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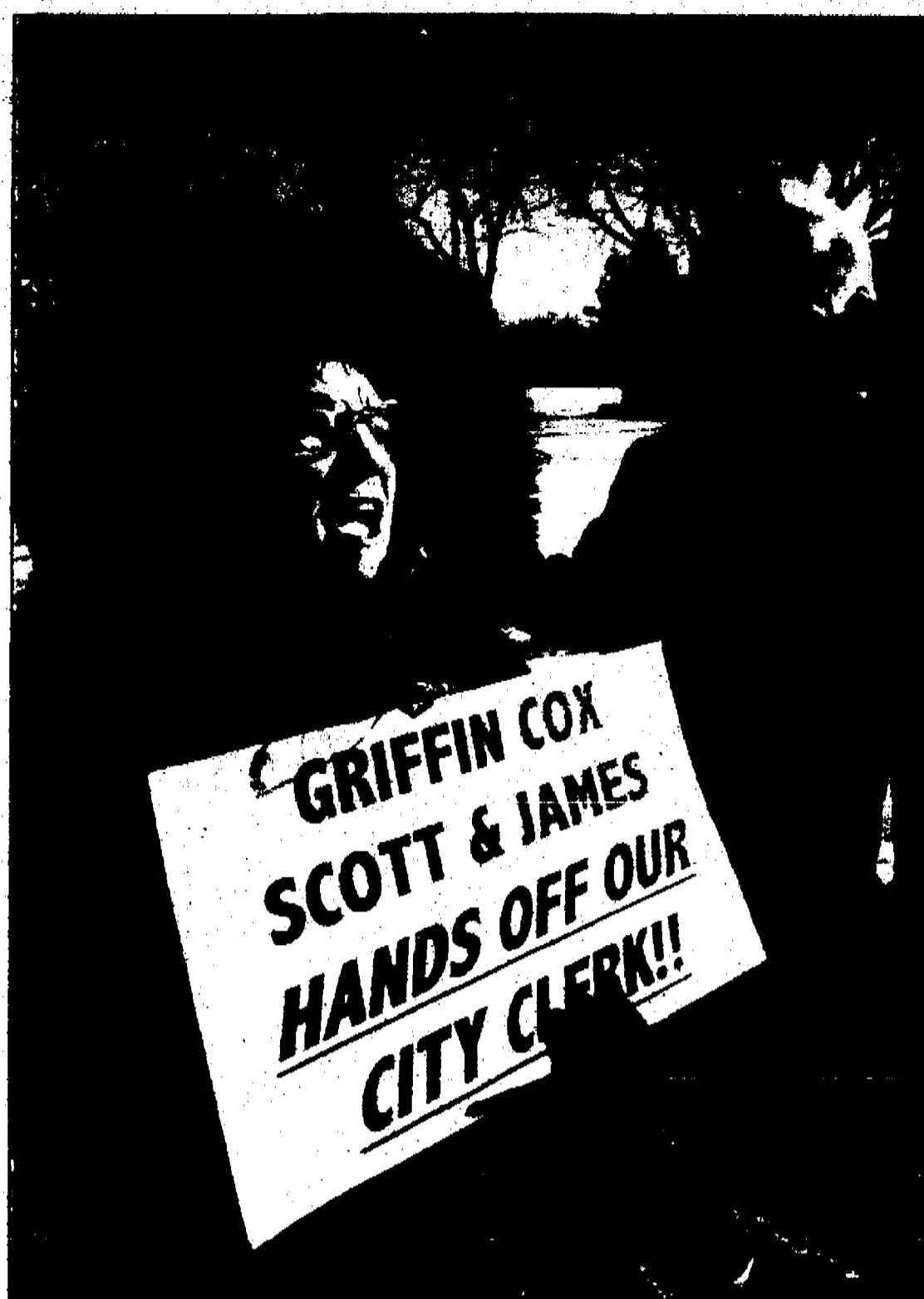
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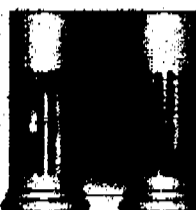


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**Protest:** Helen Dutchak protests the action taken against Patricia Gibbons Monday at City Hall. She is joined by husband John.

## Clerk gets the council boot



Westland City Clerk Patricia Gibbons was shown the door Tuesday night by a Westland City Council majority. Vocal supporters of Gibbons packed the meeting, along with an earlier protest rally.

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Shrugging off accusations of political cronyism, Open Meetings Act violations and power abuses, a Westland City Council majority Tuesday fired City Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

Gibbons, who has talked with an attorney, said Tuesday night in a statement read by her son-in-law Tad Smith that she was never given a legitimate reason for losing her job. She sat in the audience.

"I will leave this building with my head held high and my dignity intact," Gibbons said in her statement, read during a raucous council meeting.

More than 100 people packed a City Hall meeting room, heckling council members and shouting them down to protest Gibbons' firing.

In the end, however, Gibbons, a 23-year city employee and 17-month city clerk, was ousted by new council President Charles "Trav" Griffin and colleagues David Cox, Sharon Scott and David James.

"Our city has a black eye tonight," Councilman Glenn Anderson said. He and council members Sandra Cicirelli and Richard LeBlanc supported Gibbons, 52.

The same majority that fired Gib-

bons voted to replace her by appointing former Clerk Diane Fritz on an interim basis starting at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday - little more than an hour after Gibbons was booted out.

Griffin has criticized Gibbons' job performance without citing specific problems, saying he chose to protect her privacy.

"I think we can make a better appointment to this position," he said Tuesday night.

### Praise for Gibbons

Cicirelli, Anderson, LeBlanc and scores of citizens have praised Gibbons, and LeBlanc said her firing will scare city clerk candidates away from a job they could lose when political winds shift.

Early in Tuesday's meeting, citizens lashed out at Griffin for going to the clerk's office on Friday, placing Gibbons on a paid leave through midnight Tuesday and taking her office keys.

"We do not have kings and emperors here, even though you think so," longtime council watcher Dorothy Smith said, saying Gibbons suffered because she wasn't part of the council majority's "cartel."

Sitting in the front row, Smith initially refused to give up the public

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## Protest focuses on treatment of clerk

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Residents angry over the threatened firing of City Clerk Patricia Gibbons protested outside Westland City Hall on Monday and urged a recall of four council members.

"They don't belong in office," Helen Dutchak, 77, said of council members Charles "Trav" Griffin, David Cox, Sharon Scott and David James.

"They all need to be recalled," she said. "They're just ruining Westland. We had a beautiful little city, and now look at what we've got - a mess."

Dutchak and her husband, John, were among 25 to 30 placard-waving protesters who braved bone-chilling temperatures to show support for Gib-

bons, although City Hall had closed to observe the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Griffin on Friday took Gibbons' office keys and placed her on a paid administrative leave until midnight Tuesday, expecting the four-member council majority to fire her.

Griffin said by telephone Monday that he didn't want Gibbons to be "embarrassed and humiliated" by being publicly ousted Tuesday while she sat at the council table.

"Who does he think he is? It's terrible that he would just take her keys like that," resident Marian Greenfield said, carrying a sign that read "Griffin, Cox, Scott and James. Read Our Lips. Recall."

"I feel if they're doing this, what else

are they going to do?" Greenfield asked. "This really shocked me. I think if they get rid of the clerk, people should get out and recall them."

### Griffin responds

Griffin said recall threats and protests wouldn't intimidate him or change his position that Gibbons should be ousted because of poor performance.

"I'm going to vote my conscience not to reappoint her because I don't think she has performed to the level that's expected of clerks in this city," Griffin said.

A council minority - Glenn Anderson, Sandra Cicirelli and Richard LeBlanc - has voiced strong support for Gibbons. She has been city clerk for 17

months and a city employee nearly 23 years.

Anderson and LeBlanc joined protesters Monday.

"It will give Pat a moral boost," Anderson said, holding a sign that read, "Griffin, Cox, Scott and James - Unfair To City Employees."

Gibbons has declined to comment, but daughters Diane Smith and Christina Simpson, who came to City Hall to thank protesters, described their mother as appreciative of her supporters.

"It means a lot to her," said Smith, carrying son Devin, 16 months. "It says a lot for her that people would do this. It's a compliment to her work and the job that she has done for the city."

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## Waste debt election scheduled for May 9

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A divided Westland City Council voted Tuesday to schedule a May 9 election amid hopes that voters will renew a 1-mill tax to pay the city's debt for waste disposal.

In a 5-2 vote, council members approved a special election that will cost \$30,000.

Specific ballot language will be decided later, but administration officials are urging council members to support a 15-year tax renewal to cover Westland's obligations for a Dearborn Heights incinerator.

Voters last approved the tax in 1985. The owner of an average \$120,000 house would continue to pay \$60 a

year. Councilman Glenn Anderson said he opposes a 15-year ballot proposal because the city's debt to the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority is expected to be paid off in 2006.

"We're going another nine years beyond that ...," he said Tuesday night.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc also voted against a May 9 election, but the measure won approval from President Charles "Trav" Griffin and colleagues Sandra Cicirelli, David Cox, David James and Sharon Scott.

Westland Public Services Director Richard Dittmar has urged a 15-year proposal, saying the ballot question needs to mirror the 1985 plan to be termed a renewal.

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### Hero lauded



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**Speak out:** Col. Franklyn Thompson speaks at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at a Wayne-Westland Salvation Army event. For more, please see A9.

## Auto crash Saturday in city claims young lives

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Westland police are investigating whether marijuana and alcohol played a role in a 91 mph, one-car crash that killed two people and injured three early Saturday.

The five young men had been to a party, police said.

"There may be some evidence leading toward narcotic use, marijuana in particular," Officer Jack McIntosh said Tuesday. "The use of narcotics and/or alcohol is being investigated."

However, official autopsy results on driver Brian O'Donnell, 18, of Westland, and backseat passenger Scott Velasquez, 20, of Canton, may not be available

for several weeks, McIntosh said.

The two died from injuries suffered when O'Donnell lost control of a 1997 Escort and slammed sideways into a tree on westbound Cherry Hill Road near Carlson, Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

The accident occurred at 3:07 a.m. Saturday in front of Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, he said.

O'Donnell attended John Glenn High School.

"Brian was a senior here at John Glenn, and he was very well-known and liked in the building," Principal Neil Thomas said. "He had a lot of friends. He was a very personable young man. He was the kind of kid that everybody liked, and we're certainly going to miss him."

O'Donnell was declared dead on arrival at Oak

wood Hospital/Annapolis in Waver, Velasquez survived until Sunday, Brokas said.

Police Officer Mark Chabak identified the other three passengers as Timothy Edwin Twardokus, 20, of Canton; his uncle, Timothy Andrew Twardokus, 27, of Detroit; and Donald Raymond Woodruff, 23, of Westland.

The younger Twardokus remained in critical condition Wednesday at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, where he was flown by medical helicopter.

"He has a closed head injury. He is unconscious and on life support," McIntosh said.

The other Twardokus was listed in fair condition.

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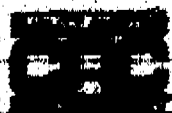
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## Clerk from page A1

microphone when Griffin demanded she let others speak. Amid shouts of "recall" from the audience, Griffin ordered Police Chief Emery Price to take the microphone from Smith, who eventually gave it up without force.

Clerk's office employee Brenda Gastley said workers were "very dismayed and shocked" at Gibbons' firing, and she accused Griffin, Cox, Scott and James of violating the Open Meetings Act.

In a telephone interview, media lawyer Mark Butler, who represents the Observer Newspapers, also said the council violated the act by arranging a majority vote in private, without public discussion.

Gastley worked with Gibbons for 8½ years. "She does an excellent job, and she does not take sides on any political issues," Gastley said. "She does her work, period."

Resident Jim Davis accused Griffin and Cox of opposing Gibbons because she questioned an election-time letter they sent to residents on city stationery last year.

"I think that would be pretty good grounds for a recall," he said.

Resident Marian Greenfield praised Gibbons for refusing to quietly leave her job and accept a retirement package offered by Griffin.

"I kind of felt ... it was like a bribe," Greenfield said.

### Political factors?

Resident Paul Valovick accused Griffin of working to get Cox elected in November for political gain.

"You brought him back because you wanted cronyism," Valovick said.

Nora Herbert, a 24½-year city employee who said she was twice ousted from a mayoral office secretarial job by former Mayor Griffin and Mayor Robert Thomas, said Gibbons' treatment "speaks loudly in favor of unionism."

Gibbons left a former union job to become clerk.

Thomas denied firing Herbert, saying she resigned.

Former Councilman Thomas Brown strongly opposed Gibbons' treatment.

"I never saw anything this outlandish," Brown said. "There was never one thing I saw out of line with that lady."

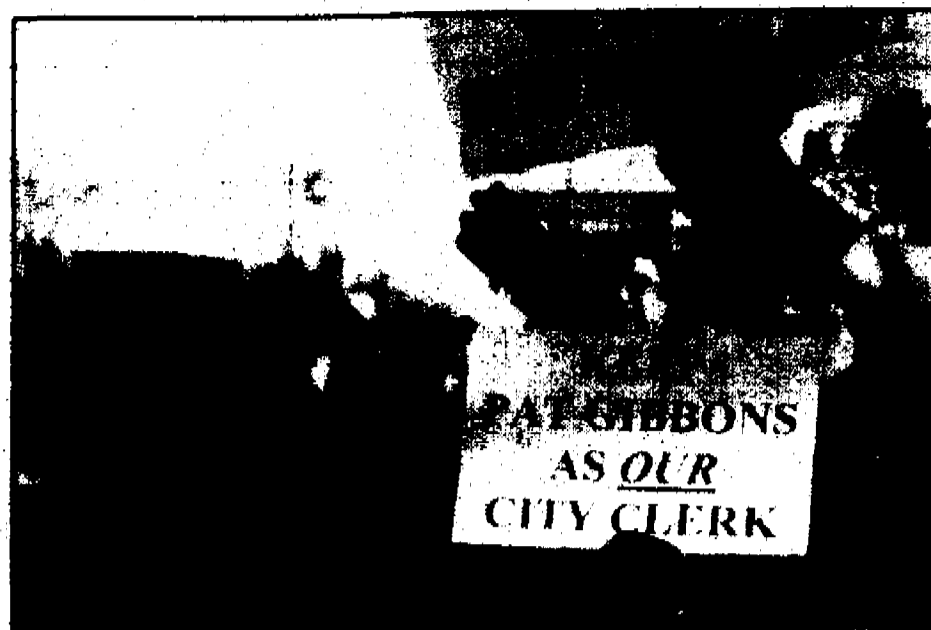
Brown said current elected officials may consider him "a has-been, but there's one thing I didn't do — treat employees in this manner."

Cicirelli, drawing applause for her pro-Gibbons stance, criticized Griffin for placing Gibbons on leave and seizing her keys.

"To treat her like she was a criminal is appalling to me," Cicirelli said, adding later, "What kind of message does that send to the other employees in our community who are going to be afraid?"

She pointed out that Gibbons received the clerk's appointment following a testing procedure and interviews with several candidates.

"Pat Gibbons outshone by far every other person that we interviewed," Cicirelli said, adding that Gibbons received good marks on her six-month review. Cicirelli questioned how



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

## Read this: Signs at Monday's protest spell out feelings for Patricia Gibbons.

James, elected in November, could vote against Gibbons in only his second council meeting, and she said Griffin "exceeded his authority."

"I did not exceed any authority," Griffin responded later.

Cicirelli and LeBlanc asked City Attorney Angelo Plakas for an official opinion on the issue.

Amid heckling, James tried to explain that his vote against Gibbons stemmed from conversations he had with city department heads.

"What I'm basing my opinion on ..." he said "... is what Trav tells you," a citizen yelled from the audience.

### No response

James didn't respond when asked by Anderson and Cicirelli if his campaign last year was managed by Fritz, the former clerk hired Tuesday. James

made the motion to appoint Fritz.

Anderson labeled Gibbons' treatment "the worst example of bullying tactics that I've seen in this city."

Griffin said he let Gibbons know last week that she likely wouldn't be reappointed so that she wouldn't be surprised and embarrassed during a public meeting.

"I believe in treating people fairly and humanely," he said Tuesday, fueling laughter among audience members.

Cox abandoned an attempt to speak when audience members heckled him and refused to be quiet.

Near the end of the chaotic session, Councilman LeBlanc summed it up this way: "This was a disgusting council meeting."

## Protest from page A1

Simpson said her mother also has received phone calls of support.

Protester Betty Talmadge accused Griffin and Cox of retaliating against Gibbons for an election controversy last year. Critics accused the pair of misusing city stationery for political gain by writing to north-end residents about road repairs. Gibbons issued a memo on the matter.

### Politics at work?

Protester Michael Kehrer, who lost a November election bid, said he believes Gibbons fell victim to the council majority because she didn't align herself politically — choosing to treat everyone fairly.

"She was fair, honest and helpful to us new candidates who ran," Kehrer said.

Griffin dismissed all speculation about motives.

"It has nothing to do with personality. It has nothing to do with politics," he said. "It has everything to do with performance, and I'm willing to defend that if necessary with specifics."

However, Griffin said he will respect Gibbons' privacy unless she initiates a public discussion about her job performance.

Griffin defended a council majority's legal right to oust a city clerk and hire another.

"I've never been more at peace with the decision I'm going to make," he said Monday.

"I'm not in the business of just firing people willy-nilly," Griffin said. "But I'm not going to shy away from a tough decision if somebody is not performing ..."

Councilman Anderson last week said he would give Gibbons an "A-minus" for her performance.

Protester Lida Hartman said she wanted to support Gibbons because the clerk wasn't treated fairly.

"You've got to fight back. If you don't fight back, you've lost," Hartman said. "These council members shouldn't just go about things in this manner when they want power. It's pretty scary, really."

Griffin said the council has too often "taken the easy way out" on difficult decisions.

"I'm not prepared to do that anymore," he said, "particularly when I'm the leader of the council."

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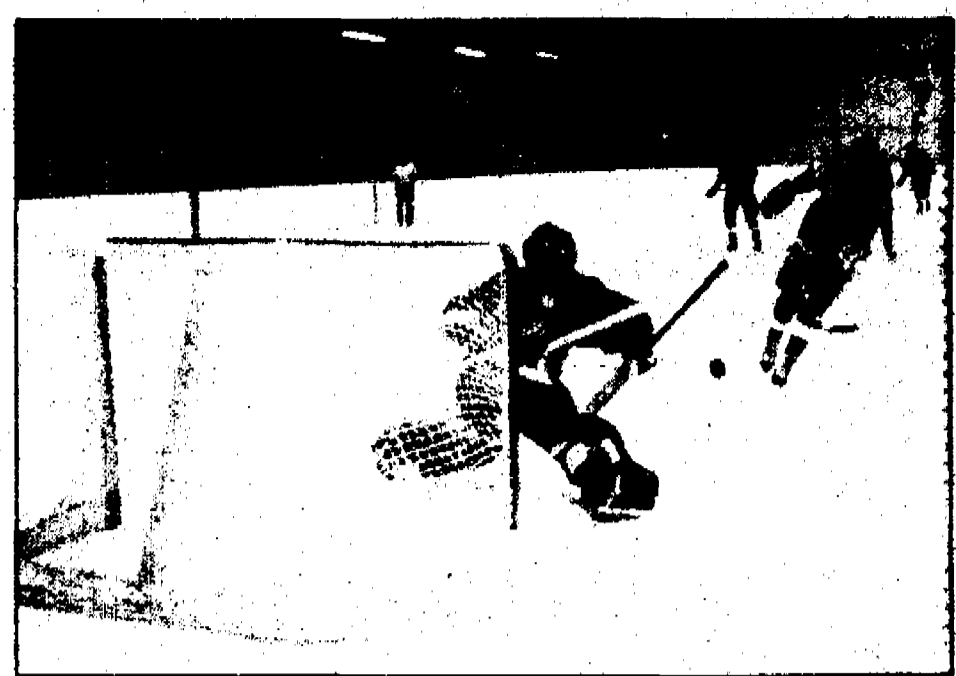
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**He scores!**  
Chris DeHart scores a goal on Eddie Mio as the young Westland Eagles got their shot at the former NHL players during Saturday's benefit hockey game. The game was a benefit for the Westland Hockey Association.



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**Defense:** P.J. Rawson, 16, makes a save for the coaches' team against Bill Evo, playing for the Red Wings alumni during Saturday's benefit hockey game.

## On the ice

# Game offers fun for good cause



**Eyes wide open:** Dave Shand looks to the net while playing for the Red Wings alumni at the Westland Sports Arena. The Wings won the game 9-2.

**D**etroit Red Wings alumni have played Westland Hockey Association coaches before, but Saturday's game stands out for fun and profit.

"It went wonderfully," said Scott Wirgau, fund-raising chairman for the hockey association.

The game at the Westland Sports Arena against the coaches included an encapsulated game with kids between the first and second periods. "It was so cute I couldn't stand it," said Wirgau, adding the Westland Eagles won 8-1.

"They were wonderful. It was a great show."

The coaches didn't fare as well, losing 9-2 against such former Wings as Dennis Hextall and Eddie Mio. Also included was "Lefty" Wilson, former equipment manager and coach. The Wings alumni roster also featured Gary Bergman, Pat Ribble, Paul MacKinnon, Nick Libett, Tom Williams, Mark Hamway, Bill Evo, Dan Newman, Lee Norwood, and officials Art Skov and Joe Klukay.

The Westland Hockey Association coaches gave it their best, Wirgau said. "But we've never played at the NHL level." The Wings

kept it close the first two periods, but opened it up in the third.

The game was followed by a Saturday night dance, drawing some 240 people, following the game's estimated 600 attendance.

The hockey benefit's a kickoff to the Sunday, Feb. 6, Westland Winterfest, Wirgau said.

Organizers aren't sure of the money raised just yet, but estimate it in the \$4,500 profit range. "Hockey is such an expensive sport," Wirgau said. Businesses chip in to meet the costs, and parents are thankful for that support.

The association's board will vote on how to spend the money, he added.



**Get that puck:** Bradley Johnson (left) and Jeff Fogarty try to get the puck from Bill Evo while playing between periods.

## Election from page A1

But City Attorney Angelo Plakas indicated Tuesday that the city might be able to shorten the length of the tax levy.

"I don't know why it couldn't be shortened," he said.

Griffin said the city also would have the option not to levy the tax after 2006, even if voters approve a longer-term ballot plan.

Griffin warned that city officials would have to dip into general fund dollars to pay the debt unless voters approve the tax.

Drawing applause from audi-

ence members at Tuesday's council meeting, resident James Godbout, who ran for city council last year, called a 15-year plan "obscene" and also accused the city of scheduling a special election to avoid a high voter turnout.

Anderson and others have suggested that the city place the waste-disposal millage on the August primary ballot.

LeBlanc has said he opposes the tax proposal because the city has been financially strapped by a long-standing incinerator

agreement.

LeBlanc has pointed out that Westland pays \$57 a ton to dispose of its waste—nearly double what some Downriver communities pay.

Dittmar said Westland and four other communities—Garden City, Inkster, Wayne and Dearborn Heights—face tax renewals to pay a combined debt of \$17 million.

He said the cities can't avoid paying the debt

## Crash from page A1

Wednesday at U-M Hospital, a spokeswoman said.

McIntosh said the uncle suffered multiple fractures to his left leg and his pelvis.

Woodruff has been released from a local hospital. "He is now at home," McIntosh said.

Woodruff was a front-seat passenger. The Twardokuses sat in the back, McIntosh said.

The young men had been to a party near Marquette and Shoemaker in Westland, McIntosh said.

One witness told police he saw the Escort stop at a traffic light at Cherry Hill and Wayne roads.

"He said they just took off like a bat out of hell," Brokas said. "He didn't see the accident because they had gotten ahead of him, but he saw the carnage."

"They were doing about 91 mph, according to the investigation," Brokas said. "Somewhere prior to Carlson, O'Donnell lost control and went up into Kirk of Our Savior (property). He hit a tree broadside, in the middle part of the driver's side."

Westland firefighters gave medical help on the scene but had to use "jaws of life" equipment to remove the car's roof and reach some of the young men, said Michael Reddy, emergency medical services coordinator.

Brokas warned other drivers to beware of high speeds.

"When you're traveling at a high rate of speed, the car builds



**Expressing sorrow:** This memorial to the accident victims stands at the crash site.

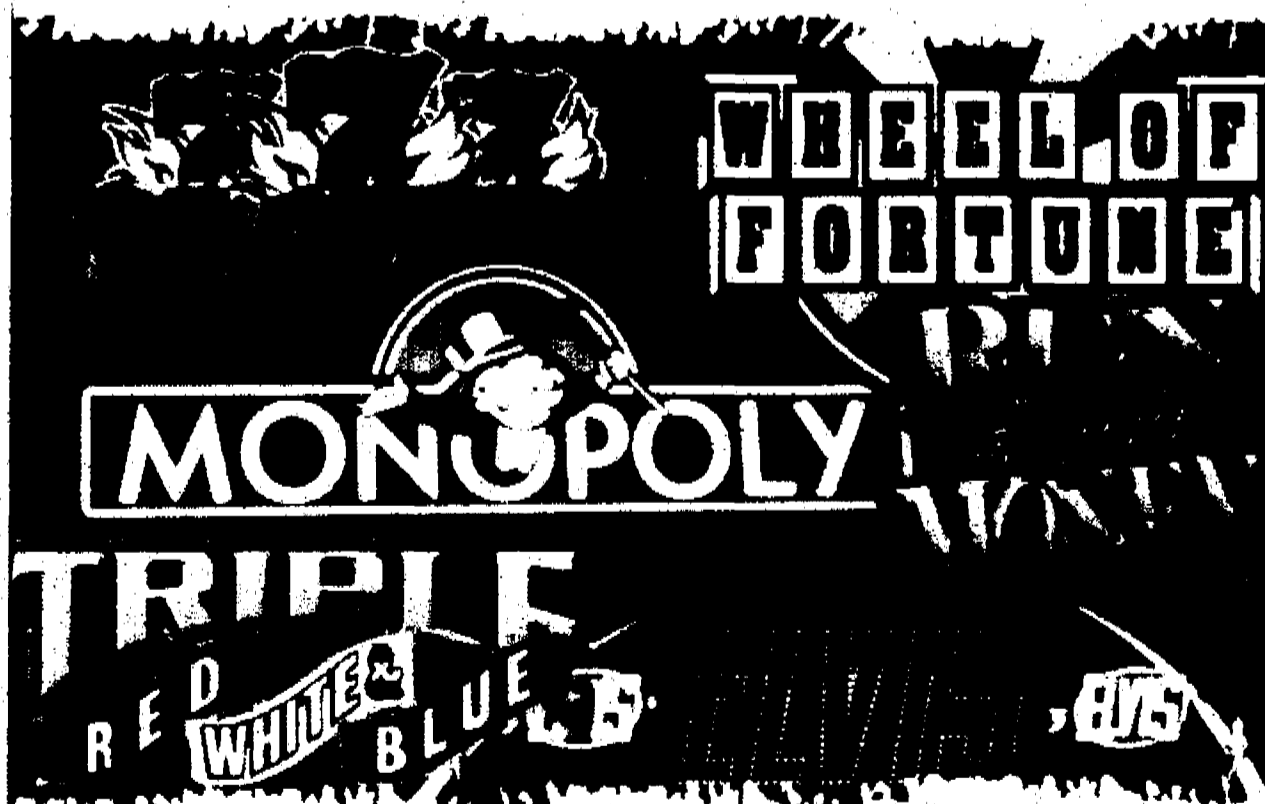
up air under it and kind of hydroplanes itself," he explained. "Friction with the road is reduced. It takes very little (movement) on the steering wheel to turn those tires, but the back end of the car wants to keep going in the original direction. Then the rear end swings out and slides sideways, in an arc."

The deaths of O'Donnell and Velasquez marked Westland's first traffic fatalities of the year.

**■ 'When you're traveling at a high rate of speed, the car builds up air under it and kind of hydroplanes itself. Friction with the road is reduced.'**

Sgt. Peter Brokas  
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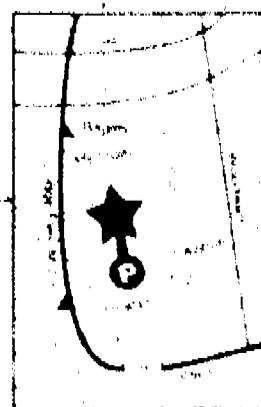


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# Pacts cover school staffers in Livonia

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Building administrators and secretaries are the latest bargaining groups to agree to contracts with Livonia Public Schools.

That leaves only Livonia community education paraprofessionals without a deal.

Contracts with the 56-member Livonia Educational Administra-

tors and Supervisors and the 140-member Livonia Secretarial Association call for 3.5 percent annual pay raises. Wage increases mirror those agreed to by teachers in the fall.

"We try to parallel everything with the teachers," said J. Stephen Smith, assistant superintendent for personnel.

Livonia Board of Education trustees unanimously approved both contracts at Monday's regu-

lar meeting. The LEAdS contract is a two-year deal while the LSA agreement runs for four years. Secretaries can reopen talks after two years to negotiate salaries.

"I think we have a very good contract," said Miriam Fresh, LSA president and Buchanan Elementary School secretary.

"The bargaining team worked very hard and the administration worked very hard. They

were very fair to us." In their deal, the secretaries negotiated a professional development clause and will be compensated for degrees and certificates earned while employed.

The administrators' pact extends for only two years because negotiations didn't include any proposed contract language changes, Smith said.

Negotiations continue with community education parapro-

fessionals. The union is affiliated with AFSCME (the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees).

So far, paraprofessionals have turned down two district offers, but Smith is optimistic.

"It seems to be moving fine," Smith said. "We're trying to reconfigure (the offer) and take it back to them."

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### NEW CENSUS IN THE NEW ERA

The new year will be one where the entire nation will be preparing for the new census. It will be very important for everyone to participate. The top five reasons for completing census information are to:

- Help your community thrive. Census numbers can help your community work out public improvement strategies.
- Get help in time of need. Many 911 emergency systems are based on maps developed for the last census. It helps health providers predict the spread of disease through communities and helps provide information during a disaster.
- Make government work for you. The census is a good way to tell our leaders what we need.
- Reduce risk for American business. Census information provides information on local markets. Accurate information helps reduce financial risk for businesses.
- Help yourself and your family. Individual records are confidential for 72 years, but you can request a certificate from past census counts that can be used as proof to establish your age, residence or relationship.

### WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

<http://www.census.gov>

This is the Web site for the U.S. Census Bureau. In addition to providing statistical information about people, jobs, housing and business, this site contains maps, economic census data, projections and answers to frequently asked questions about the census. There is even employment information about how you can work for the census this year. Check it out.

<http://www.getapples.org>

The Internet Education Foundation, with help from the American Library Association, developed this site to address concerns parents have about the risks children face while online. The online safety guide is supplemented by browsers which will help search for appropriate tools and filters for the Web. It provides resources for reporting trouble while online and also includes links to entertaining and educational sites for kids, teens and families. Check out the glossary of Internet terms while you are there.

<http://www.usmint.gov>

This is the Web site of the United States Mint. It contains information about money and its history. It also answers the important question: When will the new Michigan quarter come out? There are also activities for children.

### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

**Chess Night**  
7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24. Meeting Room B. Amateurs and experts alike are invited to join in for the monthly chess night where you can strategize and conquer. Participants are encour-

### INFORMATION CENTRAL

Public Library of Westland

you may bring it. No fee. No registration required.

### Open Mike 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 the 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.

### Adult Reading Club

7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, Group Meeting Room C. "Angela's Ashes: A Memoir" by Frank McCourt. These are informal, open forum discussions on noteworthy books. Discussions are held in Group Meeting Room C. Call and reserve your copy today. No fee. No registration required.

### YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

**Young Adult Book Discussion Group**  
7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, Group Meeting Room C. "Everworld: Search for Senna" 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. (734) 326-8123. No fee. No registration required. Light snacks will be served.

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

#### Sleepytyme Storytime

7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, Community Meeting Room A. This half-hour family storytime is held every Monday evening. Wear your jammies and bring your blankie. No fee. No registration required.

#### Toddler Tales & Preschool Storytime

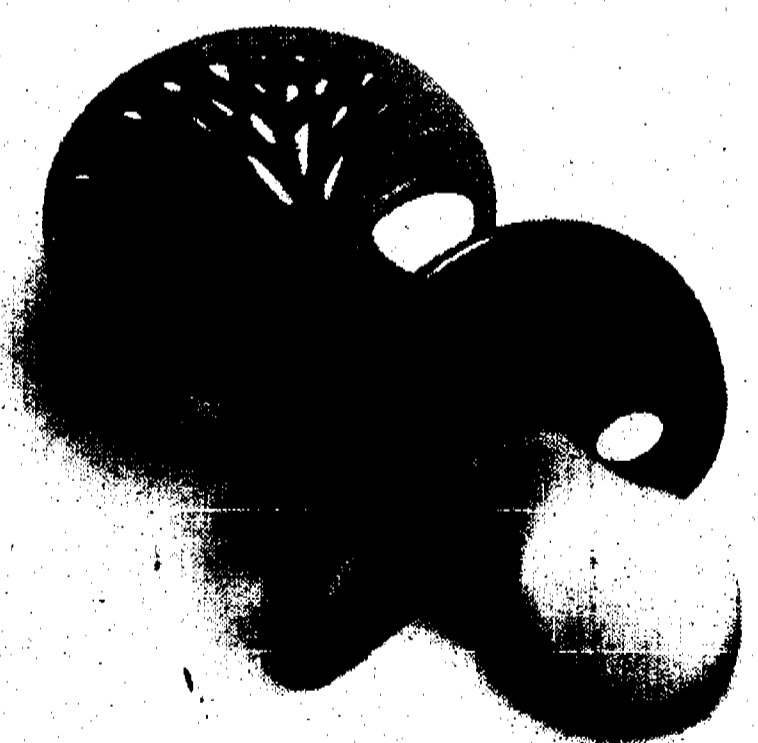
1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25 and 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26. Toddler Tales (18-36 months) and Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5) are held 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday and 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Stop in for fun fables, tales and stories. Storytime lasts about 30 minutes. No fee. No registration required, although class size is limited.

#### After School Special

3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 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

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 set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8.



## Stress fight is topic

Speaker Carol Green will discuss "Breaking Your Stress With Humor" 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road. She will focus on the health benefits of humor.

The free program is sponsored by the Business and Professional Women and the Wayne Public Library. For information, call the library at (734) 721-7832.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION REGISTRATION NOTICE**

This does not apply to persons already registered. Notice is hereby given that the last day on which persons may register to vote is Tuesday, January 24, 2000 for the presidential primary election to be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

Registration will be taken at the office of the Westland City Clerk, Wayne County, Michigan, 36601 Ford Road, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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**OBITUARIES**

**GEORGE A. ELLIOTT**  
A funeral Mass for George Elliott, 83, of Livonia was held Jan. 12 in St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Officiating was the Rev. Jack Quinlan.

Mr. Elliott, born Feb. 21, 1916, in Detroit died Jan. 8 in Ann Arbor.

He worked for Detroit Diesel as a machine operator and job setting, retiring in 1981. He came to the Livonia community in 1970 from Detroit. He was a lifetime member of VFW Bova Post No. 9885.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; son, George (Lynne) Elliott Jr. of Plymouth; daughters, Carolann (Andrew) Pietrzyk of Onsted, Mich., and Mary Ann (John) Pochron of Canton; sisters, Edith Cummings of Detroit and Ellen May of Westland; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

**JOHN S. PLOCH**  
Services for John Ploch, 71, of Westland were held Jan. 19 in St. Robert Bellarmine Church.

Mr. Ploch, born Dec. 24, 1928, in Detroit, died Jan. 16 in Farmington Hills. He was a machinist for an automotive company.

Surviving are his wife, Doris; sons, John (Caren), Russell, Darrell, Glenn (Linda), Steven (Dawn) and Derek; daughter, Amy; two brothers; two sisters; and six grandchildren.

Mr. Ploch was a Korean War veteran. He was featured in Life magazine in the 1950s, said neighbor Cheryl Mayeran, and more recently in a Life book.

"A practical joker - good-hearted, giving, loving, caring," is how Mayeran described him. He was a hard-working family man, she said.

Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

**GLEN D. WEAVER**  
Services for Glen Weaver, 78, of Westland took place today, Jan. 20, in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Frank Graves.

Mr. Weaver was born Jan. 29, 1921, and died Jan. 17 in Wayne. He was a hardener in the automotive industry.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; son, Robert (Suzanne) Weaver; daughter, Barbara (Ralph) Hustad; brother, Theodore Weaver; sisters, Mercedes Horner and Shirley Marhofer; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Weaver was preceded in death by two brothers, Ross and Lawrence Weaver.

**MARIA LUCIA**  
Services for Maria Lucia, 35, of Westland were held Jan. 14 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. Dennis D. Duggan.

Miss Lucia was born April 11, 1964, in Hamilton, Canada, and died Jan. 6 in Detroit. She was a waitress.

Surviving are her father, Anthony Lucia; and fiancé, Larry Toigo, all of Westland.

**DALLAS E. LEWIS**  
Services for Dallas Lewis, 69, of Westland were held Jan. 17 in Merriman Road Baptist Church. Officiating was the Rev. Wayne Parker.

Mr. Lewis was born June 30, 1930, in Flat River, Mo., and died Jan. 14 in Garden City. He was a foreman in the automobile industry. He was a member of Merriman Road Baptist Church.

Surviving are his sons, Mark, Michael (Janet), Stephen and Bryon; daughter, Dallana (John) Weichel; brother, Leroy Lewis; and 11 grandchildren.

Mr. Lewis was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia.

Memorials may be made to Merriman Road Baptist Church Building Fund.

Arrangements were made by R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home.

**JOSEPH F. ARBINI**  
Services for Joseph Arbin, 69, of Westland were held Jan. 18 in St. Theodore of Canterbury Church with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Gary Michalik.

Mr. Arbin was born Nov. 21, 1930, in Detroit and died Jan. 15 in Dearborn. He was a glazier at Ford Motor Co.

Surviving are his wife, Kathleen; sons, Joseph (Trina) and Robert (Brenda); daughters, Angela (Matt) Betz, Christine (Mark) Kirkpatrick, Denise (Latin) Lisa Smith and Teresa (Steven) Smith; sisters, Virginia Gendron and Nancy (Cathy) and 16 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

or the Michigan School of the Deaf.

Arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

**SANDRA K. ST. JOHN**  
Services for Sandra St. John, 52, of Ypsilanti were held Jan. 16 in R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home with burial at Millburg Cemetery in Benton Harbor. Officiating was the Rev. Earl Truss.

Mrs. St. John was born Dec. 1, 1947, in Benton Harbor and died Jan. 13 in Ann Arbor. She was a teacher for Wayne-Westland Schools. She earned her master's degree from the University of

Michigan and her bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. She was a 1965 graduate of Benton Harbor High School.

Surviving are her son, Michael; mother, Helen Russell; sisters, Jean (Roy) Masters and Judy (Douglas) Nance; and companion, Timothy Clarke.

**SYLVIA C. FOX**  
Services for Sylvia Fox, 79, of Westland took place Jan. 15 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Jacky Gathiff.

Mrs. Fox, born July 23, 1920, died Jan. 11 at her home in

Westland. She was a welder.

Surviving are her husband, Delbert; sons, James (Carolyn) Chiles and Loren (Doris) Chiles Jr.; daughters, Judy (Gene) Wrenn and Loretta (Jerome) Hulack; sister, Huberta (Dale) Lewis; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Fox was preceded in death by her first husband, Loren Chiles Sr.; daughter, Deanna (the late Melvin) Griswold; brother, Dewey; and sister, Julia Bowen.

**MARY LOU GALLOSKA**  
Services for Mary Lou Galloska, 70, of Westland took place Jan. 18 in Uht Funeral Home with burial

at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Fred Cooley.

Mrs. Galloska, born June 30, 1929, died Jan. 15 in Wayne. She was a homemaker. She was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Wayne.

Surviving are her brothers, John Muskopf and Emery (Jean) Muskopf; eight nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mrs. Galloska was preceded in death by her husband, George, and son, Frederick.

**THELMA L. WILEY**  
Services for Thelma Wiley, 88, of

Westland took place Jan. 18 in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. David Bonde.

Mrs. Wiley, born Feb. 10, 1911, died Jan. 14. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Marion (Margaret) and Jim (Pat); daughter, Joyce (David) Hortemiller; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wiley was preceded in death by her husband, Marion; brothers, Lawrence, Basil and Curtis; and sister, Laiela Akers.

Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

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# Westland Jaycees observe milestone with pride

The third week in January is being recognized as National Jaycee Week. As government officials throughout the country (including Gov. John Engler and President Bill Clinton) take the time to recognize the Jaycees, the Westland chapter is celebrating its own milestone.

The Westland (formerly Nankin Township) Jaycees are celebrating their 40th anniversary of serving the community and building the leaders of tomorrow.

Some of the local chapter's highlights have been:

- Being one of the first 20 chapters in Michigan to organize and be chartered by the U.S. Jaycees.
- Helping to start the "Red Ball" program, which became a national program for firefighters

to identify how many children were in the home and where the children slept.

- Raising the funds to purchase the land which is now Jaycee Park, on Wildwood and Hunter.
- Donating and delivering more than 5,000 food baskets to families in need.
- Being one of the original sponsors and helping to start the

Westland Summer Festival.

- Having the first Haunted House fund-raiser in the state, which became a major fund-raiser to this day for hundreds of other Jaycee chapters and other organizations in Michigan.
- Having more than 30 projects recognized by the Michigan Jaycees as the "Best in the State" - with some eight of those projects being recognized on the

national level by the U.S. Jaycees.

- Having 12 chapter presidents recognized as "Top 10 Chapter Presidents in Michigan."
- Being recognized as a "Top 10 Chapter in Michigan" 18 times and the "No. 1 Chapter in Michigan" five times.

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### Amantea Restaurant



When the people of this area sit back and relax in comfortable, friendly surroundings to enjoy a delicious meal, they are probably sitting in the pleasant surroundings of Amantea Restaurant located at 32777 W. Warren Road (1/4 Mile West of Merriman) in Garden City, phone 734-421-1510. Amantea is well known in this area for delicious Italian and American Cuisine and cocktails. They were voted #1 for outstanding Barbecue Ribs at the U of M tailgate party cooking contest sponsored by WWJ 950 News Radio in 1995 and 1996. They also offer carry out as well as facilities which are available for afternoon and evening banquets that can accommodate 20 - 100 people. In fact, the Kiwanis and Rotary meet here every Thursday at 12 noon.

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# Showdown?

## Granholt, Miller share cordial stage

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If Jennifer Granholt and Candice Miller ever run against each other, there would be no mudslinging and no negative campaigning advertising.

Michigan's attorney general and secretary of state each said as much Tuesday after their joint appearance before the Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

It was a cordial encounter, with Granholt and Miller complimenting each other and talking about shared experiences — like the sexist comments and letters they received early in their careers as Michigan's highest ranking female executives.

Granholt, a Democrat, and Miller, a Republican, are both considered rising stars within their respective political parties. In response to questions about their futures.

Granholt — who is eligible to seek another term under Michigan's term limit law — reiterated a statement she has made many times before. She said she is happy being attorney general and wants to continue in that job.

Miller, who can not seek another term as secretary of state, admitted the prospect of running for governor in 2002 —

as political wags insist she will — is intriguing. "But I haven't made any decisions," she said.

### The governor's race

Following their two-hour appearance, the attorney general and secretary of state were each asked about the possibility of a head-to-head Granholt-Miller race, possibly for governor.

"We have far too much respect for each other to do anything negative," said Miller. "We would definitely stick to the issues."

Any campaign between them — which pundits insist is inevitable — would be characterized by civility and honest debate, said Granholt, who had earlier said Miller's biggest shortcoming was "being a Republican."

Both candidates are concerned about campaign financing, individuals' right to privacy and getting more people — especially younger people — involved in the political process. "When you talk to young people about (the possibility of their) holding public office," lamented Miller, "they look at you like you're nuts."

Granholt, who made her first bid for public office in 1998 after incumbent Frank J. Kelley retired, described the pressure on candidates to raise money is "grotesque" and "obscene."

Miller, who was unsuccessful in her attempts to end or restrict some forms of soft money contributions, said she is pushing for

more disclosure on the part of political candidates.

### Sharing information

The secretary of state was particularly vocal in her opposition to using the office to collect information that is unrelated to operating a motor vehicle — including a move by the federal government to require her office to garner drivers' Social Security numbers to help the effort to trace deadbeat dads.

"I don't need to know your Social Security number to issue a drivers license," said Miller.

She said she also objects to selling information obtained by her office to various insurance companies or marketing consultants — even though her office obtained more than \$1 million through the sale of such lists in 1999.

Granholt said her establishing a four-member unit to pursue Internet crime — and the subsequent arrest of a man in Colorado and another in Florida for drug dealing — had already put Michigan on the cutting edge of fighting cyber crime.

She referred to gathering data on the Internet as "data mining," and she said the general public has a right to be greatly concerned. "It's no longer 'big brother' watching," she said, "it's 'big browser' watching."

### Gender bias

Both were emphatic about gender bias being on the wane.



Friendly chat: Secretary of State Candace Miller and Attorney General Jennifer Granholt speak before the formal program begins.

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She was never convinced the so-called "glass ceiling" really existed, Miller said. "Gender bias still exists," she said, "but we've come a long way."

Granholt remembered an exchange with a Lansing area commentator who early in her campaign asked if having three small children at home would hamper her efforts. "I said Gov. Engler has the same number of small children at home," the attorney general recalled, "but I don't recall your ever asking him

that question."

Oddly enough, their respective mothers had been culpable in the area of gender stereotyping, Granholt and Miller acknowledged.

After an appearance on national television, Granholt recalled, her mother being more concerned about her makeup and appearance than the issue Michigan's new attorney general was discussing.

Miller's mother still urges her to get out of politics and get a real job, said the secretary of

state. "She wanted me to get into the marina business, like my brother," said Miller, the former Macomb County treasurer who in 1994 upset popular incumbent Richard Austin.

All things considered, however, Granholt said she is encouraged by the changing faces within the ranks of public officials. "Some of those faces are black and some of those faces are brown," she said, "and some of those faces wear lipstick."

## Miller opposes selling names

Within hours of telling metro Detroit journalists she doesn't like the idea of being compelled to sell information collected by the Secretary of State's office, Candice Miller held a press conference to support of a bill banning prohibiting such sales.

"I don't think it's the right thing for governments to do," Miller said at a Lansing press conference in support of a bill banning the sale of information collected by state agencies to marketing companies, mortgage companies and other companies who use it to target customers.

Miller had voiced her opposition to selling such lists during her appearance at the Orchard

Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

Even though her office made more than \$1 million last year by selling such information, Miller said she opposed the practice as an invasion of personal privacy.

She had tried to stop the practice, Miller said, but was thwarted by an attorney general's ruling that the secretary of state's office must make such information available.

"I want driving records to be available to the public (and the press)," Miller told journalists. "But other information about drivers should be private."

## Granholt promises to look into movies shown at Maxey center

Michigan's attorney general promised to look into an allegation that movies with explicit obscenity and violence are being shown at the W.J. Maxey Training School, the state-run training center in Livingston County to which Nathaniel Abraham — believed to be the youngest person in the nation to be convicted of murder — was assigned last week for rehabilitation.

The complaint came from attorney Evelyn G. Butler of Plymouth during the question and answer period following the appearance of Jennifer Granholt and Secretary of State Candice Miller at the Oakland Community College campus in Farmington Hills.

Butler, who represents a man whose wife was murdered at the

training school, complained that a state agency — in this case the Family Independence Agency that supervises Maxey — routinely shows R-rated movies including "Basic Instinct," which depicts actress Sharon Stone stabbing her partner with an ice pick after a nude and graphic love scene.

Butler was adamant such movies are inappropriate, partic-

ularly in light of Granholt's contention that magazines, such as *Cosmopolitan*, often depict women on their covers as sex objects.

The attorney general said she realizes the rights of adult individuals to view graphic material, but Granholt said as a parent she is concerned about movies or publications that cater to children.

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# Road agencies use satellite to speed snowplowing

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A joint effort by metro Detroit's four largest road agencies and a suburban bus system to improve the efficiency of snow and ice removal was unveiled today, Jan. 20.

Called SEMSIM, for Southeastern Michigan Snow and Ice Management, the new project combines high-tech, state-of-the-art global-positioning satellite technology and computer linkups with unprecedented intergovernmental cooperation.

Through constant monitoring of road crews' whereabouts and work, crews will be able to be dispatched as needed - even crossing into other jurisdictions to help, if necessary, according to John Roach, spokesman for the Wayne County Department of Public Services.

"We really think that this is going to be the future of snow removal, not only in Michigan but in all the snowbelt states in the country - certainly in the technological aspect," said

Roach.

The four agencies involved - the Wayne County DPS, the City of Detroit and the Road Commissions of Oakland and Macomb Counties - will monitor their respective fleets during storms via on-board telemetry and a radio/computer linkup provided by the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) bus service.

Satellite-based global positioning system (GPS) tracking devices and various temperature and other gauges on each vehicle will feed crew location and activities into computers monitored at the respective road yards.

Then, "if something happens," such as increased snowfall in an area or traffic tie-ups, trucks and crews can be redistributed, Roach said. Dispatchers will have to only look at their computer screens to respond accordingly.

It's possible, Roach said, that plows from one jurisdiction will cross into that of another - Detroit's, say, into Macomb County's - depending on condi-

tions and "if it results in more efficient service."

"Sometimes it doesn't make sense to turn around" because of a boundary line, he noted.

Exactly how it will play out is not known. "We're still working out different aspects," Roach said.

### Sharing info

The cross-jurisdictional cooperation is a first, according to Roach: "Never before that we're aware of have four road agencies, teamed up to work on a snow removal effort," he said. "We will be sharing information back and forth with each other."

"We feel all this will help us manage our fleet at any given point in a storm," said Roach. "We feel we will be able to be a lot more responsive, especially to unforeseen events."

SMART and its riders should benefit, as well, according to spokeswoman Beth Gibbons.

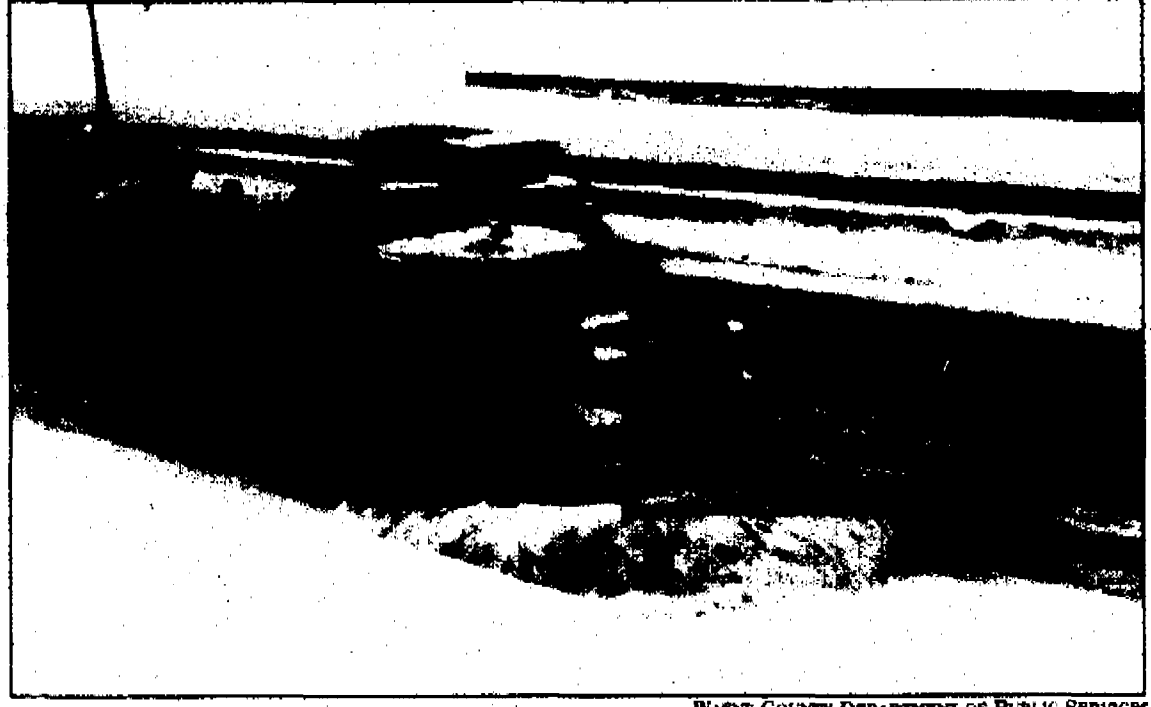
SMART dispatchers will now know better which roads are salted and plowed and therefore onto which roads they can send buses.

"This will provide an important piece" of information "we don't have right now," she said. "We're really pleased to be a part of this."

After a storm, all recorded data will be able to be played back and analyzed to improve response, Roach said.

Eventually, he said, SEMSIM will have a computer program able to redesign snow and salt routes to meet "whatever the situation is," he said.

Any cross-jurisdictional service will be charged back to the agency receiving the help. Taxes from one agency "would not be used to subsidize" another.



WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Ready to go: When Wayne County snowplows go out this year, they'll be using a new system to get them where they're needed.

Roach said.

### Save money?

Will SEMSIM save money?

"We do believe this will result in savings to agencies' snow removal effort by optimizing salt routes and becoming more efficient by using less salt and doing a more effective job," said Roach.

But "even if it doesn't result in a dollar savings, it will result in increased level of service," he said.

Phase One of SEMSIM was unveiled Thursday at the Wayne County DPS Wyoming Street Garage. It encompasses the area around the intersection of Eight Mile Road and Dequindre where all four agencies' jurisdictions meet.

Some 40 fully equipped trucks - 10 from each jurisdiction - will be linked together via SMART in Phase One.

"This is just the first phase," said Roach. "Over the next four or five years, we expect to have

500 vehicles totally equipped." Roach said Wayne County DPS "pioneered this technology" last year with both the GPS and the data-gathering.

"We had just got it up and running" prior to the January 1999 blizzard.

However, the storm prevented the DPS from learning as much

as it could "because everything was so crazy," Roach said. "But now we'll be able to move to the next stage."

Much of the funding for SEMSIM comes from the federal government, according to Roach, who credited both U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham (R-Mich.) and U.S. Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick with securing it.

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# King's legacy inspires young and old to act

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The memory of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was alive Monday night at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army and Concerned Americans 4 Cultural Exchange presented a celebration in King's memory. There was music, and several speakers discussed King's legacy.

King "was a man of God. He was a pastor," said the Rev. Mikal Featchurs of Harvest Christian Ministries Church.

King often spoke of his four children's futures, and the futures of all children, Featchurs said.

"What are we doing about Dr. King's dream?" asked Featchurs, also with the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. Featchurs dis-

cussed three types of travelers: the separatist in his canoe, the idiot in his sailboat, going where the wind blows, and finally the dreamer, on a cruise ship with a captain who knows the route well.

Col. Franklyn Thompson, divisional commander of the Southeastern Michigan Salvation Army, said it's essential to give value and importance to King's work.

"In every age, God provides someone to take the baton of leadership and run with it," said Thompson. "Freedom is costly. God's grace is costly."

Racial harmony remains a problem in some quarters, he said, although spiritual freedom brings us together.

Dis harmony is not new. Thompson said, citing biblical stories. "We've had it for a long

time, a very, very long time."

He cited several types of freedom, including intellectual freedom, something King possessed. "We need to equip ourselves," Thompson said. He cited King, Gandhi and Moses who brought a message of freedom and forgiveness.

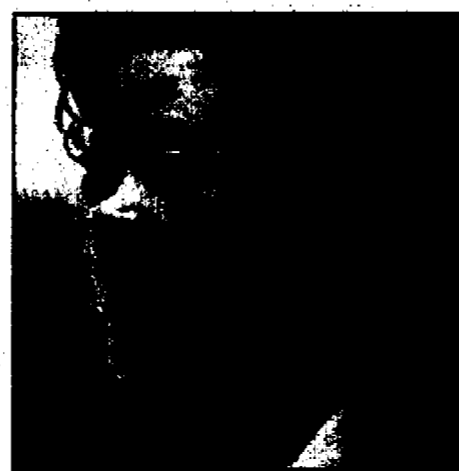
The fourth annual program included musical performances, including that of the Cherub Choir from Featchurs' church. Program coordinator Leau'Rette Douglas of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army said, "It's not just about Martin Luther King, it's about all of us who are here. You too are a chosen one."

Peace and unity are basic to Christian beliefs, Douglas said, as are kinship with others and fair play. "It allows us to resolve conflict" and find ways to work together, she said.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Song of praise: Irma Jelks (left) and Davine Smith (right) and others sing with Envoy Otis Green and The Bagley Corps Family at the Martin Luther King Day Jr. celebration at a Wayne-Westland Salvation Army event.



Remembering: Former Wayne High teacher Carolyn Martin participates at the celebration Monday night.

■ 'It's not just about Martin Luther King, it's about all of us who are here. You too are a chosen one.'

Leau'Rette Douglas  
—Salvation Army

Stand up and be counted: Karell Crawford, 5, (left) and other members of Harvest Christian Ministries Church Cherub Choir perform.

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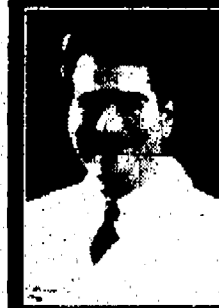
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# Dems to explore campaign finance

Campaign finance reform will be the topic of Pat Donath's 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, talk at a Westland Democratic Club meeting. The meeting will be at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey in Westland.

Donath grew up in Ypsilanti and graduated from Michigan State University in humanities. She earned her law degree from Northwestern University and is a member of the Michigan Bar. She has worked for the Wednesday Group in Washington, D.C., and for Consumer Credit Guide for Clearing House.

Donath worked with a nonpartisan staff for Senate and Assembly Judiciary committees in New Jersey. She was assistant counsel for the House Judiciary Committee when Paul Rosenbaum was chair.

Besides serving as president of the Lansing League of Women Voters 1994-97, she was govern-

ment director of the Michigan League of Women Voters 1997-99. She is a founding member of the Board of Michigan Voters for Clean Elections and became president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan in May 1999.

She is married with a son in graduate school in chemical engineering at Auburn University.

For directions or other information, call (734) 422-5863.

# Schools of choice option in district

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools will offer district residents a schools of choice program for the 2000-01 school year. The program provides parents the opportunity to move their child from one school to another within the boundaries of the school district, provided there is room available in the school.

Transportation to and from the school of choice must be provided by the parent or legal guardian.

School district residents who

would like their child to attend a school other than the school of residency must submit a 2000-01 application. Applications will be available in every district school by Friday, Feb. 4. Applications for middle school and high school students will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office at the Board of Education, 36745 Marquette, Westland, through March 6.

Applications for elementary students will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office between March 6 and April 7.

Applications received according to these timelines will permit, if space is available, selected students to begin the school year in the school of choice.

If more students apply for a grade/building than there are openings, a random selection process will be used. The names of students not selected will be placed on a waiting list. Current schools of choice students must reapply to remain eligible for the program next year.

After those deadlines, applications will be accepted until

Sept. 15 at the school the parent/guardian would like the child to attend. These names will be added to waiting lists on a first-come, first-served basis. Building principals will use the waiting lists to notify qualified students of an opening.

Building principals will be allowed to place schools of choice students only through Oct. 6. A school of choice student will be moved back to his/her home school if an overcrowding occurs within the first 10 weeks of the school year.

## ACHIEVERS

The Diep of Westland made the Dean's Honor List for the spring term 1999 at the University of Michigan College of Engineering.

Donnie McBride Jr. of Westland recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy for training as an aviation electronics technician. He is the son

of Donnie McBride Sr. and Marlene Holloway.

A 2000 graduate of John Glenn High School, McBride will report for basic training at Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., in August.

After technical training, he will be assigned to one of the Navy's ships,

squadrons or duty stations around the world. Aviation electronics technicians repair some of the most advanced electronic systems in the world, including weapons, communication, navigation and computer systems on aircraft like the F-14 Tomcat.

### CITY OF WESTLAND Notice of Public Hearing for Review of the Westland Housing Commission Five Year (2000-2004) and Annual Plan for Fiscal 2000/2001 Including Proposed Goals, Strategies and Proposed Use of Funds

**BACKGROUND**

Section 511 of the Federal Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (QHWRA) created the public housing agency plans—a 5-year plan and an annual plan. The 5-year plan describes the mission of the agency and the agency's long range goals and objectives for achieving its mission over the subsequent 5 years. The annual plan provides details about the agency's immediate operations, program participants, programs and services, and the agency's strategy for handling operational concerns, residents' concerns and needs, programs and services for the upcoming fiscal year. Both planning mechanisms (the 5-year plan and the annual plan) require agencies to examine their existing operations and needs, and to design long-range and short-range strategies to address those needs.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHA PLAN**

The Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan, as implemented in this notice, will serve as: 1) a planning tool for PHAs 2) a community guide to the PHA's policies, programs and activities, and 3) a streamlined submission to HUD of grant and programmatic information. Utilizing an electronic template, PHAs will provide responses to a number of structured questions designed to provide the most relevant data regarding local operations in a concise manner. The Plan template also serves as a central reference point for very detailed information about the PHA. This is accomplished through the template's listing of required "supporting documents" that must remain on display and serve as a resource library for the community, while eliminating the need for extensive submissions to HUD.

#### 5-Year Plan PHA Fiscal Years 2000 - 2004

**A. MISSION STATEMENT**

The PHA's mission is to provide housing assistance to lower income residents in conformity with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's applicable Section 8 Program regulations.

The basic objective of the Westland Housing Commission (WHC) is to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing to eligible lower income families. This housing shall be privately owned, affordable, and located throughout the community to prevent segregating low-income persons in specific areas of the City of Westland and within the jurisdictional boundary of the WHC, but outside the City limits.

**Secondary objectives are as follows:**

- To overcome the misconceptions and stigmas associated with subsidized housing for both the occupants and public-at-large.
- To promote social, economic and racial integration through the use of privately owned rental stock located throughout the City.
- To promote self-respect, dignity, and responsibility for all Section 8 tenants and to make low-income tenants an integral part of the community.
- To use the Section 8 Program in conjunction with other Federal, State, and Local programs, particularly those encouraged under the Federal Consolidated Planning process, e.g. the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Rental Rehabilitation Programs, and various public service programs designed to foster the improvement of housing conditions for lower-income families.
- To provide a unified approach in revitalizing distressed areas of the community. This Plan calls for a comprehensive approach in dealing with substandard conditions in lower income neighborhoods. The WHC will strive for maximum cooperation between various programs and the participants in these programs.
- To work in harmony with the social, economic, and political components of a subsidized housing program.

**GOALS**

HUD Strategic Goal: Increase the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing.

WHC Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing

**C. OBJECTIVES**

Apply for additional rental vouchers.

The WHC intends to apply for between 30 and 50 new vouchers, with increased Federal budget allowances. This is a reasonable expectation given the size of the increase, for a Housing Commission like Westland.

Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities.

Primarily through the CDBG and HOME Programs, the City of Westland has emphasized activities which either directly aid in the rehabilitation of the existing housing stock or activities to promote the development of new affordable rental and rental housing for lower income families. Examples include direct housing rehabilitation and new construction activities, home ownership assistance, financial and technical assistance in a community based housing development organization (CBDO), and home ownership assistance designed to promote the development of new affordable rental housing. All are designed to meet the needs of the lower income population.

Improve existing housing conditions.

The WHC intends to repair and renovate existing rental units in order to, at a minimum, maintain the appropriate level of condition provided at this time.

The WHC intends to obtain additional rent and vouchers for Section 8 tenants and to make use of the results of such increases from increased to meet the needs of the lower income population.

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### Annual PHA Plan PHA Fiscal Years 2000

**Executive Summary of the Annual PHA Plan**

The Westland Housing Commission (WHC) primarily serves the City of Westland and, secondarily, the surrounding communities in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Washtenaw Counties. Although the WHC has no public housing or project-based Section 8 programs, it administers approximately 600 Section 8 Certificates and/or Vouchers. The WHC is preparing for the imminent conversion of Certificates to Vouchers, and expects to have converted all remaining Certificates by June 30, 2001.

The WHC Section 8 program is effectively administered and successful. WHC maintains a Section 8 inventory of approximately 600 portable certificates and/or vouchers. It has also administered a Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program for almost 10 years. These initiatives, as already mentioned have been successful and will continue next fiscal year and for the duration of the Five Year Agency Plan.

The WHC intends to apply for an incremental allocation of between 25 and 50 vouchers, deemed to be a fair share of the FY 2000 national allocation.

One emergent trend in the recent past concerns the conversion of previously subsidized developments to non-subsidized, market-rate status. Recently two developments, Fellows Creek in Canton Township, and Pointe West in the City of Westland, have converted and there is a possibility that more will convert. The WHC has aggressively pursued, and received, additional Section 8 "opt out" vouchers to assist the approximately 225 renter households affected, 11 and 212 vouchers respectively. Should other projects convert to unsubsidized status, the WHC will seek additional opt out vouchers, consistent with its goal of providing decent, safe and affordable housing to lower income families.

Westland is proud of this record, not only for Westland residents, but for others seeking to reside in Westland. The proportion of previously non-resident WHC voucher holders is approaching 30% of the total portfolio. It is also justifiably proud of its record in promoting housing choice for all comers. Although, for example, the minority population in Westland is relatively small, there is a notable dispersion of minority and lower-income households in numerous rental developments. This is due to the significant legal and policy initiatives undertaken (fully described in the City's Five Year and Annual Consolidated Plan) by the City of Westland to promote fair housing for lower income and minority populations. These efforts will continue in the future.

Although, the actual amount of Federal resources available to serve those in need of rental assistance is limited, the WHC and the City of Westland have jointly collaborated to work towards mutual goals using funds from a number of local, state, and national sources. These are primarily devoted to providing affordable housing opportunities for both renter and owner households, and to providing supportive services designed to promote family stability and self-sufficiency. These are mentioned in this document and fully described in the City of Westland's Consolidated Plan.

Finally, the WHC has taken several administrative initiatives designed to maintain an efficient and effective operation, and to comply with Federal statutory and regulatory requirements. Most recently, the Commission's Administrative Plan underwent an exhaustive re-evaluation which codified a number of past policy changes, and which modified the plan to comply with the requirements of the Quality Housing and Work Rehabilitation Act (QHWRA). The modified document is referenced in the Agency Plan and is available for review to the public.

#### Statement of Housing Needs

**A. Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction/s Served by the PHA**

Family Type	Overall	Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type					
		Affordability	Supply	Quality	Accessibility	Size	Location
Income <= 30% of AMI	1,959	5	3	2	NA	2	3
Income <= 30% of AMI but <= 50% of AMI	1,767	5	3	2	NA	2	3
Income > 50% of AMI but 80% of AMI	2,849	4	3	2	NA	2	3
Elderly Families with Disabilities	2,600	5	3	2	NA	2	2
African-American	314**	6	3	4	3	3	2
Hispanic	1197**	4	2	2	1	3	2
Other**	577**	4	2	2	1	3	2
Asian/Pacific Islander/Native American**	NA**	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

#### Statement of Financial Resources

**Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses**

Source	Planned \$	Planned Use
1. Federal Grants (FY 2000 grants)		
a) Public Housing Operating Fund		
b) Public Housing Capital Fund		
c) HOPE VI Revitalization		
d) HOPE VI Demolition		
e) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	\$3,155,000	
f) Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (including any Technical Assistance funds)		
g) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants	\$30,000	

#### WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The final proposed draft statutory documents including all narratives, tables and attachments will be available for public examination and comment for a period of forty-five (45) days. The 2000/2004 Five Year Plan and One Year Annual Plan (2000/2001) will be available for the public to review beginning February 5, 2000 through March 21, 2000. Copies of these documents will be available for public examination during normal business hours for a forty-five (45) day period at the locations listed below:

- 1) Department of Housing and Community Development, 32715 Dorsey Rd., Westland
  - 2) Westland City Hall (Clark's Office) 36601 Ford Rd., Westland
- To coincide with the above-mentioned forty-five (45) day comment period, a public hearing on the 2000/2004 Five Year Plan and One-Year Agency Plan will be conducted by the Westland Housing Commission to obtain citizen and stakeholder input as listed below:
- February 18, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. Westland Housing Commission  
32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186

Anyone who is unable to attend the official public hearing and wishes to comment or make suggestions can do so by submitting their comments in writing to the Westland Housing Commission at 32715 Dorsey Rd., Westland, MI 48186.

JOHN FRANKLIN, President  
Westland Housing Commission

### 21st DISTRICT COURT CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the Office of the 21st District Court, located in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: (734) 525-8805) on or before FEBRUARY 1, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. for the following items:

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JANINE A. JUNG  
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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, January 25, 2000 the Westland Police Department will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M. at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

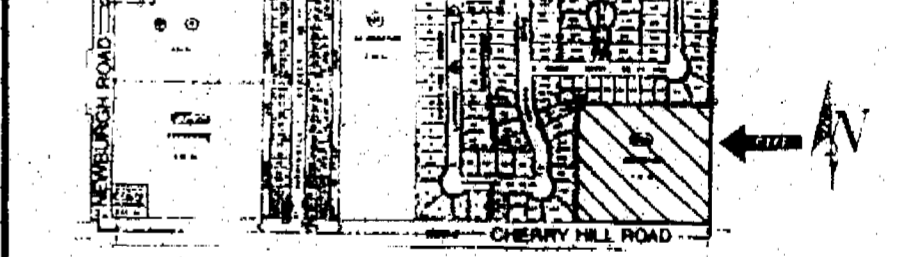
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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

**Case #1880A, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Educational Use Bi-Weekly for Kumon Math and Reading Instructions in the Fellowship Hall within Kirk of Our Savior Church, 36880 Cherry Hill Road, (Parcel #47-99-0007-001), West of Wayne Road and East of Newburgh Road, SW-17, Renuka Subramanian (Neil D. Cowling)**



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 1, 2000.

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

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman  
Westland Planning Commission

### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

**Case #202B, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Service Station With Convenience Store Use, 29414 W. Warren, Parcel #008-99-0003-000, Northwest Corner of Warren and Middlebelt, SE-2, Michael Tins**



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 1, 2000.

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ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman  
Westland Planning Commission

# Environmentalists warn about dangers of sprawl

BY MIKE MALOTT  
HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE  
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Residents new and old will "urbanize" 1.4 to 2 million more acres of land in Michigan in the next 20 years - that's an amount equal to the total land that had been developed up to and through the 1970s, according to the Michigan Environmental Council.

There are a number of reasons for this acceleration of urban sprawl, said Julie Stoneman, lands program director for the Michigan Environmental Council. One is population growth. In the past, Michigan's population has largely remained unchanged. But, Stoneman said, the Michigan Society of Planning Officials now is projecting an 11.8-percent growth in population for the state by the year 2020.

On top of that, the number of residents per household is dropping, down from 3.5 persons per household in 1960 to 2.8 in 1980. It will likely drop further, to 2.5 persons per house by 2020, the planning officials estimate.

And each house is taking up more land. Older cities could put 5.5 houses on an acre. Development of the '60s typically put 3.8 homes on an acre. In the '80s, the density was 2.6.

But over the next 20 years, Stoneman said, the figure will likely drop to 1.3 homes per acre.

## Large lots

People like living on large lots. A study conducted by Public Sector Consultants showed that 49 percent of residents would like to live on a large rural lot. Just 19 percent said they would like to live in an established neighborhood. Fifteen percent wanted to buy into a new subdivision.

Stoneman, along with Michigan Environmental Council President Lana Pollack and MEC Policy Specialist Conan Smith, gave this prediction of future sprawl to editors of the



Lana Pollack: Michigan Environmental Council.

HomeTown Communications Network - Observer & Eccentric Newspaper, HomeTown Newspapers, Mirror Newspapers and Community Newspapers - in a meeting Thursday, Jan. 13.

Pollack, a former state senator, said her organization is campaigning for changes in state policy that exacerbate and encourage sprawl. MEC is urging the state government to create a "vision" for land use statewide, incorporating goals and sound planning principles to end sprawl. MEC is asking the state to create a planning "toolbox" for communities to use in reaching those goals and create incentives for communities to avoid sprawl. MEC is also looking for the state to review its own investments, such as money for road projects, to look for side effects that encourage urban sprawl. The state now does not consider side effects before it determines where to spend road money, Stoneman explained.

Urban sprawl is not entirely market driven, Pollack argues. Rather, there are a number of government policies that contribute to it.

"People have no other choice" than buying the expensive homes on large lots that builders have concentrated on in recent years, she said. "If the options were available to them and they still did not buy, fine, you could say it was market driven. But right now, they don't have other options."

## Sprawl encouraged

Among the policies that encourage sprawl are laws such as Michigan's Land Division Act, which allows developers to divide large parcels into lots of 10 acres or larger without having to plat their developments as a subdivision.

Another contributor is the vast number of local governments in Michigan, 83 counties and 1,800 municipalities - cities, township and villages - all of which are responsible for their own land use planning.

Rather than override local control of land use, Stoneman said, MEC is advocating that the state adopt a "smart growth" plan, such as the one in use in Maryland. There, local communities decide on their own where their growth areas should be and where they should attempt to preserve land. Then the state targets its financial assistance to encourage development (or redevelopment) inside those growth areas. But the state withholds assistance when developers seek to build in areas marked for preservation, she explained.

## Transit needs

Smith argued that the lack of mass transit is one of the leading contributors to, as well as a result of, urban sprawl. The state constitution caps the money spent in Michigan on mass transit at 10 percent of the state transportation fund. He noted that the state is spending just 8.3 percent on mass transit.

The Detroit area's heavy reliance on automobiles has a

number of serious effects for the region, Smith said. For one, according to the figures offered by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, commute times for the average driver have increased 30 percent, an average of 15 minutes, just in the last few years.

Thirty percent of Detroit residents don't own cars. So the lack of mass transit makes it difficult

for them to get to work, or to find employment in the first place.


"They say the road to hell is paved with good intentions," Smith said. "The devil would say, 'Use bituminous concrete.' I'd say that if you built mass transit, you could get people there a lot faster."

The Michigan House of Representatives has created a Land

Use Panel to study urban sprawl and recommend policies for addressing it. Chaired by Rep. Gene DeRossett, R-Manchester, the panel was named in the fall and is just beginning its work.

The MEC is one of 14 groups that has been asked to provide it with information. Stoneman and Smith have made similar presentations to its members.

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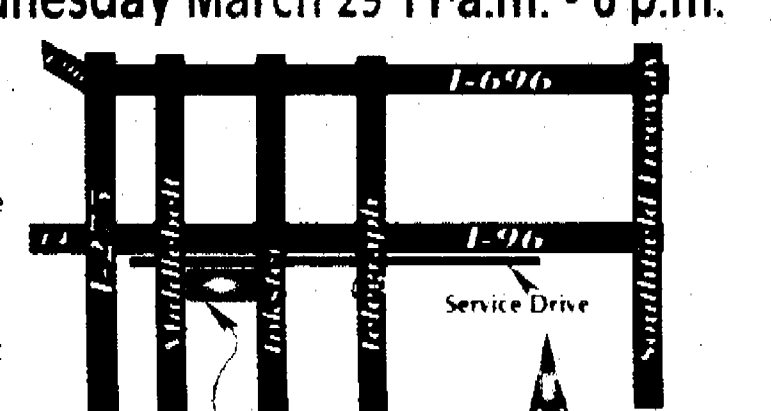
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## Ford resurfacing will begin in spring

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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The \$1.4-million resurfacing and repair of a 1.36-mile section of Ford Road (M-153) between Wayne and Venoy roads in Westland will begin this spring, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

The completion date of the project, which will include cold-milling, resurfacing and concrete pavement and repair, is expected

to be August. Ajax Paving is the contractor.

The project is one of three affecting Observer readers announced by Gov. John Engler Jan. 13 as part of Build Michigan II, MDOT's \$1.4-billion road and bridge program for 2000.

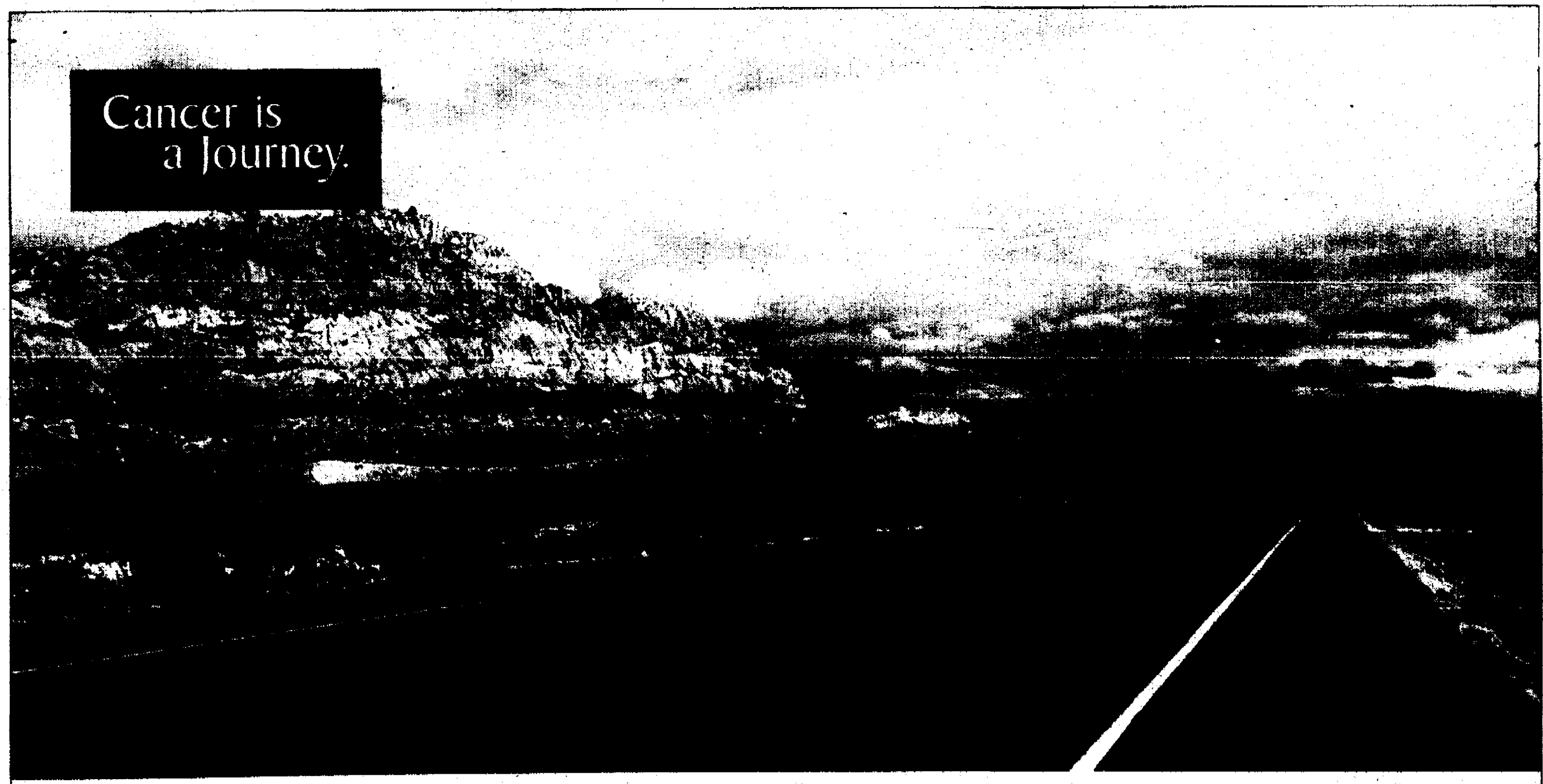
Also announced for spring start-ups are work on Grand River in Redford Township; on Ford Road in Dearborn; and under Ecorse Road at I-275.

The Redford project will involve \$5,000 worth of curb and

gutter construction along Grand River at Vassar Road. However, the bid has not been awarded as yet.

The Dearborn project involves bridge repair on Ford/M-153 westbound over Hines Drive. The \$274,000 project is to be completed by J. Slagter & Son by June.

The Ecorse Road overpass repair, a \$333,000 project awarded to WWA Inc., is to be completed by October.



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# Group stages protest against deer hunt at Kensington

By **TRAN LONGBOONE**  
HOMETOWN COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

More than a hundred people staged a Saturday afternoon protest outside Kensington Park in a last ditch effort to save the lives of up to 250 deer scheduled to be killed in the next six weeks.

The protest, organized by the

Metroparks Deer Preservation Council, was staged to generate public outcry about plans to have sharpshooters bait and kill more than half of the park's famed deer herd before March 1.

"I don't know, maybe it's too late. But we still have some hope," said council president Judy Brock, as motorists drove

down Milford Road, honking horns in support or shouting derisive comments at the placard waving protesters.

Milford resident Barbara Young said shooting tamed and trustful deer is inhumane. She likened it to "shooting fish in a barrel."

The people-friendly deer,

known to eat out of the hands of park visitors, are one of Kensington's greatest draws. Plymouth resident Rosita Smith visits the park several times a year. When her daughter and granddaughter visit from Colorado, Kensington Park is always first on the agenda.

"I know of nowhere else in the world like it," Smith said. "But if they start shooting the deer, they'll ruin everything."

Protesters had harsh words for the Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority, the state Department of Natural Resources and Gov. John Engler.

"Metroparks are a sanctuary for these deer and other wildlife," said Lou Nantais, who lives next door to the park on East Buno Road. "This isn't about saving vegetation and wildlife. This is about making the hunters happy."

Nantais disputes deer population estimates.

"I drive down the road every day, and there I've noticed a



**"I know of nowhere else in the world like it. But if they start shooting the deer, they'll ruin everything."**

*Rosita Smith  
Plymouth*

recreation areas be opened to hunting and fishing.

While park rangers are performing the culls this year, protesters say that hunters will soon be clamoring to get into Kensington.

Protesters also decried Metroparks' lack of foresight. Many biologists say that hunted deer populations have a reproduction rate which doubles that of non-hunted deer. Hunted does are nearly three times more likely to have twins than other does, and they begin reproducing at a younger age. Critics charge hunting is just a form of harvesting the next year's crop.

The New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife states that "the deer resource has been managed primarily for the purpose of sport hunting."

Protesters also said that the population is not significantly damaging the park's vegetation as the Metroparks purport. "No baseline study was ever done on Kensington Park's vegetation," Brock said.

According to a permit received from the state Department of Natural Resources, the cull can take place anytime now through March 1. Park officials say rangers, who will kill the deer at night, are still in training. Spokesman Dave Moilanen refused to say when the cull will start.

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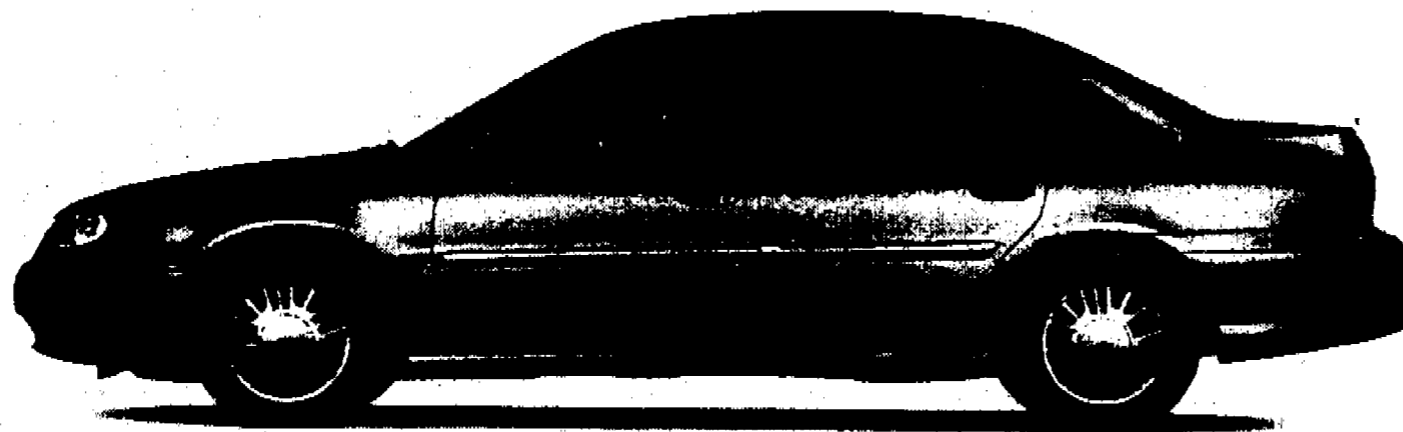
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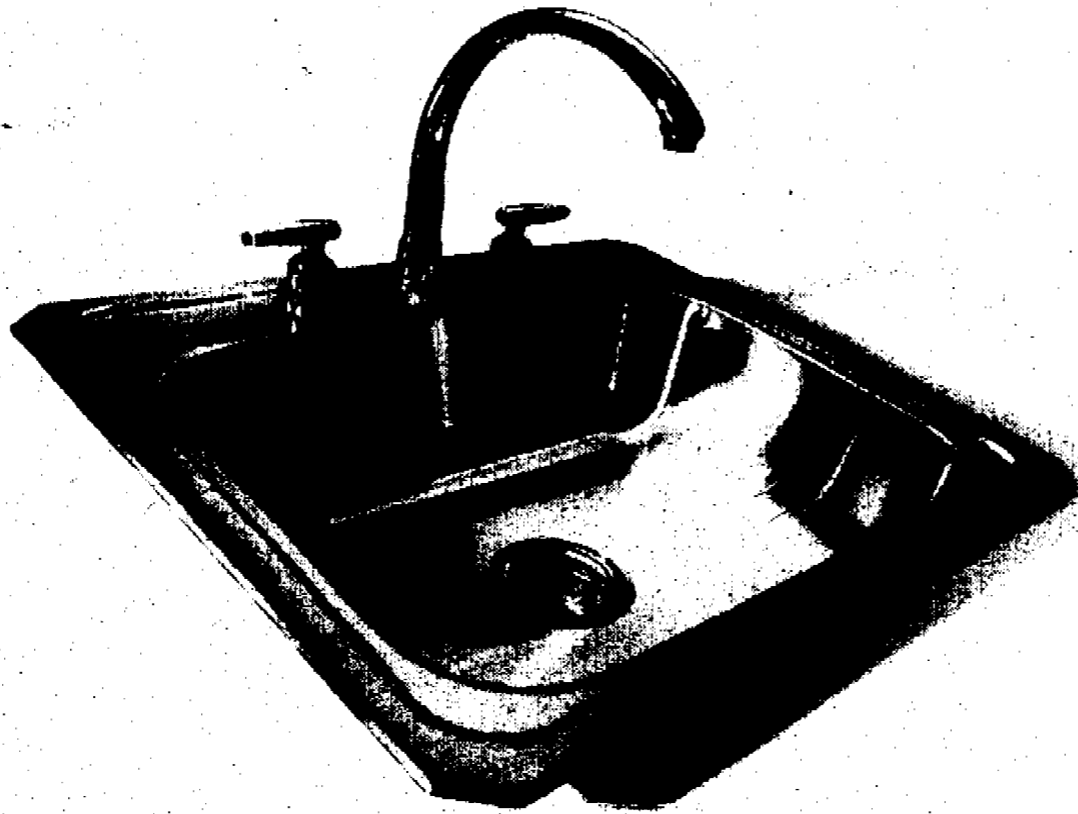
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## Foster care board needs volunteers

The State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court is seeking volunteers to serve on the Wayne County Foster Care Review Board.

The Michigan Legislature established the Foster Care Review Board Program in 1984 in an effort to improve children's foster care programs through the state utilizing citizen review boards.

The five member board meets once day each month to review a representative sample of cases of children who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect. At these reviews, board members interview parents, foster parents, caseworkers, attorneys and other interested parties who may be involved in planning for the ward. Advisory recommendations are formulated and mailed to the court, child welfare agency, prosecuting attorney, parents and other interested parties. The purpose of the review is to ensure that all agencies, including the court, have established a plan for the ward and progress is being made toward achieving permanency.

The Foster Care Review Boards are comprised of citizens who reflect a broad cross section of their communities. Minorities and men are especially encouraged to apply. The program is seeking volunteers who have demonstrated leadership in other settings. Employees of the Family Independence Agency, family court, or private child placement agencies are prohibited by law to serve on the Foster Care Review Boards.

Each volunteer who is selected must attend a two-day orientation training in Lansing March 9-10. This training is a requirement to serve on a board. Also, board members attend yearly training which is held in different locations throughout the state, and expenses for training are reimbursed.

Citizens interested in volunteering for the Wayne County Foster Care Review Board should call (617)373-1956 for an application. The deadline for receiving applications is Jan. 31, 2000, and interviews with prospective candidates will take place in February 2000.

## Chamber will oppose property tax lawsuit

(PRNewswire) - Attorneys representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce will file a request to submit an amicus brief in opposition to a lawsuit eight units of local government (Wayne County, Detroit, Oakland County, Macomb County, Livonia, Taylor, and Van Buren Charter Township) have filed against the State of Michigan.

The request was to be filed Wednesday in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The local government lawsuit seeks to prevent the Michigan State Tax Commission from implementing new personal property tax depreciation tables for electric and gas utility company transmission and distribution systems.

The new depreciation tables are part of a multi-year effort by the State Tax Commission (STC) to increase the fairness and improve administration of the personal property tax.

In Michigan the personal property tax is only levied on business equipment, machinery and furnishings.

"This effort by local governments to undermine personal property tax reform must be stopped now," said Michigan Chamber president and CEO Jim Barrett in announcing the legal action.

"Earlier this month several

local government officials from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties launched a false and misleading public relations campaign attacking businesses that exercised their right under the law to appeal unfair property tax assessments. Now this same group has filed a frivolous lawsuit asking a Wayne County court to prevent the State Tax Commission from continuing to move forward on personal property tax reform," explained Barrett.

"For 106 years, Section 114 of the General Property Tax Act of 1893 has clearly and simply stated, 'No injunction shall issue to stay the proceedings for the assessment or collection of taxes under this act.' This wasteful lawsuit is a classic example of taxpayer funded lawsuit abuse and a sad reflection of our litigation culture. It is apparent that these local politicians are more concerned about maintaining current levels of government spending than complying with the standards for property taxation contained in the State Constitution and the property tax law," Barrett concluded.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a statewide business organization representing approximately 7,000 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce.

## United Way seeks volunteer nominations

The United Way Community Services is accepting nominations for several volunteer awards. The awards will be presented at the Celebrate Volunteers Luncheon that will be held on Wednesday, April 12, during National Volunteer Week. All nominations must be received at United Way Community Services by Feb. 7.

Nominations are being accepted for the following volunteer awards:

■ **Cheer Award**, sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Corporate Volunteer Council and United Way Community Services, is presented annually to one exceptional employee nominated by his/her employer as an outstanding community volunteer. In addition, a \$1,000 gift will be awarded to the non-profit organization where the winner performs most of his/her volunteer work.

■ **Heart of Gold Award**, sponsored by United Way Community Services, honors individuals whose dedication, time, commitment, program participation and personal contributions have made a significant difference in

the community.

■ **CorPlus Award**, sponsored by the Junior League of Detroit, is given to one retiree whose volunteer efforts exemplify the highest standards of excellence and generosity of service focused in the city of Detroit. The award is intended to promote volunteerism among our retired population as an incentive to continue "working for Detroit" in a volunteer capacity. The Junior League of Detroit will make a \$1,000 donation to a charity the winner selects.

■ **Young Metro Volunteer Award**, sponsored by United Way Community Services, acknowledges and honors the efforts of student volunteers, ages 12 to 21, who show exceptional leadership, commitment and character in service to the community.

■ **Governor's Honor Roll**, sponsored by The Junior League of Birmingham with support from the governor's office, recognizes volunteers for their outstanding community service. A proclamation will be initiated to note the names and organizational affiliations of all candidates.

■ **Bernie Firestone Labor Vol-**

unteer Award honors an outstanding labor volunteer who exemplifies the caring, compassion and dedication to volunteerism distinguished by Bernie Firestone.

This award will be given to a rank and file member in good standing of his/her local union and will include a \$1,000 donation to the non-profit agency

where the winner volunteers his/her services.

Nomination forms for these awards may be obtained by calling the George W. Romney Volunteer Center at United Way Community Services between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at (313) 226-9430 or (800) 392-4833. All nomination entries must be received by Feb. 7.

## Stargazers meet at Nankin

Stargazers can learn to identify constellations such as Pegasus and the Little Dipper and other celestial star formations with guest astronomer Mike Best 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Best, the planetarium demonstrator of the Voilbrecht Planetarium in Southfield, has been an astronomy enthusiast for more than 50 years. Participants can expect an informative evening beginning with an indoor slide presentation "Winter Skies and Space Update" followed by a discussion and outdoor star viewing, weather per-

mitting. Refreshments will be available following the presentation.

Suited for ages eight and above, the fee is \$2 per person and advance registration is required. This program is made possible through funding from the parks millage. The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off of Hines Drive and can be reached even if the road is barricaded for flooding.

For information on this or any other Wayne County parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

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## OPINION

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### Say it ain't so Clerk, public deserve better

Patricia Gibbons is getting a raw deal, and residents are, too.

Gibbons was fired Tuesday as Westland's city clerk in a move orchestrated by four members of the Westland City Council. She's done her job well and certainly deserved to be reappointed. Moreover, if there are concerns about the operation of the clerk's office, they should be discussed at an open council meeting, where the public can have a say.

Another related question exists as to a violation of the Open Meetings Act. Such a "round-robin" action of lining up votes prior to a meeting is illegal under its provisions.

There's also the question of the authority of council President Charles "Trav" Griffin to place Gibbons on paid leave, which he did Friday. She didn't work for him specifically, although she did serve at the will of the council. We all have a boss, of course, but still it seems inappropriate for Griffin to come into the office and send Gibbons home on leave, without cause.

Griffin's comments that Gibbons was "emotional" and that it was the "humane" thing to send her home last Friday smack of condescension and sexism. It's unlikely a male department head getting the boot would be accused of being too emotional.

There are concerns, too, about the upcoming GOP presidential primary, set for Feb. 22, and the impact of booting out the clerk on the eve of the election in Westland.

All of these concerns - fair treatment of

■ 'Basically, the public body has to go back and do it right.'

Mark Butler  
—attorney

Gibbons, letting the public speak, violation of the Open Meetings Act and Griffin's authority or lack thereof - add up to one big mess for the city of Westland.

Mark Butler, attorney for Wise & Marsac, said the Westland City Council action amounts to a violation of the Open Meetings Act. If it can be established the foursome deliberated and came to a decision outside a public forum, "it's a violation."

Butler said the remedy would be to undo the private decision. "Basically, the public body has to go back and do it right." Often, such bodies take the same course of action in public session that they did in private.

Some members of public bodies are uncomfortable talking about issues in public, Butler said. Some may not know the law - "It doesn't occur to them that they are violating" - and some are out to throw a wad.

Butler, as a media advocate, has a view that may not be shared by members of public bodies. Nevertheless, the spirit of the Open Meetings Act is to ensure honesty and accountability in government, something we should all favor. Patricia Gibbons deserved a fair shake and didn't get it. It is time to restore integrity to our governmental leadership.

### Rethink mass transit needs

This is the week that the world comes to Detroit.

The North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center is the showcase for all the shiny, new automobiles offered for the coming year and a dazzling display of concept cars that may never be marketed but stimulate thinking about transportation design.

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The way the world changed history and the way we live our lives for good and bad. It tempted us from our small towns and from our congested cities. Ribbons of highway were built to allow the automobile and trucks to move across country and, more significantly, across ever expanding urban areas.

The suburbs grew with the automobile and the roads built to accommodate it.

We had suburbs before the automobile, connected by electric streetcars that ran from the center of Detroit, west to Ann Arbor and north to Pontiac. But the subs didn't really grow until the freeways allowed people to drive their own cars from home into the city.

Inevitably, the suburbs, themselves, became places where industry and commerce followed the people.

The center city lost its prominence as retail shopping, entertainment venues and office and factory jobs moved out to the suburbs.

We love our cars and the independence they give us. But that independence has come at a price. The racial divide has been exacerbated by the outward movement and the lack of transportation for the poor who remain in the center city. We've destroyed viable neighborhoods to put in freeways. We've devoured thousands of acres of farm, forest and park land to build housing along the freeways.

We spend large amounts of our state bud-

get on continuous road repair and build new roads that will also require repair. We consume fuel at unacceptable levels. Our major roads and freeways are frequently clogged to a standstill during rush hour.

In affluent Oakland County, 91 percent of commuters drive alone to work.

By design and practice, Detroit has one of the worst mass transit systems in the United States. The Michigan Constitution mandates that not less than 90 percent of fuel taxes go toward building and maintaining roads, leaving a paltry 10 percent for alternatives like rail and bus systems, and even this is not currently allocated.

We understand how important the automobile is to the economic life of metropolitan Detroit, but we also know that time has come to rethink our transportation needs locally, regionally and nationally.

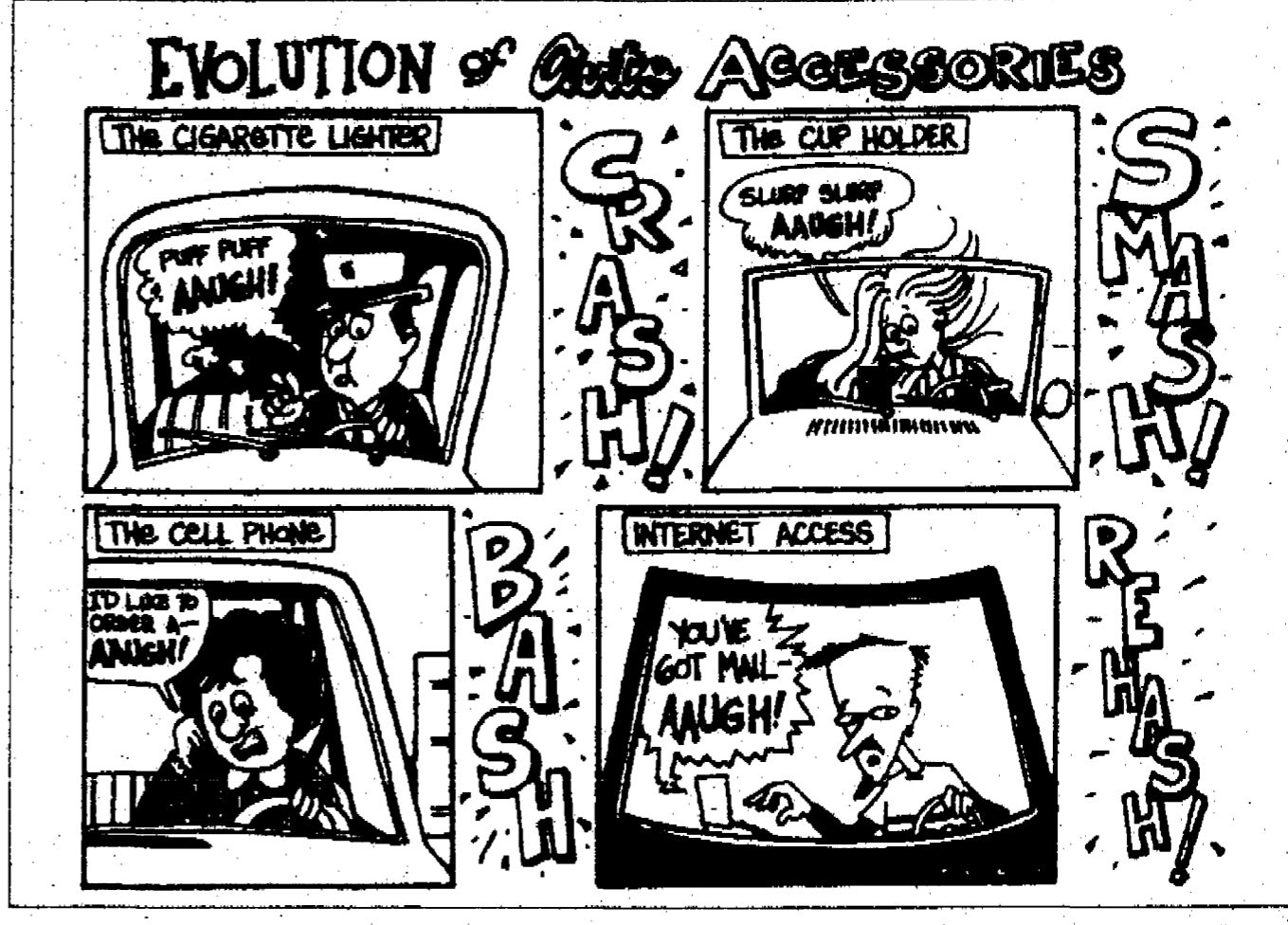
The Michigan Environmental Council, a coalition of environmental and public health organizations, is offering some alternative thinking about a system for "moving people not cars."

They are asking that we limit construction of new roads, allocate the maximum allowable 10 percent fuel tax to mass transit and programs to mitigate congestion, require the Michigan Department of Transportation to plan road projects that complement local master plans and allow communities to disapprove construction plans if a consensus can't be reached in three years.

Other cities such as Washington, D.C., Chicago, Boston and Toronto have efficient, well-used mass transit systems and programs that discourage wasteful driving practices.

We can still have our personal automobiles, but it is past time to also have a good mass transit system in Detroit.

GEORGE BROOKS



### LETTERS

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#### Keep Elian here

To the straight-thinking and sincerely compassionate citizens of Michigan: Elian Gonzalez, the 6-year-old Cuban shipwreck survivor, can be saved from deportation by you.

Michigan's Sen. Spencer Abraham is chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration. Contact him at Room SD-329, Dirksen Building, 1st and C streets, NE Washington, D.C. 20515. Senate office e-mail: michigan@abraham.senate.gov, phone (202) 224-4822, Immigration Office phone, (202) 224-6098, and fax (202) 224-9102.

Most of us (except native American Indians) were lucky to have ancestors who chose to escape their life of poverty and humble servitude in their native lands ... Some came, in early times, as indentured servants ... Some came by steerage ... Some did not choose to come, but were stolen from their homes and arrived chained in the holds of slave ships. Their freedom is still a dream in the process of becoming. Sen. Abraham's parents came here with that same dream ...

Straight thinking and compassion are not prerequisites to hold political office. However, sufficient votes are the requirement to obtain and hold political office. Contact Sen. Abraham. Ask him to use common sense, not politics, to keep Elian in the Land of the Free.

We know that citizens of Communist countries live as prisoners with no rights of free speech ... The Iron Curtain and the Great Wall of Communist East Germany had to be erected to keep the nation of imprisoned citizens from escaping. When they did escape, straight thinking and compassionate Europeans did not return them to the walled national prison of East Germany.

The nearest blood relative argument as basic requirement for good child rearing is a political ploy. Many children are adopted into kind, loving and caring homes. Without any blood relationship, they grow up to be good, decent and productive citizens. This child is not an orphan. He has relatives here. We do not know the reason for the parent's divorce. We do not know the father-son relationship. We do know the mother gave her life bringing her son to freedom. We cannot believe a vice from afar when we know his government has a throatlock on the voice. Bring the father here.

Are we such a weak-kneed nation that we cannot invite the father of Elian to our shores for a real discussion of the facts? Invite his

new wife and any relatives he may want to bring. Castro, then will not be able to hold them hostage ...

The federal Justice Department speaks much about the "law" and who has "legal jurisdiction." The Federal belief is that, "blood-relationship" is the only criterion ... The Dutch family who hid the family of Anne Frank from the Nazi Gestapo in the Netherlands "broke the law." There are times when common sense must rule or we lose our humanity.

Washington is so close-minded that no one is willing to consider this episode as an analogy to the "Ping-Pong" diplomacy which led to opening China to the world. We want the global world to be free and democratic. Cuba is on our southern water border. It is a much more narrow water border than the vast expanse we crossed to welcome China into the family of nations. We need common sense in Washington, not politics.

If big numbers of straight thinking and compassionate Michigan citizens seize this moment to contact Sen. Abraham, a bit of humanity will come back into government. This letter is my test of participatory democracy ... If you don't participate, you lose it. Big numbers count.

Charles Johnson  
Wayne  
World War II veteran Normandy D-3

#### View on drinking

Mr. Self-Righteous (Steve Jeffers), my mother was killed by an aged old man who did not deserve to be on the road. I think anybody who is over 55 should not be allowed to drive!!

Pretty judgmental, ha! Since I am a perfect human being, like yourself, I think I am qualified to tell you to take your self-saturated foot and put it where it can rightly be stuck.

Why don't you spend the day at any court building and jump on every person that is there to answer an alcohol-related charge, but I'm sure you don't have the guts to do that, I'm sure a court building is too good for perfection.

I am not correct to judge all older people on the way they (might drive) just because of one who p---d me off.

Nor are you royalty enough to judge anybody who might drink (responsibly or not).

Joseph Harris

### COMMUNITY VOICE

**QUESTION:** Should young Cuban boy Elian Gonzalez go back to his father or stay in the United States?

"Go with the father."	"Go with his father."	"Go back to his father. The little boy needs to be with a parent."	"He should go back to his father. That's where he belongs."
Michael Brown	Barbara Crowley	John Murphy	A.B. Jaffer

We asked this question at the Westland Kroger on Ford Road.

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

# Not just kid stuff

## Social studies knowledge is essential for one and all

Another round of MEAP test scores and another round of disappointment for educators and parents.

It was also a disappointment for this journalist because the test was about social studies. That is a subject that students, especially high school students, should be learning through newspapers, magazines and television news in addition to the classroom. Yet only 23.2 percent of the state's 11th-graders met the state standard on last year's test. Another 34.4 percent showed a basic understanding and 41.8 percent failed.

The test is a combination of multiple-choice and essay questions challenging students to think about history, geography and social issues.

Some have said that the MEAP tests have been designed to make public education look bad in order to promote Republican ideas about

vouchers and charter schools. That's a bit too cynical and evades the point about what we should expect from students in the areas of math, reading, science and social studies.

We can't lower standards because we find out the majority of students aren't being taught or absorbing the subject material. But we can expect that the state doesn't deliberately devise a test that covers material that isn't part of the standard curriculum. We hear from some school administrators that what gets tested has little relationship to what gets taught.

It's been hard for schools to keep up with expectations. In the Farmington School District, only about 20 percent of the juniors took the test and those who did scored considerably higher than the state average. But Kris Gekiere of Farmington's assessment, research and evaluation department is aware of the MEAP problem:



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"What we have to do is align our curriculum with the objectives of the state and what's being tested. It's always a moving target."

But this test, unlike some other MEAPs, isn't so much about acquiring and regurgitating set information. This test assesses an ability to analyze information.

Marlene Bihlmeyer, Livonia district curriculum director, spoke to what makes this test challenging and necessary: "This test assesses a child's

ability to think rather than place an emphasis of their knowledge of the content. They don't ask questions like, 'Who was the first president?' or 'When was the Declaration of Independence signed?'"

Unfortunately, even some adults don't understand the importance of social studies. A metro daily gave the test to a group of adults, some of whom questioned its validity and relevance. One college graduate even claimed she had focused her education on journalism, not social studies. (What is it she thinks journalists cover?) Another wanted to know what was so important about knowing the premise of the Monroe Doctrine or the Magna Carta. How about an understanding of foreign relations and the basic foundations of democracy. They strike me as pretty important.

A sample of questions from the eighth-grade tests shows a test that is

challenging but not impossibly complex if the material is covered in the classroom. It challenges students to read carefully, understand simple graphs and maps and think about issues, some of them very relevant to current politics.

Social studies are essential to a democratic society, essential to understanding our political, economic and social relationships. In addition to what children learn in school, parents should be talking regularly about these issues with their children.

Social studies isn't a frill, it's what life is all about.

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LETTERS

### No special election

Oppose the holding of a special election for the renewal of a 1-mill tax to pay Westland's portion of debt for the incinerator. No way should we waste \$30,000 to put an issue before the voters in May that could easily coincide with another upcoming election, possibly the August primary.

As much as I have personally voiced my disapproval of the whole incinerator contract, I have no choice but to accept the fact that our community is stuck with a huge debt. And though myself and others believed it was clearly evident that continuing another 40 years with this money-pit was foolish, the majority of our city council disagreed.

You and your children can thank

the likes of "Trav" Griffin, Sharon Scott and David Cox anytime the issue of increased taxes (i.e., millage renewal) comes up down the road for that incinerator. Glenn Anderson tried to get people to listen to reason but no one would even consider cutting our losses and making a change away from costly incineration towards increased recycling and less expensive landfilling. I guess that would have taken real leadership and concern for the financial well-being of our city. Richard LeBlanc was 100 percent correct when he stated "council members made the wrong decision by putting Westland in long-term debt for the incinerator."

I guess my only question now regarding a vote to renew the 1-mill tax is what choice do we really have?

Will renewing the tax for 15 more years put an end to this debt once and for all, or will the residents be asked to extend the tax again in another 15 years?

Cheryl Graunstadt  
Westland

### Fond memories

Edith Long will be remembered for her contribution of historical photos of two pioneer schoolhouses in Nankin Township, namely Cooper and Perrinsville. Both of the one-room schools still exist.

Born in Nankin Township in 1899 on the family farm at Merriman and Joy roads, she was one of six children born to Eliza Jane Bridge and Christopher Long. As a first-grader at

Perrinsville School she described her walk to school down Merriman Road, jogged east at Ann Arbor Trail, then south past the church (Perrinsville) on the hill and turning west on Warren to the fork in the road where the schoolhouse sat. The school ground was flat-iron shaped (triangular) with lots of maple trees.

Her two photographs of that school were invaluable in the restoration that took place in the 1990s. The school was restored to an 1890s era and is available for school classes to experience a day in a one-room school.

An 1898 interior photo showed the teacher's platform, wainscoting, a wall and doorway between the schoolroom and vestibule, a sign above the door from the District Board, and even a picture of George Washington

on the wall. The 1907 exterior photograph showed the building and school class, which included the Long children. This photo made it possible for architects to accurately reproduce the missing bell tower which had been removed around 1950.

Around 1908 Mr. Long transferred his children to the one-room frame Cooper School. In appreciation for the school teacher accepting more children, Mr. Long built a wooden rocker for her. When Cooper School celebrated the Michigan Sesquicentennial in 1987, Edith was invited as guest of honor.

Edith Long died on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2000. She will be remembered.

Ruth Dale  
Westland

## Lesson in sprawl real eye-opener

Headlines like these are increasingly appearing in this newspaper:

- Local citizens group fights strip mall development

- 400-acre centennial farm slated for subdivision
- County road congestion makes commuting tough
- Michigan to lose millions of acres of farmland
- Citizens group charged with NIMBY (not in my back yard) thinking
- Another store closes: downtown called "a wasteland"

Lurking behind each of these stories are interconnected matters of development, zoning, land use planning and environmental preservation. Put them all together and what you get is something called "sprawl."

The Michigan Society of Planning Officials has produced a pretty good definition of sprawl: "a low density pattern of development ... (that is) automobile dependent, energy and land consumptive, and requires a very high ratio of road surface to development served." Anybody who lives in suburban, exurban or rural Michigan has plenty of concrete examples to go with that rather abstract definition.

Sprawl is the most common form of growth in Michigan today. And I'm pretty sure the number and intensity of local conflicts that trace their origin back to sprawl are only going to increase as time goes on. Here's why.

Assuming the economy stays reasonably healthy, Michigan's 9.2 million population is expected to grow by 1.1 million people by 2020. If development continues at the current low density levels, those 1.1 people will urbanize as much land as was urbanized by the first 9.2 million, consuming nearly 2 million acres of rural land. That's space equivalent to four or five counties!

Because sprawl affects the lives of nearly everybody who reads this newspaper, I invited Lana Pollack, president of the Michigan Environmental Council, and two of her colleagues to meet with our editorial board last week. Pollack served as a state senator for 12 years before starting her own statewide newspaper, Michigan Monthly. Casting around for something constructive to do after selling the paper, Pollack signed on with MEC, a coalition of 53 organizations organized 20 years ago to provide a voice for the environment in Lansing.

In keeping with the complexity of the subject, our conversation covered a lot of ground.

One clear conclusion: One of the biggest contributors to sprawl is wrongheaded public policy. Take the Plat Act and its successors, for example. In seeking to provide rural land owners relief from going through all the regulatory and legal aggravations of platting their land prepara-



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tory to sale, the Legislature enacted laws that allowed property to be divided up into parcels of 10 acres or more for sale without being formally platted.

The net result? Lots and lots of 10-acre lots sold. And as the saying goes, 10 acres is "too small to farm and too large to mow." Building one single family home on a 10-acre lot is a great way to convert a lot of formerly rural land into exurb.

Another topic: The overwhelming preference of folks in Michigan is to live on a large lot in a rural setting. That's low density development and that contributes to sprawl. So you might conclude the Environmental Council is just a bunch of anti-growth social engineers trying to deny folks what they want.

Not so, says Pollack. Well-designed developments - by clustering homes close together and preserving common ground as open space, for example - can provide people with a home in a rural setting, often at less cost to developers and their customers than traditional design. In fact, Pollack says her organization isn't anti-growth. Instead, MEC favors "smart growth," which includes well-designed cluster housing and downtown redevelopment.

I pricked my ears up at "downtown redevelopment," as it's always seemed to me that the deterioration of traditional downtowns is one of the inevitable consequences of sprawl developments such as strip shopping centers and big box stores built on previously productive farmland.

Thanks to our conversation, I'm better informed than I was, and I believe our editors and reporters are, too. You'll be seeing sprawl and what to do about it as an important part of this newspaper's coverage in the weeks to come.

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## Musings about the millennium

"It's not only a new year, it's a new century." That's the first sentence in a story in a certain community newspaper dated Jan. 13, 2000.

Two weeks into the new YEAR and we still can't get it right. The new CENTURY and the new MILLENNIUM do not begin until Jan. 1, 2001. That's not an opinion, that's a fact.

Yet everyone from heads of state to television network anchors to community newspaper reporters have been propagating the false information that the stroke of midnight, Dec. 31, 1999, would usher in the 21st century, the third millennium. The question is: Why the plethora of misinformation?

Mass ignorance comes to mind as one possible answer. A cynical view, perhaps, but no more so than that expressed by the venerable Times of London on Dec. 26:

"We have uniformly rejected all letters and declined all discussion upon the question of when the present century ends, as it is one of the most absurd that can engage the public attention, and we are astonished to find it has been the subject of so much dispute, since it appears plain. The present century will not terminate till January 1, 1801, unless it can be made out that 99 are 100. It is a silly, childish discussion, and only exposes the want of brains of those who maintain a contrary opinion to that we have stated."

Pretty strong stuff. And by the way, that date of "1801" is not a typo. This statement was published in the Times on Dec. 26, 1799!

The Feminist has a theory that the combination of changing centuries, changing millennia and the infamous and over-hyped "Y2K" computer glitch got people confused. She probably has a point.

I've read stories and listened to broadcasts where people used the terms "millennium" and "Y2K" interchangeably, as though they meant the same thing. If Y2K were something to worry about when the calendar changed from 1999 to 2000, it must have something to do with the new millennium.

An Internet acquaintance of mine, who put up a Web site devoted to this subject, has a less-benevolent theory. He thinks it was all about money. If there was money to be made selling Y2K survival merchandise, there was also money to be made with millennium celebrations, millennium sales, millennium memorabilia, and so on.

(You can check out his Web site at [www.geocities.com/heartland/Plains/1638/millennium.html](http://www.geocities.com/heartland/Plains/1638/millennium.html))

Personally, I still hold to the theory of mass ignorance, fostered by governments perpetuating another Big Lie. Case in point:

When Lord McIntosh of Haringey, the British government's deputy Chief Whip, was asked why "for official purposes" the start of the 21st century was being celebrated a year early, he replied:

"The government has always recognized that the new millennium starts on 1 January 2001. But many people wish to celebrate during the year 2000."

So? They're wrong.

That didn't bother President Bill Clinton when he was asked in a radio interview if he and Hillary were guilty of "propagating the myth" that the new millennium would start in 2000 instead of 2001. His answer:

"Yes. I mean, I think basically, by common consent, everybody decided that we ought to celebrate the millennium on January the 1st, 2000, even though most of the strict correctionists say that it's January 1st, 2001."

Asked if the strict correctionists weren't right, he replied:

"Well, apparently, that was the prevailing view among the experts, but the people have expressed a different wish, so we're going with the folks. We've got a democracy here, and that's the way we're going."

That's just great. Government of the ignorant, by the ignorant, for the ignorant. Now that's a Y2K bug to worry about.

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## Mock rock

### Lounge offers kids karaoke

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It only takes one time in the spotlight and they're hooked.

At least that's what Danny Harrington, owner of Reiser's Keyboard Lounge, thinks about coupling kids with a Karaoke machine and microphone.

At the Westland lounge, he's established a weekly karaoke night especially for kids. And it's become quite popular for children of all ages, from shy little girls and boys to their parents.

"We started it about two months ago," said Harrington of the Sunday night activity. "I usually do karaoke Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights. Kids always want to come up and do it."

Ever since it started, it's been building up. More kids come.

One of those "regulars" on stage Sunday nights is 13-year-old Melanie Topasch of Westland.

"I like to sing," she said. "I have nothing else to do. I like it because I can get away from my parents and my brother."

It's not unusual to see "Mel" belting out tunes by Dixie Chicks, TLC

or Mariah Carey. She said someday singing might be something she'd like to do professionally.

For now, it's just a fun way to spend a Sunday with her friends and neighbors — like Donovan and Samantha Liddell, ages 9 and 11, respectively.

Donovan's favorite songs to sing include Will Smith's "Wild Wild West" and hits by N'Sync.

Making her third trip to the lounge, Samantha said she'd tell other kids her age to try it out because it's fun to get a chance to sing.

#### Calming influence

Occasionally, nerves get the better of the youngsters. That's when Jennifer Hall "sings" into action. As hostess, and Danny Harrington's daughter, she coordinates the singers, announces their names and songs and helps them get over the jitters.

"I'll sing with them or sit on stage with them," said Hall who enjoys running the activity. "Kids usually don't have anywhere to go."

For Melanie, Reiser's is the place to be Sunday

evenings. She said sometimes when people come in while she singing, she gets a little nervous and thinks "they might not like my voice." But now she's more comfortable with the mike. And it's all in the name of fun, anyway.

"Mainly, they have a day with family," said Harrington. "Nobody offers this. It's a good thing, a more controlled atmosphere. The activity attracts ages 8 to 20, and everyone gets to know each other."

"I've seen strangers, kids go up there who don't even know each other. They can come down here and sing all they want for free."

The atmosphere on Sunday nights is relaxed, not raucous. Parents watch proudly as their children take to the stage with courage. Participants really listen to one another, and clap after each song.

They are free to bring in their own karaoke-coded CDs or to choose from the available selections. Songs by Cher, Shania Twain, Dixie Chicks and Bette Midler were popular among the amateur voices recently.

#### 'Pretty good'

"The kids are pretty good," said Kim Pakcyk of Westland who has been helping out with the Sunday night activity for the past few weeks. "I think they get some fun out of it. It's like a hobby."

Pakcyk accompanied niece Samantha on stage for a duo later in the evening, prodding the shy girl to sing — and laughing together all along.

"I think they enjoy themselves," she added. "It's a good experience for them."

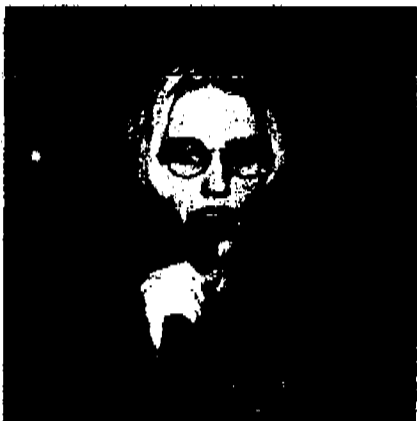
Robert McGeogh of Westland said the activity gives kids in the area something to do in their spare time.

"It keeps them out of trouble," he said, "and makes them more outgoing."

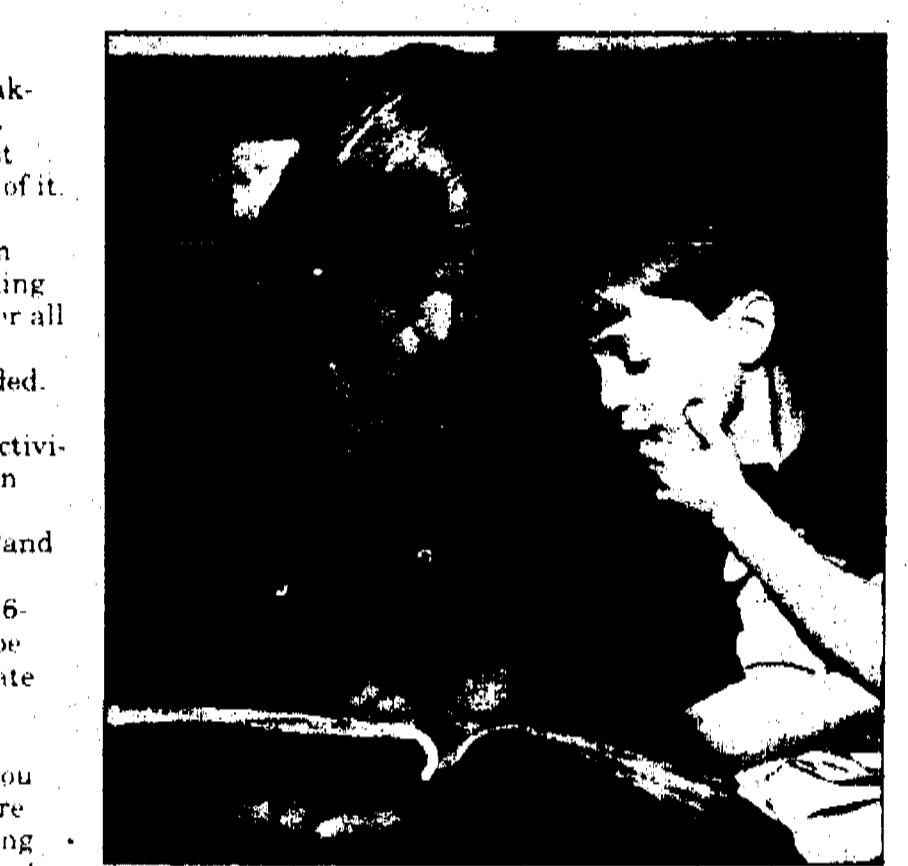
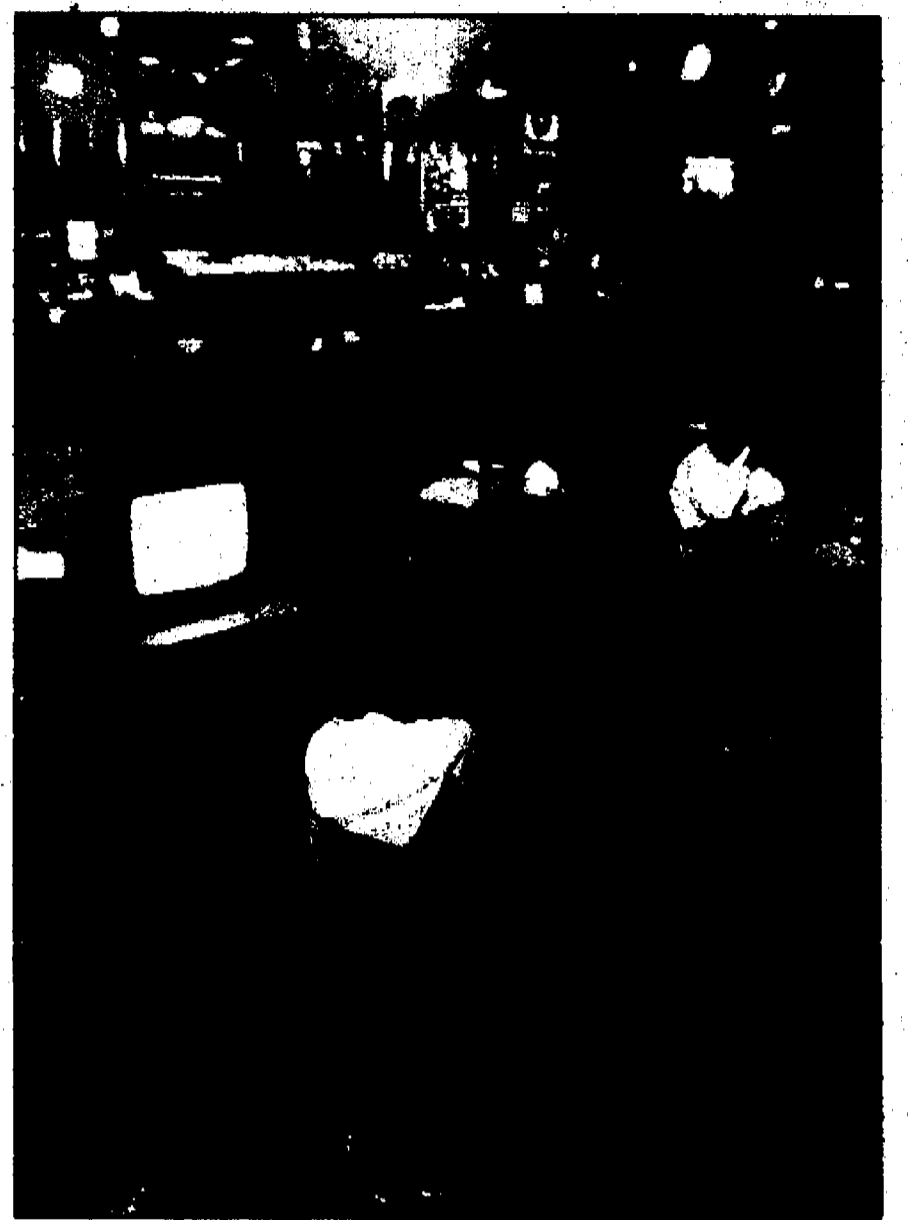
Tonia Coleman can attest to that. The 16-year-old said she comes to the lounge to "be the center of attention." She doesn't hesitate to take her mother on stage with her for a duet to "Believe" by Cher.

"It's a lot of fun," said Coleman. "Once you get up there, you don't remember (there are people watching). You're kind of just singing by yourself."

Reiser's Keyboard Lounge, Wayne Road just south of Palmer Road in Westland, offers Kid's Karaoke 5-8:30 p.m. Sundays and also books birthday parties. Call 734-728-9330 for more information.



Natural: Tonia Coleman, a 16-year-old Westland resident, wows the crowd with her voice during Kid's Karaoke.



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Belt it out: Top, young singers watch the monitors when they take the karaoke stage. Above, Rebecca Kalnasy looks over karaoke song choices with her son, Kory.

## Smart cookies: Girl Scouts continue tradition

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Of all the unexpected visitors who may appear on one's doorstep, none is more welcome than a young girl sporting a brown, green, or blue sash politely asking, "Would you like to buy some Girl Scout cookies?"

It's an annual tradition in some households, a time of year cookie-lovers anticipate. And it all goes back to the 1920s when Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low taught troops how to raise money to reach their goals. Cookie sales became a national franchise in 1936. Now, more than 300 councils participate in it.

#### Filling the cookie jar

Everyone has a favorite kind and it's America's Best Cookies who makes those treasures we know as Thin Mints (the most popular variety), Caramel DeLites and Peanut Butter Patties, and the newest cookie in the batch, Animal Treasures — a fudge-dipped shortbread cookie.

For 14-year-old Kaitlyn Christenson, lemon pastry cremes are the preferred treat. She's been involved in Scouting for 10 years and is now a member of Cadette Senior Troop 900 in Canton.

Kaitlyn said the best part of Scouting is going on camping excursions and taking trips to Cedar Pointe, Niagara Falls and Sleeping Bear Dunes. But when it comes to cookies, Kaitlyn's days of ringing doorbells and selling them at store fronts have taught her a few things — like it's a good idea to break up a few cookies and let people taste them.

"Everyone who tried it, bought some," added Dawn Christenson, troop leader, administrative volunteer and Kaitlyn's mother.

Cookie sales are important to Scouting because more than two-thirds of proceeds benefit projects for financial aid, leadership and citizenship training, facility and property maintenance,



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Big seller: Junior Girl Scouts Alyssa Heller, 16, and friend Sharan Shokar, 10, represent Troop 643 of Canton. They are expecting the newest cookie, Animal Treasures, to be a big hit this year.

math, science and technology training, career awareness and job preparation. The money also goes to Girl Scout trips, service projects and camping activities.

Camping is a perk for 9-year-old Brownie Kari Theisen, of Troop 429 in Canton. Kari and her friend Julia Molnar have been Scouts for four years and said they like delivering the cookies even more than taking the orders.

"Most of the kids have been together for four years," said Natalie Anderson Theisen, Kari's mother and troop leader. "They're good friends."

#### Make new friends

Eleven-year-old Hannah Caviechio is all smiles and giggles upon mention of the Girl Scouts. The Canton resident and member of Junior Troop 639 said she would definitely encourage other girls to join. She insists that it's about friends and fun. "A lot of my friends are in Girl Scouts," she said.

One best buddy, Clare Baptist, said she sticks with Girl Scouts because of the crafts, horseback riding and Mall Madness — a chance for Junior and Cadette Scouts to spend a whole night shopping, watching movies and scampering about Southland Mall.

Linda Caviechio, Hannah's mother and troop leader, said the activities give her the change to spend time with her daughter and the friends she's made in Girl Scouts. "I see a lot of benefits to being involved with Girl Scouts," said Caviechio.

"I just like being with the girls," she added. "It's a lot of work, but it's rewarding. It's a good way to help kids with leadership skills. It gives them more confidence."

#### Making the sale

Katy Thompson, 13, is practically an expert in cookie sales. "I've learned how to persuade people in buying cookies," she said.

#### What we wait for: Girl Scout Cookies defined

- ANIMAL TREASURES**  
The newest addition to Girl Scout's cookie menu, these are fudge-dipped shortbread cookies with the likeness of an endangered animal embossed on them.
- THIN MINTS**  
Chocolate wafers topped with a thin mint coating and a dusting of peppermint.
- PEANUT BUTTER PATTIES**  
Crispy vanilla cookies covered with peanut butter and coated in chocolate.
- CARAMEL DELITES**  
Vanilla cookies, dipped in caramel, topped with a dusting of crushed peanuts and coated with chocolate glaze.
- UPSIDE-DOWNS**  
Frosted oatmeal cookies covered with a dusting of sugar, frosted on one side.
- LEMON PASTRY CREMES**  
Reduced fat treats with lemon filling and a pastry coating.
- SHORTBREAD**  
Buttery shortbread that pairs perfectly with Scout s'mores.
- PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH**  
Smooth peanut butter sandwiched between two oatmeal cookies.



Making sales occasionally gets more difficult as Scouts grow older and buyers sometimes tell Cadette Scouts they're going to purchase cookies from the younger girls like Brownies.

Hannah Caviechio confirmed that yes, sometimes they get turned down — and it can be a little depressing. But Scouting is about more than just the

Please see COOKIES, B2

# Birthday parties are popular with parents, kids alike

Planning a birthday party for your child? You're not alone. According to American Greetings research, 96 percent of children under age 10 had some type of celebration for their birthday, and the most frequent place for the celebration was a home, the parents' home (66 percent) or someone else's home (12 percent).

American Greetings party planning experts and experienced moms have a few tips to guarantee birthday party success.

**Planned by kids for kids:** The No. 1 party tip several American Greetings parents recommended was involving the children in party planning and preparation.

Surprises are fun, but the kids like to get involved in planning and this is a time when the kids are motivated to be especially helpful.

**Get them plan the theme, location, guest list, menu, games, etc.** They can use invitations or create them on the computer with fun computer paper, fill pot bags, blow up balloons, decorate, even help "childproof," "crowdproof" or straighten the house.

**Party basics:** The second most frequently mentioned tip from experienced party moms is to make the party manageable. It's tempting to invite the whole second grade class for the afternoon, but you'll likely regret it.

Children's party planning standards, such as the old rule of inviting the same number of young guests as your child's age, have been passed along by experienced moms for a reason. The company's research indicates on average children's birthday parties had included

sight other children. As for the length of time, one hour is more than enough time for a toddler or preschooler. For older children two to three hours is recommended.

**Popular themes:** According to company research, one third of kids' parties have a theme. American Greetings DesignWare company advises that many of the most popular themes are kids' favorite characters from the entertainment world.

For the past three years, one of the most popular party themes has been "Rugrats." "Pokemon" is a new favorite.

For the younger set, "Bear in the Big Blue House," "Clifford the Big Red Dog," "The Busy World of Richard Scarry" and "Paddington Bear" are favorites loved by parents and kids alike.

Other trendy themes are space and aliens, said Amy Bergstresser, DesignWare brand manager.

"Retro themes from the '60s and '70s are trendy now with all ages and they're fun for parents who remember smiley faces and tie-dying from their childhood," she said. "These themes make for fun hippie costume parties, and moms and dads can play their old records. Sports and dinosaurs also continue to be classic kids' party themes."

The most popular themes are available inexpensively in discount, party or toy stores. You can purchase all the trappings, including themed games, decorations, balloons, stickers and favors, or theme with a few basic store-bought items, such as disposable plates, cups, table covers, loot bags and napkins and make your own accessories.

Nancy O'Leary, mother of two who

works in American Greetings Consumer Communications Department, reminisces about baking cakes and making games to match the party plates and hats.

"I would always make the cake to match or create a new twist on an old game," she said. "Both my daughter and my son had summer birthdays so we had outdoor parties, and we would create our own games, like pin the football on the player or pin the tail on the mermaid."

**Keep them busy:** Another top tip was keep them busy.

"Both of my sons have summer birthdays, so we have always had backyard parties," said Jill Hooley, marketing director for American Greetings educational products subsidiary Learning Horizons. "I've found that it's best to plan plenty of activities to keep them busy."

One sure hit was a wacky relay. Teams compete in relays that include putting on dress-up clothing and hats. Another version has teams compete in stuffing balloons into extra large clothing.

Chris Mahon, human resources training coordinator, planned a backyard scavenger hunt for a party.

"It was such a hit that my daughters requested scavenger hunt birthday parties for several years following," she said. "As they got older, we made the hunt more challenging and expanded beyond our yard to the neighborhood."

**Plan B:** Michele Vrooman Kennett, a card writer/editor for kids cards, learned the hard way to always have back up plans, like rainy day alterna-

tive location and activities for a party in the yard.

Some good fall-back games he mentioned were variations on simple games, such as spud, hot potato (or whatever you can find to toss - "hot pillow" or "hot tennis ball"), limbo, teaching the kids line dances, Simon Sez, or even rename duck-duck-goose to match the theme.

**Beware of sleep-overs:** Sleep-overs are a challenge, according to parents. For those under age 10, carefully consider the viability of making it through the evening without midnight calls to "pick me up, I want to come home."

For pre-teens (but not their parents), sleep-overs seem to have become the party of choice. Sleep-over tips included being in touch with the guests' parents and being specific about sleep time rules, or they never will. Older children may enjoy a summertime tent camp-out party in the back yard.

**Party destinations:** In addition to home or yard party tips, many American Greetings associates noted taking birthday parties outside the home. Popular destinations include roller and ice rinks, local parks, recreation centers or swimming pools.

Outings such as laser tag, sporting events, entertainment complexes and other commercial destinations are popular and fun, but pricey.

**Thank you:** Thank you notes are important social skill builders. Children actually enjoy writing thank you cards when they have fun note cards or when they're producing thank-yous on the computer and printing on decorative paper.

A special addition to thank you suggested by one American Greetings associate was to include a photo of the event that includes both the birthday boy or girl and the note's recipient.

**Their special day:** Whether with a party or not, the object of the day is to make your child feel special. Alternative birthday celebrations include special rituals, such as birthday plates, breakfasts, dinners or birthday cake with grandma, measuring to see how much they've grown, reminiscing about "the day you were born" or watching videos of younger years.

Jim Morrison, the company's multimedia productions manager, and his family annually celebrate "plane day," the anniversaries of the dates each of his two children came to him and his wife via international adoption. Some adoptive families call this "adoption day."

**Keeper cards:** Certainly a greeting card that tells children how special they are and are important keepsake reminder for them of the day.

"Our tradition is to have family parties for every birthday, whether it's a full dinner celebration or just cake and ice cream," said Pam McGrath, American Greetings senior editorial manager. "Birthdays give families the chance to let the child know how precious he or she is to them. And children love to get cards as much as adults do."

American Greetings, based in Cleveland, Ohio is the world's largest publicly held creator, manufacturer and distributor of greeting cards and social expression products.

## Cookies

sweet side of life. It's also about helping others. Katy Thompson's most memorable experiences have included her troop's involvement with Wayne County Family Center. The Cadette seniors hosted parties for the children there as part of


a 30-hour community service project. Katy particularly liked working with the younger Scouts during these activities.

Kaitlyn Christenson said, "You feel like your making a difference in people's lives."

To be a Girl Scout Girl Scouts are dedicated to fostering leadership and develops character among girls ages 5-17. But those involved said Scouting is more than the motto, "Where girls grow strong." Linda Cavicchio believes that Scout-

ing teaches girls skills relating to crafts, art, theater, the outdoors, and even mechanics. The possibilities are up to the troop, which chooses which badges they will aim for and completes activities in order to do so. "They learn how to set a goal and take the next

step toward that goal," she said. It's just something to remember when you see those smiling faces in the community next month. *The Scouts will be setting up cookie booths at area stores beginning Saturday, Feb. 19.*



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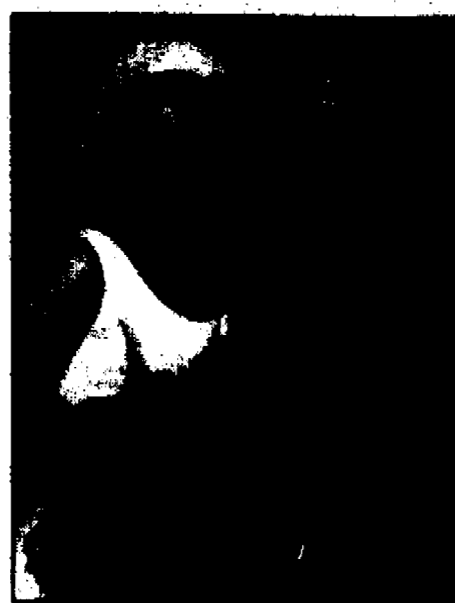
Ryan John Drumm and Lisa Michele Cunningham were married Oct. 16 at Newburg Church at Greenmead in Livonia by the Rev. Suzanne Paul.

The bride is the daughter of David and Pat Cunningham of South Lyon and Gary and Susan Koch of Plymouth and Tony and Sophia Modelski of Rochester Hills. The groom is the son of Casey and Diane Drumm of Detroit.

The bride currently attends the University of Michigan-Dearborn and will graduate the summer of 2000. She is employed at Bosch Braking Systems in Farmington Hills as a Human Resources Administrator.

The groom is currently employed at Link Engineering Company in Plymouth as a industrial electrician.

The bride asked Amanda Koch



to serve as matron of honor. Scott Bahnke served as best man.

The couple received guests at a reception at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Following a trip to Walt Disney World and a cruise, the couple made their home in Canton.

**Zybtowski-Belveal**

Susan Bellomo of Belleville announces the marriage of her daughter, Jennifer Sue, to Scott Howard Belveal of Brighton.

The bride, also the daughter of the late David Zybtowski, is a graduate of Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. She works as a litigation attorney for Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn.

Her husband, son of William Belveal of Harbor Springs and Janet Schultz of Swartz Creek, is a graduate of General Motors Institute and Ashland University. He works as an engineering supervisor for Ford Motor Company.

A wedding was planned for



Nov. 14, 1999 at Kaanapali Beach, Maui, Hawaii. The couple now resides in Canton.

**Schunder-Waite**

Paul and Mary Schunder of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Loreen Marie, to Craig D. Waite, the son of Del and Shirley Waite of Big Rapids, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Central Michigan University with a degree in Health Education. She is employed as a health educator for the Muskegon County Health Department.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Central Michigan University with a teaching degree. He is a teacher and basketball coach for



Ravenna Jr. High School. A summer 2000 wedding is planned in Muskegon.

**Dorothy-Darby**

Robert and Aggie Dorothy of Novi announce the marriage of their daughter, Amy Jo, to Greg Darby on Sept. 4.

The bride is a graduate of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and works as a designer for DaimlerChrysler in Auburn Hills. Her husband, son of Larry and Marge Darby, is also a graduate of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and works as a designer for Sundberg-Ferar in Commerce Township.

The couple were married at The Shrine of The Little Flower in Royal Oak before the Rev. Joseph Horn. The Darbys received guests at Meadowbrook



Country Club and took a wedding trip to St. Lucia.

**Bricker-Kolb**

Gerald and Linda Bricker of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Lorraine, to Kevin Michael Kolb.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Southfield Lathrup High School, Alma College and the University of Detroit-Mercy's School of Law and Graduate Business. She is a member of the Michigan Bar Association and works as an attorney with Angelo Plakas and Associates in Westland.

Her fiancé, the son of Kenneth Kolb of Taylor and Mary Ann Kolb of Dearborn, is a graduate of St. Francis Cabrini High School, Wayne State University and the University of Detroit-Mercy Graduate Business School. He is chief financial officer for Great Lakes Rehabilita-



tion Hospital in Southfield.

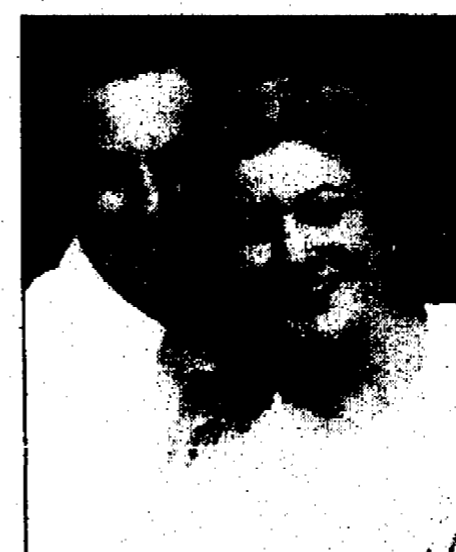
A wedding is planned for May 2000 and will be followed by a honeymoon in Greece. The couple will reside in Allen Park.

**Roggendorf-Budai**

Robert and Patricia Roggendorf announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerry Amber, to Robert Stephen Budai.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently working on her master's degree at MSU and works as a second grade teacher at Hayes Elementary in Livonia.

Her fiancé, son of Andrew and Barbara Budai and Anne Budai of West Bloomfield, is a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University and obtained his master's degree from University of Michigan-Flint in 1999. He works as a physical therapist at Excel Rehabilitation in Bloomfield Hills.



The wedding is planned for February at Temple Shir Shalom in West Bloomfield.

**NEW VOICES**

■ **Kristi Duarard and Greg Karkoska** of Garden City announce the birth of Anna Jordan Duarard-Karkoska Sept. 28 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Gary and Ruth Duarard of Livonia and Rose Karkoska of Garden City.

■ **Frank and Tina Lipke** of Westland announce the birth of **Shelby Malynn** Dec. 2 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins brother Daniel, 5, and Johnny, 3. Grandparents are Terry and Denise Wells and Frank and Sharon Lipke all of Westland.

■ **Greg Pokorny and Kelly Jackson** of Wayne announce the birth of **Cassie Noelle** Dec. 3 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins brother Cristofer Klosner, 2. Grandparents are Nancy Fisher and James and Lynne Courlas of Wayne.

■ **Chuck and Jennifer Morningstar** of Livonia announce the birth of **Joseph Tyler** on Dec. 9 at Beaumont Hospital. He joins Jacob, 5, and Joshua, 20 months. Grandparents are Bob and Karen Chartier

of Westland and Charlie and Pat Morningstar of Livonia. His great-grandmother is Betty Morningstar of Boynton Beach, Fla.

■ **Kevin and Tanyea Johnson** of Inkster announce the birth of their daughter **Ce Ante La'Mae** Dec. 11 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Ce Ante joins siblings Syven, Marissa, Arkalah and Oshae. Grandparents are Kathy, Bessie Mae, Laurie and Rita Johnson of Inkster.

■ **Patrick and Becky Stolik**

of Westland announce the birth of **Patrick Edward** Dec. 15 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins siblings Kim, 25, Jamey, 23, Ashley, 10, Brittany, 9, Bridget, 9, Chelsea, 7 and Penny, 2. Penny Coffey of Westland is his grandmother.

■ **Jake and Sandy Tanana** of Canton announce the birth of **Kassandra Elaine** Dec. 18 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Jim and Con-

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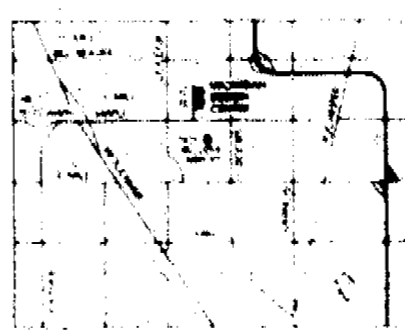
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# CALENDAR

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PARENTING TALK

Ellen Gonzalez will speak on "Parenting With Love and Logic" 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, in the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church basement, 9601 Hubbard, at West Chicago, between Merriman and Farmington roads in Livonia. The presentation is sponsored by Livonia Nursery Inc., a parent cooperative 3- and 4-year-old preschool.

### TOWN HALL

Mayor Robert Thomas will hold his first city of Westland Town Hall meeting for the year 2000 at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Taylor Towers, 36500 Marquette, across from the Wayne-Westland Board of Education office complex, between Wayne and Newburgh roads in Westland.

## AT THE LIBRARY

### FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library group meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. Friends also hold a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

## WESTLAND CENTER

### WALKERS

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

## RECREATION

### RECREATION AND FUN

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

### FIGURE SKATING

Figure skaters interested in USFSA synchronized (precision) skating are needed to build Novi FSC and Westland FSC joint venture teams. Prior team experience is not necessary. This is an opportunity to build skating and team skills while having fun. For information, call Cheryl Gutowski at (734) 427-0305.

## VOLUNTEERS

### ASSISTED LIVING

Marquette House assisted living facility, 36000 Campus Drive in Westland, seeks volunteers to spend time with residents to provide an activity or a one-on-one visit. Call Peggy in the activities department, (734) 826-6667.

### ANGEL CARE

Angel Care is looking for volunteers to sew, crochet or knit blankets and burial gowns to donate to local hospitals for infants who die. Contact Mary Piontek for patterns and information, (313) 544-6496.

### VETERAN'S MEALS

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax deductible. For information, call (734) 722-0627.

### GRANDPARENTS

Camelot Hall Convalescent Center seeks volunteers to

spend time with residents, providing an activity or a one-on-one pursuit such as reading to blind people or just talking. The facility is at 35100 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia. For information, call Esther or Diana in the Activity Department, (734) 522-1444, Ext. 27.

### PET-A-PET

The Pet-A-Pet animal visitation program provides pet therapy with the help of volunteers. Pets should be friendly, well-behaved, and must have current vaccinations. There is a \$5 membership fee. Volunteer opportunities are available at Hope Nursing Care Center, Margaret Martin, (734) 721-2821, 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month, and Marquette House, Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1681, 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month. There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, Stacy Suida, (734) 458-4392, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month.

## SCHOOLS

### SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S CO-OP

Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in its 2-year-old toddler-parent class on Friday mornings; 3-year-old class Monday and Wednesday mornings; and 4-year-old class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Classes run from September to May. Parents are required to help out at the school. All classes are in the Newburgh United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh, call April at (734) 207-7889.

### PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool program at Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Included are an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids Plus Preschool, a pre-primary impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

### LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool for children ages 3-4, is at 9601 W. Chicago. Parents learn with their children. Enrollment is limited. For information, call Karin at (734) 522-3714.

### CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 E. Venoy, Westland. Call (734) 728-3559.

### GARDEN CITY CO-OP

The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through age 4. Total class meets on Wednesday mornings, and 3- and 4-year-olds meet Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 618-7706.

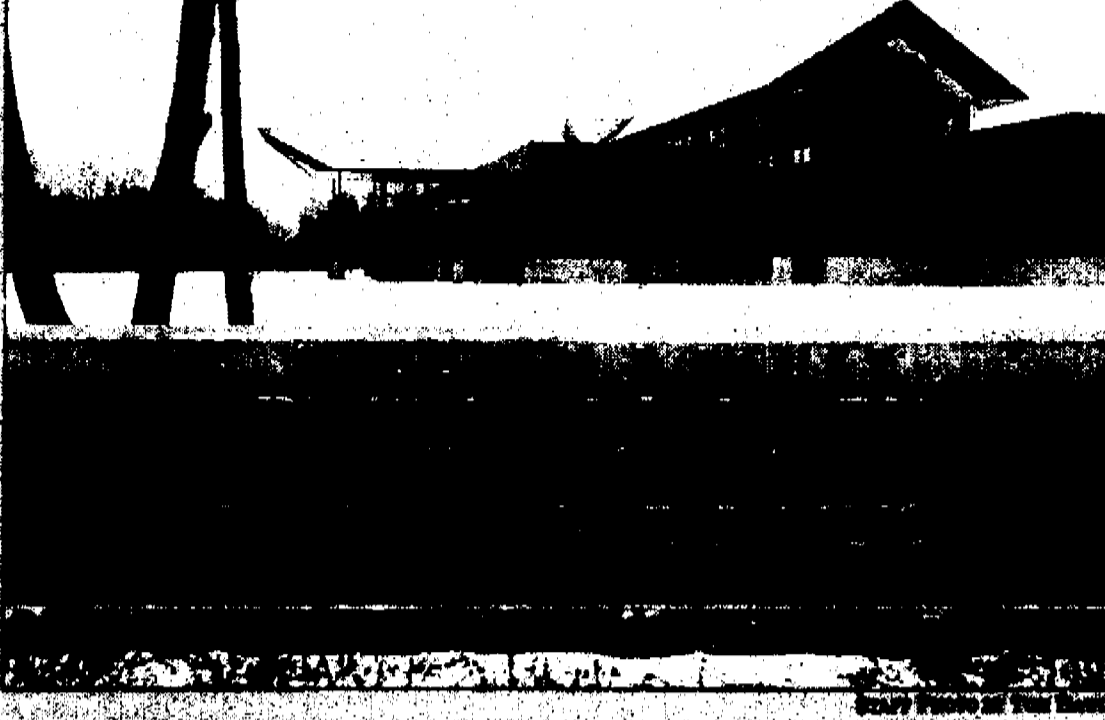
### ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. To register, call (313) 274-6270.

### YWCA HEADSTART

The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old chil-

### Learning



**Good place to be: The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is located on Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford. Current hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, call the library at (734) 326-6123.**

dren. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 561-4110.

### CHARTER SCHOOL

The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The school emphasizes basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

### LITTLE PEOPLES

Livonia Little Peoples Co-op Preschool is enrolling in programs for 3- and 4-year-olds. For more information, call (734) 422-1176.

### LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is holding registration. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. Call (248) 471-2077.

### GARFIELD CO-OP

Garfield Cooperative Preschool offers programs for children 18 months to 5 years. It is at Caas Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 462-0135.

### BUILDING BLOCKS

Building Blocks Preschool in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia, has morning and afternoon classes for 3- and 4-year-olds. A pre-kindergarten readiness class for 5-year-olds and a parent/child toddler class for 2-year-olds are offered. Call (734) 421-7359 for registration information.

### FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High School PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to

those who care about the schools and the community. Members need not have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy, Livonia, MI 48150.

### TUTORIAL PROGRAM

A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4:50-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

### ADULT LITERACY

An adult literacy program is being offered free Wednesdays at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center. Volunteers are being sought who are interested in tutoring children and adults 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. For adult literacy enrollment or additional information, call Leau Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

### MOM'S MORNING OUT

Children ages newborn to age 6 and their mothers may attend a Mom's Morning Out 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburgh United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh, Livonia. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. The program is an optional co-op, with parents working once a month. Call (734) 422-0149.

## HISTORIC

### FRIENDS OF ELOISE

The Westland Historical Commission is sponsoring the third meeting of the Friends of Eloise 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Bailey Recreation Center, behind Westland City Hall, on Ford near Carlson. The bylaws should be ready to present. All are welcome. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

### WESTLAND MUSEUM

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

### FRIENDS MEET

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

## FOR SENIORS

### VALENTINE CELEBRATION

A Valentine celebration will be held noon to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the Westland Friendship Center, on Newburgh at Marquette. The meal will be served at noon. February birthdays will be celebrated. There will be a band, dancing, door prizes and crowning of a king and queen of hearts for 2000. Price is \$6 for members, \$9 for nonmember Westland residents. Tickets are available at the front desk and through clubs. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

### CARD PARTY/PLAY

The Westland Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) is planning a card party, luncheon and play Friday, March 24. The day will start 10 a.m. with a card party and competition for prizes, followed by a noon luncheon. Topping off the day, the Friendship Center, in cooperation with ParLOUR Theatre Productions, will offer a live performance of

"Driving Miss Daisy." Tickets will be available at the front desk. For more information, call the center, (734) 722-7632.

### HEARING CHECKS

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

### SENIOR CHOIR

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

### EXERCISE

Musical Chairs is a program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low-to-moderate workout. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates resistance exercises using rubber tubing and light weights with walking and jogging patterns. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Robert Cassidy is the certified Jazzercise instructor. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

### TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meets 1 p.m. two Fridays a month in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebrations of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is an \$8 membership fee for Westland residents. Call (734) 722-7632.

### MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE

The Wayne-Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal for people 50 and older 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road two blocks south of Ford. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to big-band music and door prizes. Call (734) 728-5010.

### WORK REFERRAL

Information Center Inc. refers workers to elderly people who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yard work, housework, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to perform and the communities they want to work in. Call (734) 422-1052.

### DYER CENTER

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

## CLUBS IN ACTION

### WESTLAND ROTARY

The Westland Rotary Club meets 12:15 p.m. Thursdays at Joy Manor, 28999

Joy east of Middlebelt in Westland.

### SWEET ADELINES

The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International is looking for women who love to sing. The group sings a cappella music in barbershop style. Rehearsals are 7 p.m. Tuesdays at UAW Local 898 at 8975 Textile, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Paula at (734) 995-4110.

### CHADD

CHADD of Northwest Wayne County meets the first Thursday of the month throughout the school year at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. CHADD is a nonprofit, parent-based, volunteer organization whose aim is to better the lives of individuals with attention difficulties. Call (313) 438-3099.

### T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M128, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Call Jackie at (734) 722-1225.

### T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at OptiEyes, Westland Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call (734) 427-5200. Leader, Michele, (734) 422-1726; secretary, Karen, (734) 729-6368.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smoke-masters) teaches public speaking at the club's weekly meetings 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 326-5419.

## BINGO

### DEMS' BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the M.J. Hall, 35412 Michigan next to the Farmer Jack Supermarket in Wayne. Call (734) 421-1517.

### MORE DEMS' BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party holds bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. Call (734) 421-1517.

### ST. MEL CHURCH

Bingo games are held 6:45 p.m. Fridays in St. Mel Church's activities building, on Inkster Road north of Warren. Doors open at 4 p.m. Food is available.

### WFCL BINGO

The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold bingo games at 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for girls' softball programs. The bingo games take place at the Wayne-Ford Civic League hall on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford, Westland.

### MORE BINGO

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy east of Middlebelt in Westland. Call (734) 422-5025 or (734) 729-8681.

### SHARROCK BINGO

Bingo is played at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road in Wayne. Doors open at 9 a.m. Food is available. Proceeds go to charity. Call (734) 728-3020 for information.

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36351 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax to 734-694-7278. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-3104 if you have any questions.

### Event:

### Date and Time:

### Location:

### Telephone:

### Additional Info:

Use additional sheet if necessary

# 54 years later, Weimer thanks veterans for sparing town

BY SUE MASON  
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Some veterans made their way back to the battlegrounds of their youth when the world paused to remember D-Day on its 50th anniversary.

But a small group of men, members of the 317th, 318th and 319th Infantry of the 3rd Army's 80th Division made the journey four years later at the request of the residents of Weimer, Germany.

"The citizens of Weimer wanted the soldiers to come back and thank them for sparing the town



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**In good shape:** Fifty-four years ago, Cliff Hooker was a private first class in the U.S. Army. Now 82 years old, the Livonia resident still has the uniform he wore as part of the 318th Infantry.

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## New voices from page B3

nie Hejka of Westland and Geoffrey and Helena Tanana of Westland. Great-grandparents are Peter Galda of Detroit, Mary Hejka of Detroit, Wanda Tanana of Westland and David and Gloria Abraham of Detroit.

■ **Chris and Suzanne Kwasniewicz** of Novi announce the birth of **Mackenzie Ann** Dec. 19 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She joins brother Cole. Grandparents are Ronald and Rose Kwasniewicz of Livonia and Thomas and Carol Hooks of Farmington Hills.

■ **Michael and Amy Montefusco** of Farmington Hills announce the birth of **Jason Michael** Dec. 20 at William Beaumont Hospital. Jason joins brother Matthew. Grandparents are Wallace and Betty Sutton of Boynton Beach, Fla. and Elizabeth Montefusco of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

■ **Steve and Lisa Stephan** of Walled Lake announce the birth of **Joey Lynn** Dec. 28 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington. Grandparents are Howard and Shirley Stephan of Livonia and Charles and the late Bernice Girschbach of Riverview.

■ **Jim and Tanya Frederick** of Livonia announce the birth of **Haley Nicole** Dec. 28 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. Haley joins sister Christina Lee. Grandparents are (the late) Kroum and Lillian Gregoroff of Livonia, Diane Butka of Plymouth and Charles Frederick of Canton. Roxann Porterfield of Florida is her great-grandmother.

■ **Denis Joseph and Tracy Lee Maccoux** of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of **Brianna Mary** Dec. 30 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Carol Hill of Canton and Larry and Karen Maccoux of Green Bay, Wis.

■ **Walter Mihalik and Jennifer Wilson** of Westland announce the birth of their son, **Jeremy D.** Dec. 31 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. He joins siblings Gunnar Smith and Sabrina Mihalik. Grandparents are Richard Smith of Westland and Walter and Kathleen Mihalik of Canton.

■ **Ricky and Dawn Spence** of Westland announce the birth of **Lexi Renee** Jan. 1 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She joins sibling Brent. Grandparents are Dave and Karen Brown of Wayne and Cheryl Watkins and Dave Spence of Westland.

■ **James and Tricha Strong** of Westland announce the birth of **Emily Suzanne** Jan. 4 at

Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She joins siblings Chelsea, Steven and Noah. Grandparents are James and Suzanne Woodards of Westland and James and Kathy Strong of Wayne.

■ **Charles and Dawn Hallman** of Wayne announce the birth of **Rebecca** Jan. 4 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Bob and Audrey Savage of Inkster and Don and Phyllis Hallman of Wayne.

■ **John and Kerry Brannan** of Canton announce the birth of **Sarah Katherine** Jan. 4 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Susan Brannan of Canton, Rick and Jean Brannan of Northfield Township and Fred and Debbie Slider of Livonia.

■ **Carl and Chrissy Decker** of Canton announce the birth of **Kaelee Ann** Jan. 4 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She joins siblings Carl and Danny. Grandparents are Paula Hood of Westland, Carl and Karen Decker of Southfield and Ernie and Sylvia Earls of Wyandotte.

■ **Ronald and Elizabeth Machniak** of Canton announce the birth of **Jonah Alexander** Jan. 4 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Rodney and Mary Johnson of Westland and Ronald and Patricia Machniak of Livonia.

■ **Mark and Paula Bruni** of Shelby Township announce the birth of **Angela Kay** Jan. 5 at Royal Oak Beaumont. Grandparents are Franklin and Kay Bruni of Farmington Hills and Paul and Susan Casola of Rochester Hills.

■ **Marcus and Joann York** of Romulus announce the birth of **Marcus William Jr.** Jan. 5 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. He joins sisters Olivia and Alyssa. Grandparents are Joe

and Joann York of Dearborn Heights, Ted and Linda Newstead of Taylor and Chuck and Freda Sircey of Wayne.

■ **Steven and Tiffany Harvey** of Westland announce the birth of **Brianna Lynne** Jan. 6 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She joins Brendan Eric. Grandparents are Wayne and Cheryl Peeler of Westland, Gail Skrandis of Westland and Ray and LaRaine Harvey of Westland.

■ **Dwayne and Tammy Taylor** of Livonia announce the birth of **Lydia Ruthanne** Oct. 10 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. She joins sisters Susanna, 8; Bethany, 6; and brother Nathan, 4. Grandparents are Gloria Ollar of Redford, Donald and Dorothy Taylor of Bellaire, TX (formerly of Livonia), and Dennis Ollar of Redford. Great grandmothers are Marion Ollar of Livonia and Mildred Curtis of Houston, TX.

## REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

**ALL SAINTS**  
Class of 1950  
Is planning a "Millennium Reunion" for November 2000. (248) 437-9735

**BERKLEY**  
Class of 1950  
Is looking for alumni. (248) 932-1722, (248) 548-5359 or (248) 393-1233

**BIRMINGHAM GROVES**  
Class of 1965  
Aug. 12 at The Community House in Birmingham. (248) 433-2362 or by e-mail at JCRich47@aol.com

**BIRMINGHAM MARIAN/ BROTHER RICE**  
Class of 1970  
A reunion is planned for July 29. (248) 540-2917 or (248) 358-4490

**BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM**  
Class of 1970  
A reunion is planned for July 1. (510) 523-0906 or by e-mail at HubSpauld@aol.com

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER**  
Class of 1979  
March 4 at the Somerset Inn in Troy. (248) 366-9493, press #2 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

**BRIGHTON**  
Class of 1980  
Aug. 26 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (248) 360-7004, press #5 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

**CLARKSTON**  
Class of 1960  
A reunion is tentatively planned for August

(248) 627-4549, (248) 933-1670 or [djmiller@lsh.net](mailto:djmiller@lsh.net)

**CLINTONDALE**  
Class of 1960  
A reunion is planned for July. (810) 465-2388

**CRESTWOOD**  
Class of 1970  
Is planning a reunion. (313) 277-1316 or (248) 426-6888

**DETROIT CENTRAL**  
Class of 1960  
A reunion is planned for April. (734) 464-1692

**DETROIT COOLEY**  
Class of 1960  
A reunion is planned for April. (734) 464-1692

**DETROIT DENBY**  
Class of 1950  
A reunion is planned for June. (810) 773-4253, (248) 585-2083 or (810) 773-3286

**DETROIT FINNEY**  
Classes of 1970-72  
A reunion is planned for April 1. (313) 837-5880

**DETROIT IVES ELEMENTARY**  
Classes of 1953-55  
A reunion is tentatively planned for May. (810) 644-4106, (810) 791-6998, (906) 847-3535 or (810) 728-4875 after 6 p.m.

**DETROIT MACKENZIE**  
Class of 1949-51  
July 29 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. (734) 453-7561

**DETROIT PERSHING**  
Class of 1960  
A reunion is planned for Sept. 9. (313) 835-9642, (810) 773-3952, (248) 547-0664 or (734) 595-7508 or at the Web site, [www.jmtech.com/~bjustice/index.htm](http://www.jmtech.com/~bjustice/index.htm)

**DETROIT REDFORD**  
Class of 1965  
A reunion is planned for July 8. (313) 937-3077 OR (734) 427-6047

**DETROIT WESTERN**  
Class of 1966  
Is planning a reunion.

(248) 280-0053 or (517) 546-8874

**FARMINGTON**  
Class of 1950  
Sept. 15-17, with a dinner at Vladimir's on Sept. 18. (248) 474-7822

**FERRDALE**  
Classes of 1929-1958  
Oct. 14 at Ferrdale High School, 726 Pinecrest, Ferrdale. (248) 589-2609 or (248) 541-2476

**GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL**  
Classes of 1952-59  
Sept. 15-17 at the Eagle Crest at the Ypsilanti Marriott. (734) 421-0278, (734) 422-0266

**HEWY FORD TRADE**  
Class of 1950  
Is planning a reunion. (248) 618-9865

**HIGHLAND PARK**  
January-June classes of 1950-51  
Are planning a reunion. Send name, address and telephone number to Fred Kashouty, 21528 Raymond, St. Clair Shores 48082 or call (810) 294-7512 or (313) 881-2023

**JANUARY CLASS OF 1950**  
June 4 at the San Marino Clubhouse. (313) 345-9104 or (810) 263-8179

**LINCOLN PARK**  
June Class of 1965  
A reunion is planned for August. (734) 676-9178 or (734) 763-5988

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**  
Class of 1990  
Is planning a reunion. Send name, address, telephone number and e-mail address to CHC Class of '90 Reunion, 6609 Salem Road, Plymouth 48170 or by e-mail to [hallen72@hotmail.com](mailto:hallen72@hotmail.com).

**MERCY**  
Class of 1950  
Is planning a reunion for June. (248) 851-7620

**NOVI**  
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**please call Rich (734) 953-2069**

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**East European Folk Ensemble**

**Saturday, January 29, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.**

Schaublin Auditorium  
(Lakeview High School)  
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**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth**  
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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
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Mass: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 9:00 a.m.  
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14 Mile Road at Livonia, Wayne 734

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Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Robert Olney • 481-8481



RELIGIOUS NEWS

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

**RELIEF EFFORT** The Archdiocese of Detroit, in partnership with Catholic Relief Services, is collecting monetary donations for the people of Venezuela, devastated by flooding that has left thousands dead or homeless. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Archdiocese of Detroit-Venezuela Relief and sent to Christian Service Department, 305 Michigan Avenue (G5), Detroit, MI 48226-2605. For more information, call (313) 237-4689.

**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. 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; Lighthouse Cafe, a coffee-house 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 complete schedule.

**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. 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. Tai Chi is a complete and integrated exercise which works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for persons of all ages and conditions of health.

**NEW SERIES** Canton Friendship Church is now offering "What's the Difference," a series on World Religions in the light of Christianity, 10:30 a.m. Sundays in January. Topics are "Unity and New Age in the Light of Christianity" Jan. 23 and "Secular Humanism in the Light of Christianity" Jan. 30. Call (734) 451-2100.

**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.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each Feb. 11-Feb. 13 and March 10-12 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www.rc.net/detroit/wmme.

**HEALING SERVICE** The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward." For more information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP** Garden City Presbyterian Church is offering a contempo-

rary worship service at 9:15 a.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Garden City. The contemporary service offers upbeat music and an informal atmosphere.

**CHURCH FUND-RAISER** Clarenceville United Methodist Church is selling Entertainment passbooks to raise money for the church. The coupon books cost \$40 and are available by calling Jim Robinson at (248) 347-1535 or the church office at (248) 474-3444.

**REMARIED GROUP** 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 more information, call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912.

**CONFIDENTIAL HELP** Have a problem? Need to talk? Life Care Ministries of Livonia

offers a free, confidential and anonymous Christian telephone listening service 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Call (734) 427-LIFE.

**THRIFT SHOP** The Thrift Shop, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, has opened a new location at 494 N. Mill St., one block north of Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call the store at (734) 459-1250 or e-mail the church at fpcp@juno.com.

**RITE OF INITIATION** Adults interested in joining the Catholic church are invited to "inquire" at the ongoing Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Theodore of Canterbury Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The process is open to any interested adult including baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation with First Communion and/or Confirmation. For more information, call Lorraine Short, pastoral minister, at (734) 425-4421.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD** Christ Our Savior Lutheran

Church offers an early childhood program, a day care program for toddlers age 18 months to 3 years. The program is available full or half days Monday through Friday. Children have organized and spontaneous activities - all hands-on and interactive. The program is state-certified and offered at the church, Farmington Road, north of I-275. For more information, call (734) 513-8413.

**HISPANIC CHURCH** The Hispanic Pentecostal Church conducts worship services at 2 p.m. Sundays at the Open Door Church, 33105 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. The Rev. G. Diaz officiates. For more information, call (248) 471-5282.

**LITURGY ON TAPE** The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is available on videotape for \$18 from Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, Livonia 48152.

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH?** An open invitation is extended to anyone inquiring about membership in the Catholic church by St. Richard's Church, 35637 Cherry Hill, Westland. For more information, call Claudia at (734) 729-4411.

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**ST. JOHN'S ARTS/CRAFT SALE** St. Johns' Episcopal Church in Westland is hosting an arts and crafts sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 25 at the church (555 S. Wayne Road). Vendors are needed. To reserve a table call (734) 729-1606. Hot dogs, chips, pop, etc. will be sold.

**CHURCHILL PTSA CRAFT SHOW** Churchill High School PTSA is currently accepting applications for their 12th Annual Spring Craft Show which will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11. We are located at 6900 Newburg Road, just north of Joy Road. \$1 admission. If you would like an application or information, please contact us at (734) 523-0022.

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE CRAFTS** Crafters are being sought for the Spring Craft Show at Schoolcraft College Saturday, March 11. 150 crafters attract crowds of more than 2,000. The show is juried and a limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each category. All types of crafts are featured including pottery, jewelry, textiles, photography and more. For information and fees call (734) 462-4417.

# Veterans from page B5

of bloodshed," said Cliff Hooker of Livonia. "They were so glad to see us. They got a hold of a stone cutter to make a plaque to the 80th for liberating the city, so we laid flowers on a plaque at a memorial on the 54th anniversary of Weimer's liberation."

The 82-year-old Livonia resident was among 17 veterans and relatives who returned to the city of Johann Goethe and Fredrich Schiller in April for a 10-day visit.

The group toured historical landmarks, including the Buchenwald concentration camp and as honored guests signed the guest book in the town hall.

"They provided the hotel accommodations, breakfast and dinner and where ever we went, they had a lunch waiting for us," Hooker said.

### Fateful decision

The 80th Division was part of Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army that arrived on a hill overlooking Weimer on April 12, 1945. The commander, Col. N.O. Costello, issued an ultimatum to the townspeople: Fly the white flag and spare the city.

That evening, the white flag flew over Weimer, saving it from the fate of neighboring Erfurt, where tanks were sent in first to dislodge German soldiers and destroy potential sniper sites.

It was the first time Hooker had been back to Europe since the war ... and his first ever visit to Weimer. A private first class and assistant squad leader, Hooker was wounded in Erfurt three days before the assault on Weimer.

"At Erfurt, the tanks went through and the Germans came back to wait for us; we were the cleanup crew," Hooker said. "When we looked around a corner, we saw they hadn't taken out the church steeple. There was a sniper with a machine gun and the bullets hit at our



**Tall and short of it: Veteran Don Davis (left) towers over fellow veteran Cliff Hooker, at 5 feet 2 inches. They were among the veterans who laid flowers at a memorial to the 80th Division.**

feet. I said, 'This is gonna be a hard one.'"

Hooker was the old man at age 26 and had three new kids in his squad. He told them to go around the corner and duck into the first doorway they saw.

"I was the last one and when I went around the corner, a sniper shot me in my left shoulder and my arm

was paralyzed for three months," he said. "I ended up with a 20 percent disability."

During the trip, Hooker and cousins, Bob and Mabel Burrows, returned to Erfurt and with some searching - "We had to come into town from the east" - found the corner almost 54 years to the day where his short stint in the Army came to an end.

Bob had been a part of setting up the Weimer visit with veteran Sid Haley and had asked Hooker if he wanted to go.

"My daughter-in-law got after me to go," said Hooker, whose wife Alice died last year.

### In the Army now

Hooker had a good paying job at the Willow Run bomber plant, working up to 16 hours a day. Because of his father's paralysis, he was the sole support of his family and had a deferment.

He decided to enlist on June 5, 1944, after the family's neighbor lost two sons in the war.

"I couldn't stay home any longer," he said. "I didn't tell my mom or dad. I went down to Royal Oak to enlist and asked them to make it look like I was drafted."

He was on his way overseas by November 1944 and celebrated Thanksgiving on board the transport ship. He disembarked at LeHarve and rode by truck to southern France where he was assigned to the 318th infantry.

Offered a chance for leave in Paris in December, it was cancelled when the Battle of the Bulge erupted.

"If you were on the line for five months, you were lucky," said Hooker. "You were lucky to get a clean shirt. You'd wear the same shirt for a month at a time. The good Lord was with me all the way. When the bullet hit me, it was only missed my heart by 4-5 inches."

# Winter luncheon series at Schoolcraft

The Winter Luncheon Series 2000 of Schoolcraft College features three upcoming programs for people of all ages.

Jan. 28 "Dolls from Around the World," will be presented by Rigmor Cuolahan, a Scandinavian native and Northville resident. She will present a variety of dolls from her vast collection.

Feb. 25 "The Daybreak Gray and Dim," will feature Ellen Oliver Smith, dean of Science at Madonna University speaking on the Civil War and 19th century medical practices. Her presentation will include visuals.

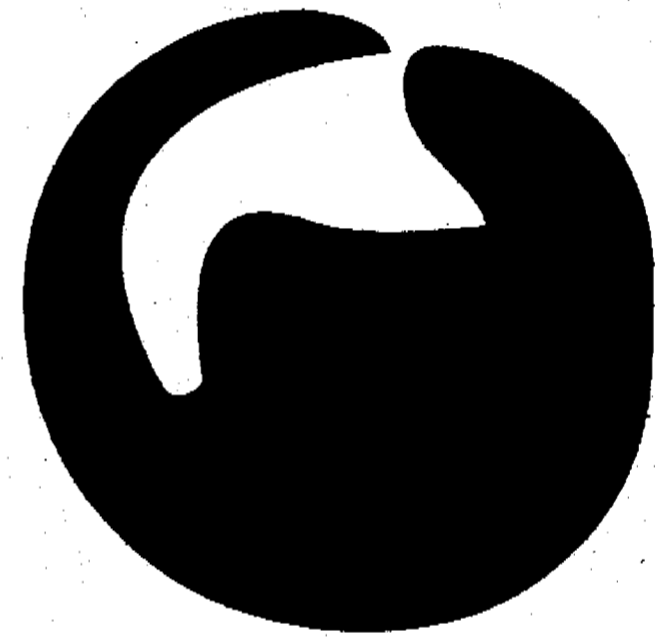
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The event is sponsored by the Livonia Junior Athletic League and Livonia Parks and Recreation.

Cost is free. Registration is the day of the event.

Starting times for boys and girls will be 6:30 p.m. (grades 3-4); 7 p.m. (grades 5-6); and 7:30 p.m. (grades 7-8).

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# Ocelots scratch, claw way to win

## Brown's 25-point night sinks Mott

BY BRAD EMONS  
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It was more than a battle of the monster dunks. It was a game of two semi-tractor trailers colliding head on.

First place was at stake and the lead in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association in this rematch of last year's MCCA playoff championship final.

When the dust finally cleared Monday night, host Schoolcraft College emerged the winner with a hard-fought 78-74 men's basketball victory over Flint Mott CC.

Behind Robert Brown's game-high 25 points and 16 rebounds, SC is now 12-4 overall and 5-0 in the conference. Mott falls to 13-3 and 5-1.

"It was like a prize fight — honestly," SC third-year coach Carlos Briggs said. "It was a game of spurts. The last team with the ball was going to win. We were fortunate the ball rolled our way at the end. But give our kids credit, they never quit fighting."

Brown, an Oak Park High product who spent last year at Central Michigan before transferring to Schoolcraft, measures only 6 feet, 4 inches, but his scoring and presence on the backboards made him loom as large as a 7-footer.

His rebound basket off a Brian Williams drive to the hoop and miss with 28 seconds left proved to be the game-winning basket.

"Robert came up big with his offensive rebounding down the stretch," Briggs said. "He played all 40 minutes because when your play that well and hard you want to keep him on the floor."



No prisoners: Flint Mott's Alonzo Evans (left) makes sure Schoolcraft's Robert Brown doesn't get the ball to the basket.

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## COLLEGE HOOPS

Mott then called timeout with 15 seconds to play to set up the potential game-tying shot to force overtime or perhaps even go for the jugular with a three-pointer.

But SC's defense held its ground as Josh Key's jumper from the wing, with just six seconds to go, was slightly off the mark.

A mad scramble for the rebound ensued as Gilbert Mitchell (18 points) slapped the ball ahead up-court to Brown, who put an exclamation point on the win with a breakaway dunk with just 1.48 left on the clock.

"We had a lot of good looks at the basket tonight," Mott coach Steve Schmidt said. "The last play we diagrammed, coming out of the timeout — you couldn't have asked for more than that. We also had a couple of good looks on a couple of possessions before that, but that's the way the ball bounces."

With a larger than normal crowd in the Schoolcraft gym, the fans were treated to some entertaining and intense action on both ends.

"The game played as advertised," Schmidt said. "People who paid three dollars got a steal. They were treated to some quality basketball."

Mott led 19-12 midway the opening half, but the Ocelots scored eight points in a row just before intermission to take a 43-35 advantage.

"We kept changing our defenses from a 2-3, to a 1-3-1 and a man-to-man," Briggs said. "We knew they like to slash and get to the basket. We wanted to keep them off-balance, especially at the beginning of the game. Then we'd go into a zone later in the game."

The Bears pulled even at 49-all in the second half only to have Schoolcraft answer with a 20-10 run to go up 69-59

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# Girls take novel approach to hockey

No cross-checking, no spearing, no high-sticking, no fighting, no hitting after the whistle, no swearing or slamming sticks in the penalty box.

What a novel idea. In reality, what I saw Tuesday evening at the Arctic Pond in Plymouth was a breath of fresh air.

And imagine this — only two penalties were called.

The top two teams in the Michigan Women's High School Hockey League faced off and put on a pretty good show.

The final score — Grosse Pointe North 4, Livonia Ladywood 2 — was noteworthy for sure. (See related story).

But the way the game was played and the passion these girls displayed for this new-found sport should not go unnoticed.

The rules are basically the same with one big exception — no body checking. Periods are 13 minutes instead of 15. The ice is resurfaced only between the second and third periods.

Now I'm not advocating this for boys hockey, but the way things are going, somebody, some day is going to have to show some restraint before things really get out of hand.

I don't like what I see in the men's game these days, all the clutching and grabbing for starters.

Prior to the 1998 Winter Olympics, women's hockey was just a blip on the radar screen.

But now it's beginning to mushroom.

Ladywood launched its program last year and joined the seven-school metro circuit which also includes kingpin Grosse Pointe South, which is unbeaten in two years, along with West Bloomfield, Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liget, Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, Harper Woods Regina and Grosse Pointe North.

Last year Ladywood won only one game and tied three, but this season the Blazers are 10-2.

Only three Ladywood players had ever played organized hockey prior to this season, but the interest was there.

"I'm totally amazed at the support of the fans," said Ladywood athletic

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Blazer bonding: The Livonia Ladywood icers form a team huddle during Tuesday's game with Grosse Pointe South.

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Splitting the defense: Livonia Ladywood's Katie O'Dea (No. 19, middle) tries to gain control of the puck

STAFF PHOTO BY BETAN MITCHELL

# South eludes Blazers

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Livonia Ladywood had opportunities, but Grosse Pointe South still remains on its lofty perch in the Michigan Women's High School Hockey League.

Behind Sarah Fox's three goals and one assist, the undefeated Lady Blue Devils held off the Blazers Tuesday night before a large turnout at the Arctic Pond in Plymouth, 4-2.

Ladywood is 10-2 on the year with both losses coming against South.

It was 1-1 after one period as Fox scored at 3:25, while Katie O'Dea countered with a goal from Macrina Fallon at 10:02.

South scored twice in the second period to take a 3-1 lead, both by Fox at 3:26 and 9:31.

Blue Devils goaltender Corie D'Angelo kept Ladywood off the board by robbing Fallon, who had two assists, twice from point-blank range and Jana Beumel on another close-in attempt.

In the third period, Ladywood cut the deficit to one, 3-2, on a goal by Beumel with 1:45 remaining.

But the Blazers never got the chance to pull

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goaltender Megan Shefferly as South kept the puck pinned inside the blue line.

"With just 25.9 seconds to go, Christina Bakalis, on an assist from Fox, banged home a rebound to settle the issue.

"Once they got the puck in our end we started scrambling," said Ladywood assistant coach Mark Curtin. "We had our chances early. We didn't pass the puck and we didn't look for the open man like we normally would."

"We got a little panicky in stages, but that will come with time."

Head coach Ron Prednesky, an engineer for Ford Motor Co., missed the game. He was in New Zealand on business while attending the America's Cup.

South beat Ladywood earlier this year, 6-3. The two teams will meet again at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at City Center.

"In the big games you need that experience," Curtin said. "But I think we're closing the gap, slowly but surely."

**HIGH SCHOOL BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP**

# Shamrocks ice Trenton, 4-2



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Loose puck: Redford CC's Eric Reinhardt (center) tries to take possession in Saturday's test against Trenton.

Any doubts that Redford Catholic Central is a threat to win the state high school hockey championship yet one more time were dispelled by Trenton.

Actually, it wasn't what Trenton did, it was what the Trojans didn't do — they didn't beat the Shamrocks.

The top-rated Shamrocks topped the No. 3 ranked Trojans, 4-2, Saturday night at Redford Ice Arena to improve to 9-1 and hand Trenton its first loss in 12 games this season.

"They were ranked third in state and were undefeated," Catholic Central coach Gordie St. John said. "Fortunately, we're ranked first."

"Which, when you look at it, doesn't mean a whole lot. The game was hyped a lot."

St. John didn't mind the hype. Just like he didn't mind the full house at Redford Ice Arena, where fans were lined up shortly after 5 p.m. to buy tickets for the 8 p.m. start time.

"The place was jammed," St. John said. "You couldn't get in. It was a huge crowd. I'd like to have about 10 of those a year."

Catholic Central swept to a 4-0 lead with a pair of goals in the first period then two more in the second before Trenton got on the scoreboard. The Trojans scored their other goal with seven seconds left to play in the contest.

"It's always nice to beat 'em when they're ranked," said St. John, who hasn't been on the short end many times in the past

few seasons. "It was nice to get away with a win."

"We play them at their barn Feb. 9."

The Shamrocks started a play in their own end to get their first goal. Dave Moss dropped a pass back to defenseman Ryan Yost and he buried the puck into the upper corner of the net. Joe Moreau also assisted on the play.

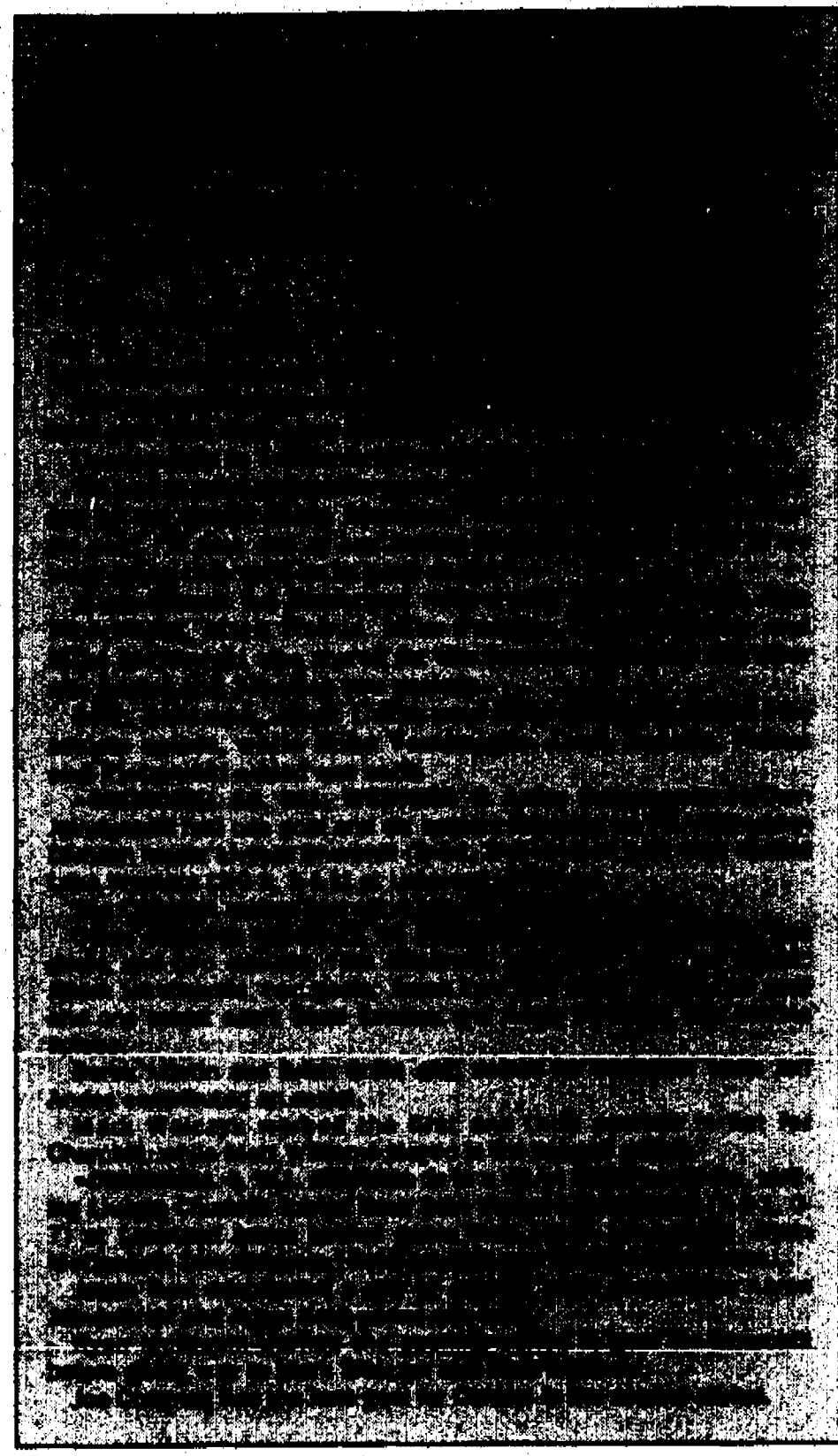
Brandon Kaleniecki made it 2-0 later in the period. He scored off a 2-on-1 break, taking a pass near the post from Brian Williams and converting it into a goal.

Kaleniecki notched his second goal of the game, taking a pass from Mike Ratigan behind net in the second period and just rapping it home.

Ratigan rounded out the Catholic Central scoring with an unassisted goal later in the second period. He picked off a turnover in the Trenton defensive zone, skated around in front of the net ripped in a high shot on the left side.

"It was a hard-fought game," St. John said. "Both teams skated well and both had their opportunities. We outshot them by a few shots, 32-27 or something like that."

Redford CC has a pair of games this weekend, traveling Friday night to East Kentwood, then returning for an 11:30 a.m. game Saturday at the Arctic Pond in Plymouth to play the AAA Ice Dogs.



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director Sal Malek. "They had been bugging me three or four years, but I think the Winter Olympics really sparked a lot of interest."

"And you can see our team is like day and night from last year to this season. It's an up-and-coming sport for girls."

Ladywood players pay for their own ice time and most of their own equipment with the exception of jerseys and socks.

Arctic Pond, a converted bowling alley, serves as the Blazers' home rink.

"You have to find a place to do it and we were lucky we fell into this," Malek said. "Arctic Pond is great for us because it's a great set-up. It's tough finding places to play."

Ladywood assistant coach Mark Curtin had plenty of experience working with boys teams, but took a flyer when head coach Ron Predmesky asked him to lend his expertise with the girls.

"It's a lot different than boys," Curtin said. "You've got to be more tactful. And since everything is so new, you have to explain, explain and explain things over and over again. But I'd rather have them ask questions and not understand what we're talking about."

"It's different, but it's fun. We have a good time."

What another novel idea. Have fun, but be competitive.

"Tonight not everybody played," Curtin said. "That's only happened a couple of times. Usually the third and fourth lines are out there. You can't learn by sitting on the bench. But this is a varsity sport and you have to put your best product out there."

Building a program from the ground up certainly proved to be a challenge.

"We had only three girls who could stop both ways on their skates and maybe five or six who could stop only one way," Curtin recalls. "The rest just ran into things so they had to learn a lot."

This year, Ladywood alum Brenda Blackmer, who runs the Garden City Figure Skating programs, puts the Blazer icers through power skating drills once a week.

"That has helped a lot," Curtin said. "We're closing the gap on South slowly, but surely."

On Dec. 1, Ladywood lost at South 6-3. The Blazers had their chances Tuesday night, but fell just two goals short.

The competition was fierce, but sportsmanlike.

"Winning 12-0 is boring," said Ladywood's top sniper, senior Katie O'Dea. "Tonight the game was competitive. Maybe we were a little tired. We'll be ready the next time and when the state playoffs start. We just have to keep our focus and keep our heads up."

O'Dea, who has 30 goals in 12 games, is a transfer from a private school in Wakefield, R.I. and one of Ladywood's more experienced players. She did not play last year with the Blazers, but is glad she is getting the opportunity.

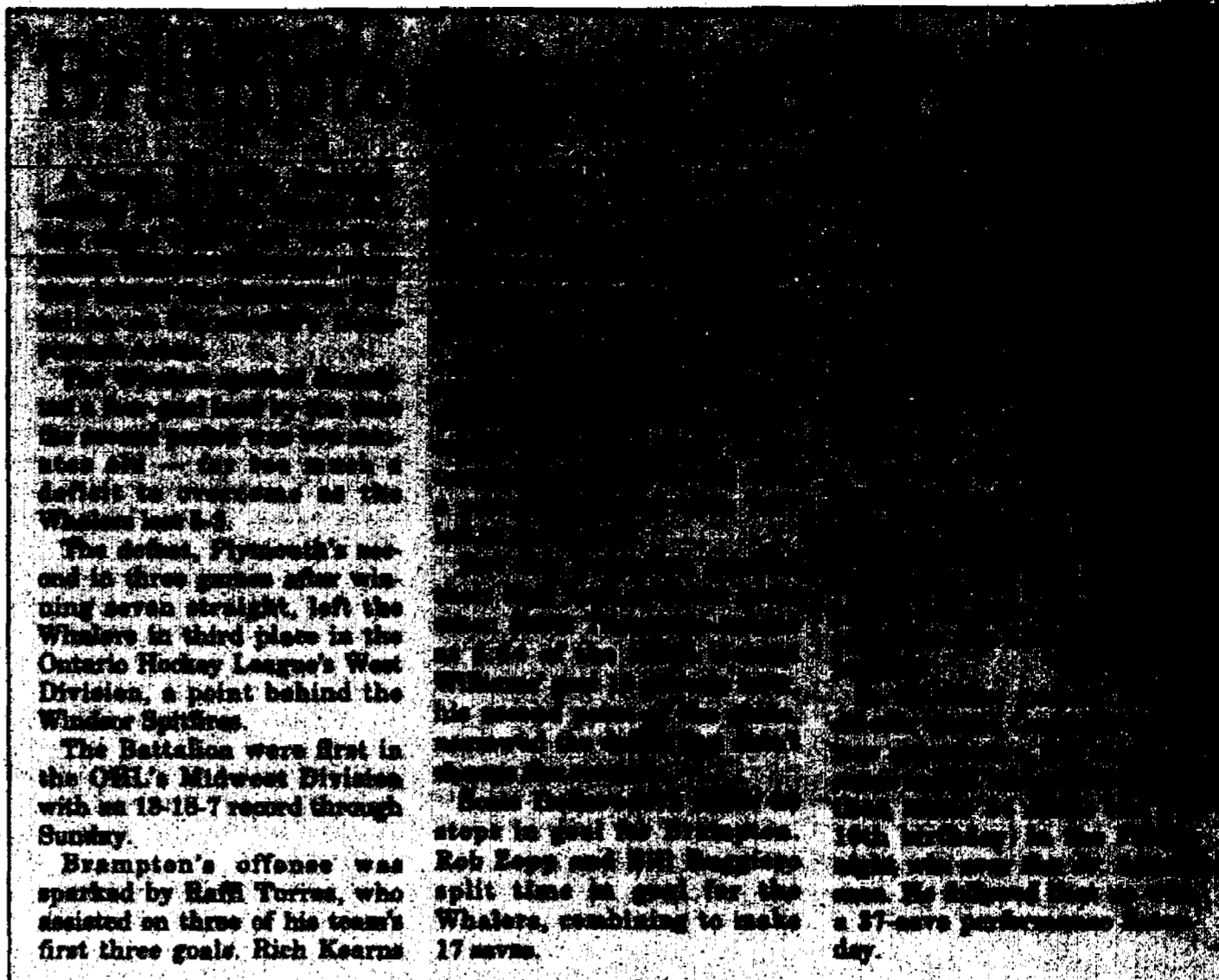
O'Dea would like to continue her career in college. She has talked to Mercyhurst (Pa.) and hopes to earn a scholarship. Women's collegiate hockey on the East Coast is big. Recently Wayne State started a women's program.

"I've played organized since I was eight or nine," O'Dea said. "I played on my brother's teams until the seventh grade. I switched over to a girls league because my mom didn't want me to play with the boys because of the checking."

"I was out there for three years in Rhode Island and we didn't have a school team, so I just played for fun."

O'Dea realizes the sport will become that much bigger after she leaves high school and college, but considers herself a pioneer of sorts.

"You can't go anywhere unless you have growing pains," she said. "You have to start somewhere. Most girls have played on boys teams, but after the Olympics people saw that girls could play hockey, too." And maybe the boys could take a few lessons from the girls.



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with just under 10 minutes to play.

Mott, stepping up its man-to-man defensive pressure, forged ahead 72-70 with just under to three minutes to go on a hoop by Gary Solomon.

Second-year forward Lamar Bigby (15 points) answered with a short banker to tie the game at 72-72. Freshman Mike Williams then hit a pair of free throws with 1:15 remaining to knot the score again, 74-all, setting up Brown's heroics.

"We just gave up too many second and third shots," Schmidt said. "Defensive rebounding hurt us."

"But Schoolcraft did a lot of things that forced us to play tentative. In the first half we were out-competed, but in the second half we competed and I was proud of the way our guys hung in there."

The Schoolcraft-Mott game has become a rivalry of sorts. Mott

won both regular season meetings en route to conference title last season. But SC turned the tables on Mott in the MCCA playoff championship, capturing its first-ever state crown.

"It's always a rivalry when you have two of the best areas of talent in the state — Detroit and Flint — competing against each other and now it's been taken to the JUCO level," said Schmidt, whose team's 13-game winning streak was snapped. "This year our conference is probably not as strong as it has been from top-to-bottom, but it's great that Schoolcraft has become so competitive. I'd say right now they're in the driver's seat."

Briggs, who drew a technical foul with just over five minutes to go, was glad to get out of his own gym with a win.

"Mott never quit," he said. "They play hard for 40 minutes. They shoot the ball and go get it. I think our trip to Southern

Idaho (a three-game tourney over Thanksgiving) really helped us prepare for a game like this."

Dwight Windom and Mike Williams came off the bench to combine for 16 points — eight each. Point guards Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) and Reggie Kirkland combined for only one point, but they kept the Schoolcraft offense running smoothly throughout the night.

"Dwight and Williams gave us the spurt we needed off the bench," Briggs said. "And Reggie and Brian did a good job under pressure. They didn't turn it over down the stretch."

Four Mott players scored in double figures including Alonzo Evans (18), Key (17), Nate Brown (16) and Solomon (12).

If Mott had one advantage, it was free throw shooting.

The Bears were 21 of 26 from the line (80 percent), while SC was 16 of 30 (53 percent).



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**Dribble drive:** Schoolcraft Lamar Bigby (left) tries to slide past Flint Mott defender Gary Solomon.

# Unbeaten Lady Bears cage SC; late free throws lift Crusaders

Angelica Blakely scored a game-high 26 points, but it wasn't enough as Schoolcraft College fell Monday night at home to Flint Mott CC, 81-62.

Mott, led by Tyra Gay's 20 points, improved to 13-0 overall and 6-0 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

The loss drops Schoolcraft to 4-8 overall and 3-2 in the conference.

Blakely, a 6-foot-1 center from Detroit Kettering, also paced Schoolcraft with 17 rebounds.

Antone Watson (Detroit Henry Ford) and Carla Saxton (Southfield-Lathrup) each contributed 11 points for the Lady Ocelots.

**MADONNA 81, SPRING ARBOR 57:** What it came down to was performance in crunch time. Madonna made the shots when it had to. Spring Arbor didn't Saturday at Madonna.

Carissa Gizicki missed all eight of her floor shots in the game, but she converted 3-of-4 free throws in the final 42 seconds.

And Kristi Fiorenzi (Plymouth Canton) made just 3-of-9 free throws overall, but she got two with 1:45 left to put Madonna ahead for good.

The combination helped Madonna even its overall record at 8-8 and made the Lady Crusaders 2-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Spring Arbor is 10-7 overall.

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1-3 in the WHAC.

As important as Gizicki's (three points, five rebounds, five assists and four steals) and Fiorenzi's (11 points) performances were, it was Chris Dietrich that got the Crusaders there.

The senior guard hit 4-of-12 three-pointers in scoring a game-high 18 points; she also grabbed five rebounds, dished out three assists and made six steals to pace Madonna.

Her performance, combined with the 16 points she scored in an 81-70 victory over Indiana Tech, earned Dietrich WHAC player of the week honors. She averaged 17.5 points, five rebounds and 3.5 steals in the two triumphs.

Michelle Miela scored 13 points and Lori Enfield added eight for Madonna.

The Cougars got 16 points from Andrea VanderHorst and 14 from Portia Reilly.

Spring Arbor outrebounded Madonna, 38-33, and out-shot the Crusaders from the floor, making 23-of-50 (46 percent) to their 20-of-57 (35.1 percent).

But Madonna forced 27 Cougar turnovers (while making 20) and was 7-of-20 on three-pointers (35 percent) to Spring Arbor's 2-of-8 (25 percent).



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**Going to the hoop:** Schoolcraft Antone' Watson (right) beats Mott's Abby Hunjo off the dribble.



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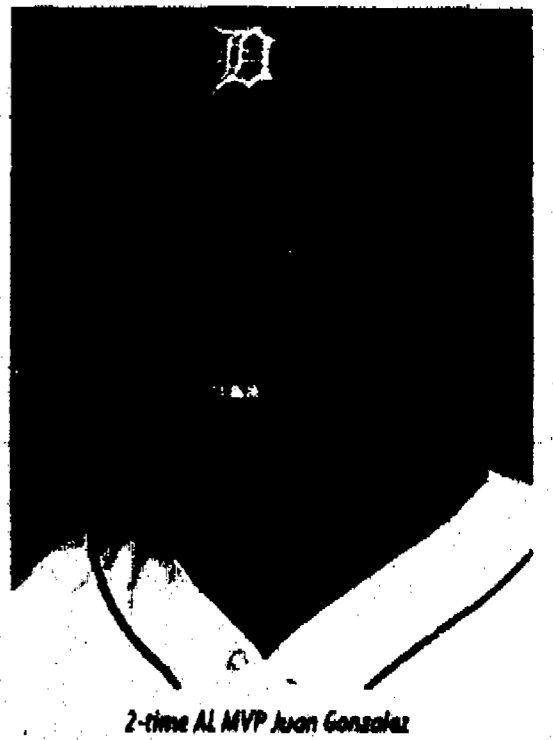
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# Easiest recruit for MU

## Salem's Suder suits her uncle

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Just where Amanda Suder ends up on the scale of top players signed by Madonna University volleyball coach Jerry Abraham can't be decided yet.

Heck, she isn't even halfway through her senior season at Plymouth Salem yet.

But this must rate as one of Abraham's easiest recruitments.

Suder, who signed with Madonna Monday, has literally been a part of the program since she was in fifth grade, when she was "a Little Lady Crusader." And she's been in the Madonna AAU Crusader Juniors volleyball program for several years.

"I wasn't really looking to go anywhere else," said Suder. "I've known a lot of the girls who have gone through there."

So it couldn't have been too tough for Abraham to convince her. Oh, one other thing that might have helped: He's her uncle.

This, however, has nothing to do with nepotism. Abraham has been recruiting Suder since "last year," she said. "He was talking to me about it then."

He was also the one who introduced the sport to her when she was still in grade school. Abraham watched and helped his niece develop into a top-level player, and knew she'd be a top recruit.

There was a good reason. Suder has been starting at Salem since her sophomore year, which is not easy to do. The Rocks were 95-17 during the past two seasons and reached the state quarterfinals last year.

A 5-foot-8 outside hitter, Suder was leading Salem (which was 18-6-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association through Monday) in kills with 116, service aces with 52 and digs with 110, and was second in assists to kills with 86 (through last Saturday's Comstock Invitational).

"She's just a real gutsy player with excellent all-around skills," said Abraham. "She's a very strong passer and defensive player. And she has a high desire to play at a higher level."

"I feel we got one of the area's best players."

It's a subject Abraham's well versed in. He's coached at Madonna for 13 seasons, and he's never had a losing season. Indeed, his Crusader teams have averaged 41 match wins per year.

That alone is a good reason for Suder to choose Madonna. "They always do well in their league," she noted. "They always play well and they always do well. He's had so many All-Americans, and he always gets best coaching awards."

Last fall, Madonna was 29-14 overall and tied for first in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Saying a team like that had a certain weakness would be unfair, there were some areas Abraham would like to strengthen, however.

Suder should do that. "She will be able to fill a void for us as a primary passer," he said. "We needed to recruit an outstanding passer. I think we got one in Amanda."

Of course, there are other qualities Suder brings to the team. "She hits well for her size, and she's got a good jump serve," said Abraham. "She's been getting excellent coaching at Salem (under Tom Teeters)."

"Amanda plays a consistent style of play. She performs her best in pressure situations."

Strong academically, Suder plans to major in education. She also knows what she'd like to do in her first year of collegiate volleyball.

"I'd like to give them some defense," she said. "I'm probably going there as a defensive specialist."

Her all-around abilities could help make her something more, and may lead Abraham back to the family tree in search of additional talents.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHELMANN

Future Crusader: First-team All-Observer pick Amanda Suder of Plymouth Salem will join uncle Jerry Abraham at Madonna University.

# Patriots answer challenges

There was no letdown for the Livonia Franklin girls volleyball team.

The Patriots, who captured Saturday's Midland Dow Invitational, opened Western Lakes Activities Association play Monday with a 9-15, 15-10, 15-2 triumph over a formidable Northville squad.

It was Parents Night for the host Patriots, who improved to 13-4-1 overall.

"Northville is strong this year — great size, well prepared with a great attack," Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel said. "It was an exciting match."

Franklin was up to the task as senior outside-hitter Tera Morrill had 12 kills on 26 of 28 attacks.

Junior middle-hitter Kerstin Marshall came through with 10 kills (17 of 18) as did senior outside-hitter Andrea Kmet (16 of 19).

Senior Lyndsay Sopko recorded 33 assist-to-kills on 69 of 70 good sets, while Alexis Bowman contributed 12 digs.

On Saturday, Franklin defeated St. Louis, one of the top-ranked teams in Class C, 15-9, 15-12, in the Dow Invitational championship final.

The Patriots reached the finals with a 15-8, 15-10 victory over Class B state-ranked Pinconning.

In pool play, Franklin split with St. Louis (2-15, 15-4) and scored wins over host Dow (15-3, 15-9) and Midland (15-2, 15-12).

"We had some hard-fought matches against some quality opponents and the trip was well worth it," Diegel said. "It gave us a good opportunity to play different teams who are strong and helped prepare us for our league."

Patriots standouts on the day included Sopko (59 assists), Kmet (13 aces), Morrill (56 kills), Bowman (five aces on 57 of 61 serves) and Rachel Bramlett (15 aces on 49 of 52).

### Stevenson rules Wayne Invitational

Livonia Stevenson took Saturday's Wayne Invitational title by defeating Belleville in the championship final, 8-15, 15-2, 17-15 (rally scoring).

The Spartans reached the title match with a 15-3, 15-12 semifinal victory over Dearborn Edsel Ford after defeating Dearborn Heights Crestwood in the quarterfinals, 15-2, 15-8.

Belleville eliminated Livonia Churchill in the other semifinal, 3-15, 15-7, 15-13.

In pool play action, Stevenson turned back Westland John Glenn (15-5, 15-8) and Redford Thurston (15-6, 15-7). They also split with Belleville, 13-15,

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15-8 (after the Spartans couldn't hold a 13-1 lead in the opener game).

Senior Kate LeBlanc was Stevenson's top attacker on the day with 34 kills. Senior Carly Wadsworth added 26 kills and 17 aces serves. Cassie Ehlendt and Katie Drews chipped in with 18 and 12 kills, respectively.

Defensively, Kristine Matheson and Megan Urbats led the way with 26 and 25 digs, respectively.

Junior setter Kelley Hutchins had 82 assist-to-kill and 10 aces.

"Toward the end of the day we played well," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said.

### Churchill stops WLAA rival Spartans

Livonia Churchill made it two straight in the Western Lakes with a 12-15, 15-12, 15-8 win over host Stevenson.

Churchill is 14-3-2 overall and 2-0 in the WLAA, while Stevenson falls to 18-5-2 and 0-1.

"We didn't play well, but we're happy to get the W," Churchill coach Mike Hughes said. "I think both teams were tired from Saturday's journey (at Wayne). Serving was a big factor."

Churchill had just one serving error in the first game and won the second despite having seven.

"Their defense and their serving was the difference and that turned the match around," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "Our serve receive was not good. We gave up some aces and made some bad passes."

Colleen Guardiola and Michelle Esparza (off the bench) sparked the Churchill service game.

Meagan Sheehan and Shannon Munn each had five kills, while Sheila Gillies added three.

In the third game, Churchill's Sarah Phillips had four stuff blocks and Munn added one.

Carly Wadsworth and Kate LeBlanc led Stevenson's attack with seven kills apiece. Cassie Ehlendt added six, while Katie Drews had four.

Setter Kelley Hutchins had 21 assist-to-kills.

At Wayne, Churchill defeated Crestwood (15-0, 15-2), Wayne (15-13, 15-9) and Thurston (15-1, 15-9), while splitting with Edsel Ford (15-9, 10-15).

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# Franklin tops Spartans again; Wayne, Trojans prevail

Livonia Franklin beat rival Livonia Stevenson for the second time in five days with a 50-43 boys basketball win Tuesday.

Franklin, coming off a 54-48 overtime homecourt win Friday over the Spartans, improved to 3-5 overall.

The loss drops Stevenson to 3-6.

The third quarter was the difference as Franklin outscored the Spartans, 16-5, after trailing 27-23 at intermission.

Joe Ruggiero, a junior forward, led the victorious Patriots with a game-high 18 points. Tim Borrie contributed eight.

Ryan Drolet and John Van Buren scored 15 and 11, respec-

tively, for host Stevenson. Franklin was nine of 21 from the free throw stripe, while Stevenson made just three of nine.

**•WAYNE 50, INKSTER 44:** Senior guard Shane Nowak scored 13 points Tuesday as Wayne Memorial (3-6, 1-4) earned its first Mega Conference Red Division victory of the season against the host Vikings (1-7, 0-4).

Wayne jumped out to a 31-17 half-time advantage and made the lead stand up after Inkster cut it to 39-32 after three quarters.

Jermaine Garner contributed 10 points for Wayne, while sophomore forward Clifton Edwards grabbed 11 rebounds.

Inkster's Randall Gaines, a senior guard, led all scorers with 18 points.

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Wayne was eight of 12 from the free throw line. Inkster made just 50 percent (nine of 18).

**•HOWELL 59, JOHN GLENN 51:** Andy Gerkin and Eric Walters tallied 16 points apiece Tuesday as the Highlanders (4-6 overall) came away with the non-league win at Westland John Glenn (2-6).

Eric Jones led Glenn in scoring with 17 points. Brent Bogle added 11.

Tom Murray added 10 for Howell, which outscored Glenn 19-12 in the decisive final quarter.

Howell was 18 of 27 from the foul line, while Glenn was just three of seven.

**•MILFORD 57, CHURCHILL 40:** Joe Kofani and John Jury each scored 14 points Tuesday to lead the visiting Redskins (9-1 overall) of the Kensington Valley Conference past Livonia Churchill (5-3 overall) in a non-leaguer.

Milford jumped out to a 13-4 first quarter lead and outscored the Chargers 31-16 in the second half.

Senior forward John Bennett paced Churchill and all scorers with 21 points. Brad Bescoe contributed 10.

"We played a great game on Friday (70-65 win over Plymouth Salem) but couldn't muster another solid performance," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "We didn't execute our half-court offense and we didn't give ourselves open looks at the basket."

"We hope to learn from this experience."

Milford was 13 of 15 from the free throw line (86.6 percent), while Churchill was six of 13 (46.1 percent).

**•CLARENCEVILLE 64, LUTHERAN EAST 55:** Livonia Clarenceville (5-4, 1-0) made it four straight victories by winning its Metro Conference opener Tuesday against visiting Harper

Woods Lutheran East (4-5, 0-1).

The Trojans made 22 of 35 free throws (62.8 percent), including 14 of 20 in the final quarter when Clarenceville outscored East 20-12.

Rick Burack led Clarenceville with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Scott Wion and Corey McKendry contributed 12 and 11, respectively.

McKendry scored eight in the final quarter on six of eight free throws.

Clarenceville outrebounded East 29-20 and had a season-low nine turnovers.

Steve Lewis and Jeremy Fritz scored 15 and 12 for the Eagles. East shot 10 of 13 from the free throw line (76.9 percent).

**•NEW BOSTON HURON 64, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 62:** On Tuesday, senior guard Jamie Stasak scored 25 points and Terry Dean hit the game-winning free throw with just two seconds left to give New Boston Huron (3-6 overall) the non-league triumph over visiting Lutheran High Westland (4-3 overall).

Charlie Hoelt, a senior guard, scored a career-high 32 points for the Warriors. Hoelt, who missed last Friday's game with a sore ankle, made 15 field goals and two free throws. Junior guard Luke Kasten added eight points.

"We had our chances," said Lutheran Westland coach Dan Ramthun, whose team led 62-60 in the late going.

The Warriors were four of nine from the line, while New Boston was 13 of 17.

**•FAIRLANE CHRISTIAN 63, HURON VALLEY 36:** Aaron Begley poured in a game-high 22 points Tuesday as host Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian rolled to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-7, 0-2).

Joe Carr added 12 points for the Lions, who jumped out to a 17-2 first-quarter lead and never looked back.

Senior Alan Kleinke led the Hawks with 10 points, while Jeremy Musby and Tom Brnsbey added seven apiece.



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**Other area schools:** Westland John Glenn, 39; Plymouth Canton, 38; Wayne Memorial, 28; Farmington Hills Harrison, 27.5; Livonia Clarenceville, 5.5; Garden City, 5; Livonia Churchill, 3.5; North Farmington and Farmington, 0 each.

**INDIVIDUAL FINAL RESULTS**

**Heavyweight:** Tony Martinez (LF) defeated Ricardo Smith (PS), 5-4. **consolation:** Dan Hine (LS) pinned Brian Toole (Bell.), 1:15.

**103 pounds:** Steve Cady (LS) dec. Bryson LaLonde (Southgate), 4-2. **consolation:** Dan Drenkowski (WLW) dec. Makmood Alkans (Melvindale), 10-7.

**112:** Kentsense Mandisa (WJG) p. Nick DeBay (LF), 0-45; **consolation:** Caleb Woods (Divine Child) dec. Craig Bujold (WLW), 10-7.

**119:** Nate Sturgis (Bell.) dec. Billy Bullock (LS), 9-6. **consolation:** Adam Carpenter (Southgate) won by forfeit over Josh Schafer (Southgate).

**125 (A):** Nick Sparks (Trenton) dec. Samir Shah (Adams), 14-7. **consolation:** Jordan Hourani (Bell.) dec. Nick Mazzola (Grosse Ile), 5-3 (overtime).

**125 (B):** David Santoro (Adams) dec. Kevin Rodriguez (PC), 2:20. **consolation:** Jeff Atkins (Bell.) dec. Matt Harshastrang (Novi), 6-4.

**130:** Dan Cash (Novi) dec. Jon Palmer (PC), 5-1. **consolation:** Brandon Sammut (PS) dec. Mike Law (WLW), 9-4.

**135:** Charles Watson (Bell.) p. Dave Albright (Monroe), 3-55; **consolation:** Chris Kubla (FHH) won by forfeit over Chris Dudgeon (Adams).

**140:** Matt Radley (LS) dec. Kevin Kojat (Southgate), 3-0; **consolation:** Mike Toulouse (GI) won by injury default over Nick Basodi (Trenton).

**145:** Andrew Becker (Novi) p. Adam Furman (Southgate), 4-00; **consolation:** Shawn Coolman (WLW) p. James Azzopardi (LF), 2-20.

**152:** Francis Kashtat (LS) dec. Larry Mumford (Edsel Ford), 17-9; **consolation:** Adam Skinner (Novi) dec. Brian Hill (Adams), 13-6.

**160:** Dickson Mann (Bell.) won by disqualification over Paul Flandorfer (Trenton); **consolation:** Nate Whitehead (Southgate) dec. Jared Hamula (GI), 8-2.

**171:** Brian Frasson (Trenton) p. Bryan Davis (Monroe), 1-00; **consolation:** Aaron Hemphill (Southgate) p. Ned DeGolyer (Lincoln Park), 0-50.

**189:** Nick Renton (WM) dec. Matt Kolich (Novi), 9-8; **consolation:** Matthew King (Inkster) p. Joe Gard (Bell.), 0-20.

**215:** Matt Carter (Monroe Jeff) p. Casey Kreutzberg (Novi), 0-40; **consolation:** Mike Robinson (LS) p. B.J. Williams (Woodhaven), 0-15.

**9TH GRADE STANDINGS:** 1. Belleville, 211; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 115.5; 3. Lincoln Park, 114; 4. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 102; 5. Trenton, 98; 6. Grosse Ile, 88; 7. Monroe Jefferson, 83; 8. Southgate Anderson, 77; 9. Monroe, 71; 10. Novi, 69.

**Other area schools:** Wayne Memorial, 48; Livonia Churchill, 45; Plymouth Salem, 40; Livonia Franklin, 36.5; Garden City, 30; Farmington, 27; Westland John Glenn, 23; Plymouth Canton and Farmington Hills Harrison, 11 each; North Farmington and Livonia

Clarenceville, 0 each.

**INDIVIDUAL FINAL RESULTS**

**Heavyweight:** Matt Morris (Monroe) pinned Ryan Ferenczi (Lincoln Park), 1:03; **consolation:** Phil Sabourin (LS) p. Charlie Carver (A.A. Huron), 2:33.

**103 pounds (A):** Mark Tomasic (Edsel Ford) p. Jason Fisher (LS), 5:00; **consolation:** Craig Hearn (Novi) dec. Gent Abdul (LC), 6-4.

**103 (B):** David Jacobs (GC) p. Adam Barnard (Trenton), 2:57; **consolation:** Sean Churnik (Lincoln Park) p. Chris Ferrari (W.L. Central), 2:56.

**112:** Jeff Ball (Fordson) p. Ray Stratos (LF), 3:55; **consolation:** Mark McCourt (Trenton) p. Corey Cable (Wyandotte), 2:22.

**119 (A):** Karl Heneman (Trenton) p. Jason Bandy (GI), 0:50; **consolation:** Tom Weber (Bell.) p. Josh Grasso (Southgate), 1:28.

**119 (B):** Ken Miller (Wyandotte) p. Steve Stanley (Northville), 0:42; **consolation:** Philip Caleja (LF) dec. Mike Stetz (Edsel Ford), 7-1.

**128:** Brandon Martin (Southgate) p. Enrique Garcia (WJG), 2:15; **consolation:** Chris McKinney (Monroe Jeff) dec. Brenton Beeler (Novi), 10-0.

**130 (A):** Justin Nazaroff (WLW) dec. Pat Adamson (Lincoln Park), 12-7; **consolation:** Justin Bush (GI) dec. Justin Schwanm (Monroe), 7-2.

**130 (B):** Nick Loos (Bell.) dec. John Dobbins (WMO), 7-4; **consolation:** Mark Stewart

(W.L. Central) dec. Mario Perez (Divine Child), 11-7.

**135:** Ryan Forns (Bell.) dec. Matt Brightman (Lincoln Park), 11-3; **consolation:** Yaseen Farooq (Edsel Ford) dec. Bacon (LP), 8-6 (OT).

**140:** Josh Hamilton (Bell.) p. Justin Smelter (GI), 4-04; **consolation:** B.J. Thomas (Monroe Jeff) defeated Chris Provost (no score of time available).

**145:** Troy Maxwell (Monroe) dec. Dave Chadzinski (Bell.), 12-5; **consolation:** Jon Szabo (Monroe Jeff) dec. Charlie Bissell, 6-3.

**152:** Pete Busciglio (WLW) dec. Sam Divier (Riverview), 1-55; **consolation:** Mark Franklin (Inkster) p. Brandon Antosh (Wood

haven), 0-45.

**160:** Steve Wallace (WM) p. Ryan Kimball (Edsel Ford), 2-30; **consolation:** Eric Ruazo (GI) p. Jeff Frison (Dearborn), 1:54.

**171:** Jesse Cummings (Southgate) dec. Chris Zerakowski (Novi), 5-1; **consolation:** Cortland Bartlett (Farm.) dec. Alex Murray (LC), 10-4.

**189:** Adam Burwikie (Brother Rice) won by forfeit over Cliff Fauer (Woodhaven); **consolation:** Dan Marun (Wyandotte) dec. Mike Tackett (Bell.).

**215:** Phil Toupin (Bell.) p. Jim Ambercombe (Dearborn), 0-45; **consolation:** Paul Bergstock (LS) dec. Ben Charlier (A.A. Huron), 19-11.

**AREA MAT RANKINGS**

**OBSERVERLAND MAT RANKINGS**

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

**INDIVIDUAL WEIGHT CLASSES**

**103 pounds:** 1. Kyle Pitt (Canton); 2. Kyle Malo (Churchill); 3. Scott Massey (GC); 4. Harry Leipzig (North Farmington); 5. Scott Gothe (Salem).

**112:** 1. Josh Gunterman (Livonia Stevenson); 2. Chris O'Hara (Redford CC); 3. Dan Tondreau (Livonia Clarenceville); 4. Chris Smith (Westland John Glenn); 5. Steve Lenhardt (Livonia Churchill).

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

**125:** 1. Rob Ash (Plymouth Salem); 2. Jon Gregg (Wayne Memorial); 3. Vinnie Zoccol (Garden City); 4. Chris Husey (Canton).

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

**135:** 1. Jeff Wheeler (Redford CC); 2. Steve Dendrinos (Salem); 3. Brandon Templeton (GC); 4. Allen Waddell (John Glenn); 5. Jeff Murphy (Lutheran Westland).

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

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

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

**160:** 1. Ryan Rogowski (Redford CC); 2. Mike Falzon (Stevenson); 3. Eric Tolska (Franklin); 4. Eric Kelly (RU); 5. Brian Jones (Churchill).

**171:** 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2. John MacFarland (Stevenson); 3. Ben Lukas (Farmington); 4. Craig Medos (GC); 5. James Mignat (Lutheran Westland).

**189:** 1. Karen McPherson (Clarenceville); 2. Eric Papisnske (Stevenson); 3. Dave Popney (Salem); 4. Matt Conlan (Redford CC); 5. Phil Rothwell (Canton).

**215:** 1. Olie Muscarella (RU); 2. Kyle Domagalski (Farmington); 3. Ozzy Wagner (Canton); 4. Steve Rutenmacher (Clarenceville); 5. Tom Vandebusch (Churchill).

**Heavyweight:** 1. Josh Rese (Clarenceville); 2. Aaron Park (Redford CC); 3. Brian Brinske (Farmington); 4. Derek McWalt (Canton); 5. Paul Gross (GC).

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# Catholic Central dunks Bloomfield Hills Lasher in dual

Redford Catholic Central's boys swim team splashed past Bloomfield Hills Lasher, 120-66, Tuesday night for its third dual meet win in as many meets.

"We've trained hard and they've swam hard," coach Jeff Baker of the Shamrocks said, "and they're swimming fairly fast."

Brett Meconis bettered the state cut time and qualified for the state meet with a 55.02 in winning the 100 butterfly for Catholic Central and Bryant Steele just missed his state cut time in the meet at Lasher.

The Shamrocks won two relay events,

the 200 and 400 freestyle. Steele, Chris LaFond, Meconis and Ed Lesnau combined for a winning time of 1:35.65 in the former while the Ryan twins, Kevin and Tim, plus Nick Markou and Andrew Carlin teamed for a winning 3:35.99 in the latter.

Markou took the 200 freestyle in 1:53.34 while Carlin captured the 200 IM with a 2:06.69 clocking. Lesnau won the 100 freestyle in 50.78 and Carlin came back to take the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:10.83. The 100 breaststroke was won by LaFond at 1:07.95.

"We swam really fast for the middle of

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the season," Baker said. "I was really pleased with that."

"Getting a state cut time gives us a lot of expectations for the state meet. We also have a youngster, Steele, just a half-second off the state cut time."

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**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Salem (Shelton, Dziario, Lynn, Johnson), 1:47.95.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Ross (PS), 1:55.66; 2. Jones (PS),

2:02.01; 3. Doug Geersens (LC), 2:08.77.  
**200 IM:** 1. Dziario (PS), 2:14.76; 2. Morgan (PS), 2:21.78; 3. Sonnanstine (PS), 2:26.0.  
**80 freestyle:** 1. Kappler (PS), 24.88; 2. Woodard (PS), 26.73; 3. Matt McKue (LC), 26.77.  
**Diving:** 1. Kubitzi (PS), 175.10 points; 2. Schenker (PS), 120.60; 3. Megan Truscott (LC), 96.65.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Alvarez (PS), 1:02.12; 2. Carson (PS), 1:05.53; 3. Schopieray (PS), 1:08.33.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Shelton (PS), 52.3; 2. Brad Baron (LC), 56.73; 3. Woodard (PS), 58.25.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Mertens (PS), 5:04.81; 2. Alvarez (PS), 5:59.29; 3. Geersens (LC), 6:00.69.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Jones, Shelton, Pund, Kappler), 1:41.94.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Dorog (PS), 1:04.43; 2. Nevi (PS), 1:06.75; 3. Yee (PS), 1:11.79.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Rebarcic (PS), 1:10.84; 2. Aaron Miles (LC), 1:13.32; 3. Showalter (PS), 1:15.76.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Lynn, Wittthoff, Johnson, Dziario), 3:31.02.  
**Church Hill's dual meet record:** 1-4 overall.  
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Jan. 18 at Wayne**  
**200-yard medley relay:** Wayne (Chris Webber, Josh Raub, Greg Sarkoz, Mike Stafie), 1:56.96; 200 freestyle: Kyle Scott (WM), 2:06.25; 200 IM: Raub (WM), 2:26.93; diving: Jeff Tallman (WM), 224.65 points; 100 freestyle: Sarkoz (WM), 54.97; 200 freestyle relay: Wayne (Scott, Stafie, Jeremy Johnston, Sarkoz), 1:44.41; 100 breaststroke: Raub (WM), 1:09.18. Wayne's dual meet record: 4-1 overall; 1-1 Mega White.

## INVITATIONAL RESULTS

### ROCKS MEN'S INVITATIONAL

**Swimming & Diving Boys Swim Meet  
Jan. 15 at Plymouth Salem**  
**Team scores:** 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 340 points; 2. Rockford, 240; 3. Plymouth Salem, 213; 4. Livonia-Stevenson, 162; 5. Plymouth Canton, 125; 6. Birmingham Seaholm, 56.

### EVENT RESULTS

**200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY: Heat C — 1.** Pioneer, 1:49.68; 2. Salem, 1:53.02; **Heat B — 1.** Pioneer, 1:47.12; 2. Rockford, 1:48.70; 3. Stevenson, 1:49.85; **Heat A — 1.** Pioneer, 1:40.68; 2. Stevenson, 1:42.67; 3. Salem, 1:45.27.

**200 FREESTYLE: Heat D — 1.** Morgan Drake (AAP), 1:57.55; 2. Garret Denoff (R), 2:01.98; 3. Steve Rue (PC), 2:03.59; **Heat C — 1.** Brad Gregroka (AAP), 1:51.98; 2. Mark Wittthoff (PS), 1:56.51; 3. Matt Leskovar (R), 2:00.20; **Heat B — 1.** Steve Hill (AAP), 1:49.15; 2. Jim Ross (PS), 1:56.12; 3. Jerrard Reickard (R), 1:56.14; **Heat A — 1.** Graham Taylor (AAP), 1:49.57; 2. Matt Zolnierok (R), 1:52.31; 3. Brian Mertens (PS), 1:55.90.

**200 IM: Heat D — 1.** Brendan Whelan (AAP), 2:15.62; 2. Eric Dabkowski (LS), 2:16.59; 3. Adam Maloney (R), 2:22.82; **Heat C — 1.** Kyle Cannon (R), 2:01.61; 2. Griffin Meyers (AAP), 2:11.94; 3. Geoff Lowes (LS), 2:12.88; **Heat B — 1.** Will Wakefield (AAP), 2:04.51; 2. Mike Nemer (LS), 2:09.11; 3. Adam Keith (R), 2:10.29; **Heat A — 1.** Joe Bubitz (LS), 1:59.60; 2. Victor Stover (AAP), 2:04.15; 3. Eric Lynn (PS), 2:06.48.

**50 FREESTYLE: Heat D — 1.** Jay Fantone (AAP), 23.84; 2. Ryan Kappler (PS), 24.51; 3. Ben Zolnierok (R), 23.59; **Heat C — 1.** Taylor Jackson (AAP), 23.65; 2. Brad McMahon (BS), 23.88; 3. Jason Rebarcic (PS), 24.50; **Heat B — 1.** John Stover (AAP), 22.94; 2. Dan Jones (PS), 23.80; 3. Tom Parker (BS), 24.04; **Heat A — 1.** Will MacDonald (AAP), 22.15; 2. Chris Moyer (BS), 23.50; 3. Mike Johnson (PS), 23.67.

**DIVING: Heat D — 1.** John Wright (AAP), 272.05 points; 2. Tom Morbitzer (PC), 199.55; **Heat C — 1.** Chad Zillich (AAP), 374.35; 2. Dan Nagy (R), 372.80; 3. Gerald Bennett (PC), 217.00; **Heat B — 1.** Eric DeMarco (AAP), 362.65; 2. Dustin Lautenback (R), 341.35; 3. Ryan Henery (PC), 215.70; **Heat A — 1.** Andrew Sivulka (AAP), 488.10; 2. Ben Chapman (R), 357.40; 3. Haimers McGilivray (BS), 282.35.

**100 BUTTERFLY: Heat D — 1.** Rich Magnier (AAP), 1:02.76; 2. Kevin Schopieray (PS), 1:05.40; 3. Jon Burmeister (LS), 1:07.21; **Heat C — 1.** Andrew Caliam (AAP), 59.03; 2. Geoff Lowes (LS), 1:01.46; 3. Mike Horgan (PS), 1:03.99; **Heat B — 1.** Brandon Truscott (LS), 58.69; 2. Adam Keith (R), 58.90; 3. Steve Buster (AAP), 1:00.01; **Heat A — 1.** John Stover (AAP), 54.64; 2. Ben Dziario (PS), 56.22; 3. Rob Cambridge (LS), 59.49.

**100 FREESTYLE: Heat D — 1.** Tom Parker (BS), 52.72; 2. Taylor Jackson (AAP), 53.31; 3. Ryan Kappler (PS), 54.70; **Heat C — 1.** Mike Johnson (PS), 52.09; 2. Jerrard Reickard (R), 52.87; 3. Brian Welch (AAP), 53.06; 4. **Heat B — 1.** Kevin Hyde (R), 49.83; 2. Brad Gregroka (AAP), 52.29; 3. Brad McMahon (BS), 52.90; **Heat A — 1.** Will MacDonald (AAP), 49.86; 2. Matt Zolnierok (R), 50.16; 3. Mark Wittthoff (PS), 51.60.

**500 FREESTYLE: Heat D — 1.** Andy Schwenk (AAP), 5:29.28; 2. Mike Horgan (PS), 5:29.39; 3. Garrett Denoff (R), 5:39.51; **Heat C — 1.** Jimi Ross (PS), 5:14.74; 2. Morgan Drake (AAP), 5:15.92; 3. Matt Leskovar (R), 5:31.43; **Heat B — 1.** Steve Hill (AAP), 5:00.88; 2. Ben Dziario (PS), 5:04.20; 3. Todd Vanderwall (R), 5:19.86; **Heat A — 1.** Graham Taylor (AAP), 4:57.76; 2. Brian Mertens (PS), 5:03.17; 3. Ross Perry (R), 5:10.00.

**200 FREESTYLE ELAY: Heat C — 1.** Pioneer, 1:37.35; 2. Rockford, 1:41.53; 3. Salem, 1:43.29; **Heat B — 1.** Pioneer, 1:35.15; 2. Rockford, 1:38.57; 3. Salem, 1:39.55; **Heat A — 1.** Pioneer, 1:30.46; 2. Salem, 1:31.89; 3. Rockford, 1:35.85.

**100 BACKSTROKE: Heat D — 1.** Rob King (AAP), 1:03.73; 2. Jeff Nevi (PS), 1:05.29; 3. Andy Fowie (R), 1:06.93; **Heat C — 1.** Scott Voltz (R), 1:02.90; 2. Brendan Whelan (AAP), 1:03.82; 3. Trey Gertak (PC), 1:04.52; **Heat B — 1.** Aaron Shelton (PS), 59.70; 2. Todd Vanderwall (R), 1:00.88; 3. Aaron Reeder (PC), 1:00.84; **Heat A — 1.** Joe Bubitz (LS), 55.28; 2. Kevin Hyde (R), 57.05; 3. Eric Lynn (PS), 57.43.

**100-yard breaststroke: Heat D — 1.** Sean Stippings (AAP), 1:10.21; 2. Ben Zolnierok (R), 1:12.40; 3. Adam Sonnanstine (PS), 1:14.65; **Heat C — 1.** Jay Fantone (AAP), 1:08.44; 2. Andy Schulting (R), 1:10.80; 3. Matt Schacht (PC), 1:11.78; **Heat B — 1.** Kevin VanTiem (LS), 1:05.18; 2. Kyle Cannon (R), 1:06.06; 3. Victor Stover (AAP), 1:06.35; **Heat A — 1.** Will Wakefield (AAP), 1:05.31; 2. Mike Nemer (LS), 1:05.57; 3. Mike Dziario (R), 1:05.87.

**400 FREESTYLE RELAY: Heat C — 1.** Rockford, 3:40.05; 2. Pioneer, 3:40.32; 3. Salem, 3:53.30; **Heat B — 1.** Rockford, 3:36.79; 2. Pioneer, 3:37.59; 3. Salem, 3:37.70; **Heat A — 1.** Pioneer, 3:23.24; 2. Rockford, 3:24.14; 3. Salem, 3:26.22.

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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Academy Award winner Susan Sarandon (left) and John Cusack, star in "Cradle Will Rock," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters. Based on true events, the film focuses on a group of artists who are determined to mount a musical at the WPA Theatre despite overwhelming odds.

### SATURDAY



"Storytelling Through the Ages" at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, features workshops by Debra Christian and other storytellers beginning at 10 a.m., a children's show 1-2:30 p.m., and 7 p.m. family concert. Tickets \$5 or \$15 per family. Call (734) 397-6450 for workshop schedule and other information.

### SUNDAY



Lonnie Valentini of Livonia stars as Jake, and Patti Jones as Edith, in "Jake's Women" presented by the Players Guild of Dearborn 2:30 p.m. at the theater, 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe at Outer Drive in Dearborn. Tickets \$11, all seats reserved. Call (313) 561-TKTS.



**Hot Ticket News:** This concept beach vehicle by Rinspeed is among dozens of new vehicles at the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in Detroit. The show is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. 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, (248) 645-6666.

# Arlo Guthrie

## spins tales at folk festival

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Arlo Guthrie modestly declines all the credit for his ability to spin spellbinding stories. Guthrie is one of the featured performers at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival Saturday, Jan. 29, in Hill Auditorium.

Even though he grew up surrounded by folk legends such as his father Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger, Arlo Guthrie was able to write the anti-war anthem, "Alice's Restaurant Massacre," not because of some inborn genius but because it happened to him. Maybe that's why the 18-minute song about a fellow, dismissed from the draft and subsequently from killing women and children in Vietnam, remains as popular with the younger crowd as with those who grew up during the late 60's and early 70's. His clever lyrics may sometimes border

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### Ann Arbor Folk Festival

**WHO:** Arlo Guthrie, Shawn Colvin, Great Big Sea, Beth Nielsen Chapman, Hot Club of Cowtown, Anne Hills, Fred Eaglesmith, David Barrett, Matt Watroba and Robert Jones.

**WHEN:** 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29.

**WHERE:** Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor.

**TICKETS:** \$30, \$25. Call (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666.



Anything you want: Arlo Guthrie is one of the headliners at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival.

## Local musicians support folk festival

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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Talk about irony. Matt Watroba stands before students at Plymouth Canton High School, now teaching in the classroom where he once came to learn. Watroba is perhaps better-known as host and producer of "Folks Like Us" on WDET-FM. As an English teacher at the high school, he educates students on subjects such as English, literature and theater. During his days at Plymouth Canton in that very classroom, he discovered something which would become his life's passion: Watroba was introduced to folk music. In ninth grade his English teacher played a record by Tom Paxton. "Something about that record really spoke to me," he said. "It just started the whole ball rolling." By 10th grade, Watroba began frequenting The Ark coffeehouse in Ann Arbor, and his interest in folk music grew. He wanted to learn all he could about the genre. That expertise led to his



See folks like them: Matt Watroba and Robert Jones will emcee and perform at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival Saturday, Jan. 29 at The Ark.

own radio show, which has endured 13 years.

Watroba, along with well-known Detroit bluesman Robert Jones, will perform at and emcee the 23rd annual Ann Arbor Folk Festival Saturday, Jan. 29 at The Ark. "I don't know if I'd do it by myself," said Watroba.

The two met 13 years ago at the radio station. They host back-to-back Saturday programs. Jones, who hosts the award-winning "Blues from the Lowlands," is a

self-taught musician with a love for listening to and performing traditional blues and spiritual music.

"It's a real honor," said Jones, a Detroit resident. "By no means do you often get an opportunity to be part of this program. We're all looking forward to it."

The Ann Arbor Folk Festival is a major fund-raiser for The Ark, a club that Jones refers to as a

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## FAMILY FUN

# Dancer's days are sunny on Sesame Street

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Sesame Street is a sunny place because of people like Gretchen Wolfanger.

"There's nothing worthier than performing for children. They're wonderful and adorable and like to be entertained," said Wolfanger who portrays the Count in Sesame Street Live's "When I Grow Up," now playing at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

As the curtain rises, Prairie Dawn gets her friends together to stage a pageant about growing up.

In "When I Grow Up," which first opened on Sept. 17, 1980, the Sesame Street Live muppet friends show the audience what they want to be when they grow up.

Telly Monster becomes a baseball player, Oscar a ballet star, and poor Elmo can't make up his mind.

Like many little girls, Wolfanger dreamed of becoming a ballerina when she grew up. Traveling with "When I

### Sesame Street Live

**WHAT:** "When I Grow Up"  
**WHERE:** The Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit  
**WHEN:** Through Sunday, Jan. 30. Performance times vary. Call (313) 983-6611 for information, or on The Internet at www.olympiaentertainment.com  
**TICKETS:** \$26, \$16, \$14 and \$10, available at the box office and all ticketmaster locations. Call (248) 433-1515 to charge tickets.

Grow Up," a musical extravaganza with all the wows of a Broadway show, is the next best thing.

She auditioned for the show after graduating from Hope College in Holland, Mich., where she studied dance. Wolfanger joined the tour in February of 1999.

"I wanted to dance and travel," she said. "It's a good job. It's like a Broadway musical, the dancing's the same caliber. I'm 24 - you have to start somewhere."

When she puts on her costume, which weighs about 30 pounds, the 5-foot 8-inch Wolfanger grows to over six feet tall. "I'm playing a character that the audience knows and loves," she said. "The Count is 1.8 million years old. He helps the other characters decide what they want to be. We sing and dance about it. The moral is to try all things to decide what you want to be."

### Costume

Performing in costume is not easy. "I wear a size 8 shoe," said Wolfanger. "The Count is a man's size 18. Picture being in a clown costume or a snowmobile suit. The biggest challenge is that I can't change the Count's face, or make his mouth move. You have to find ways to express what you're saying."

Even though you can't see her face, Wolfanger assures, "I'm still smiling in there."

She describes "When I Grow Up" as a family show that adults and grandparents will enjoy as much as kids. The

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## Community bands present joint concert

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The Farmington Community Band and Birmingham Concert Band are getting together Sunday to present a joint concert at Birmingham Groves High School.

Each band will play for a half hour, before joining together as a mass band for a finale under the direction of Douglas Bianchi, director of bands at Wayne State University.

There is no charge for the concert, but donations will be welcomed and appreciated to help pay concert costs.

Paul Barber, conductor and founder of the Farmington Concert Band, and Grant Hoemke, conductor of the Birmingham Concert Band, have selected a variety of music from swing to classics and marches.

For the past 18 years the bands have looked forward to hearing each other play and renewing friendships at the Festival of Bands, formerly held at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

When the festival was discontinued last year, there were a lot of sorry people in both bands.

"Folks missed it," said Paul Barber, founder and conductor of the Farmington Community Band. "Last summer we called each other to discuss the possibility of a joint concert," said Grant Hoemke, conductor of the Birmingham Concert Band.

They both work for the Farmington Public Schools. Barber is music coordinator for the school system, and Hoemke an instrumental elementary music instructor. Together they developed a plan to hold one joint concert a year, one year in Birmingham, the other in Farmington.

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### Two for One

**WHAT:** The Farmington Community Band joins the Birmingham Concert Band in a special concert.

**WHEN:** 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, Groves High School Auditorium, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road, Birmingham.

**ADMISSION:** No charge, but donations will be appreciated. For more information, call (734) 261-2202.

Web sites: Farmington Community Band www.fcbmusic.org; Birmingham Concert Band, www.birminghamconcertband.org

### Special event:

■ Valentine Dinner Dance, featuring the Farmington Community Band Jazz/Dance Band - Friday, Feb. 11, at Glen Oaks Country Club, Farmington Hills. Cash bar cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by buffet dinner at 7:30 p.m., and dancing until midnight. Tickets available by reservation only, individually or in tables of eight. Call (734) 261-2202 for reservations/information.

### To join the band:

■ Farmington Community Band members range in age from 13-78. There are some high school members, but it's primarily adults. You don't have to audition to join. They rehearse 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Monday at Farmington High School. Call (248) 489-3412 for more information about the band, or visit the Web site.

■ Birmingham Concert Band members range in age from early 20s to their early 80s. No audition is required to join. The band rehearses 7:30-9:45 p.m. on Wednesday at Groves High School in Birmingham. For more information call (248) 474-4997, or visit the Web site.



Careers: Join Big Bird, Ernie and all your Sesame Street friends as they try to figure out what they want to be in Sesame Street Live's musical stage presentation "When I Grow Up."



# 'Art' shows beauty lies in eye of beholder

"Art" continues 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. Charge by phone at (248) 645-6666 or call (313) 872-1000 for information.

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

Are you the type of person who would buy something because it's in vogue, even at a cost as ridiculous as the item itself? Are you someone who would tell that person what you really think of it? Or are you the peacemaker, always in the middle?

If you fit in there somewhere, you're likely to like "Art." The one-act intermission-less comedy/drama has been translated into some 30 languages and honored around the world. Winner of the 1998 Tony Award for Best Play, "Art" is not about art at all, but about the art of friendship. And like most friendships, it's

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not always a pretty picture.

For three middle-aged American men living in Paris, their 15-year camaraderie is put to the test when recently divorced dermatologist Serge (Cotter Smith) buys a 4x5 foot white canvas with barely perceptible white lines and nothing else. Oh yes — he paid 200,000 francs (\$40,000) for it.

His older friend Marc (Judd "Taxi" Hirsch) takes one look and calls it something we can't print but can't help agreeing with either. In comes meek, chunky Yvan (Jack Willis) to mediate, but in doing so causes the emerging rift to grow even wider.

Yvan accepts the avant-garde work "as long as it's not doing harm to anyone else." "It's harming ME!" replies Marc, and

indeed it is, as it threatens to come between them as surely as Yoko broke up the Beatles.

Marc's jealousy towards the canvas by fictional artist Antrios is as curious as Serge's obsession with it, and maybe more understandable. "It's not just an Antrios," Serge boasts, "it's a 70s Antrios." "Are you having it framed?" Marc asks innocently. "No," Serge explains as if teaching a foreign language, "you mustn't interrupt it."

French author/actress Yasmina Reza gets inside these guys and turns them inside out. They are, then, her own pieces of art to admire or scorn but not ignore.

So what is "Art," comedy or drama? Fortunately and very creatively, it's both. Willis (cur-

rently appearing on-screen in "The Talented Mr. Ripley") gets a gem of a monologue, ranting about his impending wedding and the in-laws and the invitations and why-me-I-hate-my-new-job-I-hate-my-life. It's a hoot.

Hirsch is as welcome as a favorite uncle, and from him even the swearing is almost G-rated. His Marc is a pompous horse's behind, but as a friend, is he worth losing over this piece of — art?

Cotter Smith (TV's "Equal Justice") blends perfectly with Hirsch and Willis; when he picks up the painting and stalks out of the room, it's like he's defending his child from the school bullies.

Directed by Matthew Warchus with sophisticated lighting by Hugh Vanstone and jazzy musical transitions by Gary Yershon, "Art" is a 90-minute montage of masculine emotions and motives. For most, it will be like looking at a painting. For some, it will be more like a mirror. It seems that like beauty, "Art" is also in the eye of the beholder.



On stage: Cotter Smith (left to right), Jack Willis and Judd Hirsch star in "Art."

## Dodworth Saxhorn Band sounds like summertime

### BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Okay, it's late January. We've finally accepted the fact that there is going to be a winter, even though your neighbor just stopped mowing his lawn two weeks ago.

So, you know the drill. There's a ground hog named Phil.

There are boat shows and garden shows, suggestions that you'll simply collapse without a tropical getaway and dozens of other reminders that most of us do not like this season.

Who am I to buck the tide? The winter blues are no match for the Dodworth Saxhorn Band, which produces a sound synonymous with summer. When filmmaker Ken Burns was selecting music for his PBS series, "Baseball," he turned to the Dodworth Saxhorn Band to supply three of the nine innings. There is something about 19th century brass band music that celebrates

America, our past, and summer.

The Michigan-based band has also performed at the White House for an "Afternoon of Baseball" event, The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, and The Calumet Theatre. On the next edition of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, the band performs a rousing tribute to Claudio Grafulla, a master composer of this distinctive music who preceded John Philip Sousa.

Visitors to Tiger Stadium in the 1970s were treated to a work of art that deserves a spot in Detroit baseball history. You may recall the metal sculpture of a tiger that resided on Trumbull Avenue during that period, which served as a tribute to the 1968 World Series Champions. It was later displayed at the Detroit Zoo. Until I saw a segment produced by Todd Hastings on BACKSTAGE PASS, I was unaware of the amazing story of Don Thibodeaux, an auto shop owner and boxing trainer who has created stunning representations of sports-related figures out

of chrome bumpers and other car parts for the past three decades.

### Local treasure

"He's one of our local treasures, a pure Detroit artist who uses Motor City relics to create his sculptures," says Hastings. "Don is an incredible talent who is somewhat unheralded, even though many have marveled at his work, such as the sculpture of Muhammad Ali that is exhibited in the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History."

Now, it finally seems that Don is getting his due. The Johanson Charles Gallery in Detroit is exhibiting a collection of his sculptures, which are also featured on the Jan. 23rd BACKSTAGE PASS.

Where is the tiger now? "It's in his backyard. I'm sure Don's a bit attached to it because it was his first major piece, and he wants the right situation to come along before he parts with it," says Hastings.

Isn't there a new baseball stadium? Some of our best ideas come when we think spring.

## Bands from page E1

Barber will lead the Farmington Community Band in its opening "Olympic Fanfare," by John Williams, the theme of the 1984 Olympics. Also on the program is "Flight of Years," a brand new piece by Patrick Burns, and "Salvation is Created," by Tschesnokoff, and the technically challenging "Mannin Veen," a tone poem by British composer Haydn Wood. The title of this work translates to "Dear Isle of Man," the British island in the Irish Sea where Wood spent most of his childhood.

Birmingham Concert Band's program includes "Procession of Nobles" by Rimsky-Korsakov, a medley of swing tunes by Warren Barker, and "Celebration Variations," a piece by James Curnow that the band commissioned two years ago in celebration of its 20th anniversary. They'll close their program with the "Emblem March" by Karl King.

Together, the bands will play "Festive Overture" by Shostakovich. "It flies, it's very dramatic, it's a barn burner," said Barber. They'll play "Army

of the Nile," a British march by Kenneth Alford, and close with "Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral" by Wagner.

Both Barber and Hoemke enjoy working with their bands, which are all volunteer adult musicians. Barber's wife, Fern, band director of Walnut Creek Middle School Band, Walled Lake Schools is first clarinet.

"We're celebrating our 34th year," said Barber. "Making music is always fun, that's why we do it."

### EXHIBITS

- ARTIST RECEPTION**  
A public reception will be held for 1992 Farmington artist in residence Evanthia Samra 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at Farmington Hills City Hall. Her paintings will be on display at Farmington and Farmington Hills City Hall. (248) 473-1856
- ANN ARBOR ART CENTER GALLERY**  
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- COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY**  
Graduate Works in Progress exhibition, 28 5400 Gullen Mall, Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2423.
- JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY**  
Through Jan. 27 - The Mountain of the Lord: Scale Models of Jerusalem Temples. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.
- ELAINE JACOB GALLERY**  
Through Feb. 4 - Misbehaving! Works from the studio of Sandy Skoglund. 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. (313) 993-7813.

- LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION**  
Through Jan. 28 - Mixed media of Norma McQueen. Through Jan. 31 Watercolor portrait of Toni Stevens. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2490. In the Livonia City Hall Lobby, Schoolcraft College student artwork through Jan. 31. 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.
- PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL**  
Through Jan. 26 - "Spirit Earth," recent watercolors of Todd Marsee. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 416-4ART.
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# 'Magnolia' weaves lives together in chilling tapestry

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It all begins with a weather report — the forecast is partly cloudy with an 82 percent chance of rain.

But the showers pouring through scenes of Paul Thomas Anderson's "Magnolia" wash together the lives of 12 people one random day in California. As the skies grow darker, the plot escalates and the lives of the characters are forever altered. Some are left wounded, some are healed. All are connected in some manner. And it takes place somewhere along a main thoroughfare called Magnolia.

The opening scenes play out in hurried fashion, from one character's life to the next, set on so appropriately to the tune of "One is the Loneliest Number."

Loneliness, isolation and insecurity plague the characters in the film, but no one more than the former Quiz Kid Donnie Smith (William H. Macy). Smith comes to the realization in his adult life that knowing all the answers doesn't solve all of life's difficulties. He's struggling to survive and ease his loneliness. He declares: "I really do have love to give; I just don't know where to put it."

Stanley Spector seems to be following the same path as his

predecessor. Stanley is a boy genius, on the verge of setting a record on the same quiz show that made Donnie a child star. He has all the answers but can't seem to win the love of his own father, a struggling actor portrayed coldly by Michael Bowen.

While Stanley's father isn't the ideal parent, he's got nothing on the quiz show's celebrity host Jimmy Gator. On screen, Jimmy's the perfect family man. Pitting kids against parents to see who's smarter, he's got a quip for the audience after every commercial break. But off camera he's drowning himself in alcohol.

Not until he discovers his failing health does Jimmy try to

make amends with his estranged daughter, Claudia (Melora Walters). She's much too busy doing cocaine and shifting through meaningless physical relationships to give him the time of day. When he shows up at her apartment door, she screams and throws him out.

But you can't cause such a disturbance in this town and get away with it. No sir. At least not when Officer Jim Kurring's on duty. An honest-to-goodness man of the law (played by John C. Reilly), Jim tries to convince himself he's a good cop. Talking to himself in his squad car, he assures himself: "This is my job and I love it. I want to do well and I want to help people."

The dim-witted officer falls quickly in love with Claudia, without noticing any of her habits. It's almost as easy to feel for Officer Jim as it is Phil Parma (Philip Seymour Hoffman), a nurse caring for the dying Earl Partridge (Jason Robards), who incidentally is the producer of the quiz show and a dead-beat dad himself.

Phil is there to ease Earl's pain while his young, second wife runs frantically about town filling prescriptions for morphine. The unfaithful Linda Partridge (Julianne Moore) can't stand to watch him die.

The only thing she can imagine that would make the situa-



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Drama: Linda Partridge (Julianne Moore) and Earl Partridge (Jason Robards) in a scene from "Magnolia."

tion worse in her mind is getting Earl's son involved. Frank T.J. Mackey stopped talking to his father at age 14 when Earl abandoned him and his mother, who later died.

Portrayed with a no-holds-barred approach by Tom Cruise, Frank has grown up to become an ultra-macho expert on female seduction. His company, "Seduce and Destroy," teaches men how to control women, but his own life spins out of control when it comes to his family. This man

who has renounced his past discovers — as the narrator puts it — "The past isn't done with us."

All the regrets, uncovered lies and desperate pleas culminate in ironic circumstances and something that can only be described as heavy weather. Rain cannot wash away the past.

Paul Thomas Anderson and director of photography Robert Elswit weave an unforgettable story of life, death, love, honesty, infidelity and forgiveness which is unlike any other.

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Starring Audrey Hepburn and Peter O'Toole. Will be shown at the Historic Redford Theatre. Call (313) 537-2560 or check the Web at [theatreorgans.com/mr/redford](http://theatreorgans.com/mr/redford).

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Based on Frank McCourt's best-selling novel, the film depicts his memoirs of growing up in a struggling Irish family. His depressed mother tries to keep the children in moldy bread and hand-me-downs, while his father drinks away the money he earns. Stars Emily Watson and Robert Carlyle.

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 28

**THINGS YOU CAN JUST TELL BY...**  
Contemporary drama takes a behind-the-scenes look at aspects of people's lives you can't see by looking at them, and the difficulty people have in making emotional connections. Stars Glenn Close, Calista Flockhart, Holly Hunter and Cameron Diaz

**THE BIG TEASE**  
Kevin Allen directs a comedy film about the world of celebrity hairdressing. When a gay, Scottish hairdresser travels to Los Angeles for the Super Bowl of hairstyling competition, he finds that luck, charm, guts and a really good hairdryer are the keys to success. Stars Craig Ferguson, and Frances Fisher.

**DOWN TO YOU**  
A romantic comedy set among college students in New York City. Directed by Kris Isaacson. Stars Freddie Prinze Jr., Selma Blair and Henry Winkler.

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# Book uncovers the secrets of the music industry

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You don't have to twist my arm to get me to admit I've always been intrigued by the music business. There is no Cinderella story sweeter than those which star an up-and-coming talent who breaks into the radio or video charts with a new sound, a new style.

But the industry itself demands so much more than talent and the will to succeed to create a star. Glass slippers aren't fit for just anyone. That's what makes the voices we hear on the radio and TV so much more interesting.

My interest in the behind-the-scenes side of this industry started at age 11. My best friend had cable TV, you see. And for kids in the '80s, cable meant one thing — MTV. There was nothing else like it, 24 hours of popular music. Forget the "Real World" marathons you see today. MTV was "Rock Blocks," hip 'veejays, and game shows like "Remote Control" that rewarded viewers for possessing useless knowledge

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— this was a kid's dream. After a good amount of begging I convinced my parents we needed cable. The day it was installed, ironically enough, I came home from visiting an MTV event, "The Museum of Unnatural History," at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. I turned on the TV and there it was — music you could see.

The obsession began. I wanted to know how musicians rise to success: what it takes to get a record deal, what kind of lives these rock heroes lead. I bought so many magazines and cassettes my mother cringed at the sight of my growing collection. Meanwhile, a man named Eric Kline sought all those answers.

Kline, who grew up in the suburbs of Boston, became senior producer for the Box Music Network where he learned all aspects of the music business. With more than 350 commercials, documentaries and television spots to his credit, Kline sought

to teach future generations of musicians and industry moguls what he found out.

With the help of performers like Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and Ice Cube, and those on the flipside like Tony Bongiovi, record producer and engineer, and Larry Flick, talent editor at Billboard Magazine, Kline has put together a definitive guide for musicians and music fans with "Inside the Music Business: The Power Players."

With 170 pages and two supplementary CDs, Kline covers interviews with those in-the-know. Learn about the production costs of making music, hints on self promotion, what to know about the music video business, as well as what to look for in an agent, a personal and a business manager. The interviews are filled with insight on how to succeed and how popular music has evolved.

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"Inside the Music Business: The Power Players Conversations with Eric Kline" is published by E. Kline Publications Inc.

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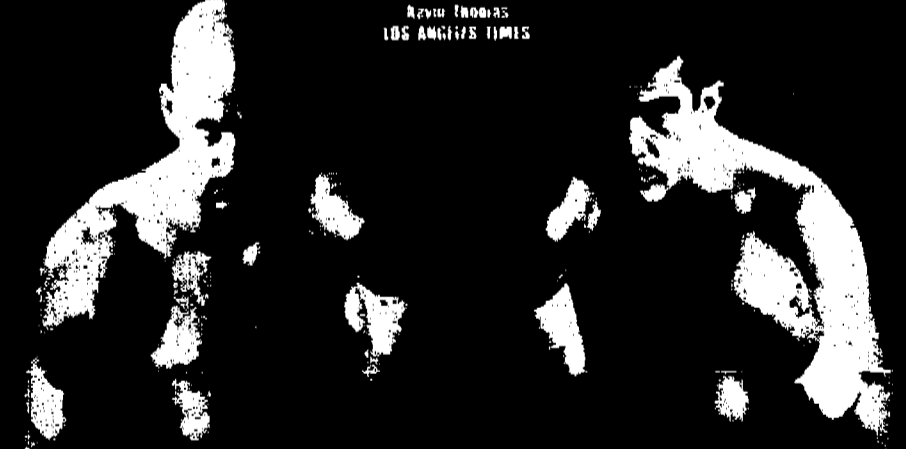
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# You can 'surf 'n turf' at City Limits Grille

BY RENÉE SMOGLUND  
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The mushroom appetizer was just what I needed on the cold, overcast winter afternoon I visited the City Limits Grille on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

It was a huge Portabella stuffed with shrimp, crab and mozzarella. It came nestled in the just right amount of creamy lobster sauce and was baked to perfection. If they serve food in heaven, it's going to be that stuffed mushroom.

"On a Friday or Saturday night, we'll sell 50 or 60 of those," said owner Al Balooley.

City Limits Grille, which opened in September, occupies the premises of the former Water Club Grill. Balooley has not changed the interior — although he has plans to do so — but his menu offers more grilled meat items than the previous owner's. There's lots of old-fashioned surf 'n turf combinations, like the steak and lobster dinner at \$17.95.

While Balooley wants to add a few more seafood selections, his menu already includes stuffed white fish, broiled walleye, sautéed perch, lobster tails and crab legs. "We're selling so many lobster tails it's unbelievable," he said.

If you're a lamb chop lover,

**City Limits Grille**  
**Where:** 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, (734) 454-0666  
**Open:** 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday; Noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.  
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you're in luck. Balooley features them for both lunch and dinner. They're a customer favorite, he said. "I didn't think they were that scarce. Being Lebanese, that's all I eat. We use Australian and American lamb. America produces the best lamb and veal in the world."

Another popular item is The City Limits Special, a 12-ounce certified Black Angus sirloin steak. "There's no fat. The flavor is wonderful. It's very tender. You can eat it with a butter knife. It's our best seller," said restaurant manager Dana Johnson.

## Lunch

The lunch menu features lots of hearty sandwiches served in generous portions. The Ruben, a mountain of corned beef with

sauerkraut and Swiss cheese, is stacked high enough to dislocate your jaws. You could easily split one with a friend, especially if ordering soup.

Balooley is not new to the restaurant business. He's been at it for 35 years. In the '70s and '80s he owned the once popular Topinka's Country House and Topinka's on the Boulevard, which was located across from the Fisher Building. Whenever the actor Zero Mostel was appearing at the Fisher Theatre he called Balooley for an order of stewed chicken.

"That was the love of my life," said Balooley of his Topinka days. "It was just a good time of my life."

This is also a good time for Balooley. His restaurant is well-located and usually filled on the



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**Great chops:** Chef Troy Barnes (right), and owner Al Balooley present one of City Limits Grille's most popular dishes, grilled lamb chops.

weekends. He's looking to add a new chef, one who isn't a "prima donna." Customers need to be served exactly what they want and how they want it, he said.

He's fussy about what goes on in his kitchen, especially when it

comes to the house salad dressing, which is made from a beloved family recipe. No one makes the dressing but Balooley, not even his nephew, who is one of his chefs. "I won't let anybody have the recipe. I make at least

25 gallons every week to 10 days."

Balooley's fussiness is paying off. The food is delicious, the service good and, most of all, the customers are happy.

## WHAT'S COOKING

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net. Let us know about your Chinese New Year

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