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SEARCHING FOR LOVE
 Good-hearted, affectionate SWM, 50, seeks a SF, 45-65, who would love attention. Ad# 1233

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

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

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

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

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

ENHANCE MY LIFE
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Youth soccer champions

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Wings '82 recently captured the SoccerZone Cup, a one-day premier indoor tournament in Novi.

Members of the Wings, an under-19 boys team, include: Dave Campbell, Brad Carroll, Matt Epacs, Brian Guzowski, Tim Karminski, M.J. Kennedy, Jason Marchioni, Tim Moxie, Mike Schaefer, Klai Shirin, Nick Show, Adam Vincentini, Joe Schimmel, Jim Franko, Mike Guzowski, Mike White and Bill Johnson.

Stevenson trio signs

Three players from two-time defending state Division I/Class A champion Livonia Stevenson have signed national letters of intent.

Both Michelle Vettraino and Susan Bear will play next fall for Northern Michigan University, while second-team All-Observer forward Sarah Wittrock has signed with Valparaiso (Ind.) University.

Swimmers earn medals

Angela Simentkosky of the Bulldog Aquatic Club won four medals in the Girls 15-18 division at the 13-and-over Michigan Short Course Championships, March 19-21, at Lake Orion High School.

The Churchill High junior finished second in both the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events. She also took thirds in the 1,000 and 1,650 freestyles.

Andrea Hurn, an eighth-grader at Holmes Middle School in Livonia, brought home three medals in the Girls 13-14 for the Bulldogs. Her best finish was a second in the 400 individual medley. Hurn also took sixth in the 100 freestyle, seventh in the 200 breaststroke and eighth in the 200 IM.

Sister Elizabeth Hurn, a sophomore at Stevenson High, also competed in the 100 breaststroke.

Collegiate notes

University of Detroit Mercy junior shortstop **Ron Blackburn** (Livonia Churchill) hit his first homer as a Titan and had two RBI in a 6-4 victory Saturday to host Miami of Ohio.

It was U-D Mercy's first victory of the season.

Kalamazoo College freshman **Steve Domin** (Livonia Stevenson) was a member of the 400-yard medley relay team which finished seventh and earned All-America honors at the NCAA Division III men's swimming and diving championships held last weekend in Minneapolis, Minn.

Domin also set a Kalamazoo record in the 50 freestyle and was a member of the team's school-record setting 800 freestyle relay team.

Fogarty ranked No. 4

Wayne Memorial High senior **Melissa Fogarty** is currently rated fourth in the 132-pound class (High School Age Division) in the U.S. Girls' Wrestling Association.

Fogarty, a member of the Wayne boys team, will compete in the USGWA Nationals championships Saturday and Sunday at Lake Orion High School.

Fogarty was a third-place National finisher a year ago and a state-runner-up at 132 in 1998.

Sabres win Shamrock

The Livonia Mite Sabres won five straight games to capture the Shamrock Tournament held March 19-21 in Port Huron. Earlier this season they took first in the Troy Thanksgiving Tournament.

The Sabres defeated the Royal Oak Penguins in the championship game, 3-2, after beating the Flyers Bluewater (3-0), Livonia Blues (3-0), Garfield Heights Bulldogs No. 2 (6-0) and Garfield Heights Bulldogs No. 1 (3-1).

Members of the Sabres, all from Livonia, include: Robert Louwers, Michael Padgen, Gregory Killeen, Tony Foresta, Colin Beck, Justin Gilliam, Nicholas Lawson, Michael Piotrowski, Vito Geluso, Stephen Godlew, Greg Michael, Joseph Cummings, Richard Stack, Kenny Masiarczyk, Daniele Yaquinto and goaltender Pat McHugh.

The coaching staff includes John Louwers, Scott Lawson, Jerry Cummings and Tom Beck.

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NCAA bound:

Michigan State sophomore goaltender Joe Blackburn, a graduate of Livonia Churchill, has been tough to beat this season in the nets. He leads all NCAA goal-tenders in goals-against average. Blackburn and his MSU teammates will play Sunday in the second round of the NCAA regional in Madison, Wis.



KEVIN FOWLER/MSU SPORTS INFORMATION

Between the pipes

Churchill product Blackburn excels in MSU net

BY BRAD EMONS
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Joe Blackburn got a dose of reality last Friday in the semifinals of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs at Detroit Joe Louis Arena.

The sophomore goaltender from Michigan State, who owns the nation's best goals-against average (1.49) and save percentage (.928), came into the game against Northern Michigan riding a personal 17-game winning streak.

The Spartans carried 3-2 lead into the final period, only to be stunned by three NMU unanswered goals resulting in a 5-3 defeat.

"It was a pretty good lesson for us — that we can be beaten," said the Livonia Churchill High product. "When you have that kind of streak you think you're pretty invincible."

Maybe the loss is a good omen, according to Blackburn.

"We remembered last year we won the CCHA playoffs and then lost in the first round of the NCAAs," he said. "Coach (Ron) Mason told everybody not to get down and this game (against NMU) had no bearing on us getting an NCAA bid. We

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were pretty much assured a first-round bye anyway."

Things are abuzz these days in East Lansing.

The MSU men's basketball team takes center stage this weekend against No. 1 Duke in St. Petersburg, Fla. in the Final Four.

Meanwhile, MSU's hockey team, 28-5-7 overall, is just one win away from the Frozen Four at The Pond in Anaheim, Calif.

At 3 p.m. Sunday, the Spartans await the winner of Friday's NCAA regional game in Madison, Wis. between St. Lawrence (N.Y.) and Colorado College.

"It's kind of nice being up here (East Lansing) right now," Blackburn said. "Right now we're trying to see who can go farther, yet we'd like to be the first two teams to win it in the same year. I don't think that's ever been done. It's a healthy rivalry because we push and root for each other."

Blackburn, a second-team All-CCHA selection, credits much of his first-year success to MSU's defensive system. It's a cross between a left-wing

lock and a trap.

"It's kind of complicated to explain," Blackburn said. "We always have three guys back and we usually have one guy going in hard. We played a similar system last year."

"Our defense has been so phenomenal this year. We usually average 10 blocked shots per game."

Two first-period goals by Northern Michigan proved to be an ominous sign for the Spartans.

"They're a good defensive team," Blackburn said. "They're a tough team to play. And I wasn't really sharp. It was tough to get in a groove. And after giving up a couple early goals, it was tough battling back."

Blackburn's confidence, however, is not shaken.

He enters Sunday's NCAA regional final with a 20-4-7 record and the best goaltending numbers in collegiate hockey since Hall of Famer Ken Dryden.

Blackburn also got a boost of confidence on New Year's Eve when he started in goal and made 36 saves for Team USA against host Canada in the World Junior Ice Hockey Championships (held in Winnipeg, Manitoba).

Please see **BLACKBURN, C3**

Spartans looking to defend, 3-peat

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Things changed yet remained the same last season on the Livonia-Westland girls soccer scene.

Livonia Stevenson entered the 1998 campaign as the defending Division I state champion.

The Spartans of Coach Jim Kimble lost some key players but had a lot of returning veterans and went through the season undefeated — again — to capture their second straight state tournament title.

Whether Livonia Stevenson can survive another year of talent turnover and still remain the best Division I team in the state is something the girls will play soccer the rest of the spring to find out.

"I don't think there's a dominant team (in the state) as we were last year," Kimble said. "So it's going to be an interesting season."

Stevenson lost a slew of players from its second straight title team — Michigan's Miss Soccer Allison Campbell, Leah McGrath (third-team All-State and now at Central Michigan), goalie Jenny Barker (All-State and now at Madonna University), Melissa Backus (Northern Michigan) and Stacey Nastase.

Last year's team still had the hunger. Even if this year's team has the talent, to repeat again it will still need the willingness to pay the price a state championship demands.

The Western Lakes Activities Association remains probably the premier soccer league in the state. Supremacy in the WLA means a high state ranking.

But it also means a premier team can get knocked out in the districts.

"I don't see any reason why that would change," Coach Chad Campau of Livonia Churchill said of the WLA's



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HARLEY

Quick feet: Livonia Stevenson's Cheryl Fox (right) hopes to be a part of the Spartans' third straight state championship run.

strength

"Plymouth Canton is going to be pretty tough this year," he said. "They didn't graduate much from the team they had last year — and they were pretty strong last year."

"And Stevenson, obviously, is going

to be strong on the Lakes Division side."

Canton, with Parade Magazine All-America Anne Morrell, and Plymouth Salem will field their usual strong teams.

"Obviously, Plymouth Canton, with

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Morrell, has got to be one of the favorites," Kimble said. "Salem Coach (Doug) Landefeld is probably the best coach we face all year so you always have to count Salem in."

"And Churchill, being the rival they are, along with ourselves, those are probably going to be your top four."

Once you get past the WJAA the road gets tougher and tougher every season.

"It gets more and more competitive every year," Kimble said. "Rochester Adams has got to be a favorite. Brighton is going to be very strong. And Ann Arbor Pioneer is going to have a good team."

"Each year it gets harder and harder as talent gets spread farther throughout the state. In Division I, one of five or six different teams could run it."

Stevenson will build its team around sophomore All-State forward Lindsay Gusick, who inherits Campbell's role as the scorer, forward Sarah Wittrock, midfielder Cheryl Fox, midfielder Brianna Roy, midfielder Julie Murray and All-State defender Andrea Sied.

Among Churchill's key players will be forward Kersten Conklin, midfielder Stacey Supanich and goalie Kerrie LaPorte.

Two area teams feature new coaches this season, Livonia Ladywood and Lutheran High Westland.

Jill Logsdon takes over for Jeff Shuk at Ladywood. She graduated from Birmingham Marian in 1993 and went to the University of New Hampshire.

Logsdon coached in the Troy Premier Soccer League, coached the Vardar U-17 girls squad and ran summer camps at the University of New Hampshire.

Mark Brenner is the new coach at Lutheran Westland. Soccer girls' U-

CAPSULE OUTLOOK OF AREA GIRLS SOCCER TEAMS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Chad Campeau, third season.
League affiliation: Western Lakes (Western Division).

Last year's overall record: 13-6.
Notable losses to graduation: Andrea Gelindo (Second team All-Area); Susan Hill; Jamie Scott; Lisa Fabrikiewicz; Terri Owens; Tina Fischer; Janine Lawson; Nicole DeDominicis; Kajrie Bawersdorf; Brooke Cloma; Kristen Esparza.

Leading returnees: Kersten Conklin, Sr. forward (Third team All-State, All-Area, 26 goals, 11 assists); Stacey Supanich, Sr. midfielder/forward (Second team All-Area); Kerrie LaPorte, Sr. goalie; Natalie Pickelhaydt, Sr. midfielder; Luba Steca, Sr. midfielder; Kristen Leszczynski, Jr. midfielder; Karen Kramer, Jr. defender; Michelle Smith, Jr. midfielder/defender; Melissa Sultana, Jr. midfielder/defender.

Promising newcomers: Renee Kashawlic, Jr. midfielder/forward; Aimee Quinkert, Jr. midfielder/defender; Emily Zak, Jr. defender; Lindsay Kantzler, Jr. forward; Vanessa Byerle, Sr. defender; Michelle Esparza, Soph. midfielder/forward; Jamie Zimmer, Soph. defender; Dana Thomson, Soph. midfielder/forward; Jennifer Gabon, Soph. goalie; Deanna DeRo, Fr. midfielder/forward; Sarah Phillips, Fr. midfielder/defender.

Campeau's 1999 outlook: "We graduated six starters, so obviously we're going to need some newcomers to not only come in and play big minutes, but probably to start."

"Overall this is the youngest team I've had. But we're very confident the younger underclassmen will be able to come in and do the job."

"Every year we look to improve in the previous year's record. This year's no different. Even though we had six losses, they were only to four teams — Salem twice, Stevenson twice, Canton and Brighton. We're hoping we can turn some of those losses into wins this year."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Mary Kay Hussey, third season.

League affiliation: Western Lakes (Western Division).

Last year's overall record: 2-12-1.

Notable losses to graduation: Kristin Dogherty; Emily Kracht.

Leading returnees: Alex Bowman, Jr.; Karen Blöck, Sr.; Angie D'Annunzio, Sr.; Dawn Vorhes, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Iuliana Di, Fr.; Amy DeShano, Fr.; Kara Wisniewski, Fr.

Hussey's 1999 outlook: "We're very excited about the upcoming season. Our program is definitely headed in the right direction."

"Each year we continue to get better and more serious student-athletes committed to raising this program to a respectable level, both on the soccer field and in the classroom."



Lindsay Gusick
Livonia Stevenson



Andrea Sied
Livonia Stevenson



Kersten Conklin
Livonia Churchill

"This year's team has a combined GPA of 3.3. This, along with their attitude, work ethic and athletic ability, is much improved from where we were just two years ago."

"Additionally, we have higher numbers than we have in the past, providing us with a solid bench on both varsity and junior varsity."

"Of course our most obvious weakness is the lack of playing experience, which for some teams can be rather discouraging. However this year at Franklin the girls are now determined to counter this with an unbelievable work ethic, a strong desire to learn the game and a definite refusal to give up."

"I have tremendous respect for the members of this team, especially the upperclassmen who have weathered some difficult times."

"They show an awful lot of character by continuing to play, finding enjoyment in the game and setting a great example for the younger players."

"We hope to see Noelle sometime along in the season. We have a lot of players who have matured and progressed very well. So on the whole, we're looking forward to a good season."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Jim Kimble, fourth season.

League affiliation: Western Lakes (Lakes Division)

Last year's overall record: 20-0.

Titles won last year: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division); district, regional and Division I state champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Allison Campbell (Miss Soccer); Leah McGrath (Third team All-State, All-Area, now at Central Michigan); Jenny Barker (All-State, now at Madonna University); Melissa Backus (Second team All-Area); Stacey Nastase (Second team All-Area); Becky Peterson.

Leading returnees: Lindsay Gusick, Soph. forward (All-State, All-Area); Andrea Sied, Jr. defender (All-State dream team, All-Area); Sarah Wittrock, Sr. forward (Second team All-Area); Brianna Roy, Sr. midfielder; Julie Murray, Sr. midfielder; Cheryl Fox, Jr. midfielder.

Promising newcomers: Dana White, Soph. forward; Jamie Harrick, Fr. midfielder; Laura Shishkovsky, Fr. forward; Katie Beudoin, Soph. midfielder.

Kimble's 1999 outlook: "Obviously it's been a long time since we've been beaten."

"With two state championships under our belt, the will to win and the expectations are there. But obviously it's going to be difficult replacing the number of seniors we lost."

"Our kids are still the defending state champions and that's the way they're taking the season."

"We'll be able to play with anybody we play. And if we get a few breaks, we'll be able to make a run at it."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Jerry Poniatowski, fifth season.

League affiliation: Western Lakes (Lakes Division).

Last year's overall record: 11-7.

Notable losses: Rola Amad, fullback (out for season with torn ACL).

Leading returnees: Noelle Swartz, Jr. midfielder, second team All-Area (currently out with a knee injury); Jade Fukuda, goalkeeper.

Poniatowski's 1999 outlook: "We have an official JV team for the very first time. There may be two or three who will move up as the season progresses. But since we haven't had a lot of time under game conditions, I don't know exactly who will be playing varsity from the JV."

"We hope to see Noelle sometime along in the season. We have a lot of players who have matured and progressed very well. So on the whole, we're looking forward to a good season."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Larry Brenner, fifth season.

League affiliation: Mega Conference (Blue Division).

Last year's overall record: 4-10-1.

Notable losses to graduation: Natalie Garrison; Andrea McCahill; Joselyn Nemeth; Alana Tucker; Leona Headland; Kim Gotts.

Leading returnees: Andrea Bean, Jr. forward; Ronda Brockman, Jr. forward; Kristina McCahill, Jr. forward; Kristol Swope, Jr. forward; Tina Bradley, Jr. midfielder; Nicole Stano, Sr. midfielder; Tasha Cronenwert, Sr. midfielder; Amanda Bledsoe, Jr. defender.

Jenny Clark, Jr. defender; Lori Giordano, Jr. defender; Wendy Pierson, Jr. defender.

Promising newcomers: Jenny Sheppard, Soph. forward; Sheila Honeycutt, Soph. forward; Liz Beckert, Fr. forward; Alana Green, Fr. forward; Tiffany Mishloney, Jr. midfielder; Kelley Perdue, Jr. midfielder; Tish Tedders, Jr. midfielder; Toni Watson, Soph. midfielder; Kayla Manners, Jr. midfielder; Kristen Zilka, Soph. defender; Nancy Bedmarz, Soph. defender; Rachel Fyfe, Fr. defender.

Brenner's 1999 outlook: "Replacing 10 seniors is never easy."

"We have a younger team with only two seniors this year."

"We should be strong defensively and very quick up front. Our major concentration will be to solidify our midfield and goalkeeper positions."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Jill Logsdon, first year.

League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year's overall record: 6-11-2.

Notable losses to graduation: Meryl Denton (Division II All-State; All-Area; All-Catholic).

Leading returnees: Tina Lopez, Jr. forward; Jenny Drabik, Soph. defender; Melissa Harakas, Soph. defender; Andrea Schimmel, Jr. midfielder; Stefanie Stachura, Soph. forward; Allison Kehres, Jr. goalie.

Promising newcomers: Katie Rozum, Fr. midfielder; Liz O'Brecht, Fr. goalie; Jenny Bartkowiak, Fr. midfielder.

Logsdon's 1999 outlook: "We're young and we're small, size-wise as individuals."

"But that's good. Our freshmen are good and we have ball skills."

"We think the team will form together well and we'll play hard."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
Head coach: Mark Brenner, first year.

League affiliation: Metro Conference.

Last year's overall record: 4-11-1.

Notable losses: Mary Ebendick (switched to track); Anna Rolf (switched to track); Kristy Rose; Sara Volght; Sarah Hoffmeier.

Leading returnees: Kellie Buczek, Jr. midfielder; Sarah Burkee, Sr. defender (All-Area honorable mention); Rene Meyer, Sr. goalie; Monica Gyorko, Jr. midfielder; Emily Kamrath, Jr. defender; Emily McGulgan, Jr. defender; Amylee Chaisson, Jr. midfielder; Jessica Anthony, Sr. defender.

Promising newcomers: Angie Matthews, Fr. forward; Call Heins, Fr. forward; Stephanie Ericson, Fr. defender/goalie; Lindsay Williamson, Soph. defender.

Brenner's 1999 outlook: "We only have eight returning players so we'll be building somewhat."

"I'm new to the team so I'm still getting acquainted with the girls and what they can do on the field. I think we have a solid foundation to build from, though."

"We want to be a fundamentally sound team, drilled on the basics, and go from there."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

FREE WEE PANTHERS 2000
Coming off their Livonia championship, the Free Wee Panthers hockey team won four out of five games to finish runner-up in the Shamrock Tournament held recently in Port Huron.

The Berkley Hawks defeated the Panthers, 4-1, in the finals.

Panthers captain Jason Maples had three hat tricks in the tournament, along with three hat tricks in the previous three games. He scored 14 goals with a total of 18 points.

Martin Dale-Hench and Andrew Hinkle added nine and seven points, respectively.

The Panthers, coached by Vic Vincini, were also runner-up in the Farmington Hills Christmas Tournament and were Livonia Hockey Day champ.

Other members of the Panthers include forwards Matthew Vincini, Chris Ratliff, Daniel Trubak, Andrew Hinkle, Eric Harms, Brian Louwers and Charlie Shipley; defensemen Darryl Cooper, Andrew Kisic, Kevin Brown, Kirk Becker, Kevin Shulmeister, Kevin Shaffer and goaltender Jordan Boyajian.

Assistant coaches include John Louwers, Dar Becker and Joe Trubak. The team managers are Nancy Trubak and Gary Maples.

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TWISTERS FOOTBALL TRYOUT
The Wayne County Twisters of the Lake Shore Semi-Professional Football League will conduct a two-day combine workout beginning at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11 and 18 at the Wayne-Westland YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

Candidates, who must be at least 18, in excellent physical condition and have at least high school experience, will be evaluated in the bench press, vertical jump, quarter-mile run, 40-yard dash and agility.

The cost is \$20 at the door. For more information, call Glenn Brothers are (734) 981-7141 or (313) 359-3457.

YOUTH BASEBALL SIGNUP
Registration for a boys baseball league (ages 7-9) on a first-come, first-serve basis will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 27 and April 3 at Newburgh Baptist Church, located on Joy Road east of Newburgh.

The \$25 registration fee includes hat, shirt, picnic, trophy or medallion. There will also be a clinic featuring former Baltimore Oriole Mark

Brown. For more information, call (734) 425-0406.

SENIOR CITIZENS HANDED
The 45-and-over Ann Arbor Senior Citizens Golf Association needs players to round its Wednesday morning league at Fox Hills Country Club.

Two times are available from 8-10 a.m. Wednesdays. The 18-week season runs May 5 through Sept. 18. The league membership fee is \$15 (does not include greens fees). Schedules, tee times, pairings and substitutes will be provided (bring a partner).

For more information, call Don Moray at (734) 971-4168.

WAYNE-WESTLAND Y SPORTS
The Wayne-Westland YMCA, located at 827 S. Wayne Road in Westland will be providing spring leagues starting April 19 for soccer (ages 5-12), roller hockey (7-13), T-Ball (5-6), baseball (9-12), girls softball (9-12), gymnastics (3 and up) and swimming (six months and up).

Registration begins Thursday, April 1.

Fees for soccer, gymnastics and baseball for family members are \$20; youth members, \$30; and all others, \$45.

Fees for roller hockey are \$24 (family member), \$37 (youth member) and \$51 (all others).

T-Shirts and trophies will be included for all sports leagues.

For more information, call (734) 721-7044.

ADULT SOCCER LEAGUES
The Metro Detroit Soccer League is seeking men's premier, 30-and-over and recreational teams, including co-ed players, for the 1999 outdoor season.

Teams must contact a league representative no later than Friday, March 26. Fees are based on division or individuals being placed on teams.

For more information, call Beaver Arens from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily at (248) 760-1481, or e-mail to MetDet-SL@aol.com.

SOCCERZONE REGISTRATION
The SoccerZone of Novi, located at 41550 Grand River, is accepting walk-in and mail-in registration for its fourth season for indoor soccer (through April 23) and inline hockey (through April 22).

The six-week soccer season runs from May 3 through June 18; hockey, May 2 through July 23.

Team fees for soccer are \$550 or \$55 for individuals placed on a team. The fee includes officials and T-shirts (jersey).

Hockey fees for the 10-week program are \$940 per team for midget teams and older; \$850 for bantam-age or younger. Individual fees are \$85 for returning and \$95 for new players. Referee fees are included.

For more information, call, (248) 374-0500.

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF A REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has received a proposed remedial action plan for the Unisys Property, located at the intersection of Plymouth and Haggerty Roads in Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan. This site is the location of environmental contamination, which is the result of releases of solvents from past land disposal activities and from releases into local underground utilities.

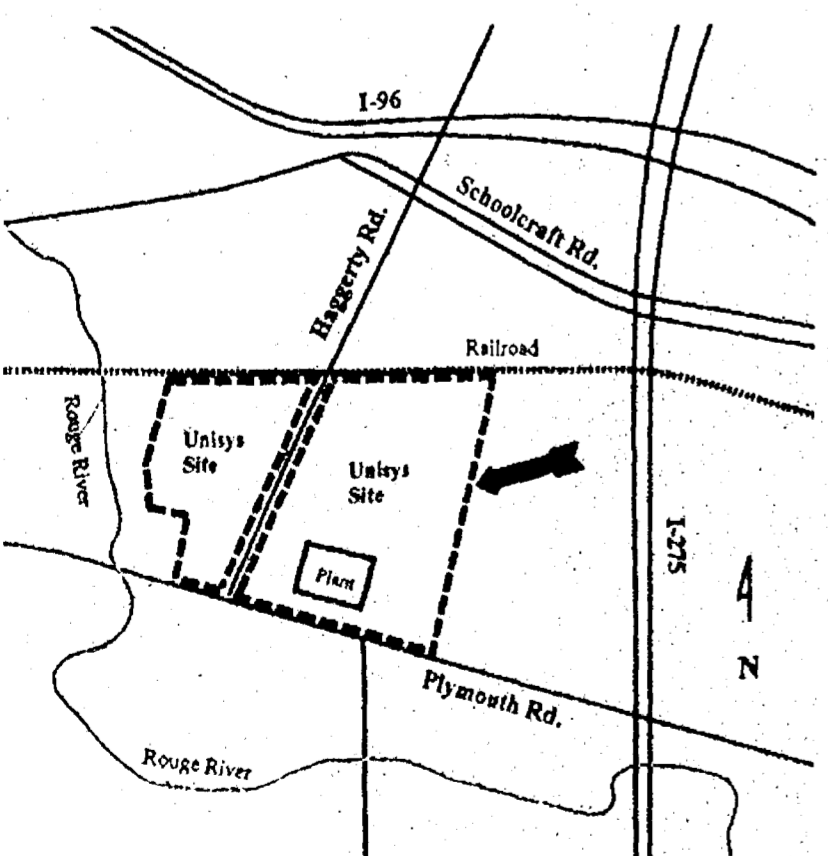
The notice is provided according to the requirements of Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), 1994 PA 451, as amended, MCL 324.20101 et seq, or the Part 201 Rules, 1990 AACRS 299.5101 et seq, to notify interested persons that the MDEQ has received the proposed remedial action plan. This notice is provided to allow for public comment prior to final action on the proposed plan.

Written public comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on May 6, 1999. The MDEQ will carefully consider and address significant public comments before a final decision is made regarding the proposed plan. Following is a description of the site contamination and remediation activities. Chlorinated solvents have been detected in groundwater beneath the Unisys site at two locations.

Trichloroethylene (TCE), cis-1,2-dichloroethylene (cis-1,2-DCE) and vinyl chloride were detected in groundwater on the west side of Haggerty as a result of past land disposal activities. A combination groundwater/soil vapor extraction system has been operating in this area for several years, but is no longer effective. That system is being shut down. Impacted groundwater continues to exist at this location, but is captured on-site by a storm sewer.

A second area of groundwater contamination is located on the east edge of the plant. The source of this groundwater contamination was found to be a sump located on the Plant. Contaminated sediments were removed from the sump. A groundwater plume containing TCE remains, but this groundwater is also captured on-site by the storm sewer.

The contaminants are entering the middle branch of the Rouge River from the storm sewer, but at levels within acceptable limits. The Remedial Action Plan also includes land use restrictions and continued monitoring of groundwater.



A copy of the complete remedial action proposal, including site investigation data, is available for review at the Southeast Michigan District Office in Livonia, during normal business hours. This review period extends for 30 calendar days from the date of this publication. Comments should be addressed to:

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Hot 1st-half by Pontiac Northern dooms Salem in quarterfinal test

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BOYS HOOPS

In its four previous state tournament games, Plymouth Salem had managed to assert itself well enough to take control of the game by halftime. Against Pontiac Northern Tuesday, that didn't happen.

Which resulted in a 70-64 loss to the Huskies in a Class A quarterfinal played at University of Detroit Mercy's Callahan Hall. The Rocks finish at 20-5; Northern, now 18-7, advances to Friday's Class A semifinals in East Lansing against the Saginaw Arthur Hill-Muskegon winner.

"We had told them about (Northern's) quickness and shot-blocking, but early in the game they didn't react too well," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "And I don't think we shot the ball particularly well."

Both were key factors in the first-half hole the Rocks dug for themselves, one they kept trying to claw themselves out of. They almost made it in the second half, but fell short.

After trailing by as many as 13, Salem was within eight in the closing seconds of the opening half and had the ball. But an errant pass resulted in a breakaway layup by Northern's Nucleus Smith and a foul against Salem's Tony Jancevski — his third of the game. Smith converted the free throw, and the Rocks trailed 40-29 at the break.

After a third-quarter standstill, with neither team able to sustain a scoring run, the Rocks broke through in the fourth as the Huskies backed off.

"I told our kids we still wanted to be aggressive," said Northern coach Robert Rogers. "But some kids are hard-headed. We needed to be more obedient and stick to the game plan."

"We got a little careless. But we were glad to have that cushion."

Most of their 12-point cushion melted away as Salem mounted an 11-2 surge in the first 4½ minutes of the period. Mike Korduba, who came off the bench and spent a lot of time filling in for Jancevski at center, had seven of the 11 points.

But that was as close as Salem could come. Smith responded with a lightning charge down the court, resulting in a layup; the Huskies added another six consecutive points, their 8-0 run making it 62-51 with two minutes left.

Three-straight three-pointers by Adam Wilson — his first, and only, points of the game — helped the Rocks get to within four (68-64) in the closing seconds, but the deficit proved too big, their shooting too erratic, and ultimately the opposition too good.

Rob Jones was the offensive star for a Salem team that struggled against the shot-swatting Huskies. Jones, who had three of his four first-quarter shots blocked, hung in there to score 20 points; Korduba finished with 15 and Aaron Rypkowski had 11. Wilson scored nine and Jancevski had seven.

Smith, a 6-foot-3 senior guard who's being recruited by Toledo, Dayton, Villanova and Canisius, led all scorers with 22 points — 16 coming in the first half. Willie Jones added 13, Ricky Morgan had 12, Lester Abrams scored 10 and Norbert Moseley totaled nine.

"It was a combination of a lot of little things," said Brodie. "We gave up too many offensive rebounds and too many fast-break baskets."

Both enabled the Huskies to establish themselves in the first half. The Rocks led just once in the game — at 4-2. And that didn't last long; Northern outscored them 17-3 over the next six minutes and never

again trailed. The Huskies were a blistering 8-of-10 from the floor in the first quarter (80 percent) and 13-of-19 for the half (68.4 percent). Salem managed to make just 5-of-16 first-quarter floor shots (31 percent) and 13-of-31 for the half (42 percent).

For the game, the Rocks were 24-of-63 (38 percent); Northern was 22-of-39 (56.4 percent).

Northern was also near-perfect from the stripe in the first half, making 12-of-13 (92 percent); the Huskies were 24-of-30 for the game (80 percent). The Rocks were 1-of-4 in the first half (25 percent) and 11-of-17 for the game (65 percent).

Northern's fast start allowed them to lead 21-11 after one quarter, with Smith accounting for 11 first-quarter points.

"They were getting good shots," said Brodie. "Their dog-gone penetration, they were getting by us."

Said Rogers: "Our offense feeds off of our defense. When we get turnovers, we're looking to run and score."

"We've been shooting around 62 to 64 percent lately. We've shot the ball pretty well all year. That's because of good ball movement and because we have guys who can attack."

Jones helped Salem make it a single-digit deficit with 10 second-quarter points, but the late turnover led to Smith's quick basket and an 11-point halftime lead for the Huskies.

The Rocks best chance at a turnaround came in the opening moments of the second half, when Northern missed its first seven shots (three of them dunk attempts). But Salem managed just two baskets in the first three minutes of the half, suffering two turnovers.

"The kids never gave up," concluded Brodie. "We had a good season."

A few breaks, a few makes, and it might have been even better, it's true. But it was still a darn good one.

Blackburn from page C1

"That was just a great experience for me because I remember watching the World Juniors on CBC (television) and a lot of those guys are now in the NHL," Blackburn said. "The crowd there was just going bananas and to do it in their own arena was special."

Blackburn came to MSU as a scholarship player from the Compuware Ambassadors of the North American Junior Hockey. He spent his freshman season as a backup to All-America Chad Alban.

His first experience as a goaltender came as a 10-year-old when he played for the state Squirt AAA champion Fruehauf Flyers.

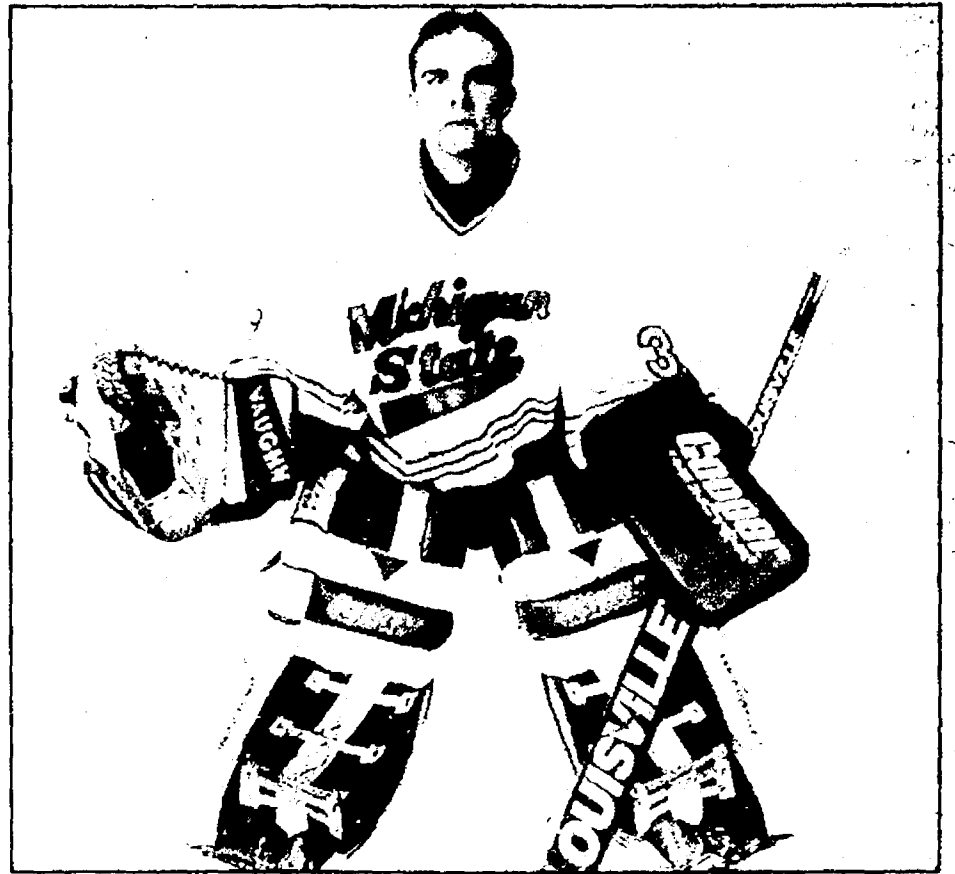
"I was a player the first three years and that was my first travel team and the first time I played goalie," Blackburn recalled.

His Squirt AAA coach, Bob Goodenow, now the Executive Director of the NHL Players' Association, had a big influence on his game. Goodenow's son Joe, a freshman forward, is also a member of the MSU team.

"Joe is an unorthodox goalie in some respects," coach Ron Mason said in MSU's media guide. "He relies on his quickness. He'll make the uncanny save that you never expect, so he can be flamboyant."

The goaltender, who is a fan of the Detroit Red Wings and Buffalo Sabres' Dominik Hasek, hopes to lead MSU to its first NCAA title since 1986.

That year was also special for a Livonia player as former Franklin High grad Mike Donnelly led the Spartans to the title and won the Hobey Baker award, the equivalent of college



MSU SPORTS INFORMATION PHOTO

Spartan ace: Churchill grad Joe Blackburn leads MSU this weekend in the NCAA regional tourney.

football's Heisman Trophy.

"It's only one game right now and we can't look beyond that because every team in this tournament is good," Blackburn said. "We know St. Lawrence plays a defensive style and their goaltender is pretty phenomenal. And Colorado College plays on an Olympic-size ice rink and they're more of an offensive team."

Blackburn is majoring in Special Education at MSU.

At Churchill he earned two letters in baseball.

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Friday, March 26
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Saturday, March 27
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Sunday, March 28
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WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

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at Ladywood H.S. (2), 1 p.m.

Whalers rip Windsor again

Nothing wasted. The Plymouth Whalers have begun their trek toward an Ontario Hockey League championship with a pair of routs over first-round opponent Windsor in games that exhibited Plymouth's superior offensive and defensive abilities.

The latest was a 6-0 shutout Tuesday at Windsor Arena. The Whalers led 2-0 after one period and 5-0 after two, with five different players accounting for their goals. Indeed, Plymouth had nearly as many goals as Windsor had shots in that span (eight).

Robert Holsinger got his second-straight win, but had to make just 13 saves. In the Whalers' two wins, Holsinger has allowed one goal and made a total of 31 saves.

Defenseman Nikos Tselios finished with two goals and an assist to pace the Whalers. David Legwand, Shaun Fisher and Adam Colagiaco added a goal and an assist apiece, and Troy Smith scored a goal. Damian Surma and Jason Ward each contributed two assists.

The Whalers opened their OHL playoff series against the Spitfires with an 9-1 trouncing Sunday at Compuware Arena. Windsor was playing its third game in three days, with a play-off victory over Kitchener Saturday clinching a playoff berth for the Spits.

But they could not recover quickly enough for the rested and ready Whalers, a team that had lost a week earlier at home to Windsor by a 6-1 count. There would be no repeat; Plymouth scored three times before the Spits could retaliate, and that proved to be only a minor blip in the Whalers scoring surge.

Harold Druken was the key for Plymouth, scoring three goals and assisting on three others. He spread them out, too — he had a goal and an assist in every period.

Adam Colagiaco contributed two goals and two assists for the Whalers, and Jamie Lalonde chipped in with three assists. Other goal-scorers were Nikos Tselios, Damian Surma, Jared Newman and Eric Goody; Surma added an assist. Paul Mara and Randy Fitzgerald each had two assists.

Robert Holsinger was in goal for the Whalers, making 18 saves. Mike Leighton faced an incredible 63 shots in the net for Windsor, making 54 stops.

NOTES: The Whalers concluded their regular season ranked No. 1 in the Canadian Hockey League, posting a 51-13-4 record. In second was the Quebec Remparts of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, with a 51-13-6 record. Two other Ontario Hockey League teams, the Barrie Colts and the Ottawa 67's, were fourth and fifth in the CHL poll, respectively; the Guelph Storm was ninth.

Plymouth completed its regular season with an 8-1 romp over the Brampton Battalion Friday at Brampton. Druken again ignited the offense, scoring three goals to bring his season total to 58, best in the OHL. He totaled 103 points. Colagiaco collected two assists against the Battalion to bring his season point-total to 108 (40 goals, 68 assists), fourth-best in the OHL.

Other goals were scored by Julian Smith, Eric Goody, Justin Williams, Tomek Valtonen and David Legwand. Smith and Legwand also had assists.

Kevin Holdridge (Catholic Central) had two assists.

Robert Holsinger made 17 saves without giving up a goal over the first two periods to get the win; Rob Zepp gave up one goal, with 14 stops, in the third period. Scott Della Vedova had 31 saves in goal for Brampton.

Compuware takes 1st

The Compuware Ambassadors finished the season atop the North American Hockey League with a 37-11-6 overall record with a 5-0 triumph over the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians Sunday at Compuware Arena. The Indians finish second with a 36-17-1 mark.

The win gives Compuware a berth in the Gold Cup National Championship Tournament, which begins April 30 in Lincoln, Neb. The NAHL's playoff champion will also advance to the tournament, or its runner-up if Compuware wins the league playoff.

Sunday's win was the second-straight win over the Indians for the Ambassadors; on Saturday, they posted a 4-2 victory at Compuware.

For their efforts, Compuware forward Steve Jackson and goalie Craig Kowalski were named the NAHL's player and goalie of the week. Jackson scored three goals and assisted on four others in four straight Ambassador wins; he scored twice and assisted on the other two in Saturday's 4-2 win.

Kowalski was in goal for three of the wins, stopping 57 of 60 shots with one shutout (his third of the season) for a .957 save percentage. Kowalski leads the NAHL with 34 victories and a 2.10 goals-against average.

Goal-scorers in Sunday's win were Jackson, John Shouneyia, Jack Redwood, Luke Wright and Andre Robichaud. Pat Brush scored the Ambassadors other two goals Saturday.

Journeyman softball team finishes 4-2 in Vegas event

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Jason Riggs, who batted .818 with 18 hits in 22 trips with seven homers and 23 RBI, made the All-Tournament team.

Teammate Scott Janack, who hit .714 with 15 hits in 21 at-bats with four homers and 10 RBI, also made All-Tournament.

Coach Larry Quartuccio, former Wayne resident now based in Florence, Ky., has added two new additions to the starting lineup — Jamie Gordon, who played last year for rival Oakland Plumbing, and Dave Dohanos, a member of last year's Journeyman team.

"I really feel good about the team this year and I'm looking forward to the rest of the season," Quartuccio said. "I wasn't sure how we would play so early in the year, but I must say I'm very happy with the way we did."

"Adding Gordon and Dohanos have added great punch to our team."

Scott Hille was the team's second leading hitter in Vegas, batting .730 with six

homers and 16 RBI. Dohanos hit .600 and Gordon batted .560.

Rounding out the Vegas cast was Tom Lengyel (.640), Mark Matchulat (.583), Scott Nastally (.631), Ron Noel, John Sampson (.529), Chris Scheffer (.600), John Simpson (.666), Steve Swope and Randy Windham. (Brian Donehue did not make the trip.)

Overall, the Journeyman hit .625 as a team with 35 homers and 118 total runs.

Journeyman defeated After-shock of Fairfield, Calif. in the opener, 30, behind Gordon's 3-run homer and solid defense from Windham at short.

Scheffer's 2-run pinch-hit single in the fifth gave Journeyman a 14-8 second-round win over Poy's of Brooklyn Center, Minn.


Nastally's fine pitching performance gave Journeyman an 18-8 win over Class A Wantenabe of Cincinnati, Ohio in the third round.

Class AA winner Long Haul/Hendus of Seattle, Wash., sponsored by former Major Leaguer Dave Henderson, handed Journeyman its first loss in Game No. 4, 28-22, behind Rick Magner's 3-run homer.

Game No. 5 was a forfeit victory over Marnell of Las Vegas.

Sunnyvale, Calif. ended Journeyman's tourney run, 29-22, despite a seven-run seven and seven RBI by Hille.

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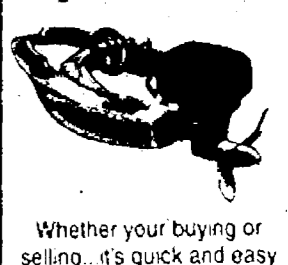
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SATURDAY



The Bloomfield Players present "The Wizard of Oz," 8 p.m. at Andover High School on Andover Road (at the corner of Andover and Long Lake Roads, west of Telegraph) in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$10 adults and \$8 children under 12, call (248) 433-0885.

SUNDAY



Frank Patterson, "Ireland's Golden Tenor" presents a benefit concert with Eily O'Grady, 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$25, \$30, \$50 and \$60, call (313) 562-5610, (248) 649-1140, or (313) 576-5111.

HOT TICKET



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TEEN STARS rule the weekend

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Riding in a limo to the next in a long line of personal appearances, Tatyana Ali feels like she's in a whirlwind.

Since her single "Daydreamin'" pushed her debut album "Kiss the Sky" to gold status, Ali has been running from television shows to radio stations to concert halls. And to think, the former "Fresh Prince of Bel Air" TV star recorded the album just because she wanted to do it.

"I thought that I would be going to school (right now). I didn't even know anyone would listen to it or pay attention to it because of the show. It's something I've always wanted to do, and I didn't want to have any regrets. I thought that the show would prevent anything from happening," Ali explained.

Ali, 20, mistakenly believed that she wouldn't be able to crossover from television to sultry R&B star successfully.

"I was very happily surprised," she said.

Another surprise came by way of 'N Sync, who asked her to join its tour after appearing in a Disney special together. The show comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills on Thursday, March 25.

"It literally fell out of the sky because I wasn't looking for a tour because I was going to school. I did a Christmas special with 'N Sync for Disney but they invited me to go on their tour with them. It was like, 'Oh my

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Visiting Detroit: Tatyana Ali, former star of the television show "Fresh Prince of Bel Air," is one of a handful of teen idols coming to town this weekend. She will open for 'N Sync at The Palace of Auburn Hills on Thursday, March 25.

Teen dream weekend - and beyond

Teenagers will be lining up outside The Palace of Auburn Hills and La Boom in Walled Lake to see their favorite stars this weekend.

'N Sync performs along with Tatyana Ali and Divine at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. The show is sold out but tickets may be released the day of the show. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>.

Those unable to get tickets to the Thursday show have a second chance when the Florida quintet returns to play the Pontiac Silverdome at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, with ex-New Kid on the Block Jordan Knight and Brit boy band Five. Tickets are \$32.50. For more information, call (248) 645-6666 or visit <http://www.ticketmaster.com>.

Voices of Theory performs during "Never Been Kissed" Prom '99 night promoting the new Drew Barrymore flick at 9 p.m. Friday, March 26, at La Boom teen nightclub, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. The party, hosted by Jimi Love of WDRQ-FM (93.1), will also feature giveaways of tuxedo rentals, hair and makeup appointments, discounted limo service, flowers, and passes to the movie's premiere. Tickets are \$10 in advance at Ticketmaster. For more information, call (248) 926-9960 or (248) 645-6666.

Next month, 98 Degrees, B*Witched and Jessica Simpson will perform at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, on Saturday, April 17. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$25 for reserved theater seating. For more information, call (313) 961-5451, (248) 645-6666 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

It's about time for Voices to Theory

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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When former General Hospital star Ricky Martin wiggled his hips across the stage at the Grammy Awards last month, for many viewers it was the first exposure they had to Latino music and heritage.

The quintet Voices of Theory, all of whom are of Latino descent, said it's about time.

"We're trying to do the same thing," Hector Ramos said of Martin. "When people first hear us, and actually don't see us, people are judgmental. They think otherwise. When they see us, they drop their jaws."

Save for Spanish versions of their songs "Say It" ("Dimelo") and "Wherever You Go" ("Si Acaso Te Vas"), Voices of Theory doesn't necessarily sound Latino. The group's self-titled album features the latest single "Wherever You Go," written by Voices of Theory's new manager, Mike "Bass" McCary of Boyz II Men.

"Mike is actually the best, man. He's a really big brother to us. We've known him for a long time, actually for about seven years. He's been behind us 100 percent," explained Erik Serrano, 20.

"When 'Wherever You Go' came out, in about a week it was the No. 4 video in the country. The Box (video channel) has given us a lot of love. So have the fans who have been ordering it," Serrano added.

Voices to Theory, he added, is benefiting from having a manager who is also an artist.

"The advice he can give us is overwhelming. Plus, Michael is Michael from Boyz II Men. It's real fun. We're such Boyz II Men fans. We grew up listening to Boyz II Men and now being around them and actually having Michael work for us is, like, crazy," Serrano said.

Voices of Theory - which also includes James Cartagena, Mechi Cebollero and David Cordova - acknowledge Boyz II Men with their soulful ballads and Temptations-like harmonies.

Boyz II Men aren't the only superstars behind him. Mariah Carey gave them their start, taking them on tour with her. Producer Jellybean Benitez, who has collaborated with Madonna and Whitney Houston, worked on the album and signed them to his H.O.L.A. (Home of Latin Artists) label.

"Jellybean is like the best. We just want to give much love to him for actually giving us a chance," Serrano explained.

Voices to Theory is just wrapping up a promotional tour with Cordova, who, thanks to dialysis machines, is able to tour despite awaiting a kidney transplant. He is expected to perform with Voices to Theory Friday, March 26, at La Boom teen nightclub in Walled Lake.

"The last time we were in Detroit, you guys showed us a lot of love, a lot of love, actually both times we were there," Serrano said of the Boyz II Men show and the "DRQ Freeze For All" with 98 Degrees and Ace of Base last year.

'The last time we were in Detroit, you guys showed us a lot of love'

Erik Serrano

Company brings world-class ballet to Opera House

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There's no tilting at windmills for the American Ballet Theatre.

A year after announcing that the Detroit Opera House would be their Midwest home, the legendary New York City-based ballet company continues to bring world-class performances to the area.

Indeed, with "Don Quixote," performed tonight through Sunday at the Detroit Opera House, American Ballet Theatre may succeed in dance where the dreamy-eyed idealist Don Quixote failed in Cervantes' 17th-century tale.

American Ballet Theatre returns to

WHAT: "Don Quixote" presented by the American Ballet Theatre
WHEN: Thursday, March 25-Sunday, March 28
WHERE: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit (one block east of Woodward Ave. and Madison)
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the opera house after gaining critical and popular acclaim for last year's performance of "Giselle."

Among the most inspiring stories of western literature, Cervantes' "Don Quixote de la Mancha" has been the source for Massenet's opera, Strauss' orchestral music, and a popular main-

stream musical. (Robert Goulet's indelible interpretation of "Impossible Dream" in the title role of "Man from La Mancha" should come to mind.)

The three-act ballet is typically in the repertoire of major dance theaters throughout the world.

"Don Quixote" was first performed by the Bolshoi Ballet in the mid-19th century, and premiered at the Metropolitan Opera House in 1966.

The story is about the travails of Don Quixote, whose overexcited imagination and idealism blinds him to reality. He becomes crazed from reading romances of chivalry, and sets out to redress the wrongs of the world.

Don Quixote becomes not only frus-

trated by the unbendable ways of the world, but his plight reveals a world whereby idealists are considered expendable.

While the task might be futile, the story of Don Quixote is considered a morality tale of the struggles of those with a humanitarian vision in a world of practical necessities.

The practical effect having American Ballet Theatre calling the opera house their home has been to strengthen the local dance scene.

In addition to their performances, American Ballet Theatre also conducts master classes through Wayne State University.

MOVIES

5 readers close to perfect on Oscar picks

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Roberto Benigni was the surprise winner for Best Actor at this year's Academy Awards ceremony on Sunday.

In our Academy Awards Contest no one correctly answered all seven categories - Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Director, Best Supporting Actor, Best Supporting Actress, and Best Original Song.

Five readers correctly answered six of the seven categories. Our finalists were - Rusy-B Bentner of Livonia Joseph Butler of Orton, Elio Della Mora of Farmington

Hills, Nancy Pietraszkiewicz of Rochester Hills, and Marvin Weingarden of Southfield.

In a random drawing, Weingarden was declared the winner of an annual movie pass good for two people to any area AMC Theatres.

Entry forms arrived at the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper office in Livonia by mail and fax. We received 386 entries. Of the entries submitted, 63 percent picked "Saving Private Ryan" for Best Picture of the Year. "Shakespeare in Love" received 93 votes, followed by "Life is Beautiful," 25 votes. Elizabeth, 20 votes, and the "Thin Red Line" three votes.

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Oscar winner: Roberto Benigni and Giorgio Cantarini in Roberto Benigni's "Life is Beautiful"

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gosh. OK. I had to rethink everything like whether or not I was going to take time off from school."

To head out on tour, Ali took time off from studying Afro-American studies and government at Harvard. She is planning on returning in the fall.

She also deferred a year of school to finish her well-received R&B CD "Kiss the Sky" (MJJ Music/Will Smith Enterprises). She tapped into several producers' talents for "Kiss the Sky" including Rodney Jenkins and Shawn Stockman of Boyz II Men.

"Working with Rodney, Rodney lives and breathes music. I worked with him in like three different studios and each one he had a bed so he could sleep there literally. That's his life. He's also really young so he likes to party, have fun, play and laugh," Ali explained.

"Working with Shawn Stockman, he's really cool, laid back and relaxed, very peaceful and very patient."

Ali, who appears in the movie "Jawbreaker," hopes to continue

to balance school, music and acting.

"(Music and acting) they both kind of fulfill different things. Acting is totally different because it creates a person. You create an image and a being and a whole history for somebody. You make stuff up. There's something that's really exciting about that," she said.

"With music, it's kind of being as true to yourself as you possibly can. Because it's scarier it does make it more exciting and it does make it more rewarding. This is the most exciting thing I've ever done - ever, ever, ever."

The 'N Sync, Tatyana Ali and Divine show is one of two teen-oriented concerts that hits the Detroit area this weekend. Voices of Theory performs at the teen club La Boom in Walled Lake on Friday, March 26.

How Divine

Never mind the music, Kia Thornton, one third of the group Divine, has one thing to say.

"I love Jay-Z," she said of the Grammy Award-winning rap artist. "Put that I love Jay-Z and

we gonna get married."

Back to the music. Blending R&B, soul and gospel, the members of Divine were put together three years ago by managers Nathan Garvin and Gillian Manigat. Thornton, 17, along with Nikki Bratcher, 17, and Tonia Tash, 18, were pursuing solo careers until Garvin and Manigat came along.

None of them have regrets about joining a group instead.

"We were really anxious to be in the business. Now we can't see it no other way. Before we came out we got the name Divine to hear people on the radio say our name, and to see our name in magazines. It's all about Divine now," Tash explained.

"It was more like fate because usually when girl groups come together, there's attitudes and people say they can't get along and all that stuff. As soon as we got together, we just clicked. Our voices blended. It was just like magic," Bratcher added.

The trio's debut "Divine" (Pendulum/Red Ant Entertainment) has already spawned the hit "Lately," brought to the girls by

executive producer Ruben Rodriguez. The album also includes a cover of George Michael's "One More Try," "I Never Thought," featuring Lady Mecca, formerly of Digable Planets, and the funky "Fairy Tales."

The three began singing as children at their respective churches, places that proved to be suitable training grounds.

"It's a really good training ground. Everybody's willing to help you. They don't discard you because maybe you can't sing or you can't sing as good as someone else. They always make you feel good and they help you in areas you need help in," Bratcher said.

The last couple years, boy bands like Backstreet Boys, Hanson and 'N Sync have ruled the charts. Now with Britney Spears recently topping the charts, girls are making ground in the market. Singers like Ali and Divine are paving the way.

"Time for girls to rule!" Thornton said. "There were girl bands like Xscape but they're older. It's time for young girls to come out and rule."

Concert



Jazz Master: Teddy Harris Jr. plays keyboards for a Count Basie tribute 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, (south of Eight Mile), Livonia. Concert features Johnny Trudell's Big Band and guest artists trombonist Al Grey, and vocalist Harvey Thompson. Tickets \$15 and available by calling (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454.

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Oscar

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Readers favored Tom Hanks to win for Best Actor, Gwyneth Paltrow for Best Actress and Steven Spielberg for Best Director.

In case you missed the Academy Awards on TV, here are the highlights:

- Best Picture — "Shakespeare in Love"
- Best Actor — Roberto Benigni, "Life is Beautiful"
- Best Actress — Gwyneth Paltrow, "Shakespeare in Love"
- Best Director — Steven Spielberg, "Saving Private Ryan"
- Best Supporting Actor — James Coburn, "Affliction"
- Best Supporting Actress — Judi Dench, "Shakespeare in Love"
- Best Original Song — "When You Believe," from "The Prince of Egypt"
- Best Foreign Film — "Life is Beautiful"

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THEATER

'Rumors' are true: This show's a laugh-a-minute

The Schoolcraft College Theatre Department presents Neil Simon's "Rumors" in dinner theater format Friday-Saturday, March 26-27. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, followed by the show at 8 p.m. Tickets \$19 per person. "Rumors" will also be presented (show only) 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 2. Show only tickets are \$8 per person. Call (734) 462-4596 to order dinner theater or show tickets.

BY ROBERT WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

Deflating the pompous, the powerful, the privileged is at the comic core of Neil Simon's hilarious farce, "Rumors."

Under the direction of professor James Hartman, the Schoolcraft College cast has great fun with this laugh-a-minute comedy as they prick the hidden foibles of New York's upwardly mobile rich.

Simon gives a new twist to the line, "What if you gave a party, and nobody came." In "Rumors" the guests arrive, but the hosts are missing.

Fred Florkowski (who is about to receive his masters in scene design from Wayne State University) creates an elegant setting in beige and black for the show. It is the home of New York City's deputy mayor (Charlie Bock) and his wife (Myra). They are celebrating their tenth anniversary with a formal dinner party.

Guests arrive in lovely evening gowns and tuxes — but we soon learn they are no better

than the common folks when it comes to handling unlikely situations, especially if their public image is threatened. Chris and Ken Gorman (played nicely by Linda Pelliccioni and Jason Birkby) are the first couple to arrive. They hear a gun shot as the come up the driveway. Ken finds Charlie bleeding profusely (thank God it's only from his ear lobe). Myra is nowhere to be found.

Fearing the worst, and not wanting to be mixed up in a scandal, Ken, (who is Charlie's attorney), concocts a cover story with his frenzied wife as a somewhat bewildered accomplice.

That's when the fun begins, as they attempt to keep other guests from guessing that something is amiss. It's a hopeless cause. Myra is missing.

The servants are missing. The food is out but not prepared and the cook is missing. And the topper? Nobody is allowed upstairs to see Charlie.

With each telling of the cover-up, misconceptions snowball and the situation

becomes more ridiculous, much like the "telephone" game that most of us have played. Eventually, the guests learn the truth — and we learn a truth of sorts about how far some of us will go to avoid public scrutiny.

When the problem is about to resolve itself, the police arrive. More intrigue ensues. The guests impersonate the host, hoping the cops will leave. They do, but only after an improbable shaggy dog story. There is one

last surprise, which we won't reveal in deference for those yet to see the show.

Jerri Doll and Brian Taylor are terrific as Lenny Ganz (Charlie's accountant) and his wife Claire. They bring the energy, comic timing and outlandish expressions so necessary for good farce. Both know how to deliver a putdown or throwaway line.

Doll is perfect as a sarcastic, self-centered socialite, trading rumors of affairs at the tennis club.

Taylor milks his whip-lash for all its worth (His new BMW was broadsided on the way to the party). And his explanation to the police of what's going on at the end of the show is priceless.

Lisa Brawley and Ray Van Hoeck have their moments as Cookie and Ernie Cusack. She has a cooking show on TV (and periodic back spasms). He is a psychiatrist who muses, "If I had you people for group therapy, I'd never need another group."

Beth Wojcik and Larry Pelliccioni play Cassie and Glenn

Cooper. She has a chip on her shoulder (rumors of his affairs have been heard around the club). He is reserved politician, willing to do anything to avoid

to preserve his reputation. Adam Conger (Officer Welch) and Jessica Wells (Officer Pudney) round out the cast. They scare the bejebbers out of the

guests that their zany story will come unraveled at any moment. Thankfully, the web of deceit and laughter continue to the bizarre ending.

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FOX THEATRE
"The Wizard of Oz" starring Mickey Rooney and Royal Oak native Jessica Grove, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, noon, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, April 7-9, noon, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$45.50, \$32.50 and \$17.50. (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611

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 Millennium Theatre Center, Southfield. (248) 788-2900 or <http://comnet.org/jet>

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

JOSE CARRERAS
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VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN
Presents a concert of solo arias and duets from "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci," 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, Dearborn. (734) 455-8895

COLLEGE

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Neil Simon's hysterical farce "Rumors" 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 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

U-M THEATRE
Workshop production of "Orphan Train," a classic American melodrama about poverty, community, family and hope by Michigan playwright Dennis North, directed by Guy Sanville of Purple Rose Theatre Company, April 1-11, at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$14. \$7. (734) 764-0450

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

BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE PLAYERS
"Just the Two of Us" 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers. (248) 477-1410

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS
The musical "Fiddler on the Roof," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$14. (248) 644-2075

BLOOMFIELD PLAYERS
"Wizard of Oz," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Andover High School theater, Andover and Long Lake roads, west of Telegraph. \$10, \$8 under age 12, (248) 433-0885

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 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," a musical celebrating life in pioneer America in the late 1800s, March 26-27, at the North Roseedale Park Community House, 18445 Sparsdale, Detroit. \$10-20. (313) 531-0431

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PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY
"The Trial of One Short-sighted Black Woman vs. Mammy Louise and Safreeta Mae," a comedy about an African-American female Hollywood executive who sees two movie stereotypes for the negative impact they had on her life, continues to March 28, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 25-26, and 6 p.m. Sunday evenings, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren at Brush, Detroit. \$18 Friday-Saturday with \$2 surcharge for ticket purchased through the museum, two for one all other Thursday evenings. \$15 Saturday-Sunday afternoon (with \$2 surcharge), senior/student discounts. (313) 872-0279

PLYMOUTH PARK PLAYERS
"Crazy for You," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, Salem Theatre, Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton Township. \$7. (734) 416-7723

PONTIAC THEATRE IV
"Educating Rita," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, at Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene. \$7. \$6 seniors/children. (248) 624-3187/(248) 682-1165

SRO PRODUCTIONS
"Eat Your Heart Out," Nick Hall's comedy about an out-of-work actor paying the bills as a waiter, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Theburgh, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. \$8, \$7 senior/child. (248) 827-0707

STAGECRAFTERS
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"Grace and Gloria," a drama about two women from different backgrounds who find friendship as they struggle with matters of death and life, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the theater, 38870 W. Six Mile, (west of I-75), Livonia. \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or more. (734) 464-6302

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"Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 9 and continues 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April 10, April 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18 at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, Troy. Call (248) 879-1285 for ticket information.

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ELEANA SHISHKO
Professor of piano at St. Petersburg Conservatory in Russia, performs at noon Wednesday, March 31, Forum Building recital hall, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Free; Conducts one-day piano teachers' workshop, Monday, March 29, at the college. \$40 advance registration, \$45 for on-site registration; Conducts a master class, 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, Schoolcraft College's Forum Recital Hall. Free. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

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Featuring pianist Wolf Harden, violinist Michael Mucke and cellist Jens-Peter Maintz, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$18, \$22, \$24. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

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AUDITIONS

MARQUESS THEATRE
Auditions for boys and girls ages 8-16 for the musical "Rapunzel," 5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the theater, 135 E. Main Street, Northville. For weekend

performances May 7 to June 5. (248) 349-8110

RADIO CITY ENTERTAINMENT
The organization auditions girls between the ages of 12-18 for the role of Dorothy of "The Wizard of Oz." 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, The Second City, Detroit, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Girls must be able to sing 16 bars of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." (313) 596-3288/(888) 7-4-DOROTHY or <http://www.ozontour.com>

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 and be able to sing. Walk-ins will not be accepted. To register, (313) 964-5821 by April 1.

CHORAL

SWEET MONEY IN THE ROCK
8 p.m. Friday, March 26, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$18, \$24, \$28. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

JAZZ

BANYAN
Featuring former Jane's Addiction and Porno for Pyros drummer Stephen Perkins, and Rob Wasserman, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com>

BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD
9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (gypsy jazz)

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 25, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass trio)

TIM FLAHERTY TRIO
With Nancy K., 10 p.m. 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 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Kerrytown Concert Hall, Ann Arbor. \$10 and \$15 (734) 769-2999

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 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Oakland Community College's Smith Theater in Farmington Hills (\$12). (248) 471-7667/(248) 471-7700; 8-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, at the No.VI Chophouse & Lobster Bar in the Hotel Baronette, 27700 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

"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

JAZZ MANDOLIN PROJECT
8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

VANESA JOHNSON AND FRIENDS
7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, Tom's Oyster Bar, 29106 Franklin Road, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

EILEEN KELLER TRIO
1 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Jewish Community Center, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Free. Tickets are required. (248) 967-4030

KOG'S KATS
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 27, Absolute Tiffany Jazz Grille, 440 Clinton, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 964-8953

KATHY KOSINS TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, March 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass trio)

KUZ
9 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 ("out jazz")

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, 9 p.m. to midnight Friday, April 2, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101

MASCHINA
With Utopia Black and The Bottle Prophets, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Blind Pig, 208-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996 8555 (avant jazz)

KEIKO MATSUI
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 trumpeter Marcus Belgrave Thursday, March 25, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington. \$5 cover waived with dinner order. (248) 474-4800

MARK MOULTRUP
8 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. (248)

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M.A.S. (MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY)

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 25-27, and Wednesday, March 31, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838

GENE PARKER
8:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, at Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

CHARLES SCALES DUO
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

HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturdays, March 27 and April 3, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass trio)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Koltun, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

GOSPEL

BILLY SOEER
7 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, at Marimont Community Church, 424 W. Walton Blvd., Pontiac. (248) 332-7239

WORLD MUSIC

BLACKTHORN
6 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Free. (248) 644-0550 or <http://www.blackthorn1.com> (Irish)

BOYS OF THE LOUGH
7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (Scottish)

"GYPSY CARAVAN"
"Gypsy Culture from India to Eastern Europe and Iberia" with Taraf de Roudouks of Romania, Kolpakov Trio of Russia, Kaly Jag of Hungary, Yuri Yanakov Ensemble of Bulgaria/Macedonia, Antonio Pipa's Flamenco Dance Company of Spain, and Masafir of Rajasthan, India. 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$22, \$26, \$32, \$34. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

IMMIGRANT SONS
With C-3, 9 p.m. Friday, March 26, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://golddollar.com> (world)

IMMUNITY
8:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, March 26, The Alley, 215 Main St., Rochester. \$3. 21 and older. (248) 652-6620

JIM PERKINS
9 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (Celtic folk)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

RICHARD LAWRENCE
8:30 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

HARVEY REID
8:10-10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the Off-the-Wall Acoustic Coffee House in St. William Parish Hall in Walled Lake. \$10 adult, \$20 family, \$7.50 student. (248) 624-1421 or <http://www.offthewall.org>

KAREN SAVOCA
7 p.m. Saturday, March 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

MARTIN SEXTON
9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$12.50 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

ROSALIE SORRELS
8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$11, members, students and seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

POETRY

POETRY IN MOTION
Features performance poet Sonya Pouncy, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 28, doors open at 6 p.m. with open mic, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, near Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE
Minimal walk throughs, many dances will not be taught or walked through at all, to music by the Contrapreppers, 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saine Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8-\$14. 665-8863

TANGO CLASSES
8 p.m. Fridays (beginning), at the Troy Dance Studio, 4963 Roxchester Road, at Long Lake Road, \$5-\$10, (248) 689-3393; 8 p.m. Saturdays at Dance Avenue, 1860 N. Telegraph, southeast of Ford Road, Dearborn. \$5-\$7, (313) 565-3329, also advanced tango.

Sundays in Troy.

OAKLAND DANCE THEATRE AND OUP REPERTORY DANCE THEATRE
Present "Dance Explosion," a high energy concert of new dances by faculty, student and guest choreographer, Colin Connor, 8 p.m. Friday, March 26; 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University, campus, Rochester. Tickets \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. Call (248) 370-3013.

COUNTRY CLASS
Country/Western dance, 7:45 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$7 per person, (734) 425-2207.

COMEDY

"COMEDY EXPLOSION"
Featuring Coco, Tony Roney, Frank G., Bam Bam and Mary Ann DeMoss, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Tickets at Ticketmaster, partial proceeds benefit Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
John Bizarre and J.R. Remick, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25 (\$5), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27 (\$12); Keith Ruff, Preacher Moss and Sheila Lovely, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 1 (\$5), Friday-Saturday, April 2-3 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$6). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
John Hope, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25 (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Saturday, March 26-27 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Arturo Shelton, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1 (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 2-3 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package Friday, and \$12 and \$24.95 dinner show package Saturday), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

TOMMY DAVIDSON AND FRIENDS
With Joe Torry, Montana Taylor and Joe Clair, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50, \$35 and \$50. (248) 433-1515

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Kivi Rogers, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 26 (\$12), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, March 27 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Mike Bonner and Keith Ruff, Sunday, March 28; Richard Jeni and Hal Spear, Thursday, March 25 (\$20), Friday, March 26 (\$22.50), and Saturday, March 27 (\$25); Mark Britten and Randy O'Brien, Wednesday-Sunday, March 31-April 4, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY
"Impeachment and Cream," through May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
"Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science," through April 3, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Museum hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays, until 9 p.m. Thursdays. \$5, \$3 students/children/seniors. (248) 645-3323 or <http://www.cranbrook.edu/museum>

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," "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," 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 (extended hours April 2-10), 5020 John R. (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$8 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 LAKE
Visit the estate of the automotive pioneer, hours are 1-4:30 p.m. Sundays, 1-30 p.m. weekly tours through April, at 4811 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE
Songs of the Great Lakes combining

Celtic and Scandinavian traditions with Michigan history, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 27-28, March Family Fun Month "Swings into Spring" with musical performances, swing dancing, yo yo demonstrations, puppet shows and more, 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 AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Watch and learn "free tapestry" weaving techniques of Senegalese artist/weaver Abdoulaye Kasse 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday through March 31, in conjunction with exhibit "Senegalese Threads of Beauty: The Free Tapestry of Abdoulaye Kasse," which features 11 of the artist's original works (on display to April 11), "When We Were Queens" discusses the Queens whose achievements serve as an inspiration to women during the Women's Empowerment Caucus 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 31 (\$5). Women's Health Expo noon to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit. Free with museum admission of \$5, \$3 children. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

AHADA
8 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

ASIAN DUB FOUNDATION
8 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (Techno/drum and bass)

JEFF BECK
8 p.m. Friday, March 26, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$32.50 and \$40. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (rock)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"
With Dose, Hump, Big Hipbone and Electric Sunhouse, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLISS
With Centrifuge, 9 p.m. Friday, March 26, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, Nancy Whiskey's, 2644 Harrison, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 962-4247; 9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (R&B)

BRANDED
10 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road, one block north of Five Mile Road, Redford. Free. 21 and older. (313) 533-4477 (rock)

BUCK O'MAN, HUNTER
9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, CK Diggins, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (rock/R&B)

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)

SUSAN CALLOWAY
With Michelle Penn and Troll for Trout, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (pop)

CHAMBER STRINGS
With Dean Ferrita, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://golddollar.com> (60s inspired 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; 9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

DANNY COX
7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, inside Starry Night Lounge in Van Gogh's, 27999 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (acoustic rock)

THORNETTA DAVIS AND BLACK BEAUTY
9 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

TIM DIAZ AND GARY RASMUSSEN
9:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, 5 Hole inside Second City, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 471-3300 (acoustic rock)

THE DISCO BISCUITS
With the Element, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$9 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com> (pop/rock)

DISQUST
With Feisty Cadavers, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

DYLAN GROUP
Featuring two chamber bands and a tria-

phone, with special guest Visitor, 9 p.m. Monday, March 29, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://golddollar.com> (eclectic)

ECONOLINE CRUSH
9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com> (rock)

EL TOPO
With Taproot and Trauma Coil, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

ELIZA
7 p.m. Thursday, April 1, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (pop)

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY
9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (blues)

FEAR FACTORY
With Spineshank, System of a Down, Hed (pe), 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, Harpo's, 14238 Harper, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 824-1700 (rock)

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS
Performs during the "Empty Bowls Reception," 5:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams St., Pontiac. \$30, benefits the Baldwin Church and Center. (248) 332-6101; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, March 27, The Sunrise Sunset, 15222 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park. Free. 21 and older. (313) 822-6080; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Thursday, April 1, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 or petebigdog@pro-void.net (blues)

FIVE HORSE JOHNSON
Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guests The Soledad Brothers and DJ The Blackman, 10 p.m. Saturday, March 13, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5 at the door. 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

FREE BEER BAND
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, March 27, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (rock)

GORDON BENNETT
9 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-6620 (rock)

GRR
10:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rock)

LISA HUNTER
8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Coffee Beanery, 307 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 650-3344 or <http://www.lb.com> (one-man-clapping/salsa/hip-hop/acoustic rock)

THE INCURABLES
9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, TC Gators, 42559 Ford Road, Canton Township. Free. 21 and older. (734) 981-0906/(734) 721-1622 (rock)

FREEDY JOHNSTON
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 (singer/songwriter)

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)

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)

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

MERGIN
With Keith Parmentier, 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse in Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Suggested donation: \$7, \$5 students ages 13 and older, \$3 kids. All ages. (734) 327-2041 (rock)

MICKEY STRANGE
9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Lick, 2930 Jacob Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lick21.com> (rock)

MIDLIFE CRISIS
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, March 26, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (blues)

MOKE
8 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

BEN MOORE AND THE BLUES EXPRESS
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, March 26, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 224-1700 (blues)

MIDPUPPY
9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Tavern Club, 215 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 452-9444; 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Tavern Club, 215 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 452-9444

2XL
4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rock)

(734) 451-1213; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY
9 p.m. Friday, March 26, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

"N SYNC
With Tatyana Ali and Divine, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 25, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. Sold out but tickets may be released the day of show. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (pop)

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KRISTIN SAYER
9 p

'I Remember Mama' is a heartwarming comedy

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents John van Druten's "I Remember Mama" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28 at the theater, 21730 Madison (near the southeast corner of Monroe and Outer Drive) Dearborn. Tickets \$11, call (313) 561-TKTS, or (313) 277-5164 for directions or information.

BY SUB SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

Director Harold Jurkiewicz, distinguished Guild alumnus and Broadway veteran, has assembled a talented cast for the Guild's heartwarming production of "I Remember Mama."

Set in turn-of-the-century San

Francisco, "I Remember mama" is a touching and amusing look at an immigrant Norwegian family's life and times as seen by a young girl as she approaches adulthood. Steeped in family warmth and the American dream, the play is a tribute to the many founding families who sought a new life on American soil.

Jurkiewicz has created a strong, cohesive cast with distinctive, standout personalities, even among the children. Patricia La Framboise is warmly believable as the steadfast and determined matriarch of her clan. Richard Bulleri is the proud patriarch and loving

father, exuding an accented version of "Father Knows Best." The children are delightful and distinct: Lauracindy Plague's optimistic and energetic Dagmar, Alaina Ronewicz's sullen, yet perceptive, Christine, Jeff Ostrowski's steadfast Nels, and Alicia Ryan in the role as both the adult and child Katrin, the dramatic daughter who longs to be a writer, whose memories narrate the play. Their cousin Arne was played with enthusiasm by Derrick Marshall.

Bill Rumley is a delightful curmudgeon as Uncle Chris, the gruff and bellowing uncle who enjoys frightening annoying relatives while cementing friendly

alliances with the children on the sly. Rumley captured the character's impatience, subterfuges, accent and limp with finesse.

Ron Deihl's cowering and nervous Mr. Thorkelson generated appreciative laughter, as did the double-talk and antics of the three judgmental aunts, humorously portrayed by Betty Barryman, Saundra Sanburn and Elna Johnson.

The onstage appearance of master carpenter Gordon

Mosley's vintage automobile replica, with superb sound effects, nearly stole the show. A labor of love, the auto toiled across the upstage area to the delight of the audience. Set designer Dave Reynold senior's unique scrim upstage of the family's main room facilitated an interesting perspective of arriving and departing guests.

Most of the costumes looked good and were well-suited to the era, with a few notable exceptions such as Christine's black

bodiced 1970s vintage granny dress in the opening scene, Katrin's classmates' ill-fitting outfits, and the walk-ons' overdone hodge-podge attire.

The stage crew was noisy and slow, and dropped a bed, wrestled with a table, and could be heard tersely talking in the wings. The lighting crew brought the stage lights up prematurely several times opening night, catching crew members still on stage. Hopefully, they will edit the comedy to the actors.

'Dearly Departed' funny

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents "Dearly Departed," a comedy by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 25-27 at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$12, senior citizens and students, \$10, call (248) 644-0527.

BY MARY JANE DOERR
SPECIAL WRITER

Definitely these people don't represent the upper echelon of Southern society or Southern hospitality. What they do represent is the uncamouflaged, natural sentiments of everyday people. In their truthfulness and absence of malice is an appeal that directors Sally Garrison and Marlene Loucks have captured with simplicity.

Ed Guest is both Bud, and son Ray-Bud. While playing Bud is not too difficult since he dies within a few moments of the opening curtain, playing Ray-Bud takes the finesse of simplicity to portray this utterly uncomplicated, would-be macho, and good-seeking blue collar worker. Cheryl Schonerr is outstanding as his kindly wife Lucille. Co-director Sally Garrison is Mother Raynelle, matronly and compassionate, yet with evenly timed and punctuated lines that always bring in the laughs.

Kimberly Parlove and Jeffrey Reseigh are perfectly matched as Suzanne and Junior, consumed with their marital discord and disobedient children. Parlove is annoying as the nit-picky wife,

and Reseigh is so totally distracted by this economic and domestic discord, it is hard to realize he is acting.

Then there is the self-righteous, irritating Marguerite, played to perfection by Betsie Robinson. As Marguerite who is always ready with a satirical and degrading remark for everyone, Robinson's performance adds to the success of the show.

Ned Schneider does a masterful job of playing the triple role of Norval, and Clyde and Reverend Hooker whose wisdom will hardly hook anyone into believing. Elizabeth A. Robinson is delightful in the role as Delightful simply because she is so undelightingful. She blows bubble gum bubbles well, too. Linda Parker Watson does a memorable performance as both Veda and the floozy Juanita. Kimberly Parlove, Elizabeth Robinson, and Cheryl Schonerr also do well as the trio "Joy of Life Singers."

Carl Parlove has the fun of being Royce, the son of the irritating Marguerite, and does it with charm.

After the opening lines of the first scene of St. Dunstan's comedy "Dearly Departed," it is perfectly clear. The dearly departed was not dearly beloved. At the funeral of this family patriarch, there are tears — tears of laughter. Surly and mean is the way Raynelle describes her dead husband. The deadpan manner Sally Garrison delivered her lines as Raynelle makes the show funny.

What makes it even funnier is the way each person in the Turpin family acts when their father, Bud, drops dead after his wife, Raynelle, reads him a condemning letter from his zealous religious sister, Marguerite.

Show spotlights DIA program

Maybe I'm just happy to be back in this space after a Backstage Pass hiatus due to Detroit Public TV's March pledge drive. Why else would I think of a kooky Steve Martin routine as I sorted through the interesting local arts and music offerings around town.

In the 1970s, with disillusionment over Vietnam and Watergate at its peak, Steve donned one of those arrow-through-the-head novelties and strummed a banjo in a comedy act that some critics attacked as silly. Maybe that was why it went over so well. Steve maintained that it was impossible to be sad while playing a banjo.

Although his contention remains unconfirmed by the psychiatric community, it was a memorable spoof of the entertainment industry at a time when everybody seemed to need

a laugh. If the arrow didn't grab 'em, maybe the banjo would.

That philosophy is certainly evident this week as Backstage Pass presents some innovative approaches in the performing and visual arts. Let's start with the Detroit Institute of Arts. Not content with using the drawing power of such high profile exhibits as the current Gordon Parks retrospective to boost attendance, the DIA is attracting families with Hudson's First Fridays. When you add a hands-on workshop, a world music series and other activities to the impressive galleries and exhibits, it becomes a fascinating and affordable entertainment package.

"It's snowballing. Since we started in November, we're getting more folks each month. Many are repeat visitors, but the diversity of the music and activities is attracting a whole new audience with every event," says Elaine Adams, coordinator of the DIA's First Fridays.

In an industry where critics laud the innovative and scorn the derivative, it's little surprise

that the New Orleans Klezmer All Stars are receiving praise from both musicians and the media. John Popper of Blues Traveler calls it the most brilliant music since P-Funk, while the Chicago Sun Times hailed the soaring melodies and funky-backbeats for helping to create new musical traditions. Now, let me get this straight. It's traditional Jewish music of celebration, mixed with funk and blues, performed in venerable folk houses like the Ark in Ann Arbor. But wait, there's more. I'll throw in the bamboo steamer and the pocket fisherman. You can get an earful of the New Orleans Klezmer All Stars during a Channel 56 studio performance, along with visits to the DIA and Chris Turner's studio, in a BACKSTAGE PASS edition airing Sunday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. and repeated Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Friday at midnight on Detroit Public Television.

Whether it's the arts, business or relationships, few things in life thrive without innovation. In other words, if Steve's banjo approach worked for him, maybe we all should try it.



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STREET SCENE

Rufus Wainwright carves out his own musical style

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Since tickling the ivories for a Gap commercial, Rufus Wainwright has been a busy man. He's told his story over and over again - growing up the son of folk singers Loudon Wainwright III and Kate McGarrigle, being an openly homosexual male and writing Broadway-style torch songs. But to Wainwright, it never gets old. "Oh yeah, oh yeah," he said with a sarcastic sigh. "Eleven interviews today. I never cease to amaze myself. My story deserves

to be told over and over," the emotion in his voice rising like a crescendo. Things haven't always been this crazy for Wainwright. His self-titled debut album (DreamWorks) got off to a slow start but things picked up when DreamWorks started pushing the record and the album fought Lauryn Hill's "The Miseducation of..." for the top of critics' year-end lists. "It did quite well when it first came out in terms of critical acclaim. It took a dive for a bit and it's interesting because a lot of that had to do with the record

company because they're such a new company. They were still growing," he said. "I was the second person signed. Part of it was I think people had to see the show first. That's how they get it." One social class who "got it" was teenage girls who prefer his good looks, showmanship and "you've stomped on my heart" lyrics - all knowing he is gay. "It's funny. I really gravitate toward women more than men. I'm sexually attracted to men, but I have a very relaxed relationship with a lot of women. Men kind of scare me (because of) sexual tension and all of that stuff," Wainwright said. "I'm quite shy actually when it comes to all of that stuff (dating). I don't feel threatened with women. That's probably why a lot of women like coming to the show. Maybe it's sexual, they think I'm cute, or they might like the show. But I'm more relaxed about it."

"In My Arms," featuring background vocals by his sister, Martha, and percussion by Sarah McLachlan's husband/drummer Ash Sood, takes the listener by the heart and twists it like a wet rag: "Looking at hospitals Victorian/ Feeling as helpless as the Elephant Man/ Wish you were here/ to chain you up without shame/ In my arms tonight." For "Rufus Wainwright," the singer/pianist chose songs from a pool of 57 written within the last several years. "I've been writing it since I was 17 or 18. ... It was quite hard (to choose the songs). There are certain songs that I wish had made it on the record, which will make it on the next one. One song, for instance, 'Liberty Cabbage,' which was the first song I ever wrote, I hope that makes it on the next one."

Wainwright said he didn't feel bad giving in to the record company's demands. After all, "when you're sitting in some gorgeous office with Lenny Waronker and he's telling you that you're going to sell millions of copies and then you'll be a millionaire, it's not much of a bummer." While some musicians would never admit to getting a record deal thanks to their parents, Wainwright steps forward. Loudon Wainwright gave his son's demo tape to Beach Boys lyricist Van Dyke Parks who helped him ink a deal with DreamWorks. Ironically, Loudon Wainwright said during an interview with The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers last year that he wasn't thrilled about his son diving into the music business. Rufus Wainwright, laughing, called his dad a "liar."

In building his musical career, Wainwright took characteristics from both parents. "I was really influenced by them, more by watching their shows. They put on great shows. They are both diametrically opposed. My father's very brash and kind of loud and funny, whereas my mother's quite soft-spoken and sentimental on stage. I think in songwriting I take more after my mother. On stage, I take after my father in terms of on stage persona and dealing with the audience." His primary focus, however, is to render the listener helpless and take over their senses. "The ideas that I used were to essentially seduce the listener, whether they liked it or not. Now, especially in these times, that's not being done a lot. There's just plain old songs. This is a melodious kind of thing that isn't afraid to be extravagant. I had that in mind."

'Guitar lunacy' rules



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Legendary guitarist Jeff Beck feels a little odd about releasing, "Who Else!" his first album of original material in 10 years. "It's rather embarrassing, isn't it?" said Beck calling

mer Group in 1977. As Beck puts it, the two returned to him for financial reasons. "They both have families and don't have the luxury of sitting around waiting for me. They can't sit around like the old days when we always just went hungry. He's (Hammer) got plenty of work to get on with in the meantime. I have to chose my moment when I can grab him to write for me. This has all taken time to plot together."

from London. "It's a combination of things. Just the time span alone was enough to frighten me into thinking I better buckle to and get a record done."

"I really didn't have the luxury of not doing it because the record company signed me up to make records, not sit around and do nothing."

"Who Else!" features fierce guitar instruments, two of which, "Space for the Papa" and "Brush With the Blues," which were recorded during Beck's 1998 German tour. It ranges from techno ("THX138") to the appropriately titled "Brush With the Blues," and an Irish drinking song, "Declan."

"To help him create "Who Else!" Beck looked toward friends Tony Hymas, who produced the album and played keyboards, "Miami Vice" theme composer Jan Hammer, and Randy Hope-Taylor, a bassist formerly with the UK group Incognito. It wasn't an easy feat to lure Hammer out of his home.

"Trying to drag keyboard players out of the woods to write music has been really difficult. Jan is a studio rat as he calls it. He's got his high-tech studio in upstate New York and you can't get him away from it."

Hammer and Hymas are veteran Beck collaborators. Hymas worked on "There and Back" and "Jeff Beck's Guitar Shop," while Hammer and Beck joined forces for Jeff Beck With The Jan Ham-

mer Group in 1977. As Beck puts it, the two returned to him for financial reasons. "They both have families and don't have the luxury of sitting around waiting for me. They can't sit around like the old days when we always just went hungry. He's (Hammer) got plenty of work to get on with in the meantime. I have to chose my moment when I can grab him to write for me. This has all taken time to plot together."

mer Group in 1977. As Beck puts it, the two returned to him for financial reasons. "They both have families and don't have the luxury of sitting around waiting for me. They can't sit around like the old days when we always just went hungry. He's (Hammer) got plenty of work to get on with in the meantime. I have to chose my moment when I can grab him to write for me. This has all taken time to plot together."

Jeff Beck performs at 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$32.50 and \$40. For more information, call (248) 645-6666.

Y2K rock Ted Nugent's retirement didn't last long. He and Metallica's Jason Newsted announced Friday that they will play the Pontiac Silverdome on the eve of the millennium.

"Even though I attempted to retire earlier this year, it sucked," Nugent said. "The creative juices with the Damn Yankees and with my band were unstoppable. When Jason called me to do security for this concert, I decided I should bring my guitar. Instead of just making sure everything went smoothly, I should probably just play."

Bringing the millennium concert to the Silverdome was Newsted's idea. He is originally from Gull Lake, near Kalamazoo. "Everybody wants to do a big thing on this date, as far as entertainers are concerned. What it comes right down to is if you have to pick a half dozen places to play in North America, chances are two to three of them will be within a 300-400 mile radius of right here," Newsted said.

Ticket prices weren't announced but Newsted said they will be "at least one," meaning \$100. Tickets will go on sale Oct. 23.

Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts by Karim Alraui March 10 through April 4 Set against the turbulence of the Great Depression and the union movement of the 1930s, 'A Gift of Glory' dramatizes the struggles behind the creation of the Rivera murals.

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DINING

New owners welcome customers to Leather Bottle Inn

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"Homemade mashed potatoes," that's just one of the changes you'll notice at the Leather Bottle Inn in Livonia.

The restaurant looks the same, inside and out, but not for long. "We'll be painting, and freshening it up," said Tom Mihailovich who owns the restaurant with his sister, Maria and parents John and Rosa. Tom's wife, Beti also works at the restaurant.

The family has owned other businesses, including a bakery, and always wanted to own a restaurant. Since taking over in October, they've installed new equipment in the kitchen, and changed the menu.

"Everything is made to order," said Tom after a busy lunch. "We offer a larger seafood portion, and extended the sandwich menu. Everything we make is homemade. We really want to be known for having everything fresh."

Although it was a sad occasion, a wake, the family in the sunlit Green Room was happy with the food and service, thanking Tom and Maria on their way out.

Starting with sandwiches, Tom recommends the Smothered Burger or Chicken Sandwich with sautéed onions, mushrooms,

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and choice of Swiss or Mozzarella cheese.

"Our club sandwich is really good," he said. Sandwiches are served with coleslaw and fries, with the exception of tuna or croissant sandwiches which are served with a fruit cup.

Broasted chicken is a popular menu item, and pizza's a specialty.

In addition to the usual fish and chips, the seafood menu includes quite a few broiled dishes including broiled salmon with white clam sauce, orange roughy, walleye filet, char grilled swordfish and tuna steak. Sautéed shrimp & scallops over rice is an often ordered entree.

"We're known for our prime rib," said Tom. The Leather Bot-

tle Inn also offers steaks and stir-frys. You can order barbecue chicken or ribs, or one of the combos — shrimp & chicken, prime rib & shrimp, or ribs & chicken.

Veal Parmigiana and Veal Piccata are new menu items. If you like Italian you'll enjoy the homemade spaghetti, fettuccine, or mostaccioli with meat or tomato sauce. There's also a baked mostaccioli and Fettuccine Alfredo. Add chicken or shrimp for a little extra.

Kids 12 and under will like the Kiddie Menu. All the entrees are \$3.50 and include pop and ice cream cone.

Cakes and cheesecake are available for dessert. Try the canollis, they're homemade.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

At your service: Tom and Maria Mihailovich present two of the Leather Bottle Inn's popular dishes — Smothered Burger and Sautéed Shrimp & Scallops over Rice.

"If we won't eat it, we won't serve it to someone else," said Tom about the food. "We want the person to enjoy their meal whether it's an order of French Fries or prime rib. We want the person to walk out of here liking

the service and the food. We want to be consistently good."

Casual and easy-going, the Leather Bottle Inn is a comfortable, family-oriented place.

If you want to watch the game on TV, check out the bar area.

There are five TVs and comfortable booths to sit in.

Asked to describe the Leather Bottle Inn, Tom simply said, "it's family owned, a nice place to go for food and drink."

EASTER BRUNCH

Reservations are strongly advised at the following area restaurants for brunch and/or dinner on Easter Sunday, April 4.

Ernesto's — 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, (734) 453-2002, Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. followed by dinner until 6 p.m. Adult brunch \$18.95, children ages 6-10 \$8.95, under age 5 free. Adult dinner \$20.95.

Mackinnon's — 126 E. Main, Northville, (248) 348-1991. Dinner 1-6 p.m. from special holiday menu \$18-26 average.

No. VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar — 27790 Novi Road (in The Hotel Baronette), Novi (248) 305-5210. Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children under 12 \$9.95, under 3 free.

Dinner 4-9 p.m. from regular menu with Easter specials \$20-30 average.

Duet — 3663 Woodward Avenue (at Mack), Detroit (313) 831-DUET. Dinner noon-8 p.m. from regular menu with Easter specials \$16-34.

Big Rock Chop & Brew House — 245 S. Eton Street, Birmingham (248) 647-7774. Brunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children \$11.95, under 5 free. Dinner 3-9 p.m. from regular menu averaging \$15-30.

Cafe Cortina — 30715 West 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-3033. Seatings at 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Adult average menu price \$24; no kid's menu, but kitchen staff will accommodate.

Charley's Crab — 5498 Crooks Road, Troy, next to Northfield Hilton, (248) 879-2060, 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. regular menu with specials. Adult average price \$18; children \$5.

Excalibur — 28875 Franklin Road, Southfield (southwest corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway), (248) 358-3355. Brunch buffet 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$22.50; children ages 7-12 \$13.95, under age 7 free. Dinner 3-8 p.m. with Easter specials, \$26 average full menu price.

Fox & Hounds — 1560 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills (248) 644-4800. Brunch 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Adults \$16.95; children \$7.95, under 5 free. Dinner 3-8

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Fusion — 34555 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, between Farmington and Drake Roads (248) 489-8852. Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children under 12 \$9.95, under 3 free. Dinner 4-9 p.m. from regular menu with Easter specials \$10 average.

Morels, A Michigan Bistro — 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms (248) 642-1094. Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children under 12 \$9.95, under 3 free.

Mortons of Chicago, The Steakhouse — 1 Town Square, Southfield (248) 354-6006. Din-

ner 4-10 p.m. from a la carte regular menu featuring USDA Prime aged beef. Average entree price \$25-30.

Northern Lakes Seafood Company — 1475 N. Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 646-7900. Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children under 12 \$9.95, under 3 free. Dinner 4-9 p.m. from regular

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The Townsend Hotel — 100 Townsend Street, Birmingham, (248) 642-5999. Regency Room Buffet Brunch 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. seatings. Adults \$45; children 4-12 \$22, under 3 free. Rugby Grille 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. seatings for a la carte specialties ranging \$19-32.

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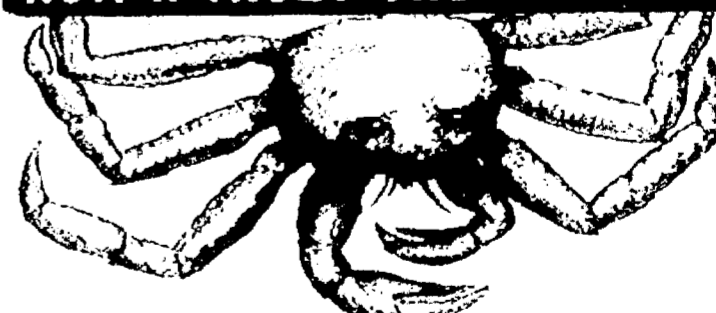
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