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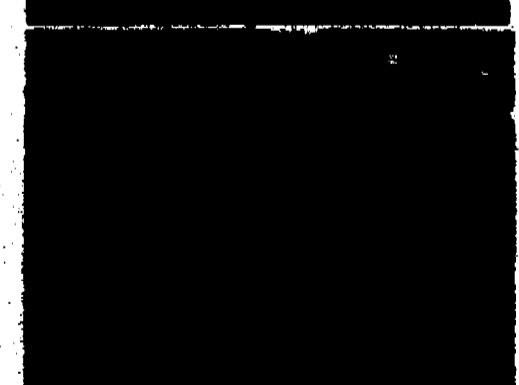
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# Election looms on waste debt



**Westland voters will likely head to the polls May 9 to decide on renewing a 1-mill tax. The question of paying the city's debt for waste disposal is already sparking some heated discussions.**

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In a special May 9 election already stirring controversy, Westland voters will decide whether to renew a 1-mill tax to pay the city's debt for waste disposal.

The 15-year ballot proposal would cover Westland's obligations for a

Dearborn Heights incinerator operated by the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority.

The owner of an average \$120,000 house would continue to pay \$60 a year, Finance Director Tim McCurley said.

Voters last approved the 1-mill tax during a 1985 special election.

Richard Dittmar, Westland public

services director, unveiled the ballot proposal Monday during a Westland City Council study session.

The council is expected to officially approve the special election during a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Westland City Hall.

The special election will cost \$30,000. Westland and four other communities - Garden City, Inkster, Wayne and Dearborn Heights - remain under a \$17 million debt to the sanitation authority, Dittmar said.

Without the 1-mill tax, city officials would be forced to look elsewhere, such as the general fund, to pay the debt.

Still, a minority of council members

took issue with the city scheduling a special election rather than having the ballot measure coincide with another election, possibly the August primary.

Dittmar said officials believe the sanitation tax will have a better chance of passing in a separate election that could draw fewer "anti-government" voters.

"The way it passed last time was a special election," he said.

### Time factor

Dittmar also said a spring ballot measure will give the city ample time to schedule other elections if voters

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**Learning:** Adams Middle School sixth-graders Jessica Mitter (right to left), Savanna Waite and Blaine Simmons wait with other sixth-graders wearing a green sticker for lunch while students wearing orange stickers went first as part of an exercise in discrimination. The students said it didn't feel good to be forced to the back of the line.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

## They walk in King's footsteps

An angry Becky Beachley didn't like being forced to the back of a lunch line because of color.

She didn't like being told she couldn't drink at certain water fountains, either.

Beachley and other Adams Middle School students suffered discrimination Tuesday after they received green stickers during a random drawing.

Other students won special privileges, like going to the front of the lines, after they drew orange stickers.

Students had to wear their stickers, in the shape of dots, all day.

"I am the Rosa Parks of Adams Middle School," Beachley said. "This

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**Exercise:** Sixth-grader Becky Beachley (left) spoke out in frustration about the exercise on discrimination at Adams Middle School. At right, friend Kristina Rogers and (behind) Joanie Laprise were also frustrated because they were not allowed to sit with friends with an orange sticker.

## Truancy problem hits home

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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An 8-year-old Westland boy has been absent 183 days during the last 2 1/2 school years, leading to his mother's arrest.

His absences amount to an entire school year.

The boy is repeating second grade at Wildwood Elementary School. He passed first grade even though he missed 108 1/2 days and attended classes only 73 1/2 days.

"It's very difficult sometimes ... to make a judgment to retain a student that early," Wayne-Westland school district Superintendent Greg Baracy said.

"It was probably very obvious by the time he got to second grade that we couldn't pass him on," Baracy said. "It's a little early in the first grade to tell."

Aside from the days he missed, the

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## Trucker has woes

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In two similar incidents involving the same truck, a tractor-trailer driver Monday nearly spilled a load of steel beams estimated by police to weigh 44,000 pounds.

Either incident could have proved disastrous if the steel beams had rolled off the truck into traffic, police said.

The first incident resulted in the driver's arrest after police learned he was wanted on an unrelated warrant for failing to pay fines stemming from a domestic violence case.

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## School chief: Progress is good, let's improve more

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Overall, Greg Baracy is pleased with the "State of the Schools" in Wayne-Westland. The superintendent knows, however, there's room for improvement.

"We can only imagine what the future is going to bring us," said Baracy during Tuesday's Westland Chamber of Commerce presentation at Joy Manor. A thriving community goes hand in hand with a thriving school district, he said.

In his address, Baracy outlined several areas, including the need for legislative reform in school finance. The Wayne-Westland district has a fund equity, or reserve, of 10 percent, which is below the state average. Since Proposal A took effect in 1994, the district has lost some \$8 million a year in revenue, and special education is underfunded.

"We will need legislative relief in the future." The district's per pupil spending of \$6,117 per year puts it near the bottom of neighboring districts, Baracy said.

The district, the 10th largest in Michigan, serves nearly 15,000 students. Funding is based on number of pupils, Baracy said, and space for new

housing in the district is limited. The district, with 27 buildings, serves five municipalities.

In the last two years, more than \$2 million has been spent on new textbooks, the superintendent said. Educators work on test score improvement, and some scores have improved. Baracy encouraged chamber members and guests to review the Michigan Educational Assessment Program questions in their table packets, to see how difficult the tests are.

"We educate every single child that comes through our doors." Public schools don't have the luxury to pick and choose students, he said.

Baracy is pleased with partnerships with local municipalities and other collaborative efforts. Middle school and ninth-grade sports have been resurrected, he said, along with other extracurricular activities. He voiced his support for recreational efforts in the communities.

He highlighted several successful partnerships involving Wayne-Westland, including Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village mentoring and the Technical Educational Academic Model. That labor-business venture includes in plant job shadowing

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**Straight talk:** Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland school superintendent, gives his "State of the Schools" address Tuesday at a Westland Chamber of Commerce event.

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# This market's all in the family

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There's a definite chill in the air at the Moskal and Sons produce store, but it's only to help keep the fruit and vegetables better.

"I'm always coming here. They are the best in the area. They are honest and nice," said customer Jeannette Farra of Garden City. "I've been shopping here for years."

Over the holidays, Farra brought in some homemade baklava for Norbert Moskal Jr., who runs the store with his younger brother, Jim.

"We're on a first name basis with a lot of our customers," said Moskal, who has worked at the family business on Warren west of Inkster since he was a youngster.

Making selections from clearance items, Farra had three containers of vegetables at total cost of \$1.50.

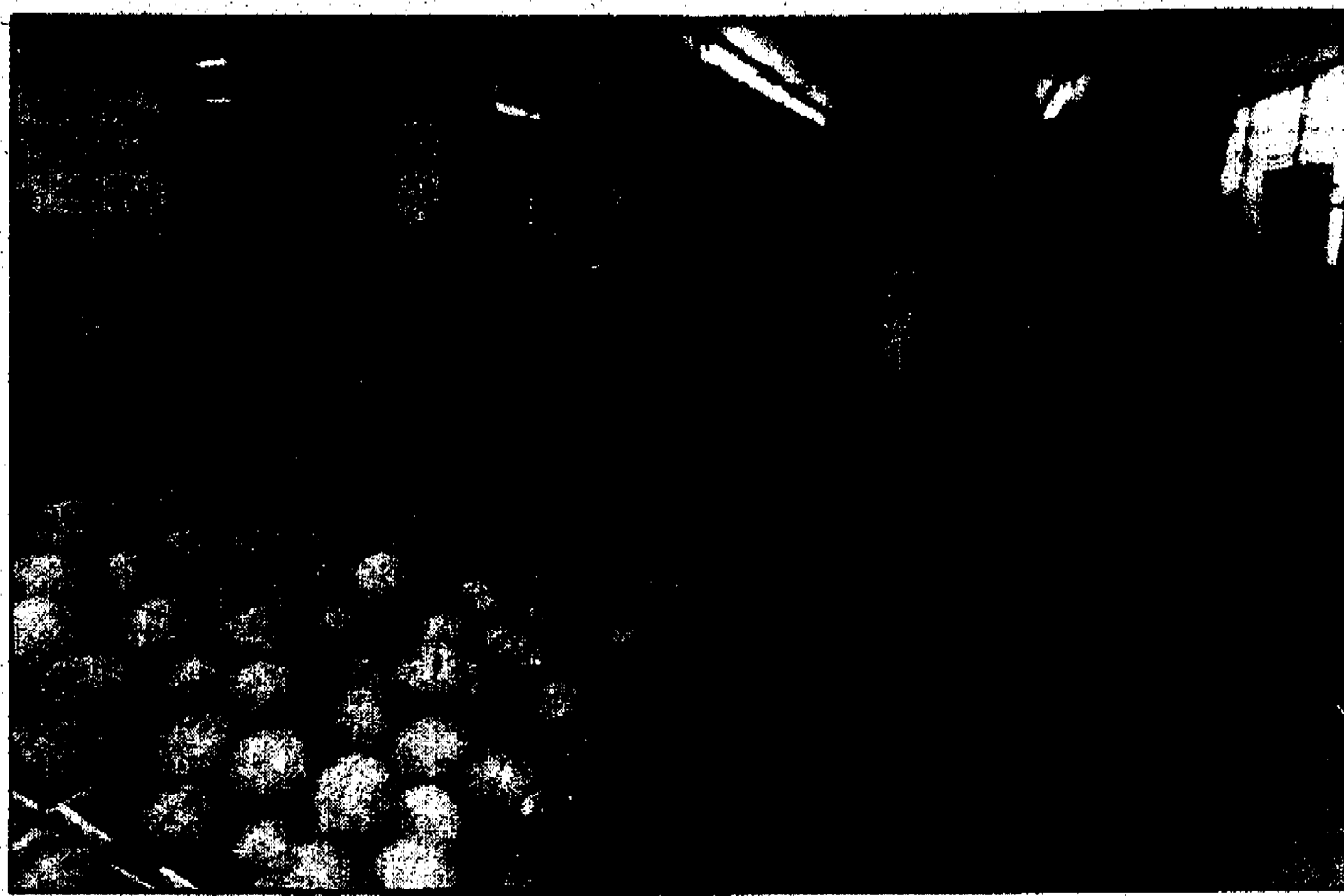
"They always have something reduced — look at these beets," she said.

Ringling up her purchase, Moskal teased Farra about whether she wanted to barter with him about the price.

"A lot of people like to do it like they used to — to do a little haggling," Moskal said.

### From all over

Although Moskal estimates



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Family affair: Norbert Moskal Sr., wife Helen and son Norbert Jr. stand among their produce at their market on Warren Road. Below, Helen and Norbert Sr. in the past.

most of his customer base is in the immediate area, Livonia resident Fred Houston said he's been shopping at the store for three years.

"I saw the sign out front. I like the quality; they have excellent fruit and vegetables," said Hous-

ton. "It's a little out of my way, but I don't mind, if I can get what I want."

One advantage of a smaller market is personal service. Farra, Houston and other customers brought various selections to the counter individually, rather than using a basket or cart. Houston uses a walker, so Moskal carried his purchases outside and loaded them into Houston's car.

Moskal's father, Norbert Sr., opened the produce store in 1952. The original location was on Warren just east of the current store. The business was in the front and the Moskal family lived at the rear.

The elder Moskal and his wife Helen, who also worked at the store, still live in the home. The current store was built in 1970.

"I lived with them until I got married 15 years ago. I moved down the street right on Warren," said Moskal. "It was just a two-lane black top road when we came here. Now, it's so noisy."

The eldest Moskal brother Tom worked at the store until the early 1970s when he left the

family business for the Ford Motor Company.

### Going to market

One thing that hasn't changed over the years is the trips to Detroit two or three times each week to the produce terminal to buy fruit and vegetables. During the spring and summer, Moskal buys directly from farmers at Eastern Market.

"Our business is about half and half, fruit and vegetables. People come in for the vegetables, the fruits are the treats," said Moskal. "It's a daily chore. We work it over and keep it fresh. You don't want to over buy and keep it moving — keep people happy."

Produce is the mainstay of the business, but Moskal also has deli meats, dairy products and some other grocery items. Seasonal items such as Christmas trees, grave blankets and bedding flowers are also offered.

The store is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily except Sunday when it closes at 6 p.m.



# Johnson to house RU program

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A soon-to-be closed Livonia elementary school won't lie dormant.

Instead, the Livonia Public Schools district plans to lease the Johnson Elementary School building, at 26651 Ann Arbor Trail, to the Redford Union Schools, which runs a county adolescent day treatment center.

The Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency-funded-center program currently operates out of Bentley Center and Rosedale school, both in Livonia.

Some 30-40 students, approximately one-third of those in the program, are from Livonia, district officials said.

Johnson Elementary is closing in June. In September, students and staff will move to former Lowell Middle School building on Hix Road near Joy Road.

The lease between Livonia and Redford Union schools runs through July 2003.

"Vacant buildings don't serve the district very well," said David Watson, Livonia district operations director. "They deteriorate."

Wayne RESA will pay the district rent based on a formula involving the facility's space and other factors, David Watson said.

Leasing the building is the best of three options, Superintendent Ken Watson said.

A magnet kindergarten program and a day care center were also being considered for the 41,000-square-foot facility.

## LIVONIA SCHOOLS

Such a magnet program could've drawn students from Garden City and Westland, the superintendent said. Such a program would've been too expensive to run, though.

"It became pretty obvious this was going to be a money loser," Ken Watson said.

Expected high costs also led officials to rule out a district-run day-care center. No private day care operators were interested in the site, Ken Watson said.

Under the agreement, Livonia custodians maintain the site, but Wayne RESA pays the cost. The Livonia district can move back into the building after the lease expires, the superintendent said.

A Redford Union school official favors having the adolescent day treatment program under one roof.

"Having the program in one building will help the director (JoAnn Sadler) better supervise the program," said Gus Kaselemis, Redford Union special education director.

Redford Union would have needed to relocate the adolescent day treatment program. The city is using part of the Bentley Center property on Five Mile to build a new recreation center.

Livonia schools is likely to demolish the Rosedale school building at an estimated cost of \$250,000, Ken Watson said.

## 'We don't expect any problems here.'

Ken Watson  
—Livonia school superintendent

The district, would then seek to rezone the empty lot to residential, which will be used by the high school's home construction program.

"It is old," Ken Watson said. "It has a lot of charm if you like old things. It has no value to the district." It was built in 1927 and the site is 2.3 acres.

Students in the adolescent day treatment program are between 14-18 years old and are severely emotionally impaired, a Wayne RESA special education director said. Similar treatment programs operate in Detroit and Southgate.

"These are students who not only require a very structured educational program with small class sizes, but require therapeutic treatment as well," said Katherine Mathew, Wayne RESA special education director.

The intermediate district has operated such programs for 25 years, "and there has not been any difficulties," Mathew said.

Livonia's superintendent is also confident. "We have never had any problems with neighbors with any of our center programs," Ken Watson said. "We don't expect any problems here."

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# Observer seeks advisory panel

In an effort to keep in touch with the people we serve — namely, our readers — the Westland Observer staff is returning to a method we hope will help us do just that: citizen advisory panels.

The panel will consist of approximately eight to 12 members representing a cross-section of citizens from around the community. The panel would meet several times throughout the year, discussing with the editorial staff the content of the paper as it relates to the community, what readers would like to see, what the paper is doing right

and what it's doing wrong.

We hope to include people who aren't generally in the limelight, to get their views on how the Observer should improve.

Meetings will likely be scheduled during evening hours, and we hope to have the first meeting by the start of February. Meetings would probably be scheduled quarterly, perhaps with more frequent meetings at the beginning of the process.

Anyone interested in serving is invited to call the Westland community editor, Julie Brown, (734) 953-2126, or e-mail her at [jbrown@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:jbrown@oe.homecomm.net).

# Haitians benefit from area project

Residents can join Livonia schoolchildren in collecting school supplies for their counterparts in Haiti.

Students at all Livonia Public Schools middle schools and St. Genevieve School are donating pens, notebooks, rulers, folders and more for a humanitarian mission to Haiti planned by Detroit-area churches and a medical aid organization.

Boxes have been set up at participating schools to receive the children's donations. Others can bring donations to the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. A box has been set up in the library lobby.

The project is being done in conjunction with the city's commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, set for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, at the Stevenson High School auditorium.

Choirs from all of the city's high schools, as well as from Emerson Middle School and Tyler and Grant elementaries, will perform. Jonathan Swift, the director of international studies at Madonna University, will be the keynote speaker.

The theme of the fifth annual commemoration of King's birth-

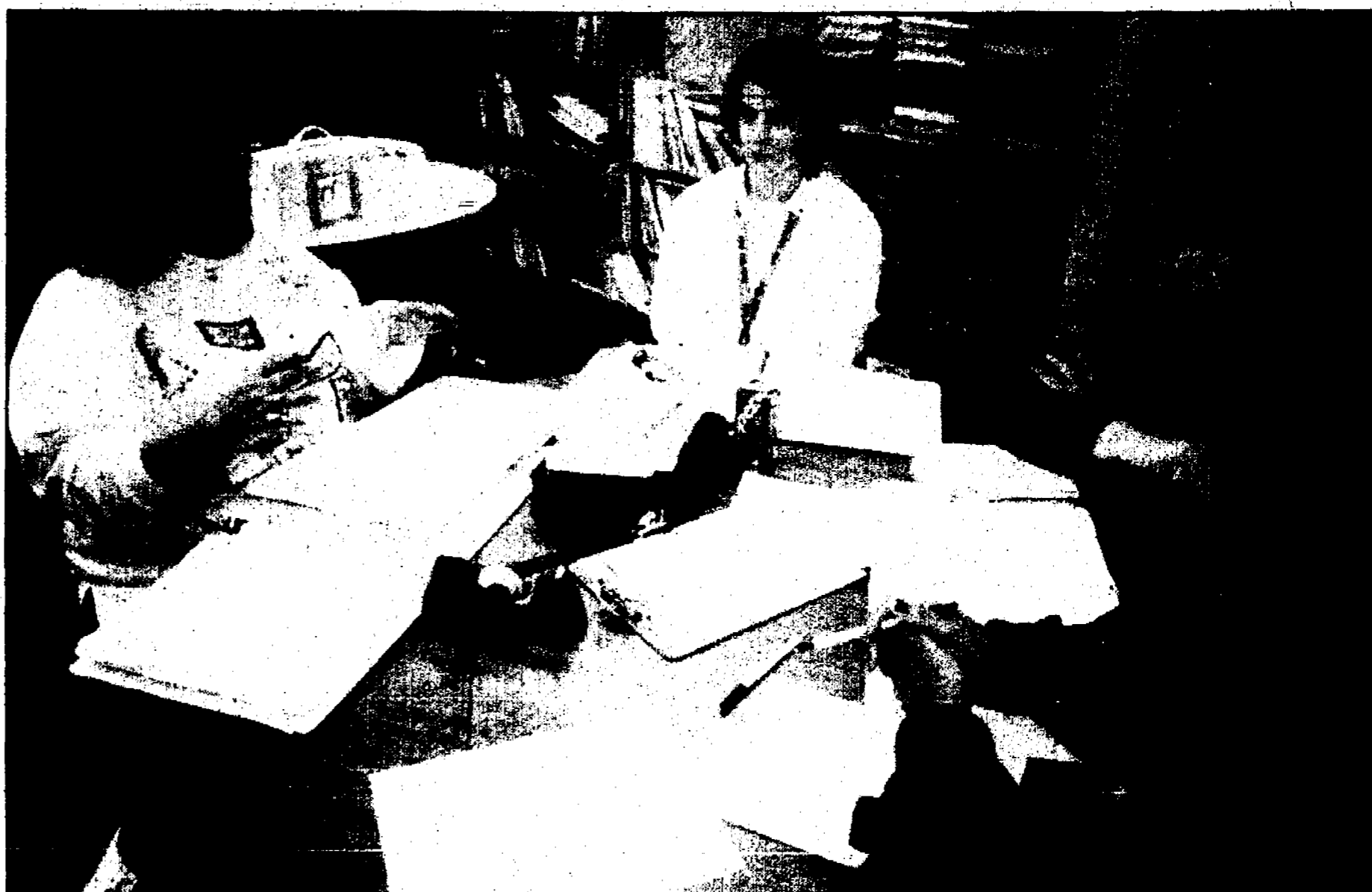
**The weeklong mission to two churches in two Haitian towns, set to begin in late March, is being sponsored by St. David Episcopal Church in Southfield, St. Gerard and St. Leo Catholic Churches in Detroit, St. Blaise Catholic Church in Sterling Heights and World Medical Relief.**

day is "Many peoples, one world."

Participants can bring gifts of school supplies to Stevenson the night of the event.

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## Lessons for life



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

**Interesting:** Mercedes Maddox (left) conducts a training seminar at Franklin Middle School with teacher Tracey White, paraprofessional Cheryl Bruner and learning consultant Celia Gold (foreground). The training series on "Developing Capable People" is one of many offered by the Family Resource Center. For registration information, call (734) 595-2279.

# 'Other millennium' focus of lecture

Forget Y2K: have you ever wondered how our ancestors coped with the passage from the first to the second millennium?

Learn about the fears and disruptions as medieval Europe passed from 999 to 1000 A.D. when Dr. Paolo Squatriti presents "Waiting for the End: Millennium Before 2000," during a buffet/lecture beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Italian American Club of Livonia.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the Dante Alighieri Society-Michigan Chapter and the Italian American Club of Livonia. The Dante Alighieri Society is an international organization that promotes Italian language and culture through educational and social pro-

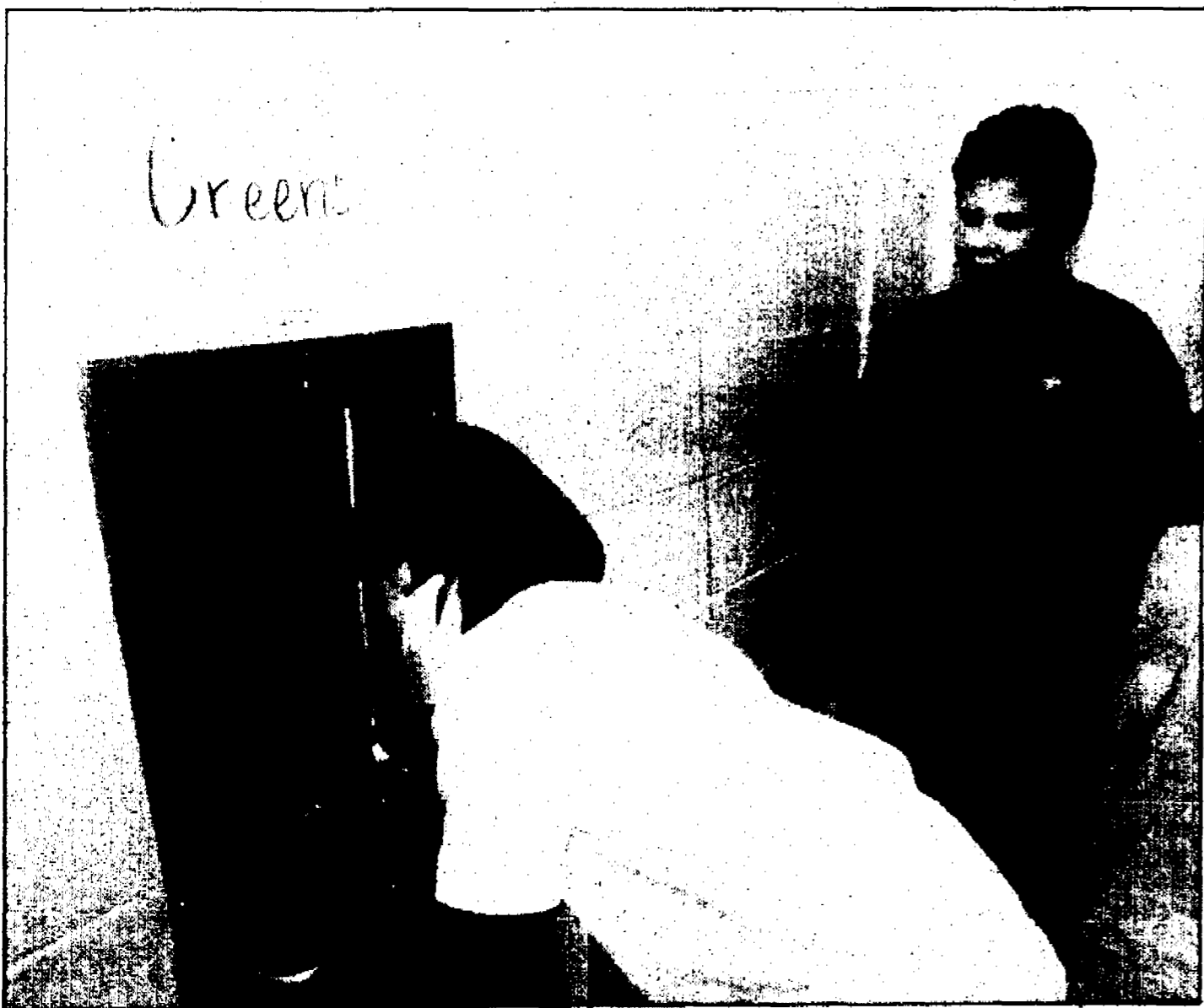
grams. Squatriti, professor of history at the University of Michigan, will present a powerful and informative talk about the challenges Europeans faced in making the transition from the first to the second millennium.

"Ours is not the first generation to live through the end of the millennium," Squatriti said.

The dinner buffet is \$9 per person and begins at 6 p.m. The lecture costs \$5 and starts at 7:30 p.m.

The Italian American Club of Livonia is at 39200 Five Mile Road. For reservations, call Paula Morabito at 313-886-3224.

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**Off-limits:** Adams Middle School eighth grader Brittany Amann was able to drink from this water fountain, but Tim Moyer, who was wearing an orange sticker, was not allowed as part of a discrimination exercise at the school. The students said they received a good education about what it feels like to be discriminated against.

## King from page A1

is against the law. I am protesting."

The project helped to teach students by directly involving them in one of several Adams activities leading up to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday observance on Jan. 17.

Students didn't get any prior explanation about Tuesday's discriminatory practices, they

learned the hard way, on their own.

Principal Celestine Sanders said Tuesday's project would be followed by classroom discussions Wednesday about how it feels to witness discrimination.

She implemented the project a few years ago, but this time she had a whole new group of stu-

dents. She said she had never seen students so upset and vocal over the discrimination they saw in the hallways of their own school.

She hopes the project will help students become more tolerant and less likely to discriminate against others — in their own lives.

A program to honor the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, on Venice south of Palmer in Westland.

Meanwhile, Westland city offices and Westland 18th District Court will be closed Monday in observance of the slain civil rights leader's birthday observance that Monday in January.

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## Trucker from page A1

The 40-year-old Windsor driver posted a \$305 bond and was released.

The driver's problems started shortly before 3 a.m. Monday when he felt the steel beams shift while driving on northbound Wayne Road at Palmer, Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

He stopped the truck, and Wayne Road traffic was detoured about five hours while a Detroit wrecker service worked to secure the load, Brokas said.

"The driver never lost his load, but he stopped the truck and was afraid that if he moved it again, it would tip," Brokas said.

He was cited for hauling an unsecured load but arrested on the earlier warrant, prompting authorities to have his truck taken to Westland Car Care's tow yard on Hix Road south of Warren.

Police Officer Cathy Gilliam said she inspected the truck around noon Monday and warned the driver after his release from jail to have the steel beams properly loaded before he left the towing yard.

Doug Holland of Westland Car Care described the load of steel beams as "too tall and top-heavy" and said it should have been unloaded and reloaded properly.

"But that did not happen," he said.

"It's almost kind of done on a merit system," Holland said, adding later, "The next thing I knew, I looked up and saw (the truck) going down Hix Road."

The driver made it to Newburgh and Warren before he nearly lost the steel beams again - this time at 4:40 p.m. in heavier traffic.

Police rerouted northbound Newburgh traffic and closed one of two southbound lanes for almost seven hours, until nearly midnight, Gilliam said.

The driver apparently was trying to get the truck to an area business where he could get it loaded properly, Gilliam said.

"The whole thing shifted again," she said, but again the steel beams didn't fall from the truck.

Gilliam called to the scene a Michigan State Police officer who cited the truck driver for hauling an unsecured load and having record-keeping violations in his log book.

The MSP officer ordered the truck off the road, resulting in it being taken this time to a Detroit tow yard - finally out of Westland.



**Thanks so much:** The Family Resource Center's check from the chamber prompts handshakes all around. Left to right are Jacquie Martin-Downs, center director, Greg Baracy, superintendent, Robin Moore, school board president, and Nancy Barons, chamber president.

## Hockey benefit is Saturday

Alex Delvecchio and Dennis Hextall will be among the Red Wings alumni playing against Westland Hockey Association coaches at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Westland Sports Arena, 6210 Wildwood.

The event will benefit Westland's hockey program. Admission is \$5; children under 3 get in free.

All of the money goes back into the hockey program, according to Westland Hockey Association fund-raising chairman Scott Wirgau.

Of 13 Westland hockey teams, the team that sells the most tickets will play the Red Wings between the second and third period.

Red Wings alumni also are expected to sign autographs for children attending the event.

Advance tickets are \$5, the same price as door admission. Wirgau can be reached at (734) 981-0770 or the Westland Sports Arena at (734) 729-4560.

## Progress from page A1

and paid summer internships for students and teachers.

Baracy said he's thankful for 1998 voter approval of a \$108 million bond issue, the largest undertaking in the history of the district. Of that, \$83 million is earmarked for physical improvements, with the first phase nearly done, the balance for technology which includes many new computers.

In closing, Baracy reminded the audience of the need for business support of schools. Parents

are important, too, he said, urging parents of young children to read to them every night.

The approximately 75 people at the chamber luncheon appreciated Baracy's remarks.

"I think Greg is very well-spoken," said Robin Moore, Wayne-Westland school board president. "He gives you the good with the bad, and he tries to educate."

George Gillies, deputy mayor of Westland, gave the speech a 10 on a scale of one to 10. "He delivered a nice speech," Gillies

said. "We were well-informed." Baracy's articulate, the deputy mayor added, and said the city and school district have an "excellent" relationship. "We get a lot accomplished."

The luncheon also included the presentation of a \$5,000 check to the Family Resource Center, partial proceeds from the recent chamber "Taste of the Arts."

"It's going to have a tremendous impact," Baracy said of the contribution.

## These bowlers are all ready to roll

The Livonia Parents of the Visually Impaired will host an annual bowlathon for Western Wayne County 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at Woodland Lanes in Livonia.

The nonprofit organization is made up of volunteers, with all of the money collected going to programs which benefit the children. Anyone interested in helping by either bowling or con-

tributing to the event is invited to call Bonnie Sheriday at (734) 459-3439 or Lucile Frits at (248) 471-3940.

Woodland Lanes is at 33775 Plymouth Road in Livonia.

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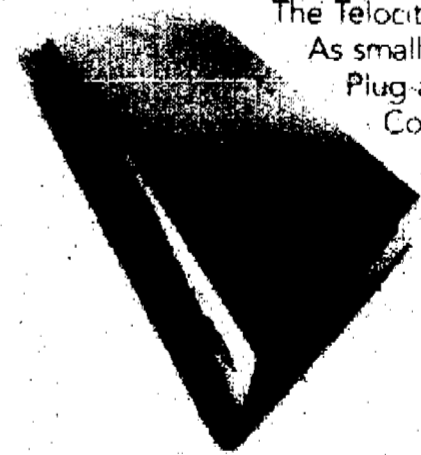
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## Election from page A1

turn down the May 9 proposal.

The current 1-mill tax expires June 2001.

Councilman Glenn Anderson indicated that voters may have negative perceptions of a special election.

"We're starting off on a misstep with voters sometimes when you do that," he said.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc said he would support placing the issue on the May 9 ballot to let voters decide it, but he personally opposes the measure.

"As a registered voter, I'm not voting for it. In fact, I'm voting against it," he said Tuesday during a telephone interview.

LeBlanc noted that Westland is paying \$57 a ton to dispose of its waste - nearly double what some Downriver communities pay.

"People Downriver are up in arms that they're paying almost \$30 a ton to dispose of their waste. We're paying nearly double that and we don't have people complaining," he said.

LeBlanc, acknowledging the benefit of hindsight, said council members made the wrong decision by putting Westland in long-term debt for the incinerator.

"The decision of the Westland City Council in 1985 encumbered us in an incredibly financially negative way," he said.

"It had obvious long-lasting implications. What history has shown us was that it was not a good decision.

"I don't know that there aren't other alternatives to explore. (The sanitation

tax) isn't up for expiration right now," LeBlanc said, although he conceded that "we have to dispose of our waste."

### School days?

LeBlanc, a former Wayne-Westland school board member, said Monday that the sanitation tax proposal reminded him of an era when the school district used to schedule special tax elections.

"It sounds like school board tactics of days before," LeBlanc said.

Meanwhile, Dittmar said Monday

that Westland is paying about \$1 million a year in debt service to the sanitation authority.

The city disposes of 44,000 tons of waste a year through its agreement with the authority.

City Attorney Angelo Plakas is writing ballot language that city council members are expected to approve for the election.

The ballot proposal also requires approval from the Wayne County Elections Commission.

## Truancy from page A1

boy also has been tardy scores of times, often arriving for school in late morning hours.

Westland police Youth Officer Deanna Slezak has dealt with many school truancy problems.

"But this is the most extreme for that age that I've seen," she said.

Police arrested the boy's 36-year-old mother last Friday and ticketed her for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, but she was released the same day.

Although she may not face a jail sentence, the mother could eventually risk losing her son if she is repeatedly arrested and refuses to address the problem, Slezak said.

The mother has ignored warnings by school officials and police to make sure her son is in school. The boy's father doesn't live in the home.

"This is clearly something where the little boy is too young to get to school on his own," Slezak said.

The mother also has a teenage daughter who has apparently dropped out of school, Slezak said.

School officials sought help from police in December after failing in their attempts to get the boy in school.

"It's imperative that our parents make sure their kids get to school every single day," Baracy said. "From year to year we have a higher percentage of students who are missing an excessive number of days because their parents can't get them there."

Westland police Lt. Marc Stohue said authorities try to get parents to cooperate before resorting to arrests and other punitive measures.

"We want to give them every chance in the world, but we want them to know that we expect their kid to be in school," he said.

Police documents show some startling statistics for the Wildwood boy:

- He missed 108 days of school during the first grade and 60 days during the second grade, which he is repeating.

- As of Jan. 7, the boy had been absent 13 days and tardy 25 times during the first 79 days of this school year. He has arrived at school as late as 12:05 p.m.

Wildwood Principal Kurt Tyszkiewicz said the mother a letter in October urging her to get her son to school.

Slezak followed with a Dec. 16 letter warning the mother that she could be ticketed unless the boy's attendance improved.

"This includes the remainder of the school year," Slezak said. "Thus, attendance can not improve only for a few days but must remain constant throughout the year."

Baracy said school officials typically report such cases to Child Protective Services for possible action, but he didn't know if this specific situation had been reported.

Slezak said police plan to watch the situation, arresting the mother again if necessary.

Police and school officials hope this family's problems will serve as a warning to other parents to make sure their children are in school.

**■ 'It's imperative that our parents make sure their kids get to school every single day. From year to year we have a higher percentage of students who are missing an excessive number of days because their parents don't get them there.'**

Greg Baracy

school superintendent



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## OBITUARIES

## TERESA DUTY

Services for Teresa Duty, 66, of Wayne were Jan. 10 at Uht Funeral Home, with burial at Glanwood Cemetery, Wayne. The Rev. Rocky Barra officiated. Mrs. Duty was born Dec. 2, 1933, and died Jan. 6 in Wayne. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are husband, William; sons, Michael Paul (Diana) of Westland and Ronald Keith (Maria) of Westland; daughter, Sandra Lee (Robert) Bazner of Canton; sister, Helen Fisher; brothers, Ralph Gray, Harold Rankey, Thomas Rankey, Fred Rankey and Donald Grupczynski; grandsons, Michael Duty, Ryan Bazner and Scott Bazner. She was preceded in death by sisters Shirley Brobst and Mary Gipson.

Arrangements were by Uht Funeral Home.

## OPAL L. MUCKER

Services for Opal L. Mucker, 74, of Canton were Jan. 8 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was at Cherry Hill Cemetery, Canton.

Mrs. Mucker was born June 16, 1925, in Northville and died Jan. 5 in Milan. She was a lifelong area resident and came to

Canton Township in 1945. She was affiliated with the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church in Canton.

Her hobbies included crocheting. Mrs. Mucker, an avid fan, enjoyed watching baseball and hockey games. She bowled with the Town & Country League, the Stricketts, and volunteered her time serving meals for the church. She also collected money for the March of Dimes.

During World War II, she worked at Twin Tool & Die and then worked at Daisy Air Rifle.

She was preceded in death by husband, Nick Mucker; parents, Rosella and Arthur Wells; brother, Ernest Wells; and sisters, Judy and Donna Wells.

Surviving are sons, Gary (Barbara) Mucker of Westland and Larry (June Rorabacher) Mucker; daughter, Cheryl (Douglas) Mayher of Milan; grandchildren, James and Jeffery Mucker, Erica (Darin) Thompson, Brandie and Nick Mucker, Douglas Jr. and Cassie Mayher; great-grandson, Jacob Thompson; brothers, Orville Wells of Livonia, James Wells, Dale Wells and Gary Wells of Livonia; sister, Hazel Hogan.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association. Arrangements were by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

## BOBBY W. LEFFEW

Services for Bobby W. Leffew, 43, of Garden City were Jan. 8 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with burial at the Riverside Cemetery, also in Plymouth.

Mr. Leffew was born May 10, 1956, in Jelico, Tenn., and died Jan. 5 in Dearborn. He came to Michigan from Tennessee as a young boy and lived in Quincy and Westland before moving to Garden City five years ago.

He worked as a process engineer for Allmand Industries and Auto Parts manufacturer for three years. He enjoyed wood-working, playing his guitar, singing, watching professional wrestling and bowling.

He is survived by his wife, Pam of Garden City; sons, Bobby and Ted, both of Garden City; daughters, Nicole and Dana, both of Wyandotte; grandson, Zachary; mother, Barbara (Doyle) Campbell; brothers, David (Jan) of Taylor, Danny (Brenda) of Lincoln Park and Doyle (Sue); and sisters, Mary, Patty (Don) Neuman and Sheila.

Arrangements were made by John Santeiu & Son Funeral Home in Garden City.

## GEORGE G. ROBERTS

Services for George "Gerry" Roberts, 69, of Westland were held Jan. 7 in Church of the Divine Savior. Officiating was the Rev. Alexander A. Kuras.

Mr. Roberts, born Dec. 20, 1930, in Wheeling, W.Va., died Jan. 3 in Detroit. He was a member of Church of the Divine Savior. He was a small parts hi-lo driver for General Motors.

Surviving are his son, Mike (Lisa) Roberts of Livonia; daughter, Becky (Lonnice) Ruthig of Westland; brothers, David Roberts and Arthur Roberts; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Roberts was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Lucille Roberts.

Memorials may be made in the form of Mass offerings. Arrangements were by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

## EVELYN M. HUNT JOLLY

Services for former Westland resident Evelyn Jolly, 92, of Chelsea were held Jan. 6 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Fred Cooley.

Mrs. Jolly was born Sept. 10, 1907, and died Dec. 31 in Chelsea. She was a licensed practical nurse.

Surviving are her son, William Hunt of Westland; daughter, Sally "Sara K." (James) Nicola of Chelsea; brother, Clarence; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Jolly was preceded in death by her two husbands, William Hunt and Lindsey Jolly; and by brothers, Raymond and Robert.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Wayne.

## MARY A. L. AKSAMIT

A funeral Mass for Mary Aksamit, 89, of Westland took place Jan. 5 in Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic Church with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. Gerald V. Bechard.

Mrs. Aksamit, born Oct. 8, 1910, in Carbin, Pa., died Jan. 2 in Taylor. She was a cashier for Crowley's.

Surviving are her daughter, Dorothea Hunsanger of Westland; brother, John (Helen) Kozleski of Westland; sister, Kathryn (Art) Kohlruss; and three granddaughters.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements

were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

## DOROTHY E. MILWEE

Services for Dorothy E. Milwee, 88, of Westland were held Jan. 6 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Officiating was the Rev. Roy Forsyth. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Mrs. Milwee was born June 11, 1911, in Royal Oak and died Jan. 3 in Wayne. She was a registered nurse at Herman Kiefer Hospital for 25 years. She came to Westland in 1999 from Canton where she had lived for four years. She attended the United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her daughter, Dorothy E. (Wayne) Martin; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation of Michigan. Arrangements were by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

## MARY E. MCLANE

Services for Mary E. McLane, 77, of Westland took place Jan. 10 at Santeiu Chapel. Officiating was the Rev. Willet J. Herrington of St. Andrew Episcopal Church. Private cremation followed the service.

Mrs. McLane was born Oct. 15, 1922, in Indianapolis, Ind., and died Jan. 6 in Dearborn Heights. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, William R. McLane; daughter, Colleen (Jim) Allen; son, John (Deanna) McLane; grandchildren, Richard, Robert, Matt and Lindsey; and great-grandchild, Devin.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements were by John S. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

## WESLEY G. MOORE

Services for Wesley G. Moore, 58, of Westland were held Jan. 10 at Uht Funeral Home. The Rev. Robert McDonald officiated. Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne.

Mr. Moore was born May 3, 1941, and died Jan. 6. He was a driver.

He was preceded in death by wife Agnes May Haines Moore. Surviving are son Daniel Moore; daughter Esther Moore; step-daughter Luanne Auyon; sisters Hazel Wood, Mary McBain, Leda

Moore and Phyllis Lake; brothers George Moore and Tom Tru-main; grandchildren Michael Kazvlewski, Lisa Keller and Chelsea Wojewski.

Arrangements were by Uht Funeral Home.

## LUCILLE MARION KRAUDEL

Services for Lucille Marion Kraudelt, 73, of Westland were held recently.

Mrs. Kraudelt, who died Jan. 9, was a member of the Westland Senior Group, Westland Friendship Center and the Arc of Westland Wayne County (30-year member active in fund-raising).

She was preceded in death by husband Leonard Kraudelt and daughter LoriLynn Kraudelt. Surviving are children Dawn Deel, Anthony Kraudelt, Cheryl Kraudelt and Joseph Kraudelt; grandchildren Chris Deel, Anthony Jr., Amanda, Angie Kraudelt, Kimber and Kandra Grudenich; great-granddaughter Sabrina; stepchild Jens McCoy; and sister Deloros Toczylowski.

Memorials may be made to the Arc of Western Wayne County, 2257 S. Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48186. Arrangements were by Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

## HELEN M. WILLIAMS

Services for Helen M. Williams, 85, of Willis, Mich., were held Jan. 8 at the Lincoln Community United Methodist Church with the Rev. Walter Fenton officiating. Burial followed by Alban Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams was born May 3, 1914, in Detroit and died Jan. 6 in Onsted, Mich. She was retired from Washtenaw Community College. She was a member of the Lincoln Community United Methodist Church and the Lincoln Community Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by husband Harold Williams. Surviving are a son, Clark Williams; daughters Marlene Blumhardt and Ruth Ann (Robert) Downs; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Also preceding her in death were son Harold and brother Thomas.

Memorials may be made to the Lincoln Community United Methodist Church or Hospice of Lenawee. Arrangements were made by Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home.

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# Maida says vouchers may be a tough sell

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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Detroit Cardinal Adam Maida supports school vouchers but believes the issue will be tougher to galvanize support among Catholics than the assisted suicide question on the state ballot two years ago.

If enough signatures from registered voters are obtained on petitions, a ballot proposal will ask Michigan voters this year to approve a voucher system for parents to use if they reside in a school district with a graduation rate lower than 66 percent. Those vouchers could be used at any public or private schools.

During an interview for the Catholic Television Network's show "Dialogue," Maida, the archbishop of Detroit, was asked whether a school voucher proposal would obtain the same kind of support from Catholics as the physician-suicide issue. The physician-assisted suicide ballot question was a "clearcut, moral" issue, Maida said.

"We just didn't want people killing other people," Maida said.

Vouchers will be more of a political issue, Maida said. "Reasonable people could come out differently," he said.

Maida supports vouchers and believes the state constitution should be changed. Prohibiting religion from public life "is bad policy and it makes for a society that is not healthy," Maida said.

"That (constitutional) language is bigoted. It's another way to isolate religion out of the way of public life. I feel strongly that religion is the soul of society, whatever religion it is. Every society needs to have a spiritual soul."

Maida believes it is "terribly unjust" for monopolies — school districts — to dictate to parents where children should attend school. Parents need choices of where they can send children to school, Maida said.

Public schools need to be challenged, Maida said. He compared education to cars. When foreign automakers created better cars and created competition for American car companies, that competition helped the Big 3 automakers create better products.

"Today we're as good as any car built in the world. Competition is good and it's healthy. Any of these monopolies (for schools) are destined to be mediocre at best," he said.

Maida also discussed Catholicism in the Detroit area, including the following items:

■ For the 300th anniversary in 2001 of Catholicism in Detroit, beginning when the area was a French fur-trading post, Maida wants parishioners to return to old churches to visit "their spiritual homes" for pil-

grimages and prayer. Historical churches, such as St. Anne's, will be conducting commemorative services, while the Archdiocese will release videos, books and documentaries. Events are in the planning stage, Maida said.

Maida expects that the Archdiocese of Detroit will be joining other denominations and other faiths to celebrate.

■ Maida said balancing needs of the innercity parishes and the suburban ones is difficult. Suburban churches are generally newer and the resources greater

for those communities, while most innercity parishes struggle with poverty and racial injustice, Maida said.

"One of the great challenges is how do you take these resources and make them (suburbanites) aware of the problems like poverty," Maida said. "People of the city may be poor and they may or may not be Catholic, but we can reach out to them and try to help them."

■ The Catholic Church welcomes new technology, such as the Internet, but it will not

replace the one-on-one contact between priest and parishioners. "The Internet is very impersonal, while our faith is very personal, so to that extent, the Internet can only go so far," Maida said.

■ Maida foresees a day when Catholics celebrate the liturgy and possibly sacraments with other faiths.

Maida was asked whether an Episcopalian attending Catholic Mass eventually could receive Holy Communion at those services. "I think we're well on our way in dialogue toward that hap-

pening," Maida said. "We had a wonderful result in discussions with Lutherans in looking at theological problems we had in the past."

"It will be a slow process, it will eventually evolve."

But he added that he didn't know if that would happen in his lifetime. "We would hope that somewhere, somehow we can come around the table of the Lord, because that is the ultimate sign of unity."

"Christ prayed, 'Let's all be one,'" Maida said. "Let's hope so."



Cardinal Adam Maida

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The deadline for applications is Feb. 18. To receive an application, visit RESA's Web site at [resa.net/scholarship](http://resa.net/scholarship) or call 734-334-1373. People also can donate to the scholarship fund by visiting the Web site or calling 734-334-1443.

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# High tech

## Auto show is ultra modern with computers and TVs

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Regular visitors to the North American International Auto Show will notice a visible increase in the presence of high tech gadgets in the vehicles and in the displays.

For example, flat-screen TV sets and computer monitors can be seen everywhere but in the bathrooms at the Cobo Center.

The computer monitors, usually with touch-screen controls, are used to convey product information to customers, or, in the case of Polk Co., to conduct an on-site survey of visitors regarding the auto show.

The flat-screen TVs are mounted on pedestals or in the floor. At Isuzu and Nissan exhibits, one can watch the TV while standing on top of it. The Saab exhibit has TVs built into a bartop. Volvo built TVs into the sides of a special car.

The auto show has always conveyed a sense of "Here is the future," but that impression is stronger this year. Ford has even produced three versions of a concept car that is based on the Apple computer. If you could sit in some of these vehicles you'd feel like George Jetson or James T. Kirk.

Regular visitors will likewise notice that the GM has copied Ford in bringing all its brands into a coherent, contiguous

exhibit. "The GM Experience," located upstairs, resembles a museum, what with its display of a 1903 Oldsmobile, a 1957 Chevy and a wall-mounted montage of GM history. Kids will probably enjoy the Yukon exhibit, featuring Disney's Bill Nye the Science Guy and a host of contraptions surrounding a Yukon SUV.

Several manufacturers are touting electric vehicles this year, including Corbin Motors, better known for its custom motorcycle seats. The one-seat Corbin Sparrow is so popular that the company sells them as soon as they're made, said salesman Chuck Gang. Even the Sparrows on display will be shipped to waiting customers after the show, Gang said.

If you're looking for something to do besides examine the vehicles, a slot car track downstairs will host races during the show, and Michelin has a short 3D movie to show you.

Saturn has a giant, circular fish tank and a display of letters from satisfied customers.

The show is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, through Saturday, Jan. 22, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. Admission is free for people up to age 12 (when accompanied by a parent), \$10 for people age 13-64 and \$5 for people age 65 and up. Orders of 24 tickets or less may be purchased through Ticketmaster.



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**A grand opening:** Upper left, Ford president and CEO Jacques Nasser talks about Ford's new Think Group of electric and environmentally friendly cars at the auto show. Above, Ford Motor Co. unveils its Ford 24.7 concept at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Sunday, Jan. 9. "The new Ford Motor Co. will put the Internet on wheels," CEO Jacques Nasser said. "We will do nothing short of transforming our cars and trucks into portals to the Internet."



**Outdoor excitement:** The Chevrolet Avalanche sport utility vehicle at the General Motors' media preview at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.



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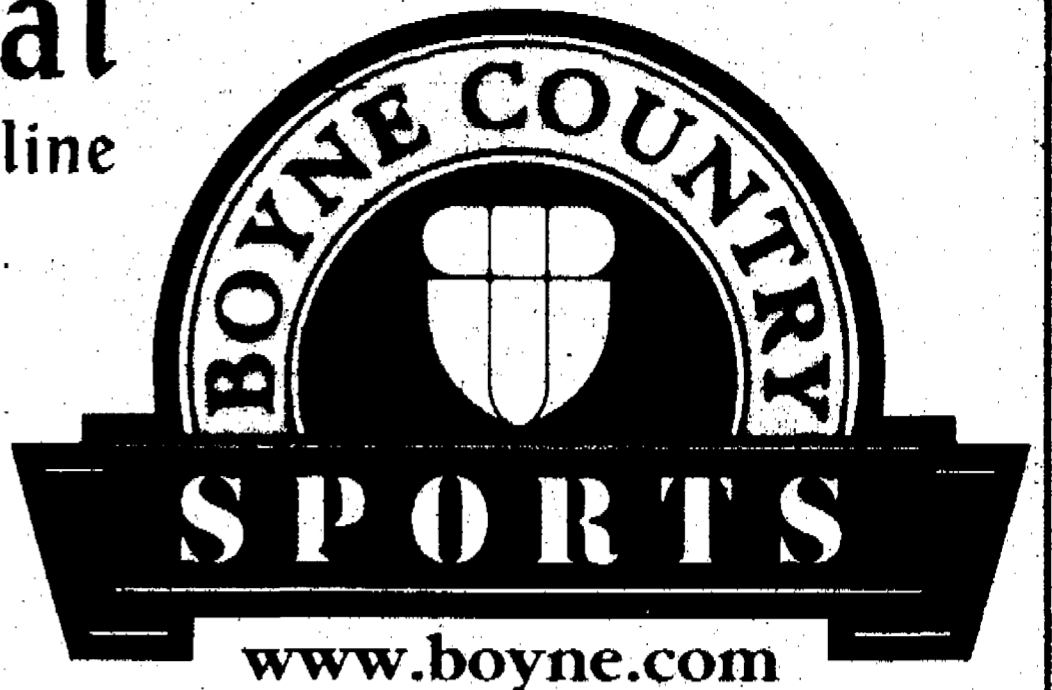
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# McCotter, Patterson declare Bush clear debate winner

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George W. Bush was the clear winner of Michigan's GOP presidential primary debate, at least according to the party faithful who were on hand to witness the exchange Monday evening at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. Bush showed "grace under fire," said State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia). "I endorsed Gov. George Bush in May of 1998," said Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton). "He com-

ported himself well. He is recognized as the front-runner. He is a person who can articulate his ideas. He was the focus of most of the attention during the first hour. I think he handled himself well."

"I thought it was a terrific night for Bush. Bush looked very presidential. He was substantive. He had an effective use of humor. He looked very comfortable," Gov. John Engler said.

But there were those with a different view.

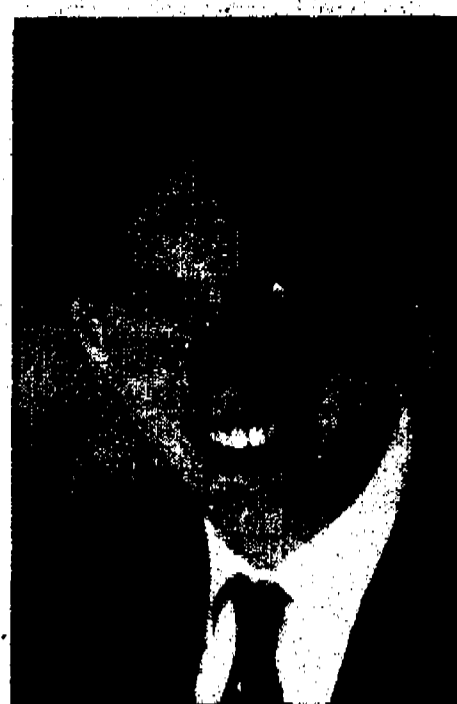
"Those are mostly Bush adher-

ents," Sen. John Schwarz (R-Battle Creek) said. "Definitely, John McCain was the most substantive. Bush ran up some style points. He was looser, less uptight. But when John McCain got a question, he gave a straight answer. If that's what the American people want, style over substance, they can repeal the 22nd Amendment and reelect Bill Clinton."

All six candidates still in the race for the GOP presidential nomination showed up for the debate, sponsored by the Kent

County Republicans and the state party. They included Texas Gov. Bush, Arizona Sen. McCain, Family Research Council President Gary Bauer, former president of Citizens Against Government Waste and founder of National Taxpayer Action Day Alan Keyes, Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch and Forbes Magazine publisher Steven Forbes.

Before a crowd of 1,200, the candidates were grilled for an hour and a half by Grand Rapids-area reporters, moderator Tim Russert of NBC, Calvin College students and each other.



State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter



State Rep. Bruce Patterson

## State a winner

The majority of Republican said there was another obvious winner — the state of Michigan.

The candidates are paying more attention to the state in this year's contest, in large part because of lawmakers' decision to move up Michigan's Republican primary election from late March to Feb. 22. That was evident from the number of Michigan-specific questions asked and answered Monday night.

Russert noted that the application of sales taxes to goods bought over the Internet has been an issue in Michigan and pointed out that the state will ask taxpayers to voluntarily claim those purchases with their income taxes this year.

When Forbes said such taxes have already been judged to be illegal by the Supreme Court, Russert asked if Forbes was encouraging Michigan residents to break the law by refusing to pay. The candidate stopped short, saying he did not know the law in Michigan.

Bauer cited a General Motors plant in Flint which had been closed and reopened in Shanghai. He was leading into a question directed at Forbes about whether Forbes would "worship at the altar of international trade."

As intended, the earlier GOP primary is getting prominence for Michigan voters.

"Michigan's being moved up in the process is the key to these

people paying more attention to us," House Speaker Chuck Perricone said. "We are going to be center stage in February. That was the intent. We will actually have a voice in who the nominee is that is selected. And that is the way it should be."

"The Legislature, in deciding to hold a primary in Michigan in February, has given the state visibility and vitality in this whole primary process. I think we saw that tonight," said Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi).

Schwarz agrees the early primary makes Michigan more important.

"Michigan is going to be one of three or four determining states in the whole country when it comes to who the nominee will be," he said. "If McCain can win in New Hampshire, Michigan is going to be an absolute dog fight. I don't care what the poll numbers say. There is a poll coming out that shows McCain is climbing from 7 percent to 25, while Bush is falling from 71 percent to 50. That's the way I like it."

Again, there is another view.

## Democrat view

There were political reasons for moving up the primary, says

state Democratic Party Chairman Mark Brewer.

"They are scared of McCain. They want to provide some comfort to Bush. And that may backfire on them," he said.

Engler has called Michigan a "firewall" for the Bush campaign against early strong showings by McCain. Engler, Cassis noted, has stated that Michigan — the first large, industrialized state to cast ballots this year because of the moved-up primary — will serve to counter the effect if the Arizona senator does better than anticipated in the first two primaries in New Hampshire on Feb. 1 and South Carolina on Feb. 19.

The candidates addressed a variety of topics. Bush touted his tax cutting record and promised tax reductions. McCain said the current budget surplus should be used to pay down the national debt. Forbes criticized Bush's tax cutting effort in Texas.

"It was kind of like what we did with Proposal A. We cut property taxes and raised sales tax to offset it," Garcia concluded. "So most of us saw through that. He (Forbes) did pick out points of it to make his point."

Bill McMaster, a Birmingham resident and the president of Taxpayers United, disagreed.

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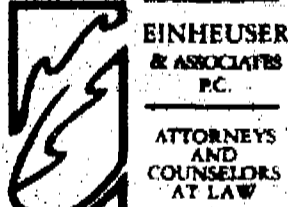
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# Ford Motor makes unprecedented donation to arts

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On the same day last week when the auto industry reported a year of record-breaking sales, Ford Motor Co. made an unprecedented donation to four regional cultural institutions.

In contrast to the billions in reported year-end corporate revenue, the \$12.7 million gift from the Ford Motor Company Fund might have appeared somewhat paltry.

But there wasn't anyone complaining from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Zoo, Henry Ford Academy and Detroit Science Center, recipients of the auto giant's generosity.

The formal announcement was held Thursday at the Detroit Science Center featuring top executives from Ford, Wayne County, Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and representatives from the recipient organizations.

The DSO and Detroit Zoo will receive \$5 million each, while the science center and Henry Ford Academy will be given \$1.5-million and \$1.2-million, respectively.

The money will support educational programs at the various cultural institutions. A symbol

**■ 'It's a gift, contribution and an investment and we expect a return (on our investment). Making connections with the community leads to strong, successful enterprises.'**

*Jac Nasser  
President, Ford Motor Co.*

according to Ford Chair William Clay Ford, Jr., of the corporate giant's commitment to providing educational opportunities to the

800,000 school-age kids in the region.

In recent years, corporations have moved away from funding

cultural events toward supporting educational initiatives and community outreach programs.

"It's a gift, contribution and an investment, and we expect a return (on our investment)," said Jac Nasser, president of Ford. "Making connections with the community leads to strong, successful enterprises."

Clearly, positive public relations with the community translates into good business for corporations. Yet dollars from the private sector shouldn't be con-

sidered a substitute for ongoing public funding to support operating budgets for the region's cultural institutions.

"Private funding complements other types of funding," said Peter Cummings, chair of the DSO. "Ford is enabling institutions that are already engaged in outreach (programs) to attain a higher level of service."

The \$5 million received from the Ford Fund will support a partnership between the DSO and the Detroit High School of

Performing Arts. The funds will be used over a five-year period.

"Most corporate gifts deal with specific needs, but revenue from a cultural tax would support a consistent flow of funds," said Detroit Mayor Archer.

The proposed regional cultural tax, which would support 14 regional cultural institutions, is currently being negotiated between arts groups and county commissions of Oakland and Wayne counties.

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history as being a tax cutter, I don't think he is really being honest," he said. Based on U.S. Department of Labor statistics, McMaster said, "In Texas, total state tax collections increased at a faster rate than any other state last year. Michigan was number two. It is not unlikely that Gov. Bush would find Gov. Engler a willing running mate since they both are on tax and spend sprees."

"Gov. Bush handled that very well," Rep. Susan Tabor (R-Delta Township) said. "He said, 'We cut taxes in the state of Texas and then got re-elected because of it.' And that is really what I think people want to know."

Hatch advocated requiring libraries to install filtering software on their Internet-linked computers to keep pornography out of the hands of children.

"Some people look at that as we are starting to delve into an area of freedom of speech. The difference is that these are our kids. They are not grown ups. They are children. So I think we have to draw a line somewhere," Tabor said.

Cassis noted that Michigan leads the nation on this issue because it has already instituted laws enabling libraries to put filters on computers.

Bush and McCain, prompted by a question from a college student, pledged to avoid negative campaign ads. McCain even walked across to shake hands with Bush when he made the pledge.

"That's fine. Bush believes in the 11th commandment," Engler said. "That doesn't mean they will be blowing each other kisses for the rest of the campaign. There are issues we can talk about. That's not negative. What Forbes has done, however, is put an extra edge on it. I haven't seen his ad. It doesn't go where he went with Bob Dole, but I think we have seen enough of Forbes to conclude he is a repeat offender."

Still, for GOP stalwarts, the night seems to have gone to Bush.

"I think it was George W. Bush. Clearly, he was the target. He stood right there and took all the shots," Perricone said.

"I have a soft spot in my heart for Alan Keyes," McCotter said, while agreeing Bush still won the day. "While (Keyes) can't win, he is allowed to be philosophical instead of presidential."

Democrat Brewer had another view. "The winner tonight? Gary Bauer. He got audience reaction. He was coherent. I thought Bush was under attack all night and on the defensive. But the real message that people will carry away from this is that these people are not talking about issues that are relevant to me. I mean, what does the average American care about gays in the military? What does the average American care about China? They are not talking about the issues the American voters say are important. What about health care? What about education? I have to educate my kids. What about Social Security for me and my parents?"

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# Shopper reports candle problem

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Doreen Match liked the scent of the candle she burned during the holidays, but took it back to the store where she bought it recently.

The Garden City resident returned the candle, made by the Hot Wax Candle Co. in Greensboro, N.C., after the decorative pine bough imbedded in the wax caught fire, giving off 3-inch-high flames.

"It smelled gorgeous, but I think it's dangerous," said Match. "There was a big flash of fire. Luckily, I was sitting in the family room when it happened."

Match purchased two of Hot Wax's Cedar Cane Balsam Pine Fragrance Candles at Kohl's Department Store in Westland. The 6-inch high pillars have candy canes and pine bough in the wax as decorative accents. She had burned about half of the candle with no problem until the recent flare-up.

"It had been burning for awhile and got down about half way when it started on fire," Match said. "All the wax had melted off the

pine bough and it ignited."  
"I tried to put it out with my candle snuffer, but that didn't work, so I had to just blow it out. The fire was hot and definitely would have started a fire, if I hadn't been in the room."

A candle enthusiast - "I burn candles a lot." - Match did look at the bottom of the second candle in hopes of contacting the Hot Wax company, but seemed unaware of its "very specific instructions" for burning.

"It says never leave unattended, but you shouldn't have to stay in the room all the time," she said.

The company recommends that the candles be burned in two-three-hour increments several times until a 2-inch well forms.

According to a copy of the instructions provided by the Hot Wax, "Place a tea light into the well for future burning. This procedure will prevent any possibility of the natural product from accidentally igniting. The true beauty of the candle and glow that forms will still be present" by using the tea light.

"It's really a colorful candle, but it's not a candle, it's a decorative accessory," said Al

Korzenjowski, president and one of the owners of the Hot Wax Candle Co. "You really shouldn't burn it as a candle."

Hot Wax "uses real botanicals wherever we can and perfume quality fragrances," Korzenjowski added.

Pine bough, tiger lilies, yellow daisies, butterflies and dragon flies are among its candle accents. In addition to the botanicals, it uses butterflies, dragonflies and perfume quality fragrances, Korzenjowski said.

According to Korzenjowski, such flare-ups are a rarity. The company manufactures 2-3 million candles a year and may have one such occurrence in the course of a year.

"This is the first one of I've heard of in a couple of years," he said.

Hot Wax sells its candles to every major retailer except Kmart and Wal-Mart and has seen its business grow at 40 percent a year, Korzenjowski said.

At Kohl's, the store manager was unaware of the flare-up happening to other people, and the reaction was the same at the retailer's corporate headquarters.

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**Open House Poetry**  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, Community Meeting Room B. The library hosts an evening of family-friendly poetry read by members of our community. Bring your own original poetry or an old favorite to share with the group. All ages are welcome. No fee. No registration required. Light refreshments will be served.

**Young Adult Activities**  
**Young Adult Book Discussion Group**  
7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, Group Meeting Room C. "Everworld: Search for Serene" by K.A. Applegate. These book discussions are informal and there's no quiz so come in, kick back and let the group know what you think. Call and reserve your copy today. No fee. No registration required. Light snacks will be served.

**Children's Activities**  
**Sleepytime Storytime**  
7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, Community Meeting Room A. This half-hour storytime is held every Monday night. Wear your jammies and bring your blanket! Mother Goose will make a guest appearance. No fee. No registration required.

**Toddler Tales & Preschool Storytime**  
1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, Toddler Tales (18-36 months) and Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5) are held 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday and 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Stop in for fun fables, tales and stories. Storytimes last about 30 minutes. Mother Goose will make a guest appearance. No fee. No registration required, but class size is limited.

**After School Special**  
3:5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, Children's Activity Room. This drop-in program held each Wednesday is for all school-age children. It provides an opportunity to make crafts, play games and unwind after a hard day at school. No fee. No registration required.

**Friends' Activities**  
**Book Opening**  
The Friends of the Library Board of Trustees is currently in need of a treasurer. If you are able to balance a checkbook and want to help your community library, please let the library know. Individuals who are interested can contact Meriem Kadl, board president, at (734) 526-5600. The Friends board meets the second Tuesday of each month to discuss fund-raising and program planning. All are invited to attend. Stop in and find out how you can help in providing quality programs at the library. The next meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8.

# Surplus food distribution is scheduled

The City of Westland will distribute surplus federal food 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 20-21, at the Dorsey Community Center.  
Residents in the area bounded by Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norwayne and Oak

Village, will pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20.

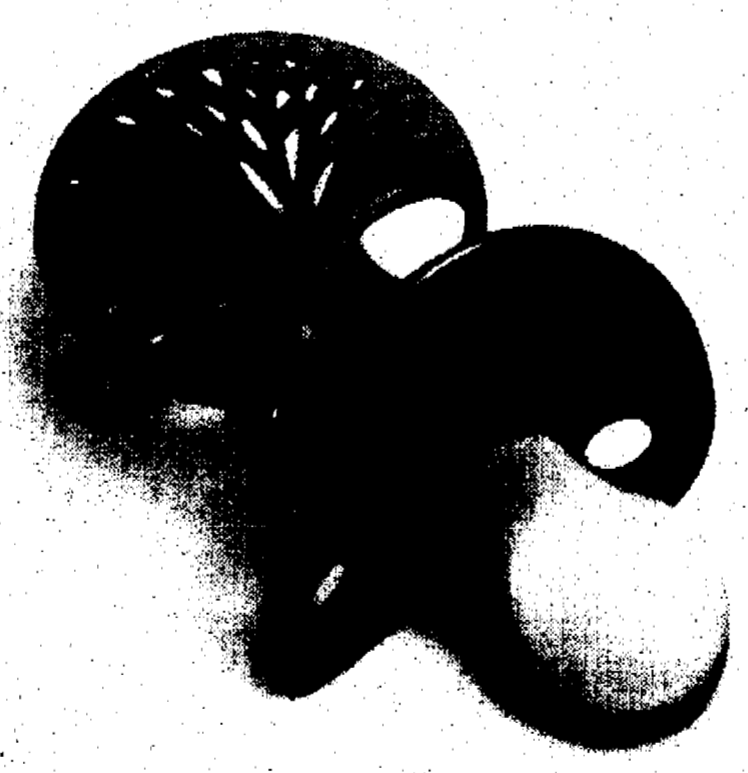
All other residents north of Michigan Avenue will pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21.

Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue should pick up

their commodities on the third Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt roads.  
Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call

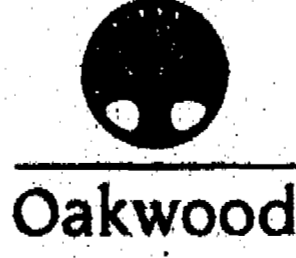
their building manager for the day of distribution.  
For January, there will be corn, oatmeal, rice cereal or vegetable oil.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Westland intends to approve and execute a Limited Tax Full Faith and Credit General Obligation Contract of Lease with the City of Westland Building Authority pursuant to Act No. 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended. Such Contract will provide, among other things, that said Building Authority will acquire and construct improvements to and expansion of a court facility, together with appurtenances, fixtures, sites and equipment, therefor for use by the City, together with equipment, appurtenances and attachments thereto, and WILL ISSUE ITS BONDS TO FINANCE THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE SAME FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,600,000. Said bonds when issued will mature in not to exceed twenty (20) years from the date of issue and will bear interest not exceeding 8% per annum on the outstanding principal balance.

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BY VIRTUE OF SAID PROPOSED CONTRACT AND SAID ACT, ALL OF THE CITY'S REQUIRED PAYMENTS UNDER THE CONTRACT TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WILL BE A LIMITED TAX FULL FAITH AND CREDIT GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE CITY PAYABLE FROM ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS OF THE CITY, AND THE CITY WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE PAYMENTS REQUIRED TO RETIRE THE BONDS AND INTEREST THEREON IF OTHER FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE ARE NOT AVAILABLE, AND AS LIMITED BY LAW THE OBLIGATION TO LEVY TAXES IS LIMITED BY APPLICABLE CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY AND CHARTER TAX RATE LIMITATIONS.

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PATRICIA A. GIBBONS  
City Clerk

# Rouge River cleanup may receive new federal money

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

The Rouge River may be the beneficiary of more federal money to help remove pollutants and improve the river's quality.

The Rouge was named as one of eight Michigan lakes and rivers and 31 areas of concern in the Great Lakes region that would benefit from President Bill Clinton's proposed \$80 million effort to clean up the most polluted waterways in the Great Lakes watershed.

The money was announced Monday as part of Clinton's proposed 2001 budget, expected to be released in its entirety on Feb. 7. That budget year begins Oct. 1.

While the money still must be approved by Congress, it was

welcome news to state environmental officials and supporters of the Rouge cleanup, who are concerned about the future of federal funding for the cleanup.

Cathy Bean, coordinator of the Rouge River remedial action plan for the state Department of Environmental Quality's surface water quality division, was surprised because there were recent discussions and concerns expressed about the future of the RAP.

If the money is approved, Bean would like to see it earmarked toward removing river sediments near the Ford Rouge plant in Dearborn. "There's been years and years of heavy industrial discharges, creating sediment and presenting problems for the fisheries and fish swimming upstream," Bean said.

DEQ officials have discussed creating a fish ladder in Dearborn to assist the fisheries efforts on the Rouge and its tributaries, and a sediment cleanup would help with those efforts, Bean said.

Discharges from the Ford plant aren't "as bad as they were in the early 1900s," Bean said, and Ford officials have expressed interest in cleaning up the Rouge plant, including land along the Rouge River.

Local communities in the Rouge watershed in Oakland and Wayne counties may want the money to control and study stormwater runoff and water quality improvements. Under Clinton's proposal, the Environmental Protection Agency would provide \$50 million to state and local governments. They would

propose projects and have to fund at least 40 percent of their cost, meaning the total spent would equal about \$80 million.

Bean thought there would be Clean Michigan Initiative monies available for stormwater runoff improvements. Michigan voters approved that money in 1998 for brownfield cleanups and

water quality improvements.

"I'd really like to see the sediment taken care of and get more habitat created," Bean said.

Other Michigan "areas of concern" named on the list were the Clinton River, Deer Lake in the Upper Peninsula, the Kalamazoo River, the Manistique River, Torch Lake in the Keweenaw

Peninsula, White Lake in Muskegon County and Muskegon Lake in Muskegon County. These areas of concern were identified in 1987 by the International Joint Commission, a U.S.-Canada binational organization charged with water quality oversight in boundary waters.

## Workshop will explore soil erosion issue

Builders, developers, engineers, local government officials and community organizations who work in communities in the Rouge River watershed can participate at a workshop Feb. 8 on soil erosion and sedimentation issues at the Northfield Hilton in Troy.

Sponsored by the Department of Environmental Quality, the Rouge Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Group and 25 additional organizations, the

workshop will review state soil erosion requirements and the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System storm water permit for construction activities.

Participants will learn about environmentally friendly site plans, communication tools and activities. Other topics are good sedimentation design, creative control techniques, alternatives for problem sites, how to save money and regulatory enforce-

ment. Leading suppliers of soil erosion control equipment and related products will be on hand to showcase services.

Cost of the workshop is \$50, which includes continental breakfast, lunch, workshop materials and entrance into exhibits. For information or to register, contact the DEQ's Environmental Assistance Center at 1-800-662-9278.

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# School pacts

## Let's work together for kids

Agreement came last week when the Wayne-Westland Board of Education looked at pacts with employee groups. Unanimous agreements with the Wayne-Westland Education Association and the Wayne-Westland Central Office Administrators Association were reached at the Jan. 4 board meeting.

"Both agreements are very fair, they're very reasonable," said Greg Baracy, school superintendent. He thanked the union leadership for being sincere and cooperative.

The agreement for administrators, a small union of about 30, was approved by approximately 90 percent of the membership. The teachers voted approval of the contract extension by about 62 percent in favor. Both contracts run through 2004.

It's clear that fewer teachers approved of the contract, particularly its raise provisions of less than 3 percent each year. Nevertheless, Baracy hailed the accord as a sign of "labor peace" in the future.

The district's finances aren't like those of Bloomfield Hills or other wealthy districts. Wayne-Westland students deserve a quality education, however, and fair labor pacts go a long way in insuring that.

Both agreements include retirement bonuses for those with at least 10 years experience in the district. Teachers who retire by June

**Such buyouts aren't uncommon in the world of school finance, and the district shouldn't be criticized for this step. What new teachers lack in experience they often compensate for in enthusiasm, though that's not to say older teachers don't have that as well.**

2001 will receive \$35,000 each. District officials estimate that some 100 teachers will take early retirement and be replaced by less experienced teachers who will be paid less.

Such buyouts aren't uncommon in the world of school finance, and the district shouldn't be criticized for this step. What new teachers lack in experience they often compensate for in enthusiasm, though that's not to say older teachers don't have that as well.

Students benefit from a blend of different teaching styles, and the contract provision shouldn't harm them in any way.

Let's hope these agreements signal labor peace in the Wayne-Westland district, a valuable commodity whether times are good or not. Appreciation's due to all who are responsible for reaching these accords. Let's continue to work together to guarantee our children all receive the quality education they deserve.

# Laud King's accomplishments

U.S. Rep. John Lewis spoke at the University of Michigan Monday as Raoul Wallenberg lecturer and medalist.

As a young man, Lewis was one of the central figures in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. The son of a poor south Alabama sharecropper, Lewis founded the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee. Lewis felt the blows from Sheriff Jim Clark's nightstick and spent many nights in Southern jails.

Yet over time he learned to forgive his oppressors, and he has continued to contribute to society as a distinguished congressman from Atlanta, Ga.

This coming Monday we celebrate the courage of John Lewis and his fellow "revolutionaries" in the civil rights movement by marking the birthday of Lewis' idol and slightly older mentor Martin Luther King Jr.

Many "holidays" are designated with the best of intentions. On Memorial Day, we are admonished to remember those who died in battle defending the principles our country represents. On Independence Day, we are urged to remember those founders who chose liberty over tyranny. On Labor Day, we are supposed to pay homage to the working person and the struggle for economic justice.

As we all know, Memorial Day is the first good day to hit the beach, Independence Day means a barbecue and fireworks, and Labor Day is the last good day to hit the beach (no more giant parades, even in this once-solid union town). There might be some people who get King Day off who think it's a good day to hit the ski slopes or catch a movie and not think about what the day really means.

In this racially divided and often antagonistic metro area, it is especially important that we don't let this holiday lose its meaning. It is important that our communities and schools take time to offer programs that draw our attention to what has been accomplished and what still needs to be accomplished.

Livonia is holding its fifth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day program 6:30 p.m. Monday at Stevenson High School. The program's sponsors, People of Livonia Addressing Issues of Diversity (PLAID), have the right idea about what should be done to mark this important day.

This year's theme is "Many Peoples - One World," and the programs are meant to stimulate the thinking of students and adults about diversity and cooperation in a troubled world. High school choirs will sing. Middle-school students have written essays. Jonathan Swift of Madonna University will be the guest speaker, and food is being collected for a mission in Haiti.

In Garden City, middle-school students will be going to Detroit in March where they will participate in a conflict resolution program and recreate the dramatic lunchroom sit-ins of the early '60s.

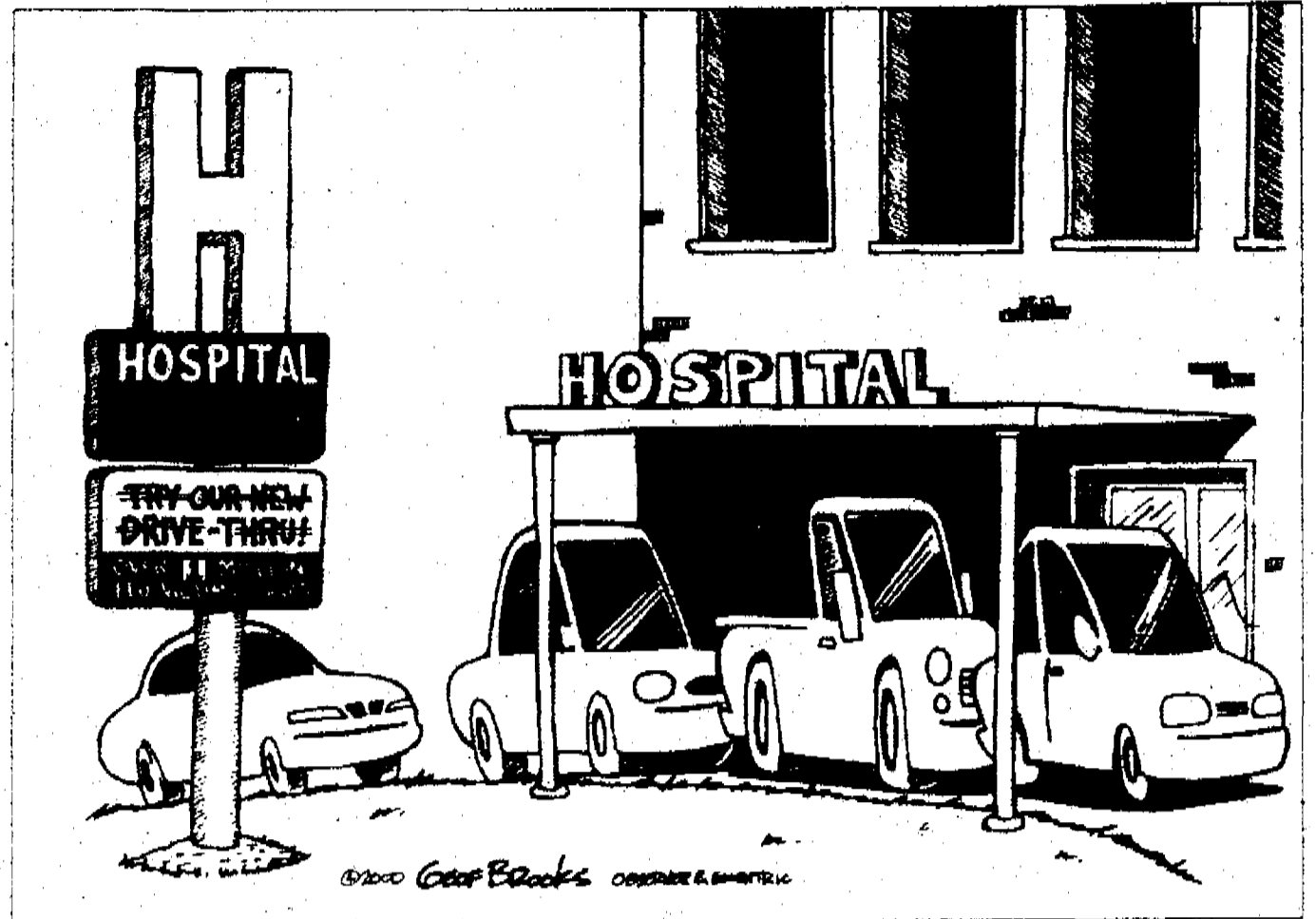
Colin Sheffield of Livonia's St. Edith School asks the important question in his essay: "You only need to turn on the evening news or pick up a newspaper to see that we still can't seem to get along. ... Why, when we have evolved so far in areas like technology, are we so behind in an area as basic as human kindness and compassion?"

Though we have a long way yet to go to right wrongs and change hearts, Rep. Lewis would offer Colin some encouragement about we have come a long way. He told the audience that when young blacks tell him they don't think the '60s accomplished anything since nothing changed. "I say to them, let me take you back to the South in the 1940s and '50s and then tell me things haven't changed."

He summed up his view of what he and his compatriots accomplished. "We led a revolution of values, a revolution of ideas. We live in a better country. We are a better people."

That deserves remembrance and celebration.

GEORGE BROOKS



### LETTERS

*Opinions are to be shared. We welcome your ideas; that's why we offer this space for your opinions. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity, we ask that you provide a contact telephone number and if mailing or faxing a letter, please sign it. Letters can be mailed to: Julie Brown, Westland editor, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, faxed to her at (734) 591-7279 or e-mailed to jbrown@oe.homecomm.net.*

### Poor judgment

In the Community Life section of last week's (Dec. 30) paper, the Observer ran a story about "home-brewers," those who legally brew their own beer in the confines of their home. At the same time, who knows how many drunken drivers killed and maimed innocent lives across this country on New Year's Eve.

Not only that, the millions of broken homes, many in our own beloved community, increase daily due to the ugly curse of strong drink. Perhaps the article will likely induce someone to try this wicked home-brewing practice and, down the line, another home is ruined beyond repair, those with beaten wives and terrified children.

Maybe next week, the Observer can obtain the services of a home-growing marijuana expert or even better, a crack addict can explain in detail how to cut the rock and smoke it in the correct manner. How about a heroin junkie explaining just the proper way to find that best vein where the possibly contaminated needle can rightly be stuck?

The list goes on. This was extremely poor judgment of management at the Observer. Shame on you! The next alcohol-related tragedy could be on your hands.

The Voice of Reason,

Steve Jeffers  
Westland

### School names explained

A letter from Gina Fournier was printed in two recent issues of the Observer which asked how Livonia schools are named and whether any were named for women. Here is the answer for her.

Except for the schools we inherited from other school districts, elementary schools are named for presidents, secretaries of state or chief justices of the Supreme Court. Our current secretary of state is the only woman to hold any of those positions. As we haven't built any new schools for several years, there is no Madeline Albright Elementary, just as there are no Nixon, Carter, Reagan, Bush or Clinton schools. A couple of very fine presidents are missing, Lincoln and Madison, as the buildings named in their honor have been torn down.

Ms Fournier stated that she didn't know who Hull was. Cordell Hull was the secretary

of state under FDR. For his work in helping to found the United Nations, he was given the Nobel Peace Prize in 1945. He is often referred to as the "father" of the UN.

Among the others who weren't presidents is Lewis Cass, secretary of state under Buchanan. He is also the only Michigander, other than Gerald Ford, to be nominated for the presidency.

Middle schools are named for poets. They are: Whittier, Emerson, Riley, Whitman, Frost, Holmes, Lowell, Bryant, and the one named for a woman - Dickinson. Only four of these buildings are now used by Livonia as schools.

Senior highs are named in honor of statesmen - Stevenson, Franklin, and Churchill.

I don't see Livonia building any new schools in the foreseeable future. There will probably be no new names, male or female, any time soon.

Gordon W. Draper  
retired Livonia principal  
Livonia

### Topping the list

As this century and millennium are about to change, opinions have been taken on the most significant events of the 1900s. Recent polls conclude that most salient were the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese in 1941 and the use of atomic bombs on Hiroshima in 1945.

However, have not battles, conflicts and wars always occurred and newly developed weapons always used?

What events of the 20th century affected the most people and perhaps changed the most lives?

I can think of two: the stock market crash of 1929, leading to the worldwide Depression that lasted more than five years; the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963 that silenced and stilled the world for five days.

The polls indicate the most important automobile to have been the Model A, which put the world on wheels.

But I remember the uniquely engineered and designed Studebaker, the elegant flowing lines of Packard and the Spartan utility of the Willys Overland, the original of the present Chrysler Jeep.

Nicholas Spicer  
Rochester

### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### QUESTION:

What is your wish for Westland for the year 2000?

We asked this question at a Westland Rotary meeting at Joy Manor.



"I would think for lots of peace in the community, with groups like this just making a difference."

Peggy Blumwood  
Westland Convalescent Center



"A strong economy."

Greg Baracy  
Wayne-Westland School Superintendent



"Cooperation with the government, the chamber, residents, local business, so we can all prosper together."

John Toya  
Restor



"For some new business development."

Kurt Olson  
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POINTS OF VIEW

# 50th anniversary of high school farewell stirs memories

BY WALTER B. HAMILTON

Recently, graduates from West-ern High School in southwest Detroit gathered together at the Dearborn Inn to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our high school graduation. Being a part of the June '49 class and attending this reunion ignited a spark which carried me back through 50 years of a wonderful life. It was a joy to see that so many people from that year were so healthy and vigorous and still ready for a party.

Looking around, you observed your classmates in the same light as 50 years ago (just a few more wrinkles), remembering the good times and even some of the less exciting times.

But the humorous part of the whole thing is our endurance as a group who were born before television, peni-

cillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, Frisbees and the Pill. Then there was no radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, ballpoint pens, pantyhose (whatever happened to garter belts?), dishwashers, jet planes, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip dry clothes and anyone walking on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you get? In our time, bunnies were small rabbits, rabbits were not Volkswagens, designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins. We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent, outer space was the balcony at the local theatre.

There were no househusbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and computer marriages. We were before day care centers, group thera-

py and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, e-mail, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt and guys wearing earrings. Time-sharing meant togetherness, not computers or condominiums; a 'chip' was a piece of wood, hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word.

In 1940, "Made in Japan" meant poor quality and the term "making out" referred to how you did on your high school final exam. Pizzas and instant coffee were unheard of.

We hit the scene when there were 5 and 10 cent stores where you bought things for five and ten cents. Sanders sold ice cream cones for a dime. For one nickel you could ride a streetcar, make a phone call, buy a Pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600, but who could afford one; pity too, because gas was

11 cents a gallon!

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, Coke was a cold drink and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was a grandma's lullaby and aids were helpers in the high school principal's office.

We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we're surely before the sex change; we made do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was dumb enough to think you needed a husband or wife to have a baby.

No wonder we are so confused and there is a generation gap today; but we SURVIVED! What a better reason to celebrate?

Can you believe it - most of those in attendance have completed college and retired from an entire career. Some were successful, some not so

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fortunate - some are mothers and fathers, some are grandmas and grandpas - some have passed on. All this information is revealed at your high school reunion. Those people who you are with when you are laying the foundation of your life are special and attending class reunions is enlightening. For those whose contingency gets you to your 50th reunion, you are magically transformed back to the glorious, carefree, wonderful, innocent times that our younger generations are building their dream in now.

Walter B. Hamilton lives in Livonia. Some material was taken from George Jewell, classmate and master of ceremonies at his class reunion.

# Airport improvements can't come soon enough for travelers

(Second of two columns on the future of Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.)

Early in this new century of ours, metro Detroit is slated to open a world-class airport.

A new terminal, a new four-mile, six-lane airport roadway and a fourth runway all will take off late in the year 2001. For metro Detroiters, tired of having their airport labeled worst in the U.S., it can't happen soon enough.

Actually, Metro Airport is steadily improving service, ambiance and cleanliness. But a facility built in the '60s to handle 800,000 passengers a year, despite expansions, is inadequate to fully service 30 million travelers annually.

Airport director Dave Katz proudly took me along the new road, pointed out the new runway and got us pretty close to the steel outlines of the new

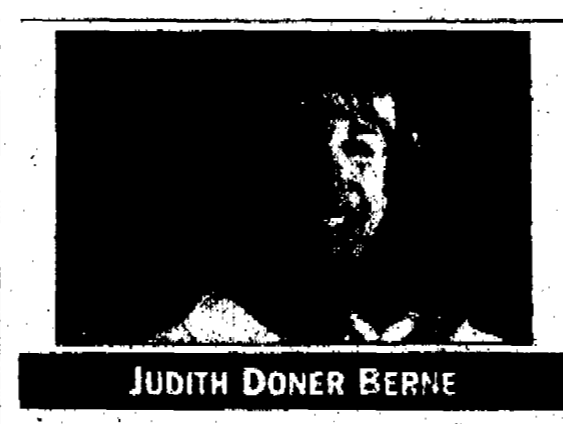
Midfield Terminal.

Then we went atop the control tower, from which the airport appears as a tale of two cities. To the north the three current terminals, parking deck and roadways are a hub of activity and color. To the south, stark construction cranes, steel beams, trucks, temporary buildings, a traffic-less road and a huge mountain of cement are the promise of tomorrow.

Right now what will eventually be a mile-long building featuring 99 gates, 18 luggage carousels, an 11,000-space parking garage (largest in the world) and an automated people mover is a massive construction site.

"It's the biggest single construction project the state has ever been involved with," Katz says. "It has its own cement plant. It's a whole other world out here."

Northwest Airlines has the lead role in the new terminal, as part of a



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public/private partnership with Wayne County. When it opens, Northwest will move its entire operation out of the International, Davey and Smith terminals.

The statistics are mind-boggling: The terminal contains 104 ticketing positions, a state-of-the-art baggage handling system (sure to be a most scrutinized aspect), and a Federal Inspection Service facility to handle 3,200 passengers an hour.

A connecting link to its East Con-

course includes a 19,000-square-foot WorldClub and 15 shops and restaurants. The concourse itself hosts 66 jet gates including 10 international gates, 31 shops and restaurants, two smaller (6,800 square feet) WorldClubs and an Automated People Mover.

A pedestrian tunnel with moving walkways connects the East to the West Concourse, with its eight jet gates, 25 commuter gates, a dozen shops and food concessions, and a fourth, even smaller, WorldClub (3,200 square feet).

"We are looking to tell the Detroit story." So murals dedicated to Detroit's history in the fields of manufacturing, civil rights, sports, entertainment and corporations may well adorn its walls. He also reports "a huge budget for Pewabic tile."

He promises a children's play area (think Chicago O'Hare), which he also is looking to install somewhere in the

current terminals.

What happens to the older terminals when Northwest moves out? Katz hopes other airlines will take over most of the gates. "If each of our 16 current carriers took one-two more gates, that would about do it," he said. "We have the capability of adding 300 more flights per day."

The added runway makes that possible. "Of all the projects we're doing, that's the most significant," he says. It will give Metro six runways, including two east-west.

The end of 2001 doesn't seem so far off. But for metro Detroiters, tired of having our airport labeled worst in the nation, it can't come soon enough.

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# Ask hopefuls relevant questions

Republican presidential candidates George W. Bush, John McCain and the four dwarves went at it Monday night in Grand Rapids.

The event kicked off in earnest the presidential primary season in Michigan. Republicans vote Feb. 22 in a primary election, while the Democrats gather in caucuses on March 11.

Presented with the opportunity to cover a big-time national story, the Michigan news media fell all over themselves in trying to out do their national brethren in pontificating. Can the charismatic insurgent McCain overcome all of Bush's money and institutional support from Gov. John Engler on down? Can Bush take a punch? Is Bush smart enough to know he's been hit? Is Michigan really a firewall for Bush in the event he loses the primary in New Hampshire?

I'd add one. Is all we are doing merely rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic?

Look at it this way. We are plop in the middle of the greatest surge of technological change since the Industrial Revolution hit England in the 18th century. The Internet is a present reality, and the enormous range and scope of future innovations stemming from the application of information technology are sure to bring fundamental changes to our entire society, from business to politics, from government to personal relations.

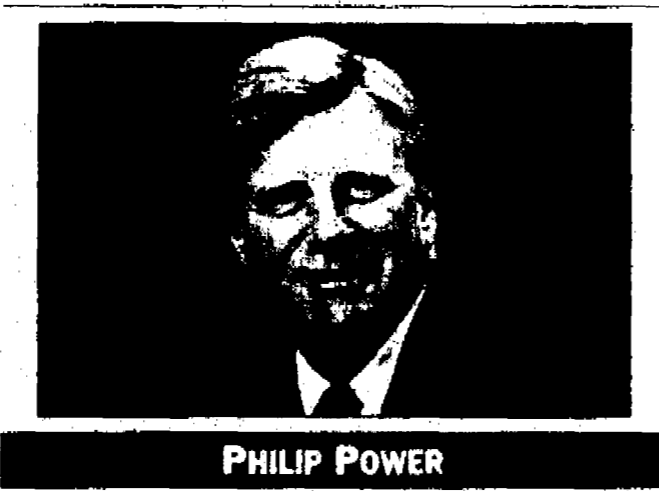
Yet are these the questions the news media pose and the candidates debate? Perish the thought! Instead the political system contents itself with petty arguments about piddling subjects: Taxes, subsidies to ethanol (of interest only to Iowa farmers), abortion (which is on the way down, anyway), family values (everybody, including Hillary, is running away from Clinton) and so on.

Great political leaders have always had the capacity to look over the horizon and focus attention on the big issues that might not be so apparent at the time but which eventually shake the roots of societies. Franklin Roosevelt reconstructed America in the wake of the Great Depression. Winston Churchill early saw the danger of Hitler.

I believe the next decade is going to be as revolutionary and creative as any period in American history. And I think a presidential campaign that ignores these issues is a sad and wasteful exercise in futility.

Here are just a few questions Michigan voters might want to raise in town meetings with presidential candidates:

- Taxes. E-commerce was the big winner this Christmas season. Most sales over the Internet are not taxed. But most states and some cities rely on some form of sales tax. What's going to happen when governors and mayors discover



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their tax base is being lost to untaxed Internet commerce? A national sales tax, almost certainly. This, in turn, will provoke a complete resetting of the relations between cities, states and the federal government.

- Safety net. Certainly, saving Social Security is important, but in the age of the Internet, access to information technology is going to be as fundamental a need as a fixed income on retirement. Should everybody be guaranteed access to the Web as a right?
- Education. The basic technologies of teaching and learning - lectures, note taking and reading - are all survivals of the Middle Ages. The Internet and information technology are opening the door for fundamental rethinking of the ways children and adults learn. We have yet to start talking about the consequences for our entire system of education.
- Government. A persistent problem in late 20th century advanced countries is the inefficiency of governments in delivering services to taxpayers, coupled with confusion about the proper responsibilities of our three-layered (local, state and federal) system of government. Why stand in line for hours to get your license renewed when you can get it done in seconds on the Internet?
- Politics. Citizens are increasingly cynical about the political system. Voter turnout is low and getting lower. Certainly, there is room for debate about the ways special interest money infests our politics. But could information technology sweep aside the secret deals and revitalize citizen involvement? Or will the Internet open the door for a scary sort of mobocracy?

I doubt well-scripted sound bites or carefully programmed candidates will be able to handle these and other similarly far-reaching questions. But they desperately need to be asked.

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

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# Democrats use caucus to pick candidate

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If local voters sometimes find presidential primary politics confusing, there is a reason. Just casting your vote in the upcoming Michigan ballot can be an intricate process.

The state's primary will be split this year, with Republicans participating in an "open primary" election Feb. 22. The primary operates like any other election. Voters just have to remember to register by Jan. 24.

Democrats have a much more complicated process for selecting their candidate - Vice President Al Gore or former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley. They'll host caucuses on March 11.

Democrats across the state will gather in local meeting halls across the state for "Iowa style" caucus sessions. Beginning at 11 a.m., the party will hold meetings asking members to vote by raising their hands. An old-fashioned round the room count will tally the results. The caucuses are expected to take no more than two hours, according to party officials.

For the first time this year, Democrats will be able to vote by mail, much like using an absentee ballot. Once they've voted by mail, they cannot attend a caucus session.

## Local caucus sites

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| <b>Wayne County</b><br>VFW Post 345<br>27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford<br>(for Redford Township)   | (for Garden City, Dearborn Heights, 13th Congressional portion)   |
| Livonia Library Auditorium<br>3300 Civic Center Drive, Livonia<br>(for the City of Livonia, 11th Congressional District portion)   | Marshall Middle School<br>35100 Bayview, Westland<br>(for Westland)   |
| Plymouth Cultural Center<br>525 Farmer, Plymouth<br>(Livonia, 13th Congressional portion; Canton Township; Northville; Northville Township; Plymouth; Plymouth Township) | Inkster Recreation Center<br>2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster<br>(for Inkster, Romulus)  |
| Wayne Public Library<br>3737 W. Wayne Road, Wayne<br>(for Wayne)   | Sheraton Community Center<br>12111 Pardee Road, Taylor<br>(for the entire 16th Congressional portion of Wayne County)   |
| Maplewood Community Center<br>31735 Maplewood, Garden City   | <b>Oakland County</b><br>Farmington Hills City Hall<br>City Council Chambers<br>31555 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills<br>(for the cities of Farmington Hills, Farmington, Novi, Northville and South Lyon, Lyon and Novi townships) |

Voters don't have to be members of the Democratic Party to participate, they must only be willing to declare themselves to be Democrats.

The purpose behind the caucus

is to eliminate "crossover" voting, where members of one party vote in the other party's primary to "cause mischief," according to Democratic State Party Chairman Mark Brewer. They run up

**'Democrats should not participate in raiding. We don't like it where people can crossover like that.'**

**Mark Brewer**  
Democratic State Party Chairman

numbers for a weaker candidate.

If the purpose of a primary is to select the best candidate from that party, such "raiding" should not be allowed, Brewer said.

"Our official policy is that we discourage it. Democrats should not participate in raiding. We don't like it where people can crossover like that," he said.

The last time Democrats participated in a presidential primary election in Michigan was 1992, when voters were required to declare their party preference. Without that declaration, the Democratic National Committee has concluded that state parties should use caucuses rather than elections, state party Communications Director Dennis Denno explained.

Once voters cast their votes for their favorite candidates, delegates to the Democratic National Convention will be apportioned on a percentage basis from the local congressional districts

according to the results on May 6 and for the state as a whole on May 20.

All told, the state will send 157 delegates, 22 alternates and 18 convention committee members off to the national convention in Los Angeles this August.

To vote by mail, Democrats must fill out an application. Forms are available through local party organizations or by contacting the state office by phone at (517) 371-5410, by fax at (517) 371-2056, or by sending a letter to 606 Townsend, Lansing, MI 48933.

Applications can also be obtained by e-mail at MIDEMLPARTY@aol.com, or on the party Web site at www.mi-democrats.com.

Ballots must be returned by March 10.

To vote in person, Democrats must go to the caucus meeting for their area. Registration that day will begin at 10 a.m.

## County begins campaign for Census 2000

Wayne County commissioners will be encouraging public participation in the U.S. Census through activities and programs designed to increase public awareness.

Wayne County Commissioner Christopher Cavanagh, who chairs the commission's subcommittee on Census 2000, unveiled a new decal Tuesday to be used to urge residents to participate in the census.

The decal uses a "Census Count" logo with a check mark and reminds residents "Don't Be Left Out." It will be used on correspondence and distributed at public gatherings.

Cavanagh said a full count is important because the federal government uses census figures to distribute more than \$100 billion every year to local governments for roads, housing, schools, senior and youth programs and community services.

"After computers, the true test of Y2K readiness will be ensuring the full participation of residents in the census," Cavanagh said. "A full and accurate count is essential to starting off the new millennium in the right way."

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### Living happily ever after has ripple effect

Recent research shows that couples who stay married are more likely to raise children who hit fewer teen land mines, and more importantly, become healthy, productive adults themselves.

In a book called "Living Happily Ever After" by Wagner, Rausser and Collier, couples who have been married 30 to 60 years talk about what has kept them together. Their stories should inspire all of us.

Helma and Benno Schneider overcame incredible obstacles by escaping from a German concentration camp and lived in a forest for a year, only to then learn that 123 people in Benno's family had been killed by the Germans. Helma says the overriding principle for their marriage is, "We don't live for each other, we live with each other."

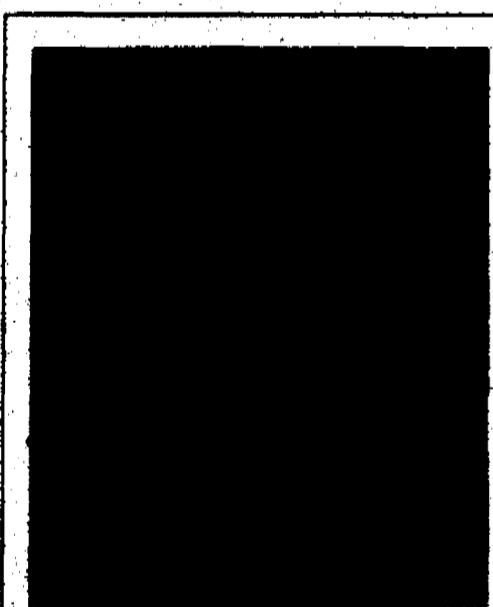
Another couple talked about a ritual they had of sitting together on the edge of the bed each morning and talking about what they were thinking or feeling. Peggy, the wife, reports that she needs to tell her husband her feelings, not waiting until it's gotten to the point where she is so hurting and so self-protecting that her anger frightens him. John, her husband, says he likes this method because it gets the problem "aired" before it gets to the stage "where I used to slip to the side and disappear."

Emmanuel and Sylvia Siegel have been married 64 years. Today, he has to dress, cook and clean her because of a stroke she had six years ago. But Emmanuel says that one of the secrets of long-term marriages is to do something to make the other person happy all the time.

"I don't do it so that she's better to me in bed or anything, I do it because I love her." Another couple explained that compromises must be made by both parties if the marriage is going to work.

Many years ago, one of my clients made a poignant comment about

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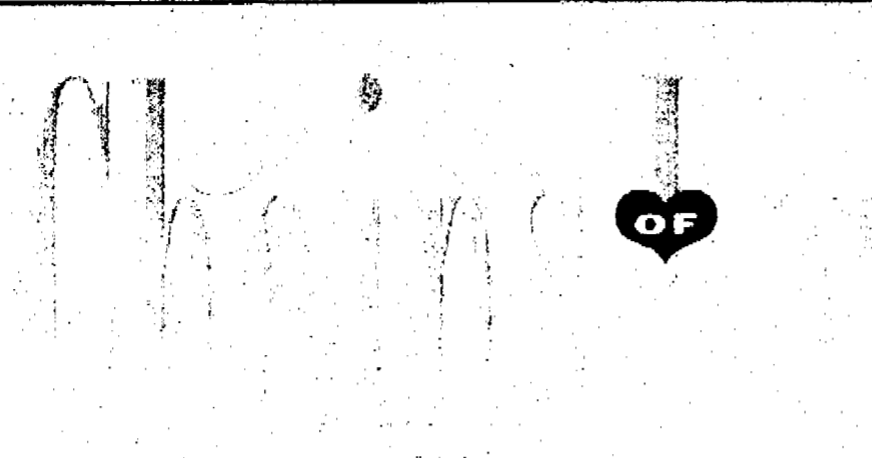


### Harry Potter - friend or foe?

Have you gotten wrapped up in the latest trend of mystery novels - J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series? So far, the series includes "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," and the latest installment "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban."

Do you think the books are a way to promote reading among young people, or do they show too strong a connection to sorcery or witchcraft?

Whether you're a fan or foe of the series, and you live in Wayne County (particularly Garden City, Westland, Livonia, Redford, Plymouth or Canton), please contact Stephanie Angelyn Casola to discuss the books for an upcoming article. Call before Friday, Jan. 21, at the Observer Newspapers. Call (734) 953-2130 or e-mail scasola@oe.homecomm.net



### Prison visits renew inmates spirits

BY RENEE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

There's no mistaking the identity of the Robert Scott Correctional Facility, a multi-level security women's prison in Northville Township, an area of expensive subdivisions and open fields.

The 35-acre site on Five Mile and Beck Roads is surrounded by three 12-foot fences topped with razor-ribbon wire, gun towers and electronic detection systems. Armed staff constantly patrol the road that wraps around the facility's perimeter.

June Clark of Plymouth, a prison ministry volunteer, has been there many times.

She still remembers a cold Christ-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

mas Eve several years ago when she set out from an office Christmas party to visit an inmate at Scott. Although she had visited other inmates at other times, this was dif-

ferent. This was Christmas.

"I got in my car and started for the prison. Then it hit me like a splash of cold water. I said, 'What can I say to this woman (inmate)?' I can't say Merry Christmas or Happy New Year. She's in for life."

Clark began her prison ministry 10 years ago. Through her late husband, Jim, she met the Rev. Art Lovely, a Jesuit priest at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Detroit who visit-



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**For baby:** This collage of crocheted baby clothes comes from the talents of the inmates involved in the lap robe program at the Robert Scott Correctional Facility. Left, June Clark of Plymouth, a prison ministry volunteer, displays an afghan made by an inmate. Clark manages the prison's lap robe program.

ed the Wayne County jail every day, walking the half dozen long city blocks.

"He was bent over and stooped with osteoporosis, and he had bad legs and feet, but he walked every day," she said.

Lovely encouraged Clark to become a prison ministry volunteer. Through the Archdiocese of Detroit's prison program, she began three days of training at Sacred Heart Seminary. She has never regretted her decision.

"They told me, 'if you're looking for a pat on the back, don't go into prison ministry. You'll never see the fruits of

your labor.' If people ever knew the joy I've experienced, they'd be beating down the door at Scott's."

Soon Clark was visiting prisoners, both men and women, in facilities across the state, concentrating on those inmates who didn't have family or friends. Some, she said, had not had a visitor in 15 years. These people crave visits from anyone, she said.

"It could be Ronald McDonald. They don't care. They're just so lonely. They just want someone to care about them."

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## Female inmates find a way to give back

BY RENEE SKOGLUND  
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Deanna Nunn, 60, an inmate at Scott Correctional Facility since 1995, is affectionately called "Mother D" by the other inmates. She is an artistic, soft-spoken woman and an expert crocheter. She also loves to give.

"Even before I came in here, I have always been a person who did things for others," she said.

About a year and half ago Nunn was seeking ways to say thank you to the Salvation Army for its frequent gifts of much-appreciated toiletries. She and three other inmates approached June Clark during one of her visits. Could she get them some yarn?

Clark's church, Our Lady of Victory in Northville which sponsors the prison ministry program, donated \$200. Clark bought 200 skeins and some plastic crochet hooks. (Knitting needles or metal crochet hooks are not allowed at Scott.) The women soon made 30 lab robes to be distributed to nursing homes.

The lap robe program has since grown to over 200 inmates who make afghans, hats, scarves, gloves and baby items. Many of the items go to St. Leo's soup kitchen in Detroit. Clark collects donated yarn and delivers it to the prison. "You can't see a driver. My car is full of yarn," she said.

Nunn crocheted a beautiful christening dress over five feet long. It took her more than six months to complete. The dress has an underskirt made out of new thermal under-



**Baptism beauty:** Geraldyn Quick holds her baby daughter, Bryce, as she awaits baptism. The child is wearing Nunn's crocheted christening gown. Godmother Jennifer Kline looks on.

wear trimmed in crocheted yarn. It is looped in satin ribbons and has booties to match. She donated it to Our Lady of Victory for use by parishioners.

"Oh, it's just gorgeous," said Geraldyn Quick, whose baby daughter,

Bryce, was baptized in the gown Dec. 19. "We got so many compliments on the dress. They thought it was handed down from grandmothers."

Inmate Patricia Luckfeldt, 50, said she's "in love with June and the lap robe program." She has seen the positive affect the program has had on the inmates. "It gives them a good feeling without anyone thinking they have another agenda. Once they find out they can create something useful, it leads them to do other constructive things."

Lickfeldt said there is a need for atonement in prison "it doesn't matter what the crime was, no matter how heinous, or if you're from a good family or bad. It only matters that you give to others."

Melvina Smith, 56, was reluctant to join the lap robe program. She didn't know how to crochet. "I just sat around lookin' and lookin' and said I don't want to do that."

Gradually, she was drawn into the program as she learned to crochet. "It was so interesting and mind-soothing. If I stay right with it, I can make an afghan in two weeks, a great big afghan."

Smith now reads patterns and often orders yarn from a catalog. She's made afghans for her mother, daughter, grandson, nephew and sister. And, since she couldn't attend her son's wedding, she made him an afghan.

"It has given me a sense of peace that I'm still able to do something," she said. "I felt lost when I came here. I wasn't accomplishing anything. Now I'm accomplishing some-

thing."

### Forgotten population

At Scott, the women face an abundance of time and noise. They also have no choice when it comes to a room partner. The lap robe program has quieted people down, Clark said, and encouraged friendships between younger and older women.

However, prison life is still a harsh reality. Many times children stop visiting their parents. The inmates are the community's invisible neighbors.

"Part of being a prisoner is being disposed of. For the time we're here we don't exist to the world. If they have to be conscious of us, they have to be concerned," said Luckfeldt, who has earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and business administration while in prison.

Prison life has made Nunn an observer. "You know, when you're home and have a family and housework and a husband, sometimes a person doesn't have the time to sit back, look and listen. (Prison) has given me a whole new insight into things," she said.

"I feel people on the other side of these walls feel there's violence here; that the women are crude, rude people. It isn't like that. If people could just come in and visit some of the women... There are women in here who don't have anyone to visit them. It would be so nice. If they could come in once, they'd see how wrong their perception of prison women is."

Pat Ernst, director of adult educa-

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## Convention Bureau Red Coats help at Auto Show

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

Of all the work generated by the North American International Auto Show this year, Marilyn Compton's responsibility is to make the visitor's day a little brighter.

For the past 10 years, the Livonia resident has worked as a "Red Coat" for the Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau. If there's a big convention in town, chances are, Compton's been there, working and chatting with visitors.

The bureau, which was the first of its kind established in 1896, aims to promote Detroit in the best possible light so the city's visitors can have an enjoyable time.

Red Coats - a title derived from the uniform they are recognized by - are part of the bureau's temporary staffing service. They register convention-goers and assist with information and program booths, cashiering, typing and

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This is the first year the Red Coats have been asked to help out for the full run of the Auto Show, an event that attracts car lovers and car-makers from all over the world.

In the past Red Coats have helped with the charity night that kicks off the show, but this year men and women sporting that signature item of clothing can be seen selling merchandise, programs and giving directions and information. It's all part of helping the show run smoothly, and Compton said she's happy to do it.

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**Greeter:** Marilyn Compton is a Red Coat volunteer.



**ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS**

**Conner-Long**

Kirk and Luddie Conner of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynette, to Octavis Long, the son of Rosie Long of Lansing.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a human resources specialist while pursuing her master's degree in communication at MSU.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Lansing Sexton High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University. He is currently employed as a clinical counselor for the Michigan Department of Corrections while pursuing a master's degree in counseling



education at Western Michigan University.

A June wedding is being planned.

**Browne-Dunne**

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Browne of Sao Paulo, Brazil, formerly of Redford Township, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to James Patrick Dunne, the son of William and Regina Dunne of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree in English literature and De Paul University with a master of business administration degree in international finance. She is employed as a management consultant in the Chicago area.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in



electrical engineering. He is employed as an electrical engineer.

A May wedding is planned at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Detroit.

**Birk-Kain**

Leroy and Julie Dewatow of Plymouth and Randall Birk of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Joy, to Michael Bernard Kain, the son of William and Shirley White of Clawson.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and is a senior, majoring in English, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed as a student worker in the CASL Office of Advising and Records at the university.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Berkley High School and is attending Oakland Community College. He is employed as a sales representative at Milliken



Millwork in Sterling Heights.

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

**Miller-Hochstein**

Barb Miller of Livonia and Paul Miller of Myrtle Beach, S.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Ann, to Michael William Hochstein, the son of Virginia Tate of Texas and Bill Hochstein of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is employed at Plastomer Corp. of Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He is the owner of Climbers Tree Service.

An April wedding is planned at St. Genevieve Catholic



Church in Livonia.

**Phillips-Nashlon**

Allyn and Carolyn Phillips of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Alison Marie, to Scott Michael Nashlon, the son of Edward and Marie Nashlon, also of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and pursuing a bachelor's degree at Madonna University. She is employed by Decision Consultants Inc. in Southfield.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High Schools. He has a bachelor's degree in computer science from Eastern Michigan University. He also is employed by Decision



Consultants Inc. in Southfield.

A June wedding is planned at Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton.

**Hardie-Wojtak**

Dr. and Mrs. James Hardie of Brooklyn, Mich., formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurie Ann, to Gregory Joseph Wojtak, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wojtak of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with degrees in business administration and communication.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He is currently completing a degree in computer science at Wayne State University. He is employed by Canton Township as a technology specialist.

An October wedding is



planned at St. Joseph Shrine in Brooklyn.

**NEW VOICES**

■ **William and Jamie Fielhauer** of Westland announce the birth of **William James Jr.** Oct. 1 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jim and Pat Fielhauer and Jeff and Lydia Goins. Great-grandparents are William and Shirley Ringo.

■ **Phil Davidson and Kim Herriman** of Livonia announce the birth of **Nikolas Grant Davidson** Oct. 1 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Ed and Suzy Davidson of Westland and Russ and Pat Herriman of Livonia.

■ **Michael and Linda Baldwin** of Plymouth Township announce the birth of **Timothy Gerald** Oct. 9 at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital. He joins brother James, 2. Grandparents are Gerald and Gertrude Bazner of Dearborn Heights and Gerald and Kathleen Baldwin of Brooklyn, Mich. Jeanette Bazner of Dearborn Heights is his great-grandmother.

■ **Daniel and Sheri Thielemann** of Canton announce the birth of their son, **Dylan Chase**,

Oct. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins siblings Matthew, 14, Amanda, 6, and Austin, 20 months. Grandparents are Darryl and Jenny Bartlett of Westland, Jim and Marlene Findley of Wayne. Great-grandmother is Irene Kalosky of Vero Beach, Fla.

■ **Kevin and Holly Yarber** of Garden City announce the birth of their son **Brandon Scott** Oct. 28 at Garden City Hospital. Brandon joins brother Nicholas Anthony, 4. Grandparents are Jim and Marcy Twardzicki and Bob and Carol Yarber of Garden City.

■ **Cortney and Kathie Hodge** of Belleville announce the birth of **Cortney John** Oct. 29 at Garden City Hospital. Cortney joins sisters Nicole, 11, and Rebecca, 7. Grandparents are Dennis and Barb Frye of Westland and Cortney Sr. and Betty Hodge of Pennsylvania.

■ **Gary and Caroline Vega** of Taylor announce the birth of **Sarah Euretta** Nov. 3 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins 10-year-old

brother Albert. Grandparents are Kathrine Lechel of Lincoln and Lucy and Albert Vega of Taylor. Her great-grandmother is Emma Vega of Garden City.

■ **Greg and Sherri Bell** of Romulus announce the birth of **Brittany Ellen** Nov. 8 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Dave

and Regina Bailey of West-branch, James and Beverly Bell of Detroit, Lou and Pat Rizzo of Farmington, and John and Doris Lassi of Taylor.

■ **Eric and Kelly Kovacs** of Livonia announce the birth of **Sage Janice** Nov. 8 at Garden

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City Hospital in Garden City. Sage joins brother Spence, 2. Grandparents are Charles and Janice Wells and Edward and Felicia Kovacs, all of Garden City.

■ **Jason and Michelle Kunka** of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of **Hailey Rose** Nov. 9 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins sister Brittany, age 7. Grandparents are Alan and Amelia Kunka of Dearborn Heights and Suzanne Mason of Westland.

■ **Paul and Anne McGuffin** of Detroit announce the birth of **Alexis Heliadore** Nov. 10 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Megan Peticie of Detroit, Joe Sobieraj of Bloomfield Hills and Dave and Lisa Bunker of Livonia.

■ **Michael Nunnally and Nichole Berckley** announce the birth of their son, **Zachary Noah** Nov. 12 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. He joins siblings Richard Duane, Heather Nichole, Christian Nicholas and Elizabeth Paige. Grandparents are Richard and Nancy Nunnally of Novi and Donna Berckley of Harrison.

■ **Brian and Christine Nelson** of Wixom announce the birth of **Paige Elizabeth** Nov. 12 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Mack and Sue Nelson, Richard Novak and Janet Tunis all of Garden City.

■ **Michel and Teresa LaSage** of Garden City announce the birth of **Blayne Michael** Nov. 13 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins siblings Jessica, 13 and Christopher, 7. Lorraine Rosko of Garden City is his grandmother. Great-grandparents are Bob and Olga Wetzel of South Rock Wood.

■ **Christopher and Stephanie Shasser** of Westland announce the birth of **Sydney Ann** Nov. 13 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Bob and Kathy Shasser of Westland and Dave and Pat Beech of Canton.

■ **Steven and Marisa Battagin** of Dearborn announce the birth of **Darien Renee** Nov. 15 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Judith DeGolyer of Garden City, Raymond DeGolyer of Knoxville,

Tenn., and Luigi and Amelia Battagin of Dearborn Heights.

■ **Sandra Kay Pennington** of Inkster announces the birth of her daughter **Faith Ann Champine** Nov. 19 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Faith joins siblings Ellisha, 5, Shana, 3, and Autumn, 2. Grandparents are Hershall and Brenda Pennington of Garden City.

■ **Howard and Tammy Cooper** of Inkster announce the birth of **Rebekah Ann** Nov. 23 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins siblings Christina, 12, Amber, 10, Robert, 8, Steven, 6, and Virginia, 3. Grandparents are Pat and Gary Slater of Westland, Jim Underwood of Wayne and Dorothy Campbell of Taylor.

■ **Jason and Dawn Burke** of Garden City and Inkster announce the birth of **Brittany Lee** Nov. 24 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Ted and Sandra Longsdorf of Inkster and John and Sheila Burke of Garden City.

■ **Kirk and Heidi Gamman** of Garden City announce the birth of **Colby Kreutzer** Nov. 25 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Colby joins brother Andrew, 5, and sister Breanna, 2. Grandparents are Dennis and Sally Kreutzer of Chicago and Bob and Arlene Gammon of Utah.

■ **Mark and Jenny Rice** of Plymouth announce the birth of **Brandon Mark** Nov. 25 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Bud and Shirley LeBlanc of Plymouth and Tom and Yvonne Rice of Livonia.

■ **Alicia Lynn Spencer** of Garden City announces the birth of her son, **Nicholas James** Nov. 30 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Her grandmother is Allen Joan Spencer.

■ **Michael Puddock** of Westland and **Amanda Sargent** of Wayne announce the birth of **Jonathon Scott** Dec. 1 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins brother Michael Scott Puddock, 3. Grandparents are Larry and Tina Quiggins of Westland and Wayne and Joe and Ethel Witkowski of Newport

## Teens earn Girl Scouting's highest honor

### WAYNE COUNTY

Six Western Wayne County teens have received the highest award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award.

Jennifer Seguin, Kathleen Meszaros and Michelle Mitoraj, all of Garden City, and Gabrielle Raemy Charest, Quinette Tell and Danielle Anne Swan, all of Livonia, were among 34 girls in the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council to receive the award.

A senior at Garden City High School, Seguin has been a Scout for nine years. A student at Michigan State University, Meszaros has been a Scout for 11 years. Majoring in chemical engineering at Wayne State University, Mitoraj has been a Scout for nine years. They are all members of Senior Girl Scout Troop 2323.

The threesome teamed up on their Gold Award project, making and donating 100 stuffed animals to the city fire department and staging a program for younger Girl Scouts and their families to learn about fire

safety and awareness.

"I and my troop felt very proud to put on a project that affected so many people and in such away that someone's life could be saved because of what they learned at our program," said the 16-year-old.

For Meszaros, 18, the project made her "aware of the world around me," while it made Mitoraj "feel good."

"I'm glad to do something for the community where the younger Girl Scouts enjoyed the fire safety day," the 19-year-old added.

A student at Albion College, Charest has been a Scout for 10 years. She is a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop 2553.

For her project, Charest, with the help of local Scout troops, made small crafts and, with the help of high school volunteers, visited and distributed the crafts to the residents of a nursing home.

"I learned that I can become an effective leader and can offer a good example to younger Girl Scouts," said the 18-year-old. "I also learned that a little kindness goes a long way, especially to those who are in long-

term care facilities."

A student at Schoolcraft College, Tell has been a Girl Scout for 12 years. She is a member of Senior Scout Troop 761.

For her project, she designed a pioneer garden at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

"My project made me feel better as a person and helped educate people in the community," the 19-year-old said.

Swan, who plans to major in special education at Eastern Michigan University, has been a Scout for 14 years. She is a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop 640.

For her project, she organized a bike and safety rally where she taught younger girls safety and crafts.

"This project showed me that I can be organized and finish whatever I start," said the 19-year-old.

The Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council is the fourth largest council in the United States, providing leadership and cultural development opportunities for more than 41,000 girls in Wayne and Oakland counties.

## Maid of Erin pageant looking for local contestants

A call has been issued to young women ages 17-23 to compete in the annual Maid of Erin pageant that will be held Feb. 26 at the Gaelic League.

The pageant, sponsored by the United Irish Societies, serves as the kickoff to the annual St. Patrick's Day festivities.

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**SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES**

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. On Jan. 14, Pastor Paul Clough will be the speaker. Coffee and cookies will be served. Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4. Sanctuary at church. Hear Phillips, Craig and Dean, a free concert. Offerings accepted. Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317/C319, at the church. A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Speakers or open discussion in a friendly, supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Free child care provided. Light-house Cafe, a coffeehouse setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

**THE GATHERING OF THE EAGLES CONFERENCE**

The Detroit Chapter of the Ministry of the Watchman International hosts this fourth annual event dedicated to renewing the strength of the people of God, 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Jan. 28-30 at VanDyke Park Hotel and Conference Center in Warren. Speakers include Barbara Williams, president of the Ministry, and Allen Wilson of Eagles Nest Church in Calif. Reservations are \$100 per person, \$15 for lunch. Call (800) 560-9240 to make reservations or obtain a

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**LET'S TALK**

Interfaith Connection is sponsoring this three-part series for interfaith couples where one partner is Jewish. Sessions are held 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday Jan. 13, 27, and Feb. 3 at the Agency for Jewish Education, 21550 W. Twelve Mile Road in Southfield. The cost is \$5 per session and childcare is available. Call (248) 354-1050 for information or to register.

**TAI CHI CLASSES**

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit organization, is forming new, beginner Tai Chi classes, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield and Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

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**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Calvary Baptist Church will have a women's retreat, "Choosing to Be God's Woman," Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Sessions include "Choosing to Be God's Woman," "Choosing to Trust," "Choosing to Be What God Wants Me to Be" and "Sharing Christ in Familiar Places." The retreat will be held 7-9:15 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The \$20 ticket price includes all of the seminar sessions, snack, continental breakfast and a boxed lunch. To register, call (734) 455-0022.

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**HEALING SERVICE**

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The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville offers an informal, drop-in support group for those struggling with the issues of a blended family. The group is hosted by the Rev. Paul Clough and meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Room

C309 of the church, 40000 Six Mile Road at Haggerty Road. There is no cost and registration isn't necessary. For information, call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912.

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Coyotes capture tourney

The Westland Coyotes, a Mite BB hockey team, captured the second annual Garden City Christmas Tournament including a 3-2 win in the championship final over the GC Cobras (Dec. 19 at Garden City Ice Arena).

The Coyotes also defeated the GC Raptors twice (4-1 and 2-0), the RFB Knights (3-2) and tied the Dearborn Renegades (3-3).

The Coyotes' Alex Wypych was named tournament MVP.

Other team members include forwards Jim Dutchak, Cory Edwards, Eric Franz, Todd German, Garrett Quattlander, Thomas Quattlander, Anthony Rystak and John Zoller, along with defensemen Matt Benyo, Nick Brooks, David Loos, Johnathan Martin, Blair Veit, Cameron Wludyka and goaltender Brittany Zeches.

### Mite Vipers prevail

The Livonia Vipers captured the annual Mite Shootout hockey tournament with a 5-2 victory Dec. 29 over the Livonia Blues in the championship final at Edgar Arena.

The game featured Red Wing National Anthem singer Karen Newman, who made a special appearance on behalf of the American Kidney Foundation.

James Tyler, Drew Sieber, Kevin Robinson and Stephen Burk scored goals for the winners.

Vipers earning assists included John Vella (two), Ted Roberts, Adam Yarber, Sieber and Robinson.

Sean Root and Matt Lewis scored for the Blues, while Michael Green, Bint and Root added assists.

In one semifinal, the Vipers defeated the Devils in a shootout after the two teams battled to a 2-2 draw through regulation and the shootout.

Craig Kolin and Eric Bird scored for the Devils with Christopher Cassar and Garrett Pearson earning assists. Tyler and Sieber scored for the Vipers with Robinson, Vella and Roberts and Yarber drawing assists.

Garrett Pearson of the Devils and Michael Shonce for the Vipers each opened the scoring in the shootout, but netminder Jerry Kroph stopped three shots in the shootout to win it 5-3 for the the Vipers. Devils goalie Jerry Kroph made one save in the shootout.

The Blues defeated the Leafs in the other semifinal, 1-0, as Brian Bint scored the game-winner from Matthew Hope.

Vipers goaltender Ruel Galang posted the shutout in outdueling the Leafs' Joe Steckel.

Bill Tyler, Paul Grandahl, Terrence Miller and Tony Givas comprise the Vipers' coaching staff. Sponsors include Title One, Concord Dental Group and Alkoz Inc.

The Mite Blues are coached by Randy Hope, Phillip Bint, Matt Meyers and Brian Pankow. The sponsors include Westland Control Systems, Northwest Blueprint and Tri-Star Electric.

The Leafs are coached by Bob Bowers, Mark Tuttle, Robert Smyth, Jim Kubas and Scott Kerry. Sponsors include Bates Hamburgers, Mosse Expeditors & Freight and L.W. Kennedy Co.

The Mite Devils are coached by David Gasior, Charles Cassar, Vince Grainer and Doug Plienko. Team sponsors include Sunglo Restoration Services and McFarlane-King Agency Inc.

### Pitch-catch clinic

Westland John Glenn will host a mid-winter pitching and catching clinic Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 22-23 at the school's gym (located at 38105 Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads).

Ages 8-13 will meet from 1-3 p.m., while ages 14-18 will meet 3:30-5:30 p.m.

The cost is \$50 per player. Payment must be received no later than Wednesday, Jan. 19 to guarantee a spot. Walk-in registration the first day of the clinic is \$80.

Pitchers will receive instruction on proper form, balance, release point and velocity. Catchers will receive instruction on stance, receiving, blocking and throwing mechanics.

For more information, call John Glenn varsity baseball coach Todd Duffield at (734) 721-5127.

### For the record

Greg Mellon should have been listed (Jan. 9 edition) as the Livonia St. Michael varsity girls basketball coach which captured the Mercy Hoops Christmas Classic.

# Blazers win, open title defense

## ■ GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

BY BRAD EMONS  
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The Catholic League volleyball championship trail apparently starts and still winds through Livonia Ladywood.

The Blazers, eight-time defending playoff champions, were not razor-sharp, but had enough to hold off flurried Birmingham Marian in the Central Division opener Tuesday for both teams, 15-12, 13-15, 15-13.

With the homecourt victory, Ladywood improved to 9-7-1 overall. Meanwhile, Marian falls to 9-4.

"We were very slow and didn't play well — I'm hoping it was because we had two weeks off, but we'll get it going," Ladywood coach Larry Wyatt said. "Tonight we protected our home court and you've got to go through us in the Catholic League — at least for now."

Patty Horal, a 5-foot-9 senior, was Ladywood's top attacker with 11 kills. She also had eight digs. Erin Barteel, a 5-10 junior, contributed seven kills and four ace serves. (Both players made the all-tournament team Dec. 28 at Temperance Bedford.)

Jessica Tilson, a 6-foot senior, gave Wyatt some inspiration off the bench with nine kills.

"Tilson played well tonight, she was our MVP," Wyatt said. "This year we have to be more balanced. We want to play good defense and make people put the ball down against us. Obviously we have to be more balanced because we don't have that dominant hitter like we had last year in Jenny Young (now at Central Michigan University)."

Other contributions came from setter Melissa Buckshaw (43 assists and five kills); Desiree Betts (team-high 10 digs); and Jenni Gregor (five kills and one block).

After Ladywood won the opening game, Marian jumped out to an 11-4 lead in the second game, but Ladywood tied it a 13-all.

Katie Henry's kill evened the match, forcing a third-and-deciding game.

Ladywood appeared to have the third



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**Bump, block:** Livonia Ladywood beat Birmingham Marian in three games Tuesday night behind the play of Patty Horal (left) and Erin Barteel (top).

game well in hand with leads of 11-4 and 13-8, but the Mustangs refused to quit, squaring it at 13-all with a five-point run.

But Ladywood served out the next two points, including an ace from Barteel, to win its Central Division opener.

Sarah Cashen, a 6-1 junior, was Marian's top offensive player with nine kills, three solo blocks and three aces. Henry added five kills, while Katie Woch and Lauren Lamb each had four.

The Mustangs also started a freshman setter, 5-10 Erin Poglits, a familiar name in Ladywood circles. Her two older sisters, Anne (who just finished her career at Michigan) and Sarah

(playing at Loyola of Chicago), are former Blazer standouts.

Marian second-year coach Stephanie Storen was forced to use a makeshift lineup.

Starting middle blocker Linda Andrews, a 6-footer, was out with the flu along with defensive specialist Leslie Schmidt.

"With the bunch we had we were struggling, but it was an excellent effort," Storen said. "We had to covert Henry from outside hitter to middle hitter and I can't say enough how many blocks she had for us. She shut down one part of the middle."

"And we brought up Melissa Dowling

from the JV and she did a good job being thrown into the fire."

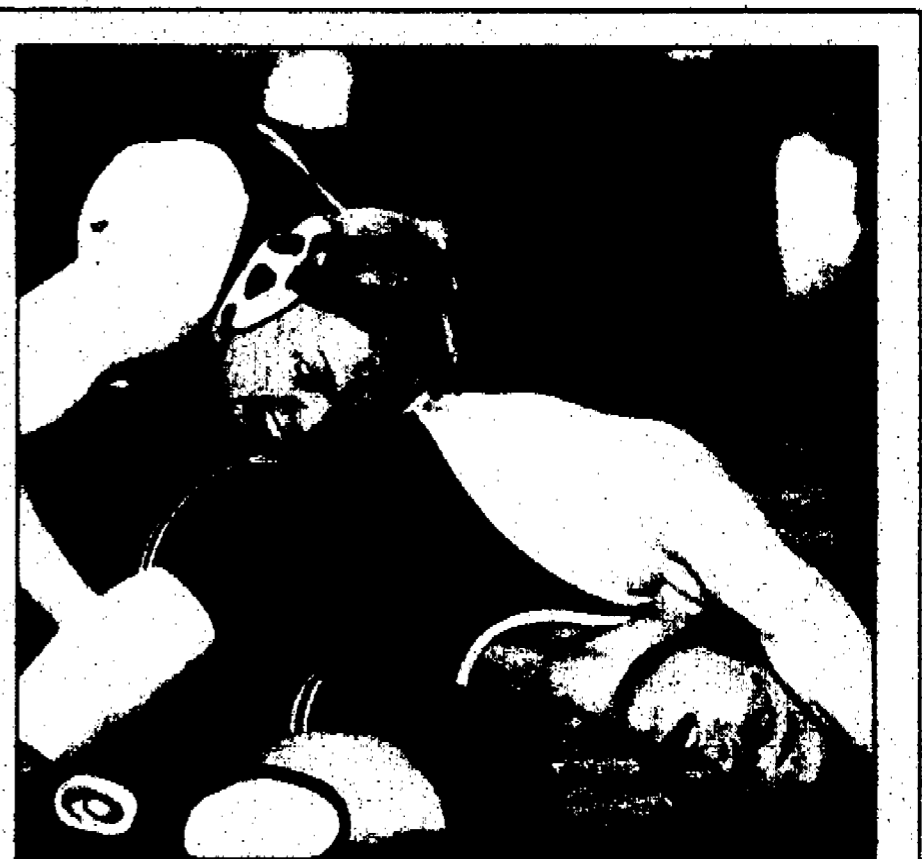
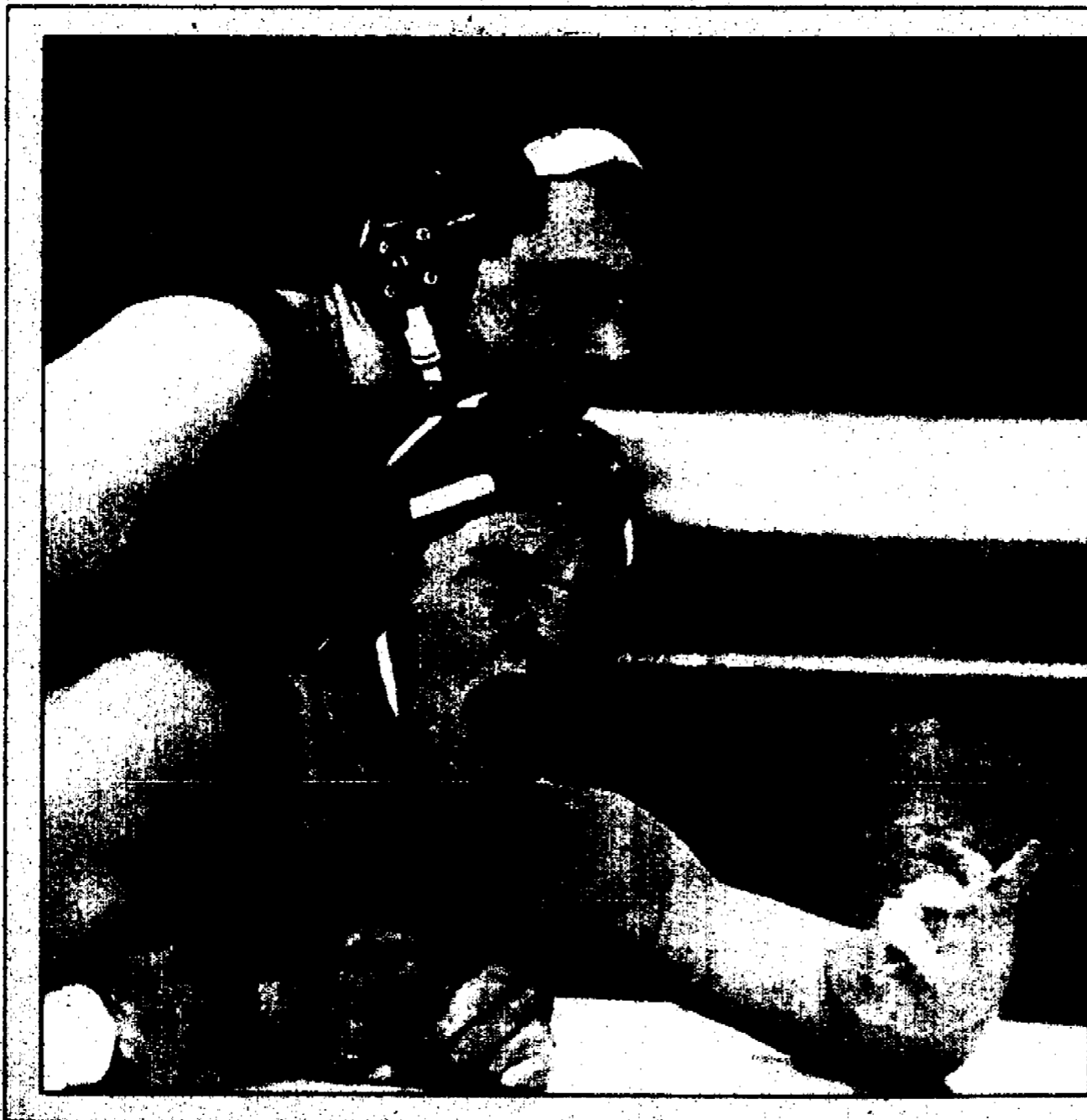
Ladywood's game plan was simple, according to Wyatt.

"For us, it's running our offense and we also wanted to slow Cashen down," he said. "Tonight we were slow, kind of listless. It was a boring match I feel."

Storen, meanwhile, notices a slightly different Ladywood squad in 2000.

"Usually they have one or two strong hitters they rely on," she said. "They're more diverse than they have been in the past. They're strong across the frontline."

And the Blazers remain the team to beat in the Catholic League.



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**Tough break:** Livonia Stevenson's Chris Coopridger (bottom, left photo) screams after breaking his finger in a match against Oxford Jason Eldridge at 145 pounds. Coopridger had to default the match Saturday at the Redford Catholic Central Tournament. In another match, Stevenson's John MacFarland beat Westland John Glenn's Nick Wroblewski in the first round at the CC Tournament in the 171-pound class. For a complete roundup of weekend mat action, see page C2.

# Rouge averts Wayne upset bid, 71-63

One of these nights maybe Wayne Memorial will get the bounce it needs.

Wayne, spurred on by the comfort of home surroundings, extended visiting River Rouge through two overtimes Tuesday night but fell, 71-63.

The Panthers outscored the Zebras, 13-5, jumping out to a quick lead in the second extra session and holding Wayne at bay to improve to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the Michigan Mega Conference's Red Division. Wayne is 2-5 overall and winless in three Mega Red games.

Wayne bolted to a 17-8 lead and held the lead of nine points through halftime before River Rouge clawed slowly back. The Panthers tied the score late in regulation and both teams had chances to avoid overtime.

River Rouge and Wayne each scored six points in the first overtime and at the end of the extra period

## ■ BOYS BASKETBALL

the Zebras saw a half-court shot rattle off the rim and go out.

Shane Nowak had a career game with 28 points for Wayne while Justin Goins scored 10 and Jermaine Garner eight.

Derrick Jackson led River Rouge with 19 points. Germant Collins added 15, Lionel Reeves 13 and Lewis Hamilton 10.

Both teams were mediocre at the foul line. River Rouge made just 9 of 22 free throws to Wayne's 7 of 15 shooting.

•BAPTIST PARK 68, HURON VALLEY 28: Jared Selsler scored 21 points Tuesday night to lead Taylor Baptist Park, which held a 38-19 halftime lead.

Alan Kleinke's nine points topped the Hawks, 15 to Baptist Park's 24 record.

•A.A. HURON 79, REDFORD CC 66: Ann Arbor Huron won a non-league game on Tuesday at Redford Catholic Central, outscoring the Shamrocks in the fourth quarter, 30-18.

Rodney Williams had a game-high 34 points to lead Huron. 5-2 overall. Inan Wilson added 25.

Senior guard Rob Sparks had 14 points to lead four Shamrocks in double figures. Senior forward Matt Longas added 12 and junior guards Mark Willoughby and Ryan Celestey had 11 apiece.

Huron led 20-15 after one quarter before the Shamrocks gained a 32-31 halftime lead, outscoring the River Rats 17-11 in the second quarter.

Huron had a 49-45 lead through three quarters before dominating the fourth.

Huron finished 14 for 24 at the free throw line while CC was 10-13. The Zebras dropped the Shamrocks to 2-5 overall.

# Davison rolls to team title in Catholic Central Invite

## MAT ROUNDUP

Sure as John Hancock put his signature on one of the most important documents in U.S. history, Redford Catholic Central wrestler Mitch Hancock is bound to win an individual state championship this year.

His coach, Mike Rodriguez, predicts it.

Hancock improved his record to 23-0 by winning the 160-pound weight class, highlighting the Shamrocks' efforts Saturday at their Wrestling Invitational.

Davison, a top contender for the Division I state title, won the team championship with 237 points and Holt was second with 131.

The Shamrocks had the best performance of three Observerland teams in the 14-team field, taking sixth place (92.5). Livonia Stevenson, led by 103-pound state champion Josh Gunterman, was ninth (84.5) and Westland John Glenn came in last place (25).

Hancock beat Fruitport's Kevin Lee, 7-3, in the championship round.

He reached the finals with a bye in the first round and an 18-3 win over Warren Lincoln's Jamie Palomo.

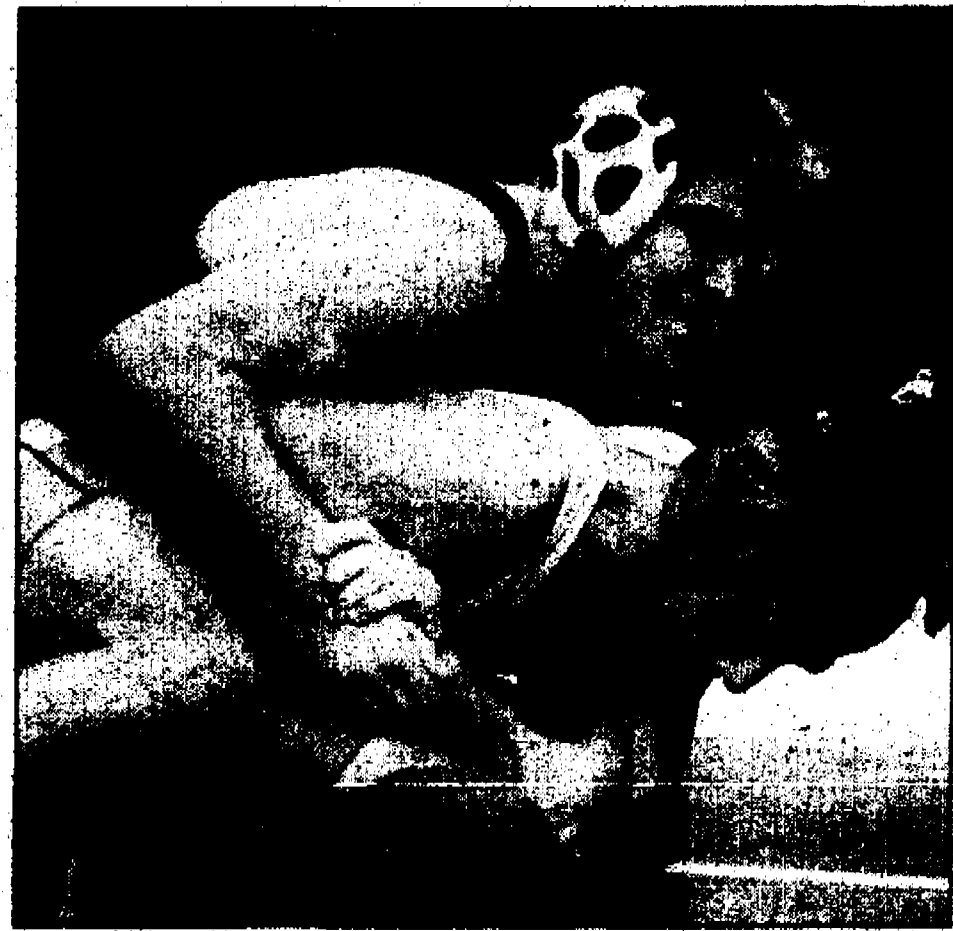
"I don't think he's going to lose," Rodriguez said of Hancock. "He's on target, focused this year."

The sixth place finish as a team was disappointing for Rodriguez, who thought a top three finish was possible.

"We're not ready yet," he said. "Some should have won that lost. Davison is going to walk away with the state title. Nobody out there can stop them."

"We have another month to go. By (the) Observerland (meet) we're going to start flying."

No other CC wrestler won a flight but Jeff Wheeler, Ryan



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

In control: Livonia Stevenson's Josh Gunterman dominated Romeo's Jay Nelson in a 103-pound match at Redford CC Tournament. Gunterman pinned Nelson in the second round en route to the title.

Rogowski and Chris O'Hara up to Mitch."

Not to be outdone was Gunterman, the Division I defending state champion at 103 pounds.

The Livonia Stevenson senior finished first and stayed unbeaten with a 9-2 victory over Davison's Keriston LaBelle.

Another strong showing was turned in by Spartan teammate Imad Kharbush, who was runner-up to Clarkston's Clint DeGain at 152.

Stevenson also got fifth-place finishes from Bill Bullock (119), John MacFarland (171), Eric Puninske (189) and Tim McCarthy (215). Mike Falzon added a sixth at 160.

David Teets (119) led Glenn with a third place. Teammate Jeff Albrecht (130) was fourth.

"He's going to be his own man," Rodriguez said. "Sometimes he goes at 160 and Mitch goes at 171. He's a terrific back-

up to Mitch."

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See statistical summary.

## AREA MAT RANKINGS

### OBSERVERLAND MAT RANKINGS

TEAM: 1. Redford Catholic Central; 2. Plymouth Canton; 3. Plymouth Salem; 4. Farmington; 5. Garden City.

### INDIVIDUAL WEIGHT CLASSES

103 pounds: 1. Josh Gunterman (Livonia Stevenson); 2. Kyle PRT (Canton); 3. Kyle Malo (Churchill); 4. Scott Massey (GC); 5. Harry Leipitz (North Farmington).

119: 1. Chris O'Hara (Redford CC); 2. Dan Tondreau (Livonia Clarenceville); 3. Chris Smith (Westland John Glenn); 4. Steve Lenhardt (Livonia Churchill); 5. Chris Usher (Redford Thurston).

130: 1. Ron Thompson (Plymouth Salem); 2. Jon Simmons (Farmington); 3. David Teets (John Glenn); 4. Pat Sayn (GC); 5. Bill Bullock (Stevenson).

145: 1. John Mervyn (Franklin); 2. Rob Ash (Plymouth Salem); 3. Jon Gregg (Wayne Memorial); 4. Vinnee Zoccolli (Garden City); 5. Chris Hoseny (Canton).

152: 1. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn); 2. Jesse Stevens (RU); 3. Brian Marsh (Wayne); 4. Brian Reed (GC); 5. Greg Musser (Canton).

160: 1. Jeff Wheeler (Redford CC); 2. Brandon Templeton (GC); 3. Steve Demaznos (Salem); 4. Jeff Murphy (Luth. Westland); 5. Allen Waddell (John Glenn).

171: 1. Josh Henderson (Salem); 2. Josh Fee (Garden City); 3. Jon Pocock (Canton); 4. Jay Abshire (Redford CC); 5. Trevor Clark (N. Farmington).

185: 1. Jeff Usher (Redford Thurston); 2. Steve Abar (Churchill); 3. Sean Bell (Redford CC); 4. Matt Barker (John Glenn); 5. Chris Coopridge (Stevenson).

190: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 3. Mark Ostach (Farmington); 4. Chris Wolf gang (John Glenn); 5. Scott McKee (Canton).

215: 1. Ryan Rogowski (Redford CC); 2. Eric Toska (Franklin); 3. Eric Kelley (RU); 4. Mark Murland (Farmington).

173: 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2. Craig Medos (GC); 3. James Molnar (Lutheran Westland); 4. Matt Vesanto (Wayne); 5. Dustin Cress (Farmington).

189: 1. Ben Lukas (Farmington); 2. Kalen McPherson (Clarenceville); 3. Eric Puninske (Stevenson); 4. Phil Rothwell (Canton); 5. Matt Conlan (Redford CC).

215: 1. Ollie Muscardina (RU); 2. Nick Smith (Wayne); 3. Steve Rotenheber (Clarenceville); 4. Kyle Domagalski (Farmington); 5. Ozz Wagner (Canton).

Heavyweight: 1. Brian Brinsden (Farmington); 2. Derek McWatt (Canton); 3. Josh Rose (Clarenceville); 4. Kevin Packard (Lutheran Westland);

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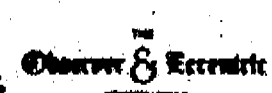
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COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Ocelots go to 3-0 in conference

How important is depth? Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team showed how significant a factor it could be on Saturday at St. Clair County CC, when the Ocelots lost one of their top players, Lamar Bigby, to foul trouble.

Going up against an opponent that was unbeaten in three previous games in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, and on their floor, it figures SC coach Carlos Briggs would need all of his weapons to be available.

SC's quality depth, however, proved to be the decisive factor. The Ocelots, who led 45-35 at the half, maintained that cushion and posted an 81-68 victory.

"That was a big win," said Briggs. "We beat a tough team on their floor, and they have some shooters.

"Defensively, we stepped up, and the guys stepped up when Lamar went out."

Keys to the victory were SC's superior rebounding (a 36-28 edge on the boards), turnovers (SC had 13, St. Clair 18) and free-throw shooting (SC: 27-of-36, 75 percent; St. Clair: 6-of-12, 50 percent).

Robert Brown paced the Ocelots with 23 points and 14 rebounds. Brian Williams

MEN'S WRAP

(Wayne Memorial), whose game has taken a turn for the better since the start of the conference season, added 14 points and seven assists; Nick Evola scored 13; and Quentin Mitchell netted 11.

Jim Campbell's 16 points was best for the Skippers.

SC is now 9-4 overall, 2-0 in the conference. St. Clair CCC fell to 9-6 overall, 3-1 in the conference.

Madonna rally falls short

Certainly, Madonna University didn't allow visiting Tri-State University to leave for home Saturday without knowing it had been in a game.

After falling behind by 10 at the halftime break, the Fighting Crusaders battled back against the bigger, more experienced Thunder, a team that came into the game boasting an 11-6 record (compared to Madonna's 2-15).

With 4:53 left in the game, a basket by Madonna's Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) knotted the score at 51-all. But Tri-State answered with a 10-2 run over the

next three minutes, and the Crusaders couldn't recover, eventually losing by a 66-58 margin.

The loss kept Madonna winless in two Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference games; the Crusaders are 2-16 overall. Tri-State is tied for first in the WHAC at 2-0; the Thunder are 12-6 overall.

Madonna trailed 34-24 at the half and 46-31 with 14:01 left in the game. But the Crusaders launched a comeback, outscoring the Thunder 16-1 over the next 6:24 to eventually tie it at 47-all on a Dan Kurtinaitis basket.

It was still tied (51-each) with 4:53 remaining when Tri-State, behind Jared Boll's and Joshua Treesh's four points apiece, took control for good with its 10-2 run.

Madonna was led by Putnam, who totaled 12 points, five rebounds and three steals. Mike Massey and Trevor Hinshaw contributed 11 points each; Hinshaw also had six assists and three steals. Jason Skoczylas added 10 points and seven rebounds.

Tri-State got 20 points from both Treesh and Boll; Treesh also had three assists and three steals, while Boll grabbed six rebounds. Chad LaCross added 11 points.

Turnovers cost Lady Crusaders in defeat

The effort was there. Unfortunately, so were the turnovers.

That, ultimately, was what cost Madonna University's women's basketball team Saturday in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game at Tri-State University.

The Lady Crusaders battled the Thunder evenly in almost every statistical category except turnovers.

They had 30 in Tri-State's 18, which resulted in 15 more shots for the Thunder, nine more baskets, a 24-9 edge in points scored off turnovers — and a 64-54 victory in Angola, Ind.

The loss dropped Madonna to 0-2 in the WHAC, 6-8 overall.

Tri-State improved to 1-1 in the conference, 11-5 overall.

The Crusaders had the advantage through the first half, building a 31-26 lead thanks in great

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part to solid free throw shooting: They were 10-of-13 from the line (76.9 percent) compared to Tri-State's 1-of-2.

That changed in the second half. The Thunder outscored Madonna 38-23, making all four of their three-pointers and 15 of their 25 floor shots (60 percent). Madonna was 8-of-22 in the second half (36.4 percent) and 17-of-43 for the game (39.5 percent).

Kristi Florenzi, a junior forward from Plymouth Canton HS, led Madonna with 18 points, 11 rebounds, three steals and two assists.

No other Crusader, however, reached double figures in anything.

Chris Dietrich was next-best scorer with nine points, she also

had five steals and four assists, and Carissa Gizicki had seven points, five assists and two steals.

Tri-State got 12 points from Sarah Zimmerman and 10 from Karen Reinhart.

There was some good news for Madonna: Lori Enfield, one of the trio of inside players who had been injured, returned to action.

Enfield, the Crusaders' starting center who suffered a severe finger injury against Wayne State Dec. 16, played 16 minutes and scored four points.

St. Clair tops Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft College couldn't overcome a bad first half, although the Lady Ocelots gave it a good effort in the last 20 minutes Saturday at St. Clair County CC.

Trailing 39-25 at the half, SC

trimmed the deficit to six with 3:05 left to play but could draw no closer in losing, 77-66.

The loss evened the Ocelots' record in Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference play at 1-1; they are 2-7 overall.

St. Clair improved to 3-1 in the conference, 7-8 overall.

"We were within six, but we couldn't quite get over the hump after making up the deficit," said SC coach Karen Lafata.

Four players reached double figures in scoring for the Ocelots, led by Angelica Blakely with 20 points; she also grabbed 10 rebounds.

Janelle Olson added 18 points, Antone Watson scored 14 and Carly Wright netted 12.

Kara Jackman's 20 points was best for the Skippers.

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# Ventimiglia hat trick spurs Spartans

Mike Ventimiglia scored a hat trick and contributed one assist Saturday to lead Livonia Stevenson to an 8-2 hockey victory over host Plymouth Salem at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Stevenson is 7-4 overall and 5-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Salem is 1-11 and 0-6.

The Spartans led 2-0 after one period and 3-1 after two periods before breaking it open in the final 15 minutes.

Mark Nebus contributed two goals and one assist, while Mike Perrino had one goal and two assists. Bryan Dery and Josh Latzman each collected a goal and assist.

Chris Wrigley and David Bonello each had

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two assists, while Sean Lewis, Matt Calus, Sai Perri and Mark Blazek added one apiece. James Pawlica scored for Salem in the second period from Steve Lyons.

Steve Nagel's goal at 13:29 of the third period from Lyons cut the deficit to 4-2, but Stevenson scored the game's final four goals.

Sophomore goaltender Rob Grisius, was victorious in his first varsity start for Stevenson, turning away 13 shots.

Stevenson unloaded a total of 64 shots on Salem goaltender Steve Steckel, including 28

in the final period.

**LADYWOOD 4, KINGSWOOD 0:** Machrina Fallon and Katie O'Dea each scored a pair of goals Tuesday as Livonia Ladywood improved to 10-1 overall and 9-1 in the Women's Michigan High School Hockey League by blanking Bloomfield Hills Kingswood at the Arctic Pond in Plymouth.

O'Dea also contributed two assists in the victory. Jana Beumel also assisted in Fallon's first goal, 47 seconds into the game.

Ladywood added two goals in the second period, both by O'Dea, and another in the third.

Goaltender Megan Shefferly posted the shutout.

The Blazers outshot Kingswood, 28-13.

# Shamrocks ready to play after inactivity

This is one of the marquee weeks on the Detroit Catholic Central hockey schedule.

The Shamrocks have two challenges against perennial state powers, including an 8 p.m. Saturday face-off against rival Trenton at Redford Arena.

A big crowd is expected for the game between the two state powerhouses.

"A lot will miss a good game if it's not (sold out)," CC coach Gordie St. John said.

CC also was scheduled to play at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, a traditionally strong team in Class B-C-D, on Wednesday, ending a two-week layoff.

The Shamrocks, 8-1 overall, had been idle since Dec. 29 when they won the championship game of a two-day tournament in Milwaukee, Wis.

What was supposed to be a 10-day layoff between games turned into 14 days when St. Thomas Aquinas in Ontario canceled out on a schedule visit last Saturday for a game at Redford Arena.

The Shamrocks have picked up a game in place of that cancellation, scheduling the Ice Dogs, a Triple A team, on Saturday, Jan.

22. Trenton was the only team to beat CC last year. The other meeting ended in a tie but it was remembered more for the fact that a Trenton player nearly lost his life after being slashed in the neck accidentally by a skate.

The game was called with the score tied and not resumed.

CC coach Gordie St. John, who missed several practices last week because of the flu, knows full well what these two games mean to the Shamrocks.

"It's going to be intense," St. John said. "We had a layoff and that always hurts you. I'm worried about Wednesday in particular because you don't want people looking ahead to Trenton."

"We've had a history of playing tremendously competitive games against Trenton. They've got to be good, ranked third or fourth in the state."

Trenton is led by defenseman Andy Greene, one of the best players in the state regardless of class or position.

"He's a real player," St. John said. "You've always got to know where he is. He's certainly one of the best."

After juggling his lines most of the season, St. John likes the combination he's found on his top two with Dave Moss, Brett John and Jim Spiewak occupying one and Brian Williams, Brandon Kaleniecki and Joe Moreau the other.

There are no assurances they'll remain the same, however, he said.

"We keep moving them around and it's good for the kids to learn to play with each other," he said. "We tweak it when kids get complacent and bring in someone else. It keeps them sharp."

Williams leads the Shamrocks with 18 points (eight goals and 10 assists) and Kaleniecki has 14 points (eight goals, six assists). Moreau (six goals, seven assists) and Moss (six goals, seven assists) are tied for third on the team with 13 points each.

Senior goaltender Ben Dunne has a goals against average of 0.903.

"I like our work ethic," St. John said. "I don't like the fact we've had as long a layoff as we've had. It wouldn't have been bad if we hadn't lost the one game to St. Thomas canceling on

us. I could have gotten along with that. Right now these boys are tearing each other apart in practice. They're frustrated not having played games, whacking each other. We want to make sure they don't get hurt."

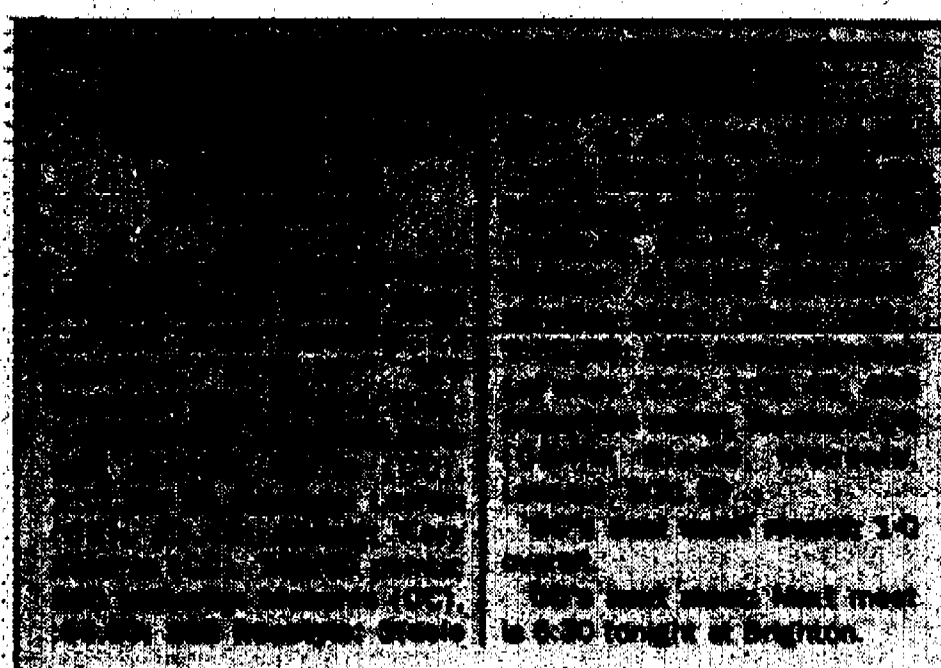
The Shamrocks still aren't at full strength. Junior defenseman Derek Genrich is out at least another month with an ankle injury, junior forward Ryan Lasecki is out for the season with a chest injury and freshman forward Eric Giosa remains out with a hand injury.

Junior defenseman Sean Genrich is playing despite a sore foot. The Shamrocks are hoping for the return this week of freshman Andrew Eggert, who missed the Milwaukee tournament with a groin injury.

"We've been hammered with injuries," St. John said.

Compuware Arena may be available with Birmingham Brother Rice no longer playing there but St. John said the Shamrocks are happy at Redford.

"We're pretty loyal to Redford and they've been loyal to us," St. John said.



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# Whalers stop Bulls

The Belleville Bulls got a goal with 19 seconds left in the second period and added a second just 6:20 into the third — but by then, it was already too little, too late.

The Plymouth Whalers roared to their seventh-straight win by scoring three first-period goals and adding another in the second en route to a 4-2 triumph over the Bulls Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Defenseman Shaun Fisher named the game's No. 1 star, and teammates Justin Williams and George Nistas each accounted for a goal and an assist, and goalie Rob Zepp turned away 26 of 28 shots for Plymouth.

The Whalers improved to 23-14-3 and moved into a tie for second place with the Windsor Spitfires in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division; both teams have 50 points (the Spitfires have played two fewer games, however). Belleville is 22-14-1.

Damian Surma got Plymouth going, scoring at the 6:29 mark of the first period, with assists from Williams and Fisher. Fisher made it 2-0 at 14:14 of the first period. Nistas and Eric Goody assisting.

Nistas' power play goal at the 18:07 juncture of the first increased the Whalers' lead to 3-0; Goody got his second assist of the game, with Tomas Kurka also assisting.

Williams unassisted short-handed goal at 3:15 of the second period made it 4-0 for Plymouth. The Bulls narrowed the margin with a goal from Randy Rowe late in the second and another by Kyle Wellwood early in the third, but they could get no closer.

Corey Batten made 30 saves in the game for Belleville.

Last Friday at London, defense ruled and Plymouth's defense proved more dominant

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as the Whalers blanked the London Knights, 2-0.

Top scorers from both teams were held pointless, but Plymouth had some others step up when needed. Rob McBride got his third goal of the season (and second in as many games), chipping down a puck sent into the corner in London's end of the ice by James Ramsay.

McBride then cut in front of the Knights' goal and lifted a backhander over the glove of goalie Gene Chiarello.

It would be the only goal Whalers' goalie Bill Ruggiero would need, as he recorded his first-ever OHL shutout against the team he once played for. Ruggiero had 21 saves in the game.

Jamie Lalonde added some insurance when he pounced on a Knights' turnover in front of their net and wristed a shot past Chiarello. Chiarello stopped 32 of 34 Whaler shots.

London was 10-21-5 through the weekend.

### Ambassadors get 5 stars

Five members of the Compuware Ambassadors — four of them starters — will be on the ice for the North American Hockey League's 2000 All-Star Game, which will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 22 in Geneva, Ill.

A sixth member of the Ambassadors, coach Mike Vellucci, will serve as an assistant to the East team's head coach, Joe Shawhan of the Soo Kowadin Casino Indians.

Forward Michael Smith, defenseman Andy Burnes and goalie Craig Kowalski will start for the East squad. Also on the East team are Compuware forwards Steve Swistak and Alex Sawruk.

# Churchill runner-up to Northville

Western Lakes Activities Association for Northville proved to be Livonia Churchill's namesake Saturday in the Sakine Invitational girls volleyball tournament.

Runner-up Churchill (9-2-1 overall) finished 3-1-1 on the day with its only blemish coming in the finals against the Mustangs, 7-15, 9-15.

"Northville is very solid," Churchill coach Mike Hughes said. "They pass, play defense and blocked well. They didn't roll over."

In pool play, Churchill defeated Ann Arbor Huron (15-8, 15-9) and Ypsilanti Lincoln (15-3, 15-4), while splitting with Northville (17-15, 3-15).

Top individual performers on the day for Churchill included Meagan Sheehan, 32 digs and 13 kills; Shannon Munn, 18 digs and 20 kills; Sheila Gillies, 13 solo blocks; and Kristin Leszczynski, five blocks and six kills.

Leszczynski and Colleen Guardiola also provided solid setting.

Beth Bushey contributed four kills against Ann Arbor Huron, while Katie Happ served seven points against Lincoln.

### John Glenn 2nd in tourney

Westland John Glenn defeated host Farmington Harrison, 15-5, 15-12, Monday in a WLAA match.

The Rockets also finished second Saturday in a tournament at Walled Lake Central.

Monday, Jamie McLeod converted all eight kill tries and served three aces to lead John Glenn to a victory in its WLAA opener. The Rockets are 3-2 overall.

Nicole Panyard had six kills and three solo blocks, Noelle Swartz posted six solo blocks and Jessica Sanchez had 21 assists plus five aces.

In the weekend tournament, John Glenn defeated Royal Oak Kimball, 15-1, 14-16,

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15-2, behind Swartz's eight service aces and six kills plus McLeod's seven kills and two aces.

The Rockets came back to knock off Rochester Adams, 12-15, 15-11, 15-6, with Swartz serving seven aces and Sanchez serving six.

"It was the best we've ever done in that tournament," coach Stacy Carey of John Glenn said. "We made the Gold Division out of pool play, which we've never done."

John Glenn ended up losing its last two matches.

Milford beat the Rockets, 15-2, 15-8, and host Walled Lake Central took their measure by 15-3 and 15-12 scores. Swartz had six kills against Central.

### Franklin breaks even

Good competition is usually a good thing. Even when it costs you a loss.

Livonia Franklin competed Saturday in the Grand Rapids Elite tournament and returned home with two wins and two losses.

The Patriots are now 7-4 and play at the Dow Midland Tournament on Saturday before beginning WLAA play Jan. 17 by hosting tough Northville.

"Some of the top teams in volleyball were there," Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel said. "The competition was phenomenal and it was an incredible exhibition of the sport."

East Kentwood, rated second in the state, toppled Franklin, 15-9, 15-11, "a great match" in pool play.

Fremont also decimated Franklin, 11-15, 17-15, 15-9, before the Patriots rebounded to defeat Grand Rapids Northview, 11-15, 15-10, 15-12, and Alma, 15-8, 15-10.

"As a team," Diegel said, "we pulled

together when we needed it most. We were able to come back and win the match. It was a great experience for our team. It was a good thing to have that kind of competition. It was a good thing to have that kind of competition. It was a good thing to have that kind of competition.

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# Wayne-Westland splits 1st 2 duals

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**PREVIEW**

Don't look now, but the girls gymnastics season is well under way for Wayne-Westland Unified squad, which opened its season last Wednesday with a 135.35-125.15 loss to Northville.

On Monday night, Wayne-Westland evened its record at 1-1 with a 125.5-108.1 victory at Dearborn Edsel Ford (see results below).

New coach Katie Boogren takes over for Debbie Hosein, who stepped down after seven seasons as head coach.

Ironically, Hosein will remain as Boogren's assistant through the season.

"With only one senior, we're a very young team," said Boogren, who graduated from Westland John Glenn in 1997 and competed under Hosein. "We have some experience, but for the rest we'll have to grow and learn something new this year."

"The key is how well we can work with each other," Boogren has a larger squad — 22 gymnasts to be exact — including four from Wayne Memorial High School.

The team trains out of Glenn and at the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics in Westland (where Boogren learned the sport under Doug Rowe).

Lost to graduation is Jessica Beach, who finished second in the all-around (36.1) at the Division II regional last March at Plymouth Canton.

She helped Wayne-Westland to a seventh-place regional team finish.

Beach was regional champion

in both the vault (9.1) and floor exercise (9.45). She also took a third in the balance beam (8.95) and tied for eighth in the uneven parallel bars (8.6).

The cupboard, however, is not bare as Division II state qualifiers Nicole Simonian and Kristen Costantino, a pair of juniors, return.

Simonian was sixth in the all-around at the regional with a score of 34.85, including a third in the vault (9.0), fifth in the uneven bars (8.85) and a tie for ninth in the floor exercise (8.85).

Costantino added a tie for sixth on floor (8.95).

They will be joined by senior Melissa Holcomb, who will also compete in the all-around.

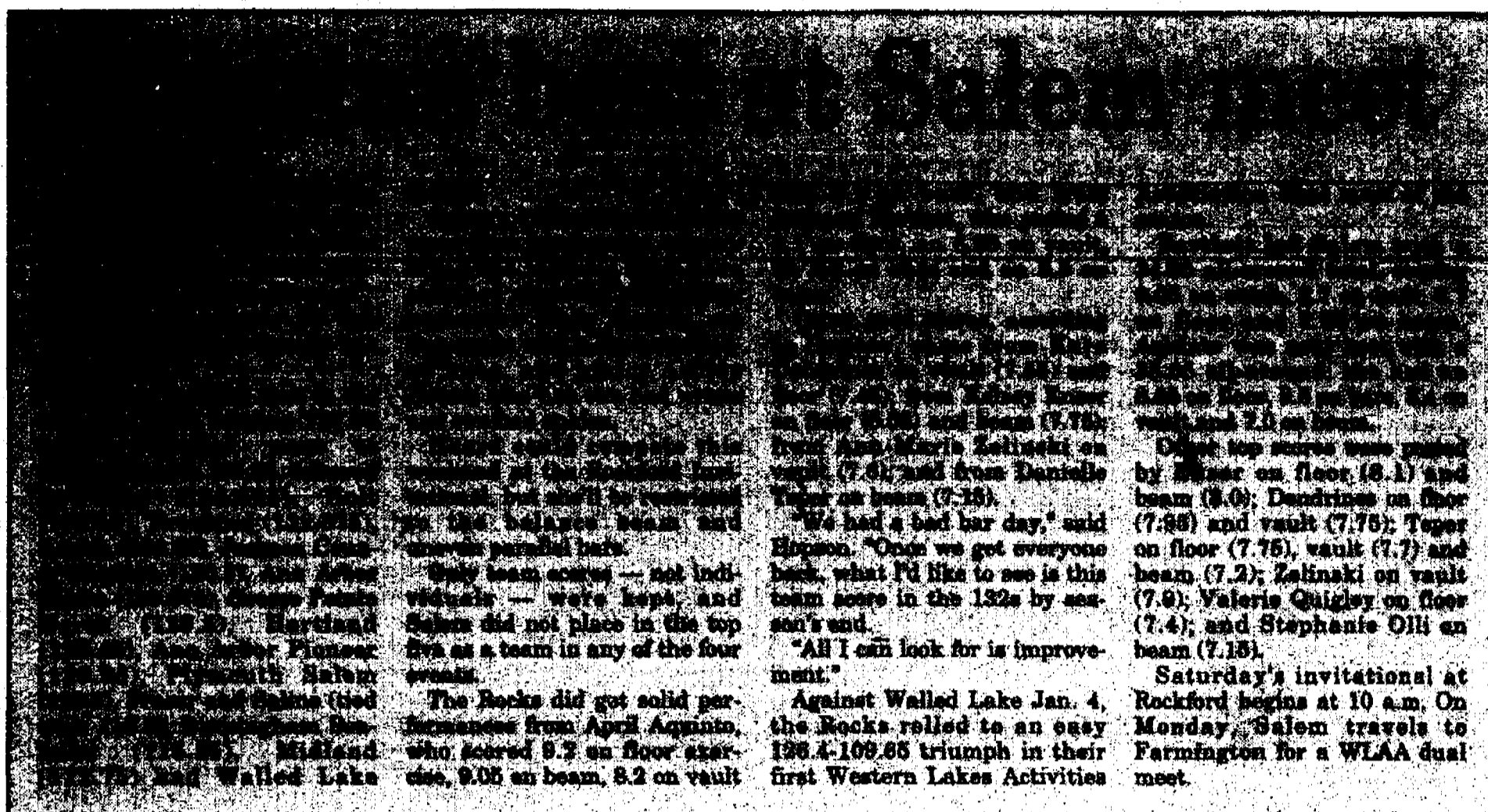
The trio will serve as tri-captains.

Two holdover sophomores, Pam Bean (from Wayne) and Hillary Van Dusen, also expect to make strong contributions along with sophomore Joya Marsh, and juniors Melissa Bell and Erin Shane.

Promising newcomers include freshman Sarah Verhines (Wayne) and junior Julie Costillo, both in the all-around.

Boogren is also banking on freshman Jessica Hislop and junior Mandy Bies to add depth.

Wayne-Westland has only two home meets left on the schedule — 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 against Walled Lake and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9 against Brighton.



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"We had a bad bar day," said Hosein. "Can we get everyone back, what I'd like to see is this team score in the 132s by season's end."

"All I can look for is improvement."

Against Walled Lake Jan. 4, the Rocks relied to an easy 126.4-109.65 triumph in their first Western Lakes Activities

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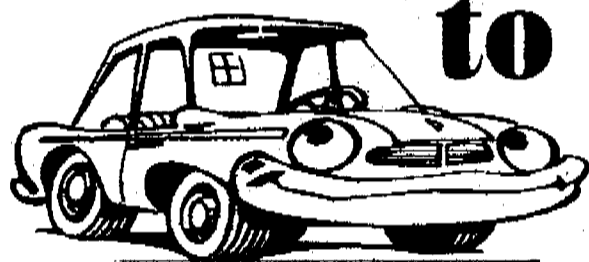
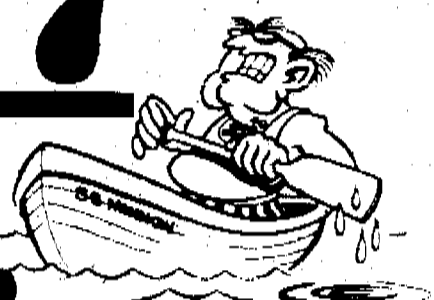
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**All-Around:** 1. Nicole Simonian (WW), 33.425; 2. Kristen Costantino (WW), 32.35; 3. Rebecca Hill (DEF), 31.35.

**Vault:** 1. Simonian (WW), 8.775; 2. Costantino (WW), 8.05; 3. Julie Costillo (WW), 7.925; 4. (tie) Hill (DEF) and Sarah Verhines (WW), 7.75.

**Uneven parallel bars:** 1. Costantino (WW), 7.75; 2. Simonian (WW), 7.7; 3. Hill (DEF), 7.65; 4. Costillo (WW), 7.45; 5. Verhines (WW), 7.0.

**Balance beam:** 1. Costantino (WW), 8.25; 2. Simonian (WW), 8.1; 3. (tie) Hill (DEF) and Jessica Hislop (WW), 7.85; 5. Andrea Chronewicz (DEF), 6.55.

**Floor exercise:** 1. Simonian (WW), 8.85; 2. Costantino (WW), 8.3; 3. Hill (DEF), 8.1; 4. Hislop (WW), 7.95; 5. Sarah Deros (DEF), 7.9.

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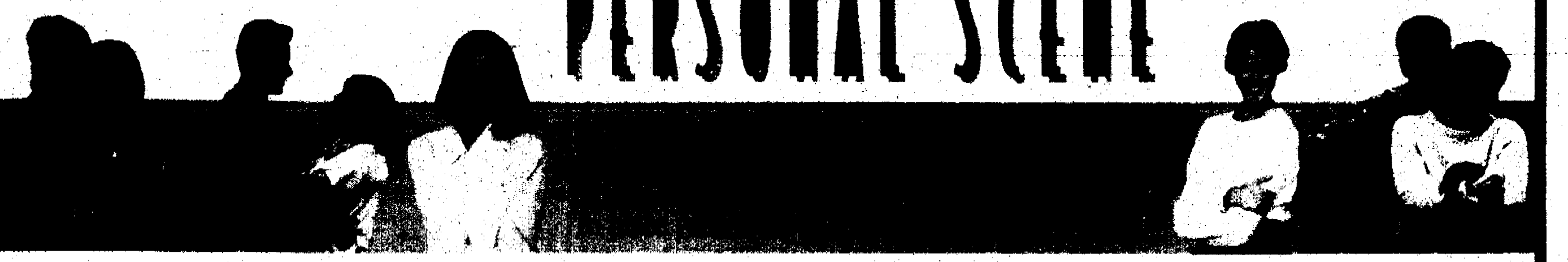
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The company is called the National Grants Conference (NGC) and they are on a mission to educate local business people, property owners and individuals who are sincerely interested in learning how to get free money from the government. The introductory conference attendees discover little known programs that offer free government money, low-interest loans, subsidies and great financial opportunities in their local community.

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Or maybe you simply don't have a sense of security working for somebody else. Take the time and effort and come to this local conference. Learn about these programs. If you have a great idea, you may be able to get the money for a new business or real estate investment and start to depend on yourself.

Look at all the examples on this page. People who've changed their lives and now have successful businesses and own their own homes and investment properties. These are examples of their own personal experience. Your experience may be different. It may be worse or it may be even better. The only way you'll ever know is if you try. Call and make your reservation today to attend the conference in your local area.

### Bad Credit Is Not A Block

Bad credit is not necessarily an obstacle any more because many lending institutions have made it easier to qualify for a loan and there are various programs for people in this situation.

### Bankruptcy Not What It Used To Be

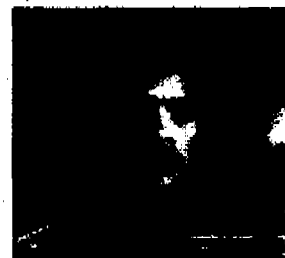


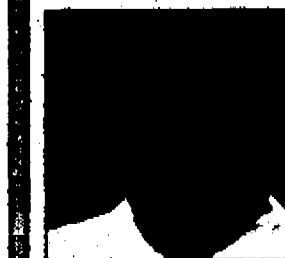

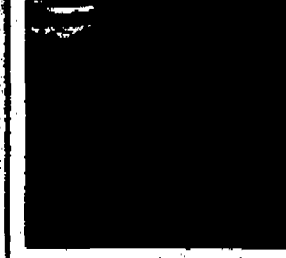
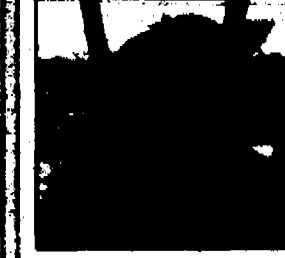

Also, bankruptcy is no longer the kind of problem it used to be. That's because 1.3 million Americans filed for Chapter Seven protection last year. Banks understand that you can only go bankrupt once every seven years.

If you don't have a job, a business or a regular source of income or are in the process of declaring bankruptcy, it is doubtful that this program will be able to help your situation.

### Participate On Any Level

The beauty in these programs is that you can participate on any level you want. If you just want to be a home-owner, there are programs available that may be able

## Local Conference: FREE Government Money Is Available To You!

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 <p><b>Like I Just Won The Lottery!</b></p> <p>"When I received that grant, I felt like I just won the lottery. I used the money to fix up the house. I later sold it for \$58,000. I made a \$36,000 profit and I never had to pay back the grant money. It was just great!"</p> <p><i>- Matt Orlando, National Grant Conferences</i></p> <p><small>Availability, terms and amounts of grants and loans vary. You must meet eligibility requirements to qualify.</small></p>	 <p><b>\$7,200 Grant &amp; \$7,500 1% Loan!</b></p> <p>"My mother-in-law is elderly, on social security and needed repairs to her home. We attended the Conference so I knew how to apply for the grant. She got \$7,200, which she doesn't have to pay back, and a loan for \$7,500 for only 1% interest!"</p> <p><i>- Nancy Dean, National Grants Conference Student</i></p> <p><small>Grants are subject to conditions that vary. Re-payment may be required if program conditions are not met.</small></p>	 <p><b>Received Grant For New House Down Payment</b></p> <p>"I'm 21 and I have two kids and I just bought my first new home. I got approved for the down payment assistance grant. It pays for my down payment and my closing costs. It's a miracle! Thank you!"</p> <p><i>- Chirlane Murray, National Grants Conference Student</i></p> <p><small>Availability, terms and amounts of grants and loans vary. You must meet eligibility requirements to qualify.</small></p>	 <p><b>Government Grant &amp; Low-Interest Loan Yields \$1.6 Million!</b></p> <p>"I got \$75,000 from the government: \$25,000 of it was a grant I didn't have to pay back. The other was a low-interest loan that was enough to get me going and build a business, which I later sold for \$1,600,000."</p> <p><i>- WALT Vanderweel, Retired Relative of National Grants Conference Exec.</i></p> <p><small>Availability, terms and amounts of grants and loans vary. You must meet eligibility requirements to qualify.</small></p>

\*Individuals shown are recipients of Government Grants under loans and are not national Grant Conference Students. Personal Experiences. Funds may vary.

to help you get the down payment grants and loans to provide the down payment, to buy your home.

If you want to be an investor, there are programs available to rehabilitate properties.

If you'd like to go into business for yourself, so you don't have to work nine to five, work for somebody else, depend on anybody else for an income, there are programs for small businesses. You can choose or combine many of the programs together.

### Husband & Wife Team

This is especially true if you are a husband and wife team, and you've been sitting down talking about your financial future. Come to this conference because NGC is going to share with you a great opportunity that most people are completely unaware exists.

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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



James Spader stars as Nick Vanzant, the pilot of a deep space medical vessel who must uncover a destructive force that threatens the ship, in "Supernova," a science fiction thriller opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

### SATURDAY



The Stuttgart Ballet makes its Detroit debut 8 p.m. at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets are \$17-\$62. Call the box office (313) 237-SING or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

### SUNDAY



B.B. King performs classic blues with special guest the Bobby "Blue" Bland 8 p.m. at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Avenue in Detroit. Tickets \$27.50-\$50. Charge by phone at (248) 433-1515 or (248) 645-6666.



On stage: Jack Willis (left to right), Judd Hirsch and Cotter Smith star in the Tony Award winning play, "Art."

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

"Art" is about an artist the way "Fiddler on the Roof" is about a musician.

That is to say, it isn't. The Tony Award-winning Best Play of 1998, which runs through Jan. 30 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit, deals with friendship, power and values.

Specifically, the aesthetic and monetary worth of an abstract painting, a large white canvas with some white stripes and nothing else. Starring Judd Hirsch, Cotter Smith and Jack Willis, "Art" is billed as a comedy.

Speaking by phone from Charlotte, N.C., the tour's stop before opening on Tuesday in Detroit, Smith took issue with that label.

#### Enjoyable

"The wonderful thing about this play is that it's so enormously enjoyable," he said. "And yet, it's also very serious and deeply moving. It's quite extraordinary."

Smith appeared on the ABC TV series "Equal Justice" and as Robert Kennedy in the mini-series "Blood Feud." In "Art," Smith plays Serge, one of three middle-aged, middle class Americans living in Paris. Recently divorced, Serge pays 200,000 francs (approximately \$40,000) for the abstract painting. His longtime friend Marc (Hirsch) takes one look and calls it something that won't get printed here but will get laughs at the Fisher.

A third friend, Yvan (Willis), is called in as mediator. In trying to appease the other two, he ignites

## WITTY, MODERN 'ART'

A PORTRAIT OF FRIENDSHIP

#### Art

**WHEN:** Through Sunday, Jan. 30 at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd. at Second, Detroit.

**CURTAIN:** 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7 p.m. Sunday. No performances on Mondays.

**TICKETS:** \$25-\$47.50, available at the box office, and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (313) 872-1000 for information.

the quarrel that forces all three to re-examine their friendship.

"Art" was written by French author/actress Yasmina Reza and is directed by Matthew Warchus.

"To me the play is about the art of friendship," said Smith. "These friends, ostensibly over a piece of art, all of a sudden begin to uncover trouble in their relationship and how fearful they are of losing each other."

how powerful the play really is, that she actually got that at the age of nine."

Smith cautions against bringing children to "Art" because of adult language, but says "it's a great play to take teenagers to because I think it will excite them about the theater." The play runs 90 minutes, with no intermission.

The three stars had not worked together before "Art." Hirsch is best known for his starring roles on "Taxi" and "Dear John," but has twice won Tony Awards ("I'm Not Rappaport" and "Conversations With My Father," both by Herb Gardner). Hirsch starred in "Art" in London and then on Broadway, where Jack Willis (currently appearing on screen in "The Talented Mr. Ripley") joined the cast.

To prepare for the national tour, Hirsch invited his co-stars to his home in upstate New York. As Smith tells it, "he hired a cook and we hung out together; it was really wonderful. We all get along so well; it would be a mess on a nine-month tour if we didn't."

A founding member of the Matrix Theatre Company in Los Angeles, Smith derives more satisfaction from his stage work than from lucrative film and television offers.

"We don't have to wait 10 hours until they get the lights right and do every line 50 times," he said. "To me, theater is very primitive as it goes all the way back to sitting around a campfire. You really do sit in a dark room and tell a story to a breathing audience. There's nothing quite like that."

Author Reza drew on men she knew to craft the play, which enjoyed success in 25 countries before opening on Broadway two years ago. She has insisted that it remain set in Paris no matter where it runs, with some minor Americanisms substituted in the English translation for clarity.

#### Story meaning

One member of the audience who found the story very clear was nine-year-old Madeline Smith, Cotter's daughter.

"I was curious what it would mean to her," said Cotter Smith. "She said, 'At first I thought you guys were ridiculous. I couldn't figure out what you were so upset about, why you were fighting over this painting.' And then she took a pause and said, 'But then I realized that you weren't fighting about the painting, that you were really very upset with each other about something else.' And I thought, that's

## FAMILY FUN

Get in on the act, spend an evening enjoying theater

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
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This is a good weekend to introduce your children to the magic of theater.

The Rising Stars, a repertory theater for young people in grades six through nine, ages 10-14, is presenting "Pride and Prejudice," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 13-14, at Andover High School on Andover Road in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$3 per person. Call (248) 433-0885.

Several local performers, including Lisa Andres of Livonia, are featured in Dearborn Family Theatre's production of "Bye, Bye Birdie," Friday-Sunday, Jan. 14-16, in the Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on the main campus of Henry Ford Community College, Evergreen south of Ford Road in Dearborn. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, with an additional show at 2 p.m. on Jan. 16. Tickets are \$10, senior citizens \$9. Call (313) 943-3095.

"Cinderella" opens Friday, Jan. 14, and continues through Sunday, Feb. 6,

at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. Tickets are \$14-\$16, all seats reserved. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 541-6430.

Presented by Stagecrafters, "Cinderella," with music by Richard Rodgers/book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, features a cast of 27 people from all over metro Detroit. Karl Miller of Troy stars as the prince who sweeps Cinderella off her feet.

#### The Rising Stars

"Pride and Prejudice" is based on Jane Austen's classic novel. The play centers on Mrs. Bennet's determination to see her daughters married well. It is an age when a woman's future depended on who she married. Headstrong Elizabeth, the second eldest of the Bennet clan, resolves to marry for love, or not at all. Her refusal to do what is expected of her brings Mrs. Bennet to the "end of her nerves" in this romantic comedy set in the early 1800s.

The play features 22 actors from Bloomfield Hills, Pontiac, Sylvan Lake, Waterford, Clarkston and other cities in Oakland County. Rising Stars is sponsored by the Bloomfield Hills Parks and Recreation Department. In addition to putting on five shows per season, the group studies improvisation, monologue delivery and other aspects of theater.

"Pride and Prejudice" is directed by Thomas Logan of Pontiac and Danielle Puccione of Rochester Hills.

In March the group will present "The Little Luchonette of Terror," May brings "The Hobbit" and "The Skin of Our Teeth" is the scheduled summer production. For more information about The Rising Stars, call (248) 335-1788.

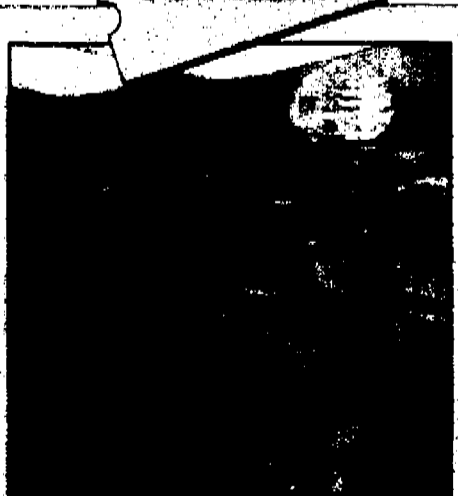
#### Dearborn Family Theatre

Celebrating its third year, under the direction of founder and artistic director Mary Bremer, Dearborn Family Theatre is presenting "Bye, Bye Birdie," Jan. 14-16.



Acting: Shaina Yorke (left to right), Erin Biebusch, Kaitlin Hoke, and Erica Lardo in a scene from the Rising Stars presentation of "Pride and Prejudice."

## HOT



Hot Ticket Item: "The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, through Monday, Jan. 17, in downtown Plymouth, features ice carving competitions, an "Icy Toyland," and other surprises. Open 24 hours a day, for more information or directions, call (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at [www.oeonline.com/plymouthice](http://www.oeonline.com/plymouthice).



# JET captures the 'Prisoner of Second Avenue'

Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents the "Prisoner of Second Avenue" through Sunday, Jan. 23 in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday. Tickets \$15-\$25, call (248) 788-2900.

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

Melvin Edison is a 47-year-old throw rug ready to unravel. Burned out at work and bummed out at home, he comes apart at the seams the way only a Neil Simon can orchestrate it. As a local production, "Prisoner of Second Avenue" is played out as only the Jewish Ensemble Theatre can play it.

There is a dearth of area actors who are the right age for "Prisoner" and who can speak Simon lines, pause Simon pauses and look Simon looks. JET doesn't have this problem. It brings out the best local talent or it brings them in. With "Prisoner" they did both.

On a sweltering summer night in Manhattan, the heat rises from the street fourteen floors below. So does the stench of garbage. Dogs are barking, neighbors are partying, the air conditioner keeps blasting and the toilet keeps running. Such is the stuff of which New York nervous breakdowns are made. For Mel (John Siebert), the clock is most definitely ticking.

"(We) live like some kind of a caged animal in a Second Avenue zoo," he moans to his patient wife. When she suggests an analyst, he answers, "I'm disappearing, Edna. I don't need analysts; I need Lost and Found." After being fired he concludes, "miracles don't happen when you're 47. When Moses saw the burning bush, he must've been 23, 24 the most."

Siebert captures that East Coast kvetching rhythm wonderfully, although a bit too fast at times. Michigan native Roxanne Wellington was brought in from New York to play Edna, and brings off the role-reversal very nicely. Forced to go back to work, Edna dutifully hurries home to make Mel lunch while he grows

more paranoid about "The Plot" that only people stuck home listening to radio call-in shows know about. Watch as he cautiously unscrews the phone to check for bugs.

After the breakdown, Mel's successful older brother and three daffy sisters arrive to help out. Brother Harry suggests they each chip in X dollars for doctor bills. "Is it a big X or a little x," they first need to know.

There aren't three more perfect actresses in town for these roles than JET's Artistic Director Evelyn Orbach, Henrietta Hermelin Weinberg and Rochelle Rosenthal. They look like they've already lived through every word. However, they also give us unscripted business (cutting an apple, fussing with sofa pillows) that comes across more like on-upmanship than something to do. As Harry, Fred Buchalter competently deals with the crisis of Mel's illness and the burden of having those three as sisters.

Director Mary Bremer misses the mark only twice. When the siblings come to call, Mel shows too little of the effects of the sedatives he's on (note to Edna:



On stage: John Siebert (left to right) as Mel, Rochelle Rosenthal as Pauline, Evelyn Orbach as Jessie, and Fred Buchalter as Harry in "The Prisoner of Second Avenue."

it's pronounced "VAL-ee-um," not "VAL-yoom"). In the final scene, with the breakdown behind him,

he should be a somewhat kinder and gentler Mel as a contrast to Edna's now being the breadwin-

ner. By returning him totally to his old self, the last gag loses its impact.

## Learn about 'The making of a Steinway'

PRNewswire - Miles Chapin, a fifth generation descendant of Henry Englehart Steinway, founder of Steinway & Sons, will appear at local Hammell Music locations on Saturday, Jan. 15 to present "88-Keys: The Making of a Steinway."

Chapin's presentation will combine aspects of the family's history with facts about the design and manufacturing of Steinway pianos.

Two lectures have been scheduled. Chapin will speak at Hammell Music's Livonia location at 15630 Middlebelt, North of 5 Mile road at 11 a.m. The program will be repeated at Ham-

mell Music in Bloomfield Hills, 4110 Telegraph, South of Long Lake Road, at 2 p.m.

There is no admission charge, however seating for both lectures is limited. Phone reservations are being accepted by Hammell Music at (800) 742-4544.

Chapin, who resides in New York City, is an accomplished actor with many television appearances and more than eighteen motion pictures to his credit. His hardcover book, from which the lecture is drawn, was released in late 1997 and is currently in its fifth printing.

Fans of the Martha Stewart

television series may recall an episode in which Chapin appeared to discuss the process of rebuilding Stewart's 1920s Steinway player grand.

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Selected photos and descriptions will become part of the Snapshot Gallery in *Take My Picture, Please* and when you visit the exhibit you can look in on the lives of your fellow contributors, as well.

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# 'The Hurricane' will win over audiences

BY BOB THOMAS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES - The fictional Rocky Balboa found his vindication in the ring. The real-life boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter achieved his in the courts after 20 agonizing years, and he had to do it from prison.

Norman Jewison's "The Hurricane" bears little resemblance to "Rocky" except that the protagonists of both are prizefighters facing long odds. "Rocky" was a heartwarming tale of an unknown who makes an unlikely climb to become champion. "The Hurricane" tells of a contender whose career is ended when he is snared in a legal trap of revenge

and bigotry.

Rubin Carter, whose slashing style earned him the name Hurricane, seemed destined for the middleweight title in the early 1960s. Then in 1966, he and a fan were arrested and charged with the shooting of three people in a New Jersey bar. The sole evidence was the testimony of an ex-con who claimed to have seen the pair fleeing from the bar with guns.

Even though they had been exonerated by the police and a grand jury, Carter and the fan were convicted and given three life sentences. After years of trying to prove his innocence, Carter was aided by an American youth and Canadian social

activists. They helped win his freedom.

Obviously this is first-class film material. The wonder is why it took so long to reach the screen.

"The Hurricane" traces Carter's life from his early days, when he fights a pedophile who preys on slum kids. A bigoted cop named Della Pesca (Dan Hedaya) accuses Rubin (Mitchell Taylor Jr.) of attacking a pillar of the community, and the boy is sentenced to a juvenile detention prison.

As an adult, Carter (Denzel Washington) transfers his anger into boxing, and his ferocity wins him victories and the adulation of the crowd. But at the peak of

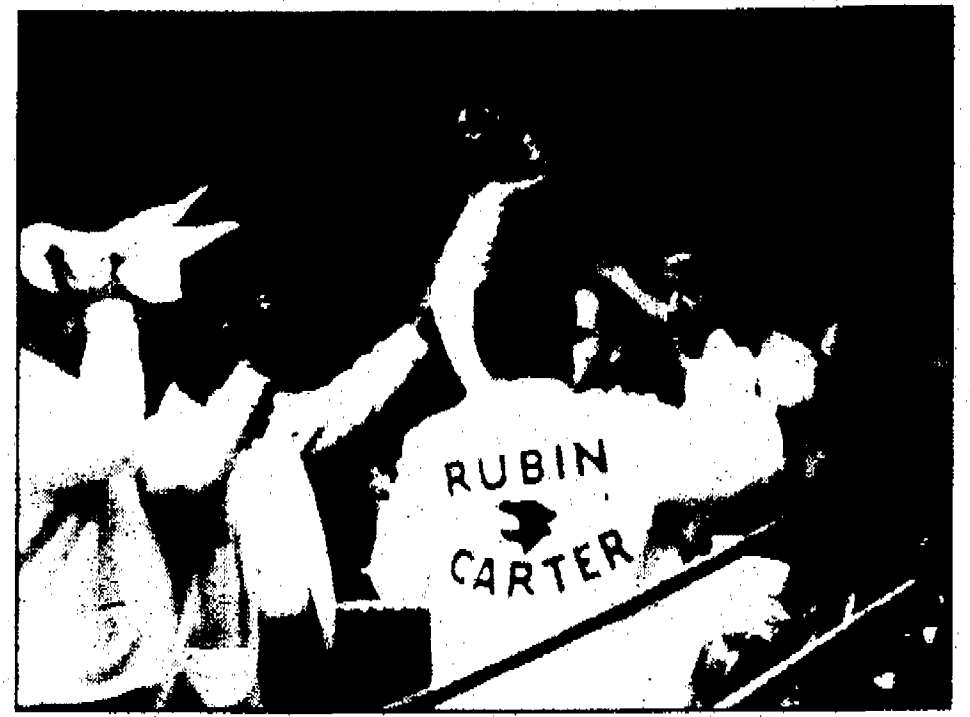
his career, he is again hounded by Pesca, the relentless Javert to Carter's Jean Valjean. The detective falsifies evidence and Carter is convicted.

Carter remains aloof from the other prisoners, sleeping by day and educating himself by night. His efforts for justice fail, even after his book, "The Sixteenth Round," is published. Pleas from Bob Dylan - who championed Carter in a song he wrote - and Muhammad Ali fail to sway the courts.

An underprivileged city boy (Vicellous Reon Shannon) living in Toronto is inspired by the book and he makes contact with the prisoner. He also induces his three Canadian mentors (John Hannah, Deborah Kara Unger and Liev Schreiber) to help uncover evidence that would free Carter.

Having trained for a year and shed 35 pounds, Washington looks every inch the professional boxer. He is convincing in the ring and brings forceful emotion to Carter's long struggle for freedom. Shannon as the idolizing youth plays a perfect counterpoint to the anguished fighter, saving him from despair at his lowest moments.

The rest of the cast, most of them unfamiliar faces, perform admirably. Rod Steiger, who won an Academy Award for Jewison's



Fight of his life: Rubin "Hurricane Carter" (Denzel Washington) is a boxer sentenced for a crime he didn't commit in "The Hurricane."

"In the Heat of the Night," makes a brief but stirring appearance as the federal judge who recognizes the long injustice to Carter.

Jewison is at his best in social dramas such as "In the Heat of the Night," "... And Justice for All" and "A Soldier's Story" (Washington's first starring role as an adult), and he proves his talent again with "The Hurri-

cane."

Armyan Bernstein and Dan Gordon wrote the script, which was based on Carter's book and "Lazarus and the Hurricane" by Sam Chaiton and Terry Swinton.

The Universal Pictures release was produced by Jewison, Armyan Bernstein and John Ketcham. Running time is 140 minutes.

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A romantic comedy set among college students in New York City. Directed by Kris Isaacson. Stars Freddie Prinze Jr., Seima Blair and Henry Winkler.

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This offbeat adventure centers on two friends who journey to Las Vegas in hopes of resurrecting their failing boxing careers, only to end up in a battle for the belt. Stars Woody Harrelson and Antonio Banderas.

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# 'Turnaround' and catch this local blues quartet

**STEPHANIE A. CASOLA**

My earliest memory of music in my life is a hard one to admit to. As a little girl, I grew up watching The Monkees on television. Davy, Mickey, Mike and Peter ran around singing songs and getting into mischief, and I didn't want to miss a minute of it — even if the show was already in re-runs.

When my family moved from our home in northern Indiana to Rochester, Mich., I couldn't have been older than 5. I vividly remember asking my mom if "The Monkees" would be on TV at our new house. That was the one thing I wanted to take with me.

It seems Jeff Franchi shared a similar experience. I didn't ask the guitarist whether his favorite Monkee was Davy Jones, but I did ask him for his earliest musical memory. And watching "The Monkees" was it.

Franchi, guitarist and vocalist for The Turnarounds — a Wayne County-based blues band — grew up surrounded by music. His father played the accordion, and his older brothers played in rock bands who often practiced

in the basement of the family's Farmington home. Franchi remembers setting up his toy drum set in the basement and playing along with the band when he was a little boy. It was a big deal when his brother let him sit behind The Real drum set. He played percussion for years, throughout his time at Farmington High School, but also took up the guitar, which he's now been playing for 20 years.

"There was always music around," he said. "It was almost like I didn't have a choice."

Almost three years ago, Franchi made a choice. He joined four other musicians who share his passion for blues and formed a band — The Turnarounds. After one year of recording on and off at Circle Sky in Farmington and The Loft in Saline, the band is ready to release its first CD, titled "Are You Ready." In 15 tracks, The Turnarounds combined catchy originals with covers like Stevie Wonder's "Superstitious."

Initially called The Blues Shakers, the band consists of Franchi, guitarist Todd Best, a former Westland resident who attended Livonia Franklin High School, bassist and lead vocalist David Gondoly, a former Canton resident, and drummer Bill Henrikson, a Redford resident and

Redford Union High School graduate. To avoid confusion with other bands in the area, they changed the name to The Turnarounds.

Franchi and Best are co-workers at Joe's Music in Livonia, where they both play guitar. Best, who grew up listening to his brother's ACDC records, also acquired an affinity for playing music at an early age. He remembered making a cut-out of a guitar in third grade. He and his friends used it at a lip-sync performance of Pink Floyd's "The Wall" at school. Since that early stage experience, Best has grown used to performing. He met Gondoly while studying music at Wayne State University. And Best knew Henrikson from working with him in other bands over the past decade. They all came together to form The Turnarounds.

"We're just a bunch of friends playing music together," said Best, who admits he's always been interested in blues music. "It's really expressive."

Franchi agreed. "One of the reasons (the blues) attracted me is the fact that you can improvise. I don't like playing Top 40, being a human jukebox." He gets bored playing songs the same way. With blues, the music is open to ever-changing interpretation.



**Bluesmen:** David Gondoly, Bill Henrikson, Todd Best and Jeff Franchi are The Turnarounds, a Wayne County-based blues quartet.

ARTISTIC IMPRESSIONS

Both Franchi and Best agreed the best music derived from life experiences and true emotions. While the band performs regularly, and can be seen at places like Lowertown Grill in Plymouth, Franchi said live music in the Metro area isn't as easy to find as it used to be. Best agreed that more bars and clubs rely on DJs for entertainment, which makes it hard to find places to perform.

"If you do Top 40, you get more work," Franchi added. "I'm personally willing to put up with

that limitation."

Best said blues music is something everyone can relate to. By adding elements of rock, jazz, pop, and even a little country, the music can draw in listeners who never thought they'd become blues fans. "We really mix it up."

Franchi has a saying for those who question The Turnarounds' style: "If you come in and see us and you don't like the song, stick around. It'll change."

Like the weather, The Turnarounds perform unpredictable blues Friday, Jan. 14, The Taproom,

Ypsilanti, Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22. The Alibi, Farmington, and will host a CD Release Party for "Are You Ready" 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. Lowertown Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Call (734) 451-1213. More information and CDs are available at <http://turnarounds.hypermart.net>.

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## STAY TUNED...

Look out Jenny Jones. The talk show maven has taken a liking to the musical stylings of Kalamazoo's Knee Deep Shag.

The band will return to the "Jenny Jones" show on Tuesday, Jan. 18. The topic is "prove your talent."

## CD REVIEW

**Methods of Mayhem**  
Methods of Mayhem  
MCA Records

No doubt shocking old fans, former Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee has assembled hip-hop heavyweights like Snoop Dogg and Lil Kim to help out on the self-titled debut record by his rap-metal band, Methods of Mayhem.

Snoop Dogg rescues "Who The Hell Cares," while Kid Rock boosts "New Skin." Surprisingly, Methods of Mayhem manage to capture Roni Size's drum 'n' bass — without his help — on the closing cut, "Spun."

The lesson here is that Methods of Mayhem have released an acceptable record because they brought in the right people and made their rip-off of others' music sound somehow fresh.

Give Lee credit for that, because the D-O double-G and the Queen Bee add spice and credibility to what could have amounted to a rip off of Limp Bizkit, Korn or any other rap-metal band of the moment.

Even so, the lyrics here are to be mostly avoided. Tommy Lee fires off like some angry juvenile at news reporters, police officers and others who have, it seems, conspired to make his life miserable.

Lil Kim heats up the track "Get Naked" with her typically trashy talk and, along with guests Fred Durst, George Clinton and Mix Master Mike, helped Lee find his way to alt-rock radio. The earnest delivery and bludgeoning beats make it easy to forgive the disposable lyrics.

On "Narcotic," the lyrics reach a new low with "Forget about rehab. Give me more." More what? Talent?

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# Hockeytown Cafe scores with Red Wings fans

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CABOLA  
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Ed Kroninger foresees a bright future for Detroit's Hockeytown Cafe.

The Farmington Hills resident attended the opening of the Red Wings-themed restaurant last fall.

"I think it's fantastic. What an unbelievable location. It's gonna be great all year long. It's a goldmine waiting to happen."

The restaurant on Woodward Avenue in the Second City building shows off Red Wings memorabilia from Hockey jerseys and photographs to an actual Zamboni parked in the entrance. Who needs a Hard Rock Cafe in Detroit? The restaurant just reassures fans and visitors alike that this is still "hockeytown."

Valarie Bollard said she was never a hockey fan until she joined the staff. "I love working here," she said. "Everyone's very friendly."

One trip to the bar will prove

**Hockeytown Cafe**  
**Where:** 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit — Inside the Second City Building, (313) 965-9500.  
**Open:** 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday.  
**Menu:** American favorites including ribs and burgers with an eclectic mix of entrees such as Spinach and Brioche Encrusted Whitefish.  
**Cost:** Appetizers, \$5.95-\$9.95, sandwiches \$5-7, pasta, \$11.95-\$15.95, entrees, \$13.95-\$21.95.  
**Reservations:** Recommended for dinner.  
**Credit cards:** All majors accepted.  
**Highlight:** For information about reserving the restaurant for groups, or dinner/show packages, call (313) 965-2222.

that. Hockeytown bartenders chat with those who stop in for a beverage or meal. They mix up cleverly-named beverages like the Most Valuable Margarita or creamy drinks like a Break Away, which is made with vanilla ice cream, Chambord, Creme De Cocoa and rum.

Non-alcoholic specialties include a Wild Berry Breeze, for a strawberry and raspberry frozen treat, or a Squeeze Play, a lemonade carrying a raspberry

kick. Drinks are placed on a strip of ice that stretches all the way around the bar, just another reminder of that special sport of choice. Hockeytown Cafe features eight domestic and imported bottled beers. The wine list shows nine varieties of white wine, 12 reds and four types of champagne or sparkling wine. Most are available by the glass or bottle.

### Three levels

Dress up or dress down. Bring the kids or a date; it's suitable for any occasion. The dimly-lit restaurant offers dining on three different levels, so even when the place is packed, it's possible to enjoy a meal with space and comfort.

But Hockeytown Cafe is more than atmosphere for sports fans. The menu offers a mix of traditional favorites and eclectic entrees fit to satisfy the hungriest food connoisseurs.

Leave the hockey sticks and pucks behind and start off with an unusual appetizer, like Hoisen-Sesame Chicken Skewers or Crab and Risotto Cakes. Those with light appetites might go for a Cobb or Classic Caesar Salad.

If the goal is a hearty sandwich, Hockeytown's got it covered. From a Chicken Focaccia



Lunch or dinner: Hockeytown Cafe is open seven days a week and offers burgers, salads, appetizers and entrees for hungry hockey fans.

sandwich with roasted peppers and provolone cheese, to a Grilled Portobello Mushroom Sandwich or Hockeytown's signature burger, choices are plenty. Sandwiches come with potato chips, but may be substituted for french fries and cole slaw for a nominal fee.

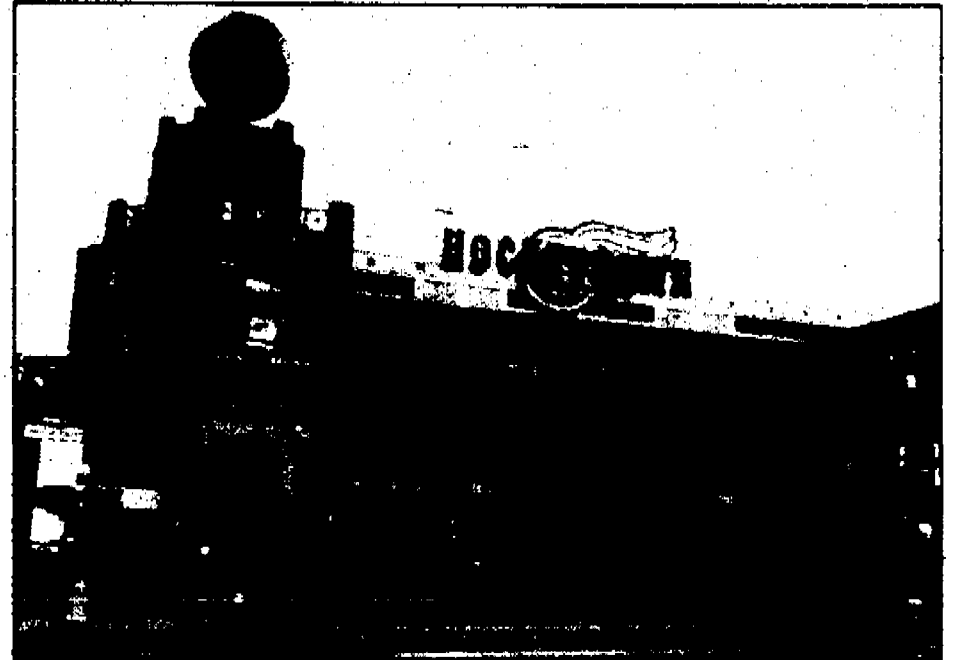
Entrees range from a slab of Baby Back Ribs to a Spinach and Brioche Encrusted Whitefish. Dinner entrees cost between \$13.95 and \$21.95 and include a starch and vegetable.

The Filet of Beef is prepared with a Traverse City Cherry and Walnut Crust and a Port Wine Sauce, giving a hearty Northern Michigan appeal. Pork Chops take the tastebuds south when served with a Caribbean Barbecue Glaze and Mango-Cilantro Salsa.

### Pasta

If pasta is your pick, try Cannelloni with Ricotta and Spinach or Blackened Cajun Beef Pasta, served with roasted peppers, tomatoes and a creole sauce.

To satisfy any sweet tooth, the



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In the city: Hockeytown Cafe is inside the Second City building on Woodward Avenue, close to the Fox and State theaters.

restaurant offers six desserts and seven varieties of sweet coffee drinks. Try an Apple Cobbler with a scoop of French Vanilla Ice Cream, or Rocky Road Cheesecake with an enticing chocolate glaze. Dip into a Raspberry and White Chocolate

Creme Brulee or taste the Almond Cherry Tart, which is baked in a sugar cookie crust.

Whether the goal is to stop in before a game at Joe Louis Arena or grab a bite after a show at Second City, patrons won't leave Hockeytown Cafe hungry.

Sports fans: Hockeytown Cafe is decorated with a lot of Red Wings memorabilia.



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