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Elected clerk option pondered



Westland City Council members are mulling the possibility of an elected city clerk, as is done in some communities. The possibility follows the firing of former Clerk Patricia Gibbons, which has generated controversy.

STAPF WRITER dclem@oe.homecomm.net

A proposal to let Westland voters elect their own city clerk has gained momentum in the aftermath of Patricia Gibbons' firing by a four-member council majority.

"I believe that the city clerk position should be a nonpartisan, apolitical

position accountable only to the residents of Westland," Councilman Richard LeBlanc said.

LeBlanc and colleagues Glenn Anderson and Sandra Cicirelli have mounted the three signatures needed to place the issue on the council agendafor a 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, meeting at City Hall.

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Gibbons speaks out

By Darrell Clem STAFF WRITER delem@oe.homecomm.net

Breaking her silence, former Westland City Clerk Patricia Gibbons said Monday she felt humiliated by the way her firing was handled.

But she said she has learned that good citizens of the community will come to the defense of a person wronged.

"I really feel wonderful that people

have faith in me," Gibbons, 52, said. "I really appreciate all the nice and honest people out there who want to support me. I really feel honored that they're backing me and supporting

Gibbons has defended her job performance in the \$69.739-a-year position from which she was ousted Jan. 18.

Scores of citizens and Westland coun-

Fest set

for this

Sunday

There's nothing like Winterfest to

fight those midwinter blues - unless

maybe it's an all-expenses-paid trip to

For those staying in Westland, Win-

terfest's a great option. The event will

start 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, with a firefighters' pancake breakfast. From

11 a.m. to 6 p.m., there will be enter-

tainment including magic, juggling. story-telling, interactive foreign language, puppet theater and others.

Nelson Pearson's Wildlife Safaris will perform 11 a.m. and remain all day. "He's the highlight of our show."

said Robert Kosowski. Westland Parks

and Recreation director. "He's really

Inflatables will be set up in the Bai-

"Get out of the cabin" is a big reason for the event, beloing visitors fight the

seasonal blues. Kosowski said. There's

not much for those who aren't winter sports enthusiasts to do this time of

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ley Center gym for the youngsters. The

center is on Ford near Carlson.

year, he noted.

Chase

BY DARRELL CLEM

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ship, authorities said.

STAFF WRITER

reported

A Garden City man, suspected in a

string of robberies and driving a stolen-

van, led Westland police on a 75-mph

chase that ended early Monday when

he hit a utility pole in Canton Town-

The 39-year-old suspect was arrested

after an officer smashed out the dri-

ver's window of a 1995 Ford Acrostar

and pulled him out, a police report

A 19-year-old passenger not a robi-

BY JULIE BROWN

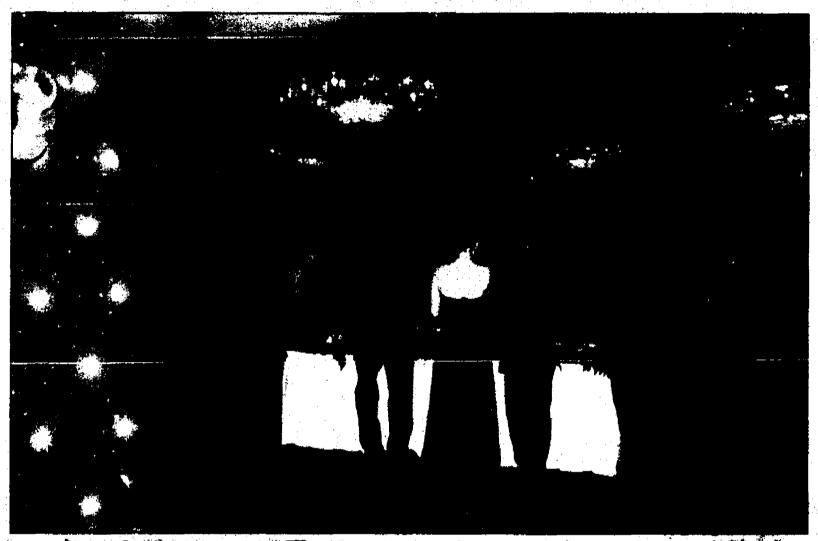
a warm climate.

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STAFF WRITER

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Shall we dance?



Party time: Revelers enjoy their time at the Firefighters Ball at the Hellenic Cultural Center.

Firefighters cut a rug at ball

BY JULIE BROWN

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he Firefighters Ball Saturday, Jan. 29, was a resounding suc-

"Great," said Capt. Colleen Fedel of the Westland Fire Department. "Everybody had a good time. We were happy with the turnout."

She said turnout was 320-350 at the Hellenic Cultural Center, with many city employees, business supporters and those from other area fire departments attending.

Fedel and other organizers appreciate the community/business support. Decker's Flowers helped with decorations. "They just did a great job," she said. "It was beautiful."

The firefighters wore their dress blues, usually only worn when attending promotions or funerals. They looked nice, Fedel said, and it was good to wear those clothes for a



Good time: Sgt. Ed Hosmer (left), union president, talks over the night's events with Sgt. Marty Reddy of the Westland Fire

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Department.

Please see CHASE, All Library patrons cherish home delivery service

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER delem**C**ce.homecomm.net

Al Nagy stops by the Westland library every other Wednesday to pick up books that he delivers to Helen

Poet's home. Nagy, 63, volunteers his time to help readers like Poet, 87, who is confined to

"I have a little spare time on my hands, so I thought I would do a little good for some people who need it." he said.

Nagy, an auto body instructor at the William D. Ford Career/Technical Center, is one of five drivers who help the library's home-delivery program for shut-in residents.

Poet suffers constant sciatic nerve psin because she has arthritis at the base of her spine. She is one of 13 people benefiting from the program.

"I'm in these four walls all the time. and the pain pills I take dealt a do much good," she said, sitting in her living room. "Mr. Nagy always brings me good stuff. It kind of takes my mind

off the pain. This program has been just wonderful."

Arriving one recent Wednesday, Nagy was greeted by a smiling Poet and a barking dachshund, 10-year-old Kelly.

"Sife's my best friend and my pal," Poet said.

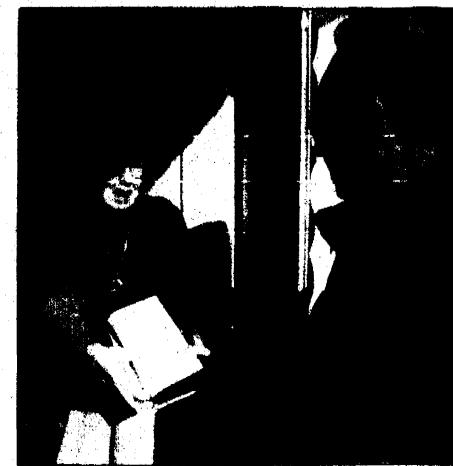
. At the library, employee Martha Rogers picks out navels, books on tape. videos and other library materials for most of the homebound customers. She gets help from two voluntrers who help her package the materials for the dri-

Jane Zemba, supervisor of circulation and technical services, used to run the program, which started last spring. She chose to continue picking out materials for Poet.

"Helen always tells me I can read her mind," Zemba said. "I usually pick human interest kinds of stories and good women authors that I think she'd

Nagy, on one recent delivery

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come face: HelenPoet, 87. grects AlNagy at the door as he deliverslibrary $\cdot materials$ to her home

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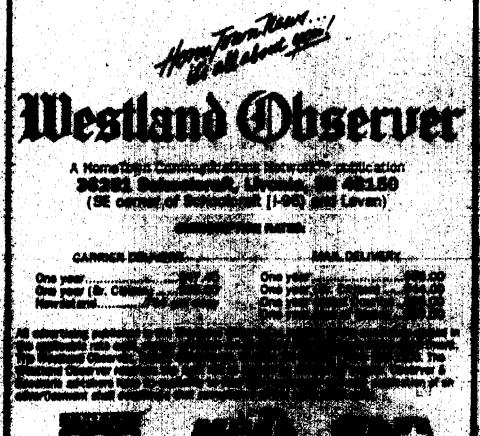
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Woman charged in murder plot

A Westland woman was charged Friday with soliciting a hit man in the parking lot of the Farmington-Eight Mile Big Boy restaurant on Wednesday. Police believe the target for the \$2,000 job was her live-in boyfriend.

The "hit man" was actually an undercover Michigan State Police officer, part of a sting operation.

Lisa McIntosh, 29, - who her attorney said was in an abusive relationship and pushed to the edge - was arrested outside the Farmington restaurant.

After spending two days locked up in a cell at the Farmington Public Safety Department while the state police worked on obtaining a warrant from the county prosecutor, McIntosh was arraigned late Friday afternoon in 47th District Court on a felony charge of conspiracy to commit murder. The maximum penalty is life imprisonment.

47th District Judge Marla Parker arraigned McIntosh, who has children ages 12 and 2 and works in a restaurant. Bond was set at \$1 million cash or surety. with a preliminary examination scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4. Following the arraignment, she was sent to the Oakland County jail.

"Obviously, this is a very serious charge," Parker said.

M 'in my 33 years experience, a great portion of which was as a prosecutor, it was probably the highest (bond) I've seen. And hopefully, when the court knows what a lot of the facts are.' Parker will reduce it.

Stephen Boak —defense attorney, on bond

When Parker announced how much the bail was, a horrified McIntosh said "What?" and pleaded with the judge to let her go home. "Please, I want my

babies. She then hugged her parents, who were seated in the front row of the courtroom.

In order to protect members of the McIntosh family from the apparent victim, Parker also ordered no contact be made with the man - who recently moved out of the defendant's residence and that Lisa McIntosh's children not be allowed to continue

According to defense attorney Stephen Boak of Plymouth, the bond was excessive.

"In my 33 years experience, a great portion of which was as a prosecutor, it was probably the highest I've seen." Boak said following the arraignment. "And hopefully, when the court knows what a lot of the facts are," Parker will reduce the bond.

"The facts will bear out that perhaps she was put into a corner, where she had very few options and was not thinking clearly," Book said.

Meanwhile, Michigan State Police Detective Sgt. Charles Greenway said the bond was within allowable state guidelines.

The sting operation that led to McIntosh's arrest followed an apparent telephone call on Tuesday, between a woman and someone she was soliciting to kill her boyfriend. That person, Greenway said, contacted police, and Wednesday's 3 p.m. meeting was set up.

"The individual she solicited contacted the police," Greenway said, outside the courthouse. "The police in turn ... She was obviously soliciting, the information came our way and we acted upon it."

Greenway said she "provided an individual with \$1,000 to solicit these services, and then she provided our undercover police officer with an additional \$300." The total proposed amount was \$2,000, the detec-

Further details about McIntosh's proposal were not divulged.

The meeting in the Big Boy parking lot was tape recorded by the detective, with other members of the police sting on standby outside the restaurant, Greenway said. It wasn't long after the apparent "deal" was struck that McIntosh was arrested and transported to a jail cell at the Farmington Public Safety Department.

There she waited for two days to see what her fate would be.

The city was required to hold McIntosh while state police gathered information to obtain a warrant from the Oakland County Prosecutor and because of the location of the arrest.

Greenway said it took a little longer than first thought to proceed with the arraignment.

But had McIntosh not been arraigned Friday, she would have been released, due to state limitations (48 hours) for holding someone for a crime they hadn't been charged with.

Other than providing McIntosh with a jail cell, while she awaited arraignment, the Farmington department wasn't involved, said Mike Wiggins. deputy director for the city.

"Our duty here is to lodge" the woman, Wiggins said Thursday. "The Michigan State Police is doing everything else?

OBITUARIES

LEROY A. CONKLIN

Services for LeRoy Conklin, 79, of Wayne were held Jan. 28 at Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Interment was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West of Westland.

Mr. Conklin was born Jan. 15. 1921, and died Jan. 22 in Battle Creek.

He was a foreman.

Mr. Conklin is survived by wife, Stella; son, Duane of Westland; two sisters, Violet Lumetta and Betty (Bud) Horste; three brothers, Francis Conklin, Russell (Connie) Conklin and Bill (Eunice) Conklin; seven grandchildren; and five great-grand-

He was preceded in death by a son, LeRoy Michael.

WALTER B. JOHNSTON

Services for Walter Johnston, 85. of Westland took place Jan. 29 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with the Rev. Rocky Barra from Tri-City Christian Center officiating.

Mr. Johnston, born Aug. 18, 1914, in Brantford, Ontario. Canada, died Jan. 27 in Dearborn. He was an engine tester.

Surviving are his son, Roy; daughters, Elizabeth (Marvin) Warsow, Deborah (Kenneth) Cary and Bonnie (Steven) Ketola; nine grandchildren; and

seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Johnston was preceded in death by his wife, Isabella.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

ENILY GARTZ

Services for Emily Gartz, 95, of Westland were held Jan. 31 in Farmington Hills Church of God with burial at Oakland Hills Memorial Park in Novi. Officiating was the Rev. Gordon Steinki.

Mrs. Gartz, born Dec. 7, 1904. in Prussia, died Jan. 28 in Westland. She was a homema**ker**.

Surviving are her sons, Stanley (Joan) of Westland, Terry Gartz of Westland and Ernest Gartz of Canton; sisters, Helen Wilderman of St. Joseph, Mich., and Olga Inholtz of St. Joseph; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to **Emily Gartz Church Memorial**

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland.

EVABELLE POTTER

Services for Evabelle Potter, 81, of Westland were held Jan. 29 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland, Officiating was the Rev. Drex Morton.

Mrs. Potter, born, Aug. 31, 1918, in Morrice, Mich., died

Jan. 26 in Westland. She was a homemaker. She was a member of VFW Ladies Auxiliary No. 9885, Westland, and Women of the Moose No. 1339, Garden

City. Surviving are her husband,

Perry; son, Donald Lord of Glendale, Ariz.; daughters, Sharilyn (John) Elliott of Houston, Texas, and Sondra (Eldon) Relitz of Ann Arbor; sisters, Mabel Smeltzer of Lansing and Lorraine Sweet of Owosso; nine grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Henry Ford-Plymouth Office of Philanthropy, 1 Ford Place, Suite 5A, Detroit, MI

ARLENE D. SPOHN

Services for Arlene Spohn, 65, of Westland were held Jan. 31 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Jack Spitza.

Mrs. Spohn, born July 8, 1934, in Detroit died Jan. 28 in Garden City. She was an office work-

Surviving are her brother, Robert Burkholder; sister, Dorothy Carlson; several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Spohn was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore. DANIEL N. WALDSCHMIDT

Services for Daniel Waldschmidt, of Wayne were held Feb. 2 in Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

Mr. Waldschmidt died Jan. 28 He was a teacher-at John Glenn High School in Westland for 30 years.

Surviving are his wife, Muriel; son, Jake; and daughter, Megan. Contributions may be made to the National Cancer Institute.

GERALD R. BALL JR.

Services for Gerald Ball Jr., 15 of Wayne were held Feb. 1 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland, Officiating was the Rev. David Martin.

Gerald, born April 7, 1984, died Jan. 26 in Detroit. He was a student. He was a member of the Wayne Dearborn Youth Hockey Association. He attended Wayne Memorial High School and Stevenson Middle School.

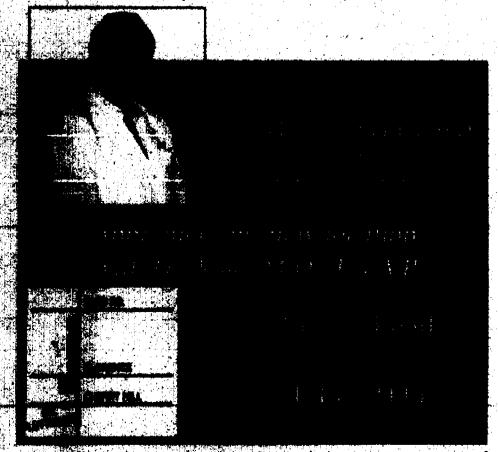
Surviving are his parents, Gerald and Gloria Ball; brother. Jacob; sister, Falan; grandparents, Richard and Jacqueline Ball and Valentin and Gloria Guajardo; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who live in Westland.

WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSIONS RECORD OF ATTENDANCE 1/1/89 THROUGH 19/31/99

Pursuant to City of Westland Council Resolution No. 8-85-441, the following record of study sessions attendance is published:

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CLARIFICATION

A story in Sunday's Observer may have implied that Roger Caldwell, UAW Local 845 president, endorsed Charles "Trav" Griffin, David Cox and David James in the last Westland council election. He personally did not.

> ReadTaste Sunday

GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT 6000 MIDDLEBELT

GARDEN CITY, MI 48135

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on Tuesday. February 8, 2000 at 9-00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hiz Road, Westland, MI 48185. Piease Note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges

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Words: Westland Fire Chief Mark Neal talking at the ball. More than 300 people attended Saturday's gala at the Hellenic Cultural Center.



Fred and Ginger: Firefighter Tim Marshall and Gretchen Schroeder do some dancing at the ball.

Ball from page A1

fun occasion and not a funeral. The band, Joyride, provided

plenty of dance music and kept the revelers moving.

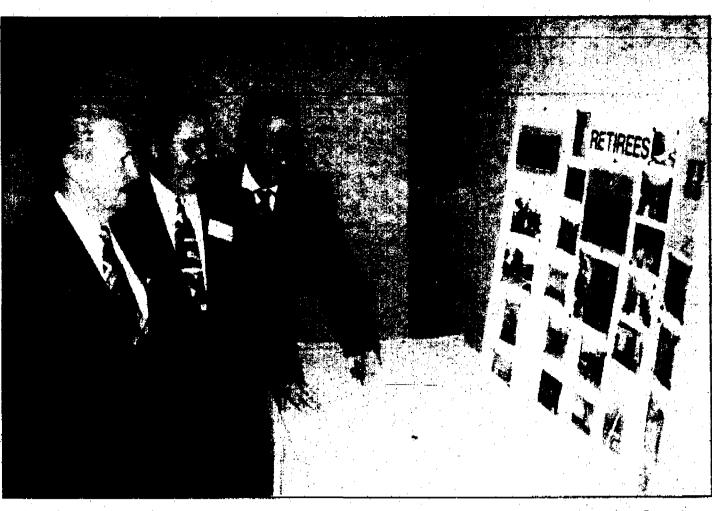
"We were happy with the way it turned out." Organizers hope for a bigger event in the future. They may hold it every other year, but that's still in the discussion stage.

"It's definitely going to happen. again," said Sgt. Ed Hosmer, union president. Having it every other year could keep the excitement for the event, he said, which had returned after a long hiatus.

"It turned out very well," Hosmer said. "We had a bigger turnout than we thought." Organizers were originally planning for 200 people.

The band was great, the food was great, the decorations were great," Hosmer said. More than 50 Westland firefighters and their spouses attended, and the spouses liked meeting the others, he said "You could feel there was a need for it."

None of the revelers had to go out on duty Saturday night. "We had guys on duty," Fedel said. "The guys on duty just couldn't



Memories: Retired firefighters (left to right) Battalion Chief Larry Futrell, Battalion Chief Ed Ferguson and Assistant Chief George Riley looking at pictures of other retired firefighters.

Fest from page A1

This year's event will feature II 'H's a fun day. H's an ice sculptor doing figurines. There will be sleigh rides through Central City Park, said Kosowski, who's working with co-chairs Sharon Scott and Diane Fritz. Scott is a city councilwoman, Fritz interim city clerk.

"Last year we had about 800 on our count," Kosowski said of Winterfest, a city of Westland event. Organizers are hoping to do even better this year, in the neighborhood of 1,000.

The event is free except for food and sleigh rides, he said.

Scott is also hoping for strong attendance.

"It's a fun day. It's minimal cost," she said, "Hopefully, the weather will cooperate.

minimal cost.'

Sharon Scott -co-chair

She's found many like Winterfest. "There are many activities children will enjoy," Scott said, agreeing with Kosowski the event fights cabin fever.

"It gets the kids out of the house," she said of Winterfest, designed for the whole family.

There will be a bowling tournament Saturday, Feb. 5, at Westland Bowl, sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds will benefit Westland Youth Assistance, For information, call the chamber at $(734 \times 326 - 7222)$

Chase from page A1

his own.

Both men will likely face drug charges for 12 packets of heroin that police say they found inside the van, Lt. Marc Stobbe said.

The driver, already wanted on a \$238 warrant in Redford, also will likely face charges of robbery and fleeing from police, Stobbe said.

The driver is suspected in a Jan. 26 robbery at the BoRics hair salon at Wayne and Glenwood in Westland, Stobbe said. A man went into the business. asked for change and seized money from a cash register.

The driver also is suspected of three Dearborn incidents in which a man robbed women of their purses in business parking lots, Stobbe said. Those crimes occurred between Jan. 21 and Jan. 28, he said.

The suspect's capture came after Westland police spotted a stolen van at a Marathon gas station on Wayne Road near Glenwood, a police report said.

Police trailed the van a short distance to Wayne Road and Sims, where the driver sped off after Westland and Wayne police ; cars tried unsuccessfully to block his path, the report said.

bery suspect - surrendered on Michigan Avenue and then west toward I-275, reaching speeds of 75 mph in a 40-mph zone during a chase that spanned four miles, Stobbe said.

> A police report noted that the driver "was swerving over all five lanes" of westbound Michigan Avenue.

The driver lost control of the van as he approached a traffic backup at I-275 and tried to pass on the south shoulder, the police

report said. The van slid into a grassy median and hit a utility pole. and the passenger got out and surrendered to police, the report

The driver again tried to escape but hit the pole, and a police officer used the butt of his pistol to smash out the van's window and wrestle the suspect under control, the police report

The driver also was hit in the head by the pistol as the window broke, the report said. He was treated and released at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center in Wayne.

Authorities are continuing their investigation, and Stobbe said neither man had been The driver led police south to charged as of Tuesday afternoon

Police trailed the van a short distance to Wayne Road and Sims, where the driver sped off after Westland and Wayne police cars tried unsuccessfully to block his path, the report said.

Surplus food available from city of Westland

tribute surplus food 10 a m to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Feb.

Residents in the area bounded. by Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is Village, will pick up their commodities 10 a.n., to 2 p.m. Thurs. day, Feb. 17.

Michigan Avenue will pick up ated their commodities 10 am to 2

p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 Westland residents south of how. 134 595 0366

The city of Westland will disc. Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities the third Monday of each month at St. James 17-18, at the Dorsey Community | United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebell

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at known as Norwayne and Oak Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for the day of distribution.

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Clerk from page A1

The measure calls for a May 9 ballot proposal in which voters would decide whether to amend the city charter to allow the clark to be elected every four years, starting with the next round of city elections in 2001.

The proposal's timing would coincide with an already-scheduled May 9 election in which voters will decide whether to renew a 15-year, 1-mill tax to pay the city's debt for a Dearborn Heights-based incinerator.

Some neighboring communities, such as Livonia and Canton Township, already elect their clerks. Others, like Garden City and Wayne, have appointed clerks.

LeBlanc, Cicirelli and Anderson requested the issue be placed on the Feb. 7 council agenda following outrage over the Jan. 18 firing of Gibbons, whose performance they praised.

Gibbons was ousted by council President Charles "Tray" Griffin, President Pro Tem David Cox and members David James and Sharon Scott for reasons they declined to divulge. They cited only general job performance concerns.

Time factor

Cox said he would welcome talks about a voter-elected clerk. but he believes May 9 is too soon

III 'On a national level, constitutional amendments are not proposed and voted on in (three) months.

David Cox -council president pro tem

to place the issue on the ballot. "That's a dangerous time

frame," he said Tuesday.

Cox said he generally supports "any opportunity for the citizens to make a decision about their city," but he indicated that a council committee should be appointed to study the issue.

"On a national level, constitutional amendments are not proposed and voted on in (three) months," he said.

Cox said discussion of an elected clerk should be coupled with talks about changing the way city council members are elected.

Cox proposed talks on whether all seven council members should be elected in the same year. Voters now elect four of seven council members every

Scott and James agreed with Cox that an elected clerk's position should be discussed - but

not placed on the May 9 ballot. "I think it's something we should investigate," Scott said.

James said, "I'd like to see other cities that do it by election and see how smooth it goes."

Even though Cicirelli signed a request to have the issue placed on the Feb. 7 council agenda, she said she still is weighing the proposal.

"I do have some reservations about a city our size electing a city clerk," she said. "It certainly does make it a political position."

Cicirelli also questioned whether a city clerk could run an efficient office while campaigning for re-election.

However, she conceded that Livonia, Canton and Dearborn elect city clerks.

In favor of idea

LeBlanc said he stated as long ago as his 1995 council campaign that he believed Westland's clerk should be elected.

"I know that I'll be supporting it," he said. "I'll be looking forward to the debate."

In a separate development,

resident Marian Greenfield said Tuesday she will try to initiate a recall campaign against Scott within the next week.

Griffin, Cox and James can't be targeted for recall for six months because they started new terms Jan. 1. Scott is in the middle of a four-year term.

Greenfield said she will file a recall petition within the next week with the Wayne County Elections Commission calling for Scott's ouster for her role in firing Gibbons.

If the commission approves the recall language, Greenfield and others will have to collect more than 5,000 signatures of registered voters to have the issue placed on a special ballot.

Scott called Greenfield's efforts

"I always got along with Marian Greenfield in the past," Scott said. "That's very sad to me to think that a friend would do that. I always considered Marian a friend.

"I think my record will stand for itself," Scott said, adding later, "recalls are not good. When you don't like a person's performance, you don't vote for them in the next election ... Right now, I'm sure I have enough support to combat it."

Gibbons from page A1

cil members Glenn Anderson, Sandra Cicirelli and Richard LeBlanc also have commended the job she did during her 17 months as clerk. She had been a city employee for nearly 23

During a telephone interview, Gibbons described how she felt when council President Charles "Tray" Griffin came to her office on Jan. 14, placed her on administrative leave, took her keys and ordered her to leave City Hall.

"I felt like a criminal," she

Griffin has drawn criticism for ousting Gibbons four days before the council officially voted not to reappoint her as city clerk.

He has said he wanted to spare Gibbons the embarrassment of being ousted as she sat at the council table.

Still, his handling of the affair has raised allegations that he and council members David Cox, Sharon Scott and David James violated the state Open Meetings Act by deciding Gibbons' fate prior to the council meeting.

Gibbons said she took most of her personal belongings from her office on the same day Griffin ordered her out. She said Griffin told her that she would have to make an appointment with former Clerk Diane Fritz to return for the rest of her things.

Gibbons said one of her daughters returned for what were mostly plants that she had left in her office.

But her statement indicated that Griffin already knew that Fritz would be named interim

18 council meeting at which Fritz was appointed.

Council members indicated during that meeting - and have said since then - that they didn't know whether Fritz would accept the job.

"We were not sure whether Diane was even going to accept it until that night ...," Scott has said.

Griffin offered Gibbons a retirement package, but she would have had to spend thousands of dollars to "buy" time under the plan. She said Monday she is 3½ years short of the 25 years of city employment she needs to qualify for a pension

She will, however, be entitled to collect a pension when she reaches age 55.

Gibbons was an "at-will employee" of the council, meaning she could be fired simply by a majority vote. Griffin and others haven't cited specific reasons for ousting her.

During the interview, Gibbons refrained from expressing how she felt toward the council members who fired her. She is talking with an attorney, but she said she isn't sure what her next move will be.

Until Monday, the only statement Gibbons had made since her firing was through her sonin-law, Tad Smith. She had defended her job performance in that statement.

On Monday, Gibbons said she decided to speak out because she wanted the community to know how much she appreciates the clerk - four days before the Jan. support she has received.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, February 8, 2000, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill. Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder: COLOR VIN.

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

UTILITY PICK-UP WHITE TCT23A1550202 WHITE JT2SV21E4H3041928 TOYOTA CAMRY/4 DR All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. 30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after MARCH 04, 2000, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time: COLOR VIN.

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WAYNE/WESTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT **WESTLAND, MICHIGAN 48336** SECTION 00010 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Bid Package #8:

TMP Project #98027 - Madison Elementary School TMP Project #98028 - Graham Elementary School TMP Project #98029 - Patchin Elementary School

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will be received until 1:30 P.M. local time on Tuesday, February 22, 2000, at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community School Board of Education, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened. Faxed proposals will not be

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid

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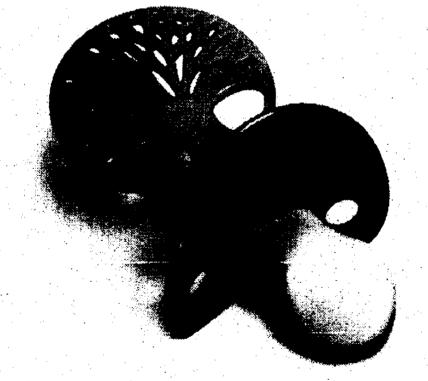
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Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McS/EV, 25950 West Five Mile Rd. Redford, MI 48239; the FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield, the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Daily Construction Reports Plan Room; Detroit.

Bidders may obtain a set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, McS/EV, at (313) 535-6213. Additional plans may be ordered and purchased directly from Dunn Blue Reprographics Technology, (248)353-2950. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, MeS/EV. The bid division(s) being bid is (are) to be identified on the outside of the envelope. There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting hold on Tuesday, February 8, 2000 @ 1:30 P.M. at the Wayne Westland Community School Board of Education Building. All bidders are encouraged to attend.

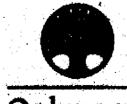
Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

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Project Vote Smart provides great information on issues and how your. legislators have voted. It even has a toll-free number (888-VOTE-SMART) for those who don't surf the Web.

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For information on elections, politics and issues, seif on over to MEL, the Michigan Electronic Library. The site also contains links to a variety of related Web sites.

http://www.mic.lib.mi.us/~hevnil This is the Web site for the Michigan chapter of the League of Women Voters. This nonpartisan site contains superb links to related sites and also contains explains of how to vote.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, Faust Reading Room, Amateurs and experts allke are invited to join in for the monthly Chess Night where you can strategize and conquer. Participants are encouraged to mentor beginning players. Pick up a chess set at the Reference Desk if you like or use your own. No fee. No registration required.

Open Mike Poetry

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, Community Meeting Room B. The library hosts an evening of familyfriendly poetry read by community members. 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.

Scrapbooks & Memory Books 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Community Meeting Room AB. Bring. in your photos, newspaper chippings and other mementos and team how to make pages guaranteed to keep your memorias alivel An expendenced consultant will show you ways to cut." decorate and enhance your books. No fee. No registration required, but seating is limited to 25 participants.

Adult Reading Club

7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, Group

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deciesions on notemathy books. Discussions are held in Broug Meeting Room C. Call and receive your copy today. No fee. No registration

B YOUNG ASSILT ASSISTED

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

"I Love This Book" Contest All Day, Feb. 1-13, YA Area. Young adults! Select your favorite book and tell the library staff why you like it; Two entries will be drawn and awarded a prize. All entries will have their reviews posted on the wall in the YA Area. Pick up your entry form in either: the YA Area or at the Children's Reference Desk area, fill it out and drop it in the contest box in the YA Area. Each winner will receive a \$20 gift certificate from Harmony House. No fee. No registration required.

E CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES Creation Station

2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, Children's Activity Room. Have fun and exercise vour creativity as you help decorate the Children's Room for Valentine's Day, Fill in and color an "I Love This Book heart, No fee. No registration

Sleepytime Storytime

7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, Community Meeting Room A. This half-hour storytime is held every Monday evening. Wear your jammies and bring your blankiel No fee. No registration

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 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9 Toddler Tales (18-36 months) and Preschool Storytime (ages 9.5) are held 1:30 p.m. every.Tuesday and 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday, Stop in for fun fables, tales and stories. Storytimes last about 30 minutes: No fee. No registration required. although class size is limited.

After School Special

3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9. Children's Activity Room. This drop-in program held each Wednesday is for all school-age children, it provides an opportunity to make crafts, pia games and unwind after a hard day at school, No fee. No registration

E FRENDS' ACTIVITIES

The Friends' board meets on the second Tuesday 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. Next meeting is 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Appreciation shown Library from page A1

On Jan. 14, some of the nurses at Westland Convalescent Center decided to bring in cookies, chips and other snacks for Wayne-Westland vocational education students. It was the students' last day of training at the center.

More than 50 young people and their instructor enjoyed the snack of appreciation. Also contributing were nursing assistants, who took up a collection

and ordered pizza to share with the students to make it a complete lunch.

The student response was one of "awe." They had worked at other nursing centers and not received such appreciation, said Peggy Ellenwood of the center. Those who were a part of this event should know their kindness hasn't gone unnoticed, she

Veterans seeking help

Veteran's Haven Inc. is working toward a \$1 million goal for an apartment facility to help veterans gain independence and success. The project is named Target Vet 2000, according to

Vince Berna, president/founder. The Veterans Outreach Center is currently at 4924 Wayne Road in Wayne.

After five years of continuous moving, Veteran's Haven Inc. is committed to continuing services in a permanent shelter in such

areas as food, clothing, hygiene, counseling, employment, furniture, housing and transporta-

Veteran's Haven began in 1994 with a food pantry in Berna's bedroom and his van as the moving warehouse for supplies. It has evolved into a charity to feed, clothe, counsel and provide housing for veterans.

For information, call (734) **728-052**7.

dropped off three books on tape: "Strange Fits of Passion" by Anita Shreve, "Every Day" by Elizabeth Richards and "Plainsong" by Kent Haruf.

"I like romance novels and the Gaelie ones, too," Poet said.

She has no family members who live close by, so she depends on Nagy, friends and neighbors. to help her.



STAPF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLET

Helen Poet

*Everybody has been so good to me," she said.

Poet always loved reading,

"As a young girl I spent a lot of time in the library," she recalled with a smile. "People would wonder where Helen was, and I. would be in the library. I'm not a big TV fan. I like the news and ... game shows like Jeopardy. That's about it."

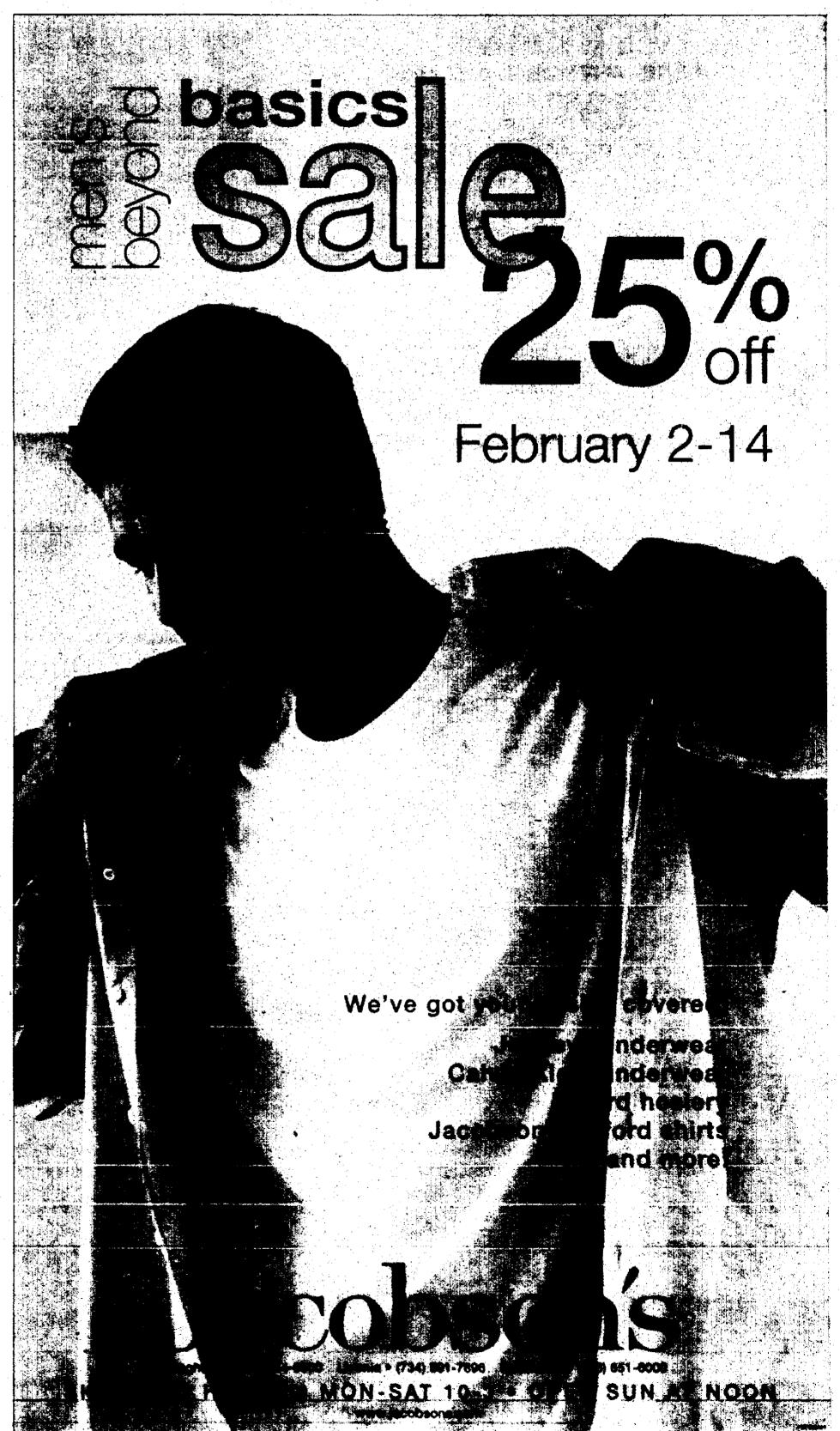
Nagy said he and Poet exchanged gifts last Christmas

"I gave her a calendar, and she gave me a box of candy." he said Said Poet: "If not for people like Mr. Nagy, I don't know what

To volunteer for the homedelivery program or to receive its services, call the library at (734) 326-6123. An employee will vertfy that you are homebound and have no way of getting materials. People icho are temporarily shut in, such as those recovering from surgery, may qualify.

I 'If not for people like Mr. Nagy, I don't know what I'd do.'

> Helen Poet -reader



City's mayor will speak

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.

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Glenn seeking top grad

John Glenn High School will graduate its 36th senior class this June. The ceremony will include an honorary presentation to a graduate who has gone on to achieve excellence. The Faculty Council at John Glenn is seeking nominations for its Distinguished Alumnus Award and will review the applications and decide on the honoree.

This is an annual presentation and one of the highlights of the graduation ceremony each year. Glenn educators feel that suc**II** The educators are requesting community assistance to help in the selection process by nominating a John Glenn graduate who has truly earned distinction.

cessful graduates have a positive motivational effect on the graduating seniors as well as the school community and the facul-

The educators are requesting community assistance to help in the selection process by nominating a John Glenn graduate who has truly earned distinction in his or her field of endeavor following graduation. If you wish to nominate a graduate, contact Pam Tucker at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland MI 48185.

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Kudos: Herschel Poger (above) was the Volunteer of the Year for Westland Youth Assistance. Toarmina's Pizza was Business of the Year.

Mentor, business leader Youth Assistance honorees

The Westland Youth Assistance Program held its annual Volunteer Recognition Party Jan. 24 at the Bailey Center in Westland. A volunteer and a business were recognized for their support of the program in 1999.

The Volunteer of the Year is Herschel Poger, 29, a mentor who has been assigned 10 youths over the past seven years. Poger was lauded for his acceptance of youth without prejudging them, his dedication and encouragement and for making the weekly mentor meetings "fun."

Poger was also appointed to the Youth Advisory Board for the city of Westland by Mayor Robert Thomas last year.

The Business of the Year was Toarmina's Pizza. The award was given to Lou Toarmina for his cooperation with Youth Assistance over the years in assisting with the semi-annual garage sale and supervising youth who assist with other city-spon-

Anyone interested in information on becoming a mentor for a Westland youth can call (734) 467-

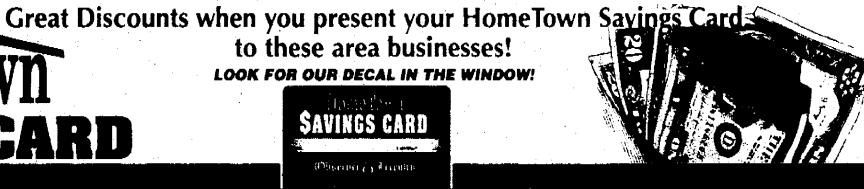
sored functions at the Bailey Center.

On hand to recognize the honorees were five members of Poger's family, Councilman Richard LeBlanc, state Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard. D-Westland, Judge Gail McKnight and other volunteers and members of the Youth Advisory

The Westland Youth Assistance Program is planning a mentor training in March. Anyone interested in information on becoming a mentor for a Westland youth can call (734) 467-7904.

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Southeast Michigan gets lion's share of road work

BY MIKE MALOIT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

Southeast Michigan will get a lion's share of the state's road work over the next four years, according to the "5 Year Road and Bridge Program" unveiled Tuesday, Jan. 25, by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Of the \$6.4 billion the state plans to spend on road repairs and upgrades through the end of the year 2004, 35 percent will be pumped into the metropolitan Detroit region, including Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties.

Metro Detroit has the oldest freeways and bridges in the state, while the region contains the state's largest concentration of population. Metro area freeways carry almost half - 43 percent - of all the state's traffic.

"All transportation improvements included in this plan are prioritized based on need, and we are continuing to fix the worst roads and bridges first." said James DeSana, director of MDOT.

What the MDOT refers to as the "University" region of the state - areas surrounding Lansing and Ann Arbor, including Ingham, Livingston, Shiawassee, Clinton, Eaton and Jackson counties - will get another 12.

High school students can sample college

High school students throughout Michigan will have the opportunity to gather for two weeks at Madonna University in Livonia as participants in the 2000 Summer Institute for the Arts, Sciences and Technology sponsored by the Michigan State Board of Education.

These students will live on campus July 9-22 and beinvolved in intensive lab and field experiences, discussions. research, technology and techniques, with some of Michigan's top artists, teachers, researchers and business and industry professionals. A group of 120 teens - high school sophomores and juniors will be selected to participate.

Those interested in this experience should contact their school counselor, call the Summer Institute Office at (517)244-. 1249 or Madonna University at (734)432-5482 to get an application. The deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 21. Participants will be selected in April by state review teams based on their exceptional interest and/or aptitude. Each student will be' asked to submit an essay and recommendation to be considered for a position.

"We are excited about the opportunity the Summer Institute provides for Michigan students. One of the greatest attributes of the program is the recognition that there are many types of talents. The students who come together from all over the state have an opportunity to interact with other young people they would probably never have the occasion to meet. Each year, the students leave with pleasant memories and educational experiences that will enrich the rest of their lives," said Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz, vice president for student services and a coordinator of the Summer Institute at Madonna University.

As one of eight institutions fchosen to participate this is Madonna University's seventh year in the program. The University is offering the following intensive classes: "Internationalizing for a Global World," "Music Video Production." "Black and White Photography," "Journal ism," "Sign Language and Artistic Interpretation for the Deaf." "Japanese Language and Culture," "Molecular Genetics and Genetic Engineering," "Creative Writing" and "Chemistry and Biology of the Rouge River." Approximately 10 to 12 students will attend each class

State funds and festeral dollars help to offset the total institute costs, as a result, the registration fee is \$250 for each student Financial assistance may be available for students who can show need

Also, the institute is offering exploratory sessions throughout the two weeks. Four sessions will be offered with a variety of Stopics to choose from, ranging from the arts to self development

percent of the state funding.

Using increased funding from the federal government, through the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), and Build Michigan II, the state will put an average of \$1.3 billion dollars into repairing and rebuilding 1,400 miles of roads and 280 bridges each year through 2004, according to the document.

The goal is to have 80 percent of the state's roads in "good condition," as opposed to poor condition, by the end 2004. The plan is to continue through the year 2007, when 90 percent will be in

the "good" category.

Although the state is using a mix of short-term and long-term solutions to Michigan's road troubles, the 5 Year plan says the proportion of "20-plus year fixes" is increasing. Thirty three percent of the money will be spent on long term repairs, according to the plan. In the early 1990s, only 10 percent of state road funding was spent on long term repair.

The program also puts the priority on repairing existing roads. Only 10 percent of the total will be spent on new roads.

One of the new roads to be

built will be in southeast Michigan - the state will complete the M-5 Haggerty Connector from Fourteen Mile Road to Pontiac Trail, but its completion date has been pushed back to 2002.

In the metro area, MDOT will concentrate on modernizing the freeways, improving border crossings, supporting economic development and eliminating choke points, the plan states.

Also on the list of projects are:

IN WAYNE COUNTY ■ I-96 from US-24 to west of M-39 will be reconstructed in the year 2004.

■ The bridge on 1-96 at Merriman will get deck replacement in 2001.

Six bridges on I-96 will get approach work in 2001.

Ford Road, from Wayne Road east to Venov, will be resurfaced this year.

Ford Road, from Mercury to US-12, will be reconstructed in 2004. Bridges will get deck replacements and deck patch. along with it.

■ The Southfield, M-39, will see reconstruction and bridge rehabilitation in 2001.

■ Ann Arbor Road, Old M-14; will get reconstruction from Canton Center to Newburgh Road this year and next.

IN OAKLAND COUNTY

Reconstruction of interchanges on 1-96 at Beck and Wixom roads. Design work begins this year. Construction is set for 2002 and 2003.

Completion of an I-75 Corridor Study of the 46 miles of freeways in Oakland, its interchanges and supporting road-

■ 1-75 from M-15 to the county line will get a "major rehabilitation" in 2003 and 2004.

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Stepped-up police work makes the difference

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raffic accidents declined in Westland. 1998 compared to 1997 in eight of the 10 communities in Wayne and Oakland counties served by the Observer Newspapers and local police mainly credited concentrated patrols for the improvement.

Re-engineering of intersections also got some credit, as did milder weather in 1998.

The figures, released by the Michigan State Police, also showed seven of the 10 communities had fewer personal injury accidents in 1998 than in '97.

The patrol figures come from statewide community police department reports.

The 1998 figures are the latest available from the MSP. The 1999 totals are expected in the spring, the department said.

Showing a reduction in total traffic accidents, according to the state police, were (in alphabetical order) Canton Township, Farmington Hills, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, City of Wayne and

Communities with fewer personal-injury accidents were (also in alphabetical order) Canton, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth Township and Westland.

In raw numbers, Livonia, the most populous city in the group, also had the most accidents, with 4,280 in 1998, a drop of 6 percent from '97.

Rounding out the top five were Farmington Hills with 3,055; Westland 2,072; Canton 1,950 and Redford Township 1,882.

Livonia leads

Livonia also had the most personal-injury accidents in '98 with 1,101, followed by the Hills with 833; Westland 641; Canton 469 and Redford 407.

Garden City, however, led in percentage decline of total crashes with 12 percent - from 1,103 crashes in 1997 to 970 in '98.

In terms of personal injury accidents, Plymouth Township led with a decline of 26 percent - from

Courtesy could lead to trouble

their causes.

hink you're being courteous when you stop in traffic to wave someone out of a parking lot?

You're not. In fact, you're probably setting that someone up for an accident.

So says Gary Goss, director of public safety for Farmington.

"That's a trap," says Goss, because you could be blocking the other driver's vision.

The so-called "good deed" came up in an interview with Goss about traffic accidents and

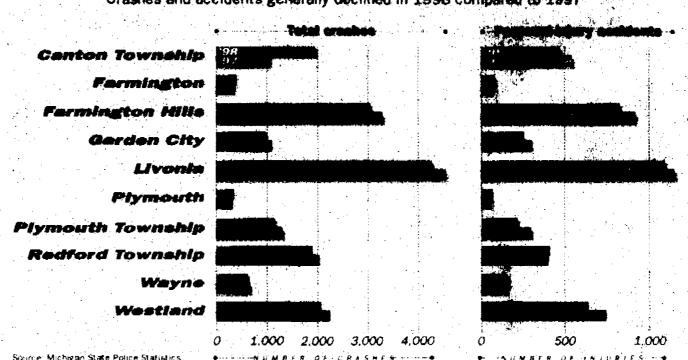
To Goss, the practice of stopping to let someone into traffic was among many of the pet peeves he's acquired in his 29

years in the police business. For instance, there was the

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Traffic accidents from the 10 Observer-area communities

Crashes and accidents generally declined in 1998 compared to 1997



300 to 212. Garden City-was second with an 18 percent decrease, from 308 in '97 to 254 in '98. Westland was third with a 14 percent decline (747 in '97 to 641 in

Garden City Police Lt. Mel-Majer said the decline in crashes there was due both to "stepped up active patrols in high-accident areas" and working with Wayne County and the state "to improve the engineering of intersections" -in particular the installation of left-turn signals at Middlebelt and Warren Roads and Middlebelt and Ford.

Majer said the signals "cutdown dramatically" on left-turn accidents, especially at Ford and Middlebelt where fewer people ran red lights or turned left into oncoming traffic.

Maier said Police Chief Dave Harvey also put Officer Loren Zetti into afternoon traffic patrol. both to respond to traffic accidents and learn what area residents and business owners see as traffic problems.

The two top accident intersections in Farmington Hills in 1998. - 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads (95 crashes) and Orchard

and 14 Mile (92 accidents) - have township get improvements at begun benefiting from traffic-signal timing changes and should continue improving, according to Hills Traffic Bureau Lt. Gary Hawald.

He said the reconstruction of the Grand River and Halstead interchange with M-5, which "always used to be in the top five" in terms of wrecks, also seems headed for fewer crashes.

Other police departments said stepped-up traffic enforcement efforts, most funded by grants from the state and federal governments and by overtime allotments, cut crashes

Red runners

Canton Lt. Pat Nemecek said his Selective Enforcement Unit (SEU), working with regular patrol officers, targets intersections where drivers run red lights - most of them along Ford Road. which is the township's main eastwest thoroughfare and its most congested street.

But the SEU officers also analyze the intersections to determine the type of accidents and why they're happening, he said.

Such information helps the

intersections, he said, one of which may be a left-turn signal at busy Ford and Canton Center.

Chief Lawrence Carey in neighboring Plymouth Township said the township board in '98 approved additional funding for selective enforcement where most accidents occur - along Ann Arbor Road.

Carey said as a result, traffic stops increased from 6,820 in 1997 to 9,011 in '98, with total tickets issued jumping from 3,728 to

That helped township police win a traffic award for enforcement from the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police in '98. The township effort is continuing, Carey added. Some 9,811 violations were assued in 1999.

A left-turn arrow at Lilley and the repaying of Ann Arbor Road this summer also will help the situation, he said.

Livonia Sgt. Wes McKee, Redford Officer Scott Corso, Wayne Officer Ken Kapanowski and Westland Sgt. Peter Brokas also attributed the decline in crashes to aggressive enforcement.

Seatbelt law takes effect March 10

ere's a "heads-up" for all Wayne and Oakland County drivers: Start getting used to wearing your seatbelt now - because stepped-up enforcement begins next week.

Although the new statewide seatbelt law doesn't take effect until March 10, police and sheriff's deputies in the two counties will conduct a "get-used-to" period running Feb. 6-19, according to Sgt. Pete Brokas of the Westland Police Department.

During that time, officers ... and deputies will enforce both speeding and seatbelt violations now in effect. "We'll be working with 20 other communities" in Wayne County, including the cities of Livonia and Detroit, Brokas said.

On March 10, not wearing a seatbelt will become a primary traffic violation, so next week's efforts will be aimed at educating the public toward that, he said.

When the seatbelt law becomes primary, it will mean officers can stop people for



that violation alone, Brokas said: "You don't have to be speeding for us to stop you." At present, seatbelt viola-

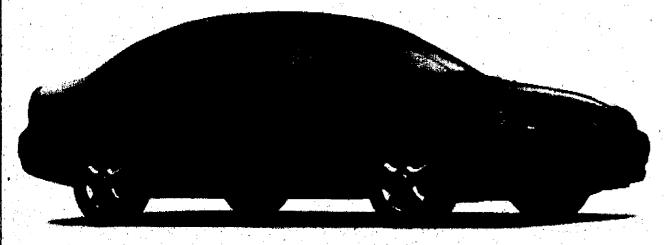
tions are ticketed only when discovered during a traffic stop for other violations such as speeding, registration or other violations.

During the "get-used-to" period, officers will target rush hours, mornings in particular, because police are seeing "more and more" serious

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Moms, sons share moments



Family fun: Joel Stimmer, 6, a student at Patchin Elementary, reacts to the performance of Nelson Pearson at the mother-son banquet. Behind is his mother, Jeanette. Pearson will perform at Winterfest Sunday.

oms and sons at Patchin Elementary School love each other - and their time together.

About 125 moms and sons gathered at the school last Thursday for a mother-son banquet. Gina Toarmina was chairwoman for the PTA-sponsored

Nelson Pearson's Wildlife Safaris brought wild animals to the event, said Sandy Sonak, PTA president at Patchin.

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"It was wonderful. They were captivated," she said of the boys. People attending brought a

dish to pass, with the school PTA providing some food and drink. The school will hold a fatherdaughter banquet Feb. 17, Sonak said, and will flip-flop next year with father-son and mother-daughter banquets.

She knows people had a good time last Thursday at Patchin. "Oh, I think they did."



Critter: Chris Karaim (left) and Lisa McGillis (center) react to touching a red tail boa constrictor at the Patchin Elementary mother-son banquet. At right, Diane and Joshua Wilson, 9, hold onto the snake brought by Nelson Pearson.

Sale of Cooper Elementary School site imminent

BY LARRY O'CONNOR

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A developer will pay Livonia Public Schools \$500,000 for the chance to clean up and develop 37 contaminated acres.

A school district attorney revealed the selling price for the former Cooper Elementary School site on Ann Arbor Trail during a school board study session Mon-

"I think under the circumstances that is a very good price for the school district to obtain," said Gene Smary, district

The district and Bloomfield Hills-based Jonna Ventures Realty are expected to sign a purchase agreement soon, perhaps by the end of the week. Some "fine tuning" remains, Smary said.

Actual transfer of the abandoned school property could take a year to 18 months.

The deal hinges on several contingencies. The developer has to get brownfield authority financing, Department of Environmental Quality and city of Westland

zoning approval. The developer also must see an "acceptable" financial return.

As part of a due diligence clause, Jonna promises to do everything to see the deal through. The developer, which is expected to form a limited liability corporation, has already invested substantial money in the project, a district official said.

"Those are the two hooks, we have to make sure they move forward," said Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business.

Frank Jonna told neighborhood residents he wants to build for-sale units on 11 acres of the site's east portion. The remaining land would be capped and used for some type of recreation, Jonna said.

In 1991, the district closed the former Cooper Elementary building after discovering the school stood on a former landfill site.

Landfill materials are buried 3 feet deep on the 11 acres where the developer property wasn't put up for public bid. wants to build housing, an environmen-

The soil embedded with cinders, paper, wood, brick and glass could be moved and the land regraded. The remaining 26 acres would have to be capped. The depth of the cap as well as engineering and geo-technical evaluations will drive cleanup costs.

"It would be safe to say ... the remediation will be five to six times the cost of the actual purchase price," said Curt Cramer of the Novi-based Arcadis Geraghty & Miller environmental firm. "It's going to cost a lot more to clean up the property than it did to purchase it."

Other purchase agreement terms appeal to district officials.

If Jonna backs out, the Livonia school district gets to keep any environmental work done. That could be used to remarket the property, a district official said.

Another key feature is that the district is protected from future claims, Smary said.

Trustee Kirsten Galka asked why the Consumers Renaissance Development

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Corp., a nonprofit group that specializes in negotiating sales of brownfield sites, sought out Jonna Realty Ventures.

On behalf of the district, CRDC has been negotiating with the developer since December 1998.

A CRDC spokesman said developers who want to invest in contaminated sites are hard to find. CRDC has helped broker more than 70 sales statewide.

"In every case where we've gone through the RFP (request for proposal) process, it has been very unsatisfactory. said Bruce Rasher, CRDC vice president.

Price wasn't the main issue in the deal. Superintendent Ken Watson said. The key is getting the site redeveloped.

Trustee Dan Lessard agreed. 'What's sitting there now is worth less," Lessard said. "All we do is cut the grass and store furniture there."

Vote's likely

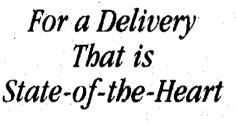
Livonia voters should decide whether public schools need new fieldhouses and athletic facilities, board trustees say.

With that purpose, Livonia schools trustees will likely vote to put a \$30 million bond issue on the April 10 ballot. Two tax renewal questions - 0.75 mill for operations and 1 mill for building and site - will also be decid-

During a study session Monday, trustees looked at language for the three ballot proposals. Their decision only involved putting the matter on the agenda at the board's regular meeting Feb. 7.

Voters will be asked to approve a tax of 0.4-mill for 25 years to raise nearly \$30 million for fieldhouses at the three high schools and athletic facility upgrades for middle schools.

If passed, the owner of a \$150,000 home would pay an extra \$30 a year in taxes.

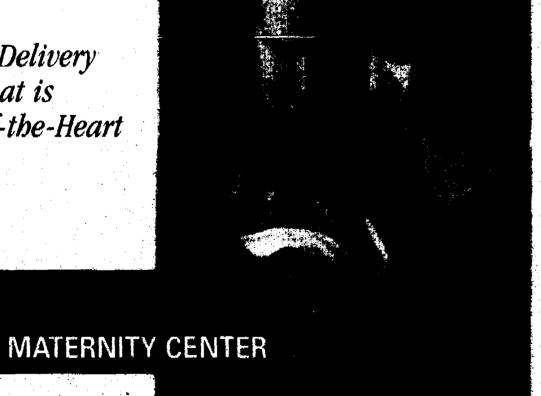


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DBM, 52. 617. 215/be, professionally employed, enjoys outdoor activities, quiet walks, dinher, movies, and entiques. Seeking special, trustworthy S/DF, 35-55, kids oit, race unimportant, for friendehip/dating. \$71483
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Trim, handsome SWPM, 39,

510°, 1700s, great shape, custo-dial dad of 12 year-old son, enjoys outdoors, rock music, volleybell, dancing, blung, Seelung siender, attractive, independent ternale with similar interests. T1299 HERE'S THE BEEF

Rugged, athletic, tall, muscular SWM, 40, 6'3', 235lbs, brown/ blue, clean-cer, degreed, enjoys Las Vegas, road trips, outdoors, good sense of humor Seeking friendly SF for companionship, Age/enex open: \$240.18 VOOPER-MAN, NE'S BACK DWM, 45, 5 111, 230lbs, hard-working up north kind of charac-

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Easygoing, honest SWM, 38, 5'8", 1550s, likes aports, dring, going out, having fun. Seeking female, 23-42, who's prefty, petts and likes to be adored. 10*1063 **OUTSONG** Pletired male, 37, father of 3,

independent, financially secure, likes movies, fun, denoing, going out, sports. Seeking beautiful nice, companiionate woman who likes to have Jun. Pocehorites. clance call back. 121088

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first, possibly more. \$76309 LATIN FEVER
SWM, 35, 6'2", brown/blue, loves
live music, traveling, sports, movies. Seeking attractive Latin/
Cuban/Pueno Rican SF for LTR. \$21348 BELLEVILLE AREA Attractive, fit SWM, 38, 6'2', brown/blue, enjoys fishing, camp-

ing dining movies more: Seeking stender, attractive SWF, 34-42, for committed LTR. Kids ok. \$21175 MLD TO WLD
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You'll do just fine! Handsome, successful SWM, 46, tired of prima donnas, seeka settled, sociable, sincere SWF, age open T 1389 LET'S TALK OF OUR FUTURE

SM, 5'10", husky build, dark brown/green, with one daughter, values communication, foves music, laughing. Seeling plus-sized or full-figured woman, stric-ulate, expressive, sensitive, pas-sionate, caring. \$71120 LET'S SHARE HOLIDAYS

Protessionally-employed: college-aducated WM, 48, 5'11", 1958s, brown/blue, no dependents, occasional acciel drinker. N/S, enjoys outdoors, fitness. Seeking similar in WPF, 40-52, N/S, with similar interests, for POMPTION THAT THE PENALE VERY PETITE PENALE

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Adventurous, honest, stim, romentic DWM, 46 N/S, light drinker, Catholic, enjoys boating, ameteur thesian, bowling, travel, outdoors, dancing, etc. Seeking lady for triendship leading to LTR. \$21354

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Affectionate; honest, easygoing, hard-working DWM, 45, 5'6', 160ths, brown/blue, N/D, N/Drugs, smoker, who these camping; fielding awimming, is toplong for a new relationship, starting as mends, possible LTR, 1275840

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Sincere DWM, 53, 510°, seeks bonest S/DWF with sense of humor, to share dining out, flowers, concerts, dancing, cudding by the tire, outdoors, and week-end getaways, for LTR 1271082 MR. WONDERFUL

Easygoing SWM, 44, seeks a woman, 30-50, who enjoys going to movies, walks in the park holding hands. Kide ok. \$71295 BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH

Warm weather, successful, spiritual SJM, 48, seeks a warm weather girl. Seeking relationship-oriented SF, 28-45, to enjoy Aruba Cancun Bahamas and o course, movies, dancing, book stores, speciator sports 123923 GOT MY ACT TOGETHER

ACT TOGE FREIT
Are you looking for an attractive trouble-free, NS, rice guy who's bown-to-earth? I'm 50+, 5'10', 155bs, with firm build. Favorite things: music, exercise, and hav-ing fun. 12 1475 LOYAL & SINCERE Tall, honest, financially secure, slim, loyal DWM, 55, 6'4", N/S,

social drinker, in good physical condition, with sense of humor, seeks slender lady, 42-51, for companionship, possible LTR 21036 HANDSOME SENIOR

Seelong siender, finencially secure, marriage-minded lady, 50+, N/S, capable of a loving relationship Confident you will be pleased with this tall perifernan, N/S N/D tun to be with Rochester Hills. 1271470 HELLO LADIES intellectual, yet humorous, active

outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 190tbs enjoys reading writing outdoor activities, theater movies Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF 34-48, N/S, small/petite build, for LOOKING AT YOU Attractive, very caining, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a vanety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite.

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Hard-working, financially secure SWM, 26 seeks slender SWF, 22-30, with great personality, who enjoys dinners, dancing, movies quiet nights at home for LTR Hurry up and call. I'm warting! \$21469 CITY TO RANCH SWPCM, young 50s, 6:3°, 205bs; eclectic interests, good

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POR ADVENTURE Down-to-saith, 'private, home-body type SBM, 6'1", 265/bs. enjoys sports, concerts, ro-mance, etc. Seeking a decent. understanding, affractive woman who knows what she wants out of life, for friendship, possible relationship, 1277

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DWPM, 48, 61", 200lbs. N/S, seeks W/H/AF, 25-43, bim, who enjoys skiling, the beach, nding bilities and motorcycles, arriusement parks, guidoor shows, ro-mence and working out. \$71430 AFFECTIONATE LOVING \$M, 45, 6', 2008s, long brown hair, brown eyes, hard-working, loving, canno, and romantic Seelong attractive sexy bloride. Must love wern affectionists kiss-

GENTLEMAN SWM, 42, excellent physical condition, self-employed, enjoye hurlting, fishing, boating, snow mobilitie, carpantry, and loves children. Seeking affectionate. loving, honest women, with simi-ter interests and spontaneity

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severing, Catholic SWPM, 43. 5'8', brown/blue, no dependents.

Seeking enlightened, fit, emotionally available SWPF, 25-42, for

trust, friendship, communication

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SM, 29, no kids, enjoys outdoors, the beach, having fun, summer

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Fun-loving SWM. 43, 6'2"

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er, likes kids, travel, water sports.

rock music Seeking WF, 30-45, for relationship. 12:1661

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Honest SWM, 41, browtygreen

seeks secure, friendly active

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ATTENTION GIVER

SWM, 50s, 6', 180lbs, grying, affectionate, kind, will put a smile

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INTERESTING

Senior DWM, 5'7", medium build.

secure, N/S, warm, kind, trust-

worthy romantic, caring, and

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dirting, outdoors, family activities.

and travel. Seeking a compatible

lady 45-65 for long-term rela-

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True-hearted SWM, 18 country

boy, Garth Brooks look alike

seeks SWF for nice dinners

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DWPM, young 51 5'8", 175lbs

physically fit, good-looking, seeks

attractive WF, physically and

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SM, 34, 5'6', no dependents.

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DWM, 43, 5'10', 185/bs. N/S.

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wanted! Handsome, shy SWM, 43, would enjoy meeting an appressive older lady for deling, friendship, and more. \$21423 ITALIAN STALLION... 47. attractive, musicular, versatile, romentic. Seeking classy, stim, very attractive, selective SW/AF. inder 45, for friendling and possible relationenip. \$26155

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1420 SUCCESSFUL DWM. 45, 5'9', 1500s. told to look much younger, many interests, plays guitar and other instruments loves doing anything outside, exercises continually Seeking good-hearted, relatively sum and attractive SWF, children

ok 221393 RECIPE OF LOVE DHM, 5'11", 185/bs, curly salf-n-pepper hair, loves cooking, traveling, exercising, movies, shopping Seeling fit SHF, mid 50s. who takes care of herself, to cook

my recipes of love for \$21406 LOOKING GOOD GUY Easygong, honest loving, affectionate, financiary secure SWM. 51 5'11'. 220bs enjoys the out-doors, sports/goff, fine dinning, the atter and travel Seatong a very attractive, stim, honest SWF, size or under, for possible LTR \$71374

MOTIVATED Positive, honest SWPM, young 55, 5'9", 175tbs, college graduate, dad of 2 grown kids, enjoys exercising, movies, reading, hving life. Seeking honest, carmg, livitly SWF for friendship/LTR N/S only 1811376

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LOOKING FOR SOULMATE SWM, 55, enjoys singing, walk-ing card games, board games Seeking SF, 40-55, for LTR, possibly mumage. \$1050 SMART & SEXY

Honest, easygoing, fun-loving DWPM, 45, smoker, N/D, N/Drugs, likes rebuilding houses swimming, and the beach. See: ship 271321

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CHRISTMAS WISH Successful businessman N/S N/D, short, well-educated Seek ing one sweet woman. 35-45. N/S, short, H/W proportionate, to call my own. Should be financial-

ly secure, confident. 12 1091 WESTLAND AREA nice hair, bright brown eyes, N/S; no dependents, employed, home owner, seeks skm. attractive WF under 48. \$25357

DOWNLTO-FARTH Simple, dry-witted, college-edu-cated DWM, 42, 5'9", 160lbs. enjoys: nature walks, dining out, movies, theater, quiet evenings at home. Sealing secure SWF similar interests, for loving LTR 實 1234

BYPASSING THIS AD? Trunk again! Mellow fellow, writy SWM, 45, with broad interests, loves a challenge. Seeking spe cial connection with delightful expressive lady, age open \$1352 GQ TYPE

Athletic, incurably romantic, fun (I am told), emotionally/financially secure Harvard graduate, 6, eclectic interests. Seeking very sophisticated, attractive, secure SWPF, 28-36, for adventurous LTR Searching for my soulmate. **27**1361 OFVE DAD & CALL DW ded, 41, 5'9", brownshazek

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MOVE BUFF I'm looking for someone to enjoy after work dinners and peacetu evention together. Let's share lite's experiences and learn from each other 121365



CHECK ME OUT SWM 64 5'8" 1800s sames friendly, retired lady, 60-67, who enjoys RV travel, fishing, movies outdoors, dining, light drintong/ arroking bit, finencially/ernationally secure, for a monogemous relationship. \$71430 LOOKING

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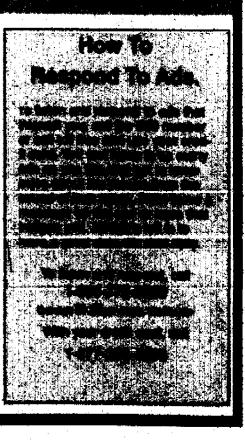
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Wheelchair access bill passes committee

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Legislation to apply penalties to those who block wheelchair access aisles, curb cuts and ramps for the handicapped won unanimous approval last week from the state House Transportation Committee.

That puts House Bill 4995. sponsored by Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, on a fast track for approval by the Legislature.

The bill will make it a civil infraction, carrying a \$100 fine, to block wheelchair access. It will also allow police to tow vehi-" cles from handicapped parking areas if necessary to provide wheelchair users access to and from their vehicles.

An access aisle is the vellowor blue-lined space next to a handicapped parking spot that allows room for the operation of a wheelchair lift.

According to Dearborn resident Chris Mageli, some of the worst, offenders can be other drivers who have handicapped: parking placards themselves but don't realize the purpose, of the yellow- and blue-striped access:

"There currently are no penalties for people who block or park in wheelchair access aisles," said Toy. "Likewise, no penalties exist for those who block a wheelchair curb-cut or ramp with their vehicle. Blocking these access areas has been a



State Rep. Laura Toy

significant problem for disabled citizens.

Bud Kraft of the Michigan Developmental. Disabilities Council would agree.

"As a person with a disability, I can give you my personal assurance that this bill will help many people with disabilities, he said. He noted he would have been unable to attend the committee meeting if it had been held when originally scheduled back in December. "I was stuck in a parking spot when an inconsiderate driver blocked off the access aisle and prevented me from re-entering my vehicle," he

UM-Dearborn lecture focuses on Sweet case

an African American physician moved into an all-white neighborhood on Detroit's east side in and the other occupants of the 1925 is the topic of a lecture to. house were arrested and charged be hosted by the University of with murder. In a trial that Michigan Deurborn on Wednesday, Feb. 16. Kevin G. Boyle. Clarence Darrow defended associate professor of history at the University of Massachusetts. will give a talk titled "Rages of Whiteness: Race, Class and Murder in 1925 Detroit" at 4:30 p.m. in Auditorium B in the UM Dearborn School of Manages

. Boyle will discuss the events. surrounding the marder trial of Dr. Ossian Sweet and 10 other people. When Sweet and his family moved into an all-white neighborhood on Detroit's east side, their bome was the target of violent demonstrations. fomented by "a cowardly campaign" organized by the Ku Klux Klan, according to Detroit Mayor John W. Smith. On the night of Sept. 9, when the home was surrounded by a hostile crowd name. bering in the thousands, accord-

The violence that ensued when ling to witnesses shots were fired from the home, killing one man and wounding another. Sweet attracted national attention, Sweet and his friends and they were acquitted in November 1925.

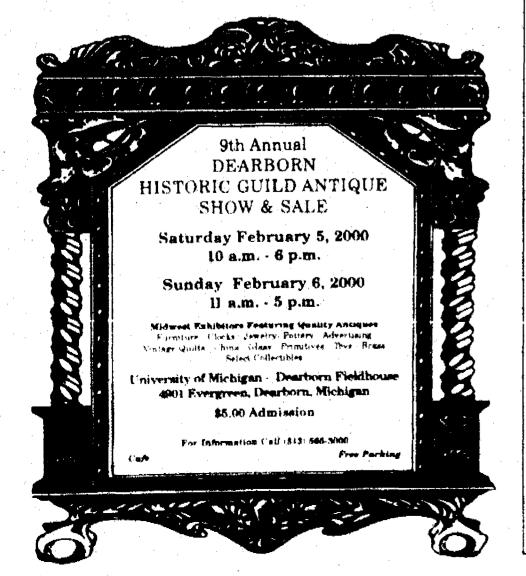
> Boyle earned his master's and doctoral degrees in history at the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus and has written severed books including "Organized Labor and American Politics, 1894-1994; The Labor-Liberal Alliance," "Muddy Boots and Ragged Aprons: Working Class Life in Detroit, 1900-19307 and "The UAW and the Heyday of American Liberalism, 1945.

> A reception in the UM-Dearborn School of Management lobby will follow Boyle's presentation. Classes and groups are welcome to attend. Call Karen Holland at (313)593-5330 to reserve scats for groups.

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In The Right at Home Sale circular inserted in today's paper, we ladvertise "Save on Atl Towels. Bathmats & Bath Accessories. Royal Velvet" towels and bathmats will not be on sale this week. We apologize for this error. and any inconvenience it may have caused.



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time on Telegraph Road that he saw a nicely dressed woman driving a Cadillac STS stop at a light, open the door - and spit. When he pulled alongside, he saw she was brushing her teeth as she drove.

"One of the principal problems we have," he says, "is that we have built our cars so well and so comfortable that people are not aware of how fast they are going and what's going on around them."

To that, Goss adds all the conveniences that isolate drivers even more, such as stereos with concert sound and complicated controls and carphones that let you read the stock report. "It's become very easy for someone to be distracted," he says.

"People have just picked up these habits," he says, and the lack of attention is "an area we need to concentrate on.

"Yes, cars are getting safer." Goss acknowledges. "But we still have a long, long way to go.

Goss likes to quote a friend who's a bank loan officer, but who sounds more like a cop.

"He always says, When you are seated behind the steering wheel of a car, you have one and only one job to do, and that's driving the car. Everything else is immaterial." Goss quotes.

"You don't have time to do anything else," emphasizes Goss. "And if you're coming to work sleepy, don't even get behind the wheel."



In discussing the well-intentioned courteous driver who stops in traffic, Goss says the Farmington Road-Nine Mile Road intersection is where this can easily happen. The numerous commercial driveways there; plus the M-5 exit nearby, make it among his

city's most frequent accident sites due to all the turning that goes There's always "a lot of people pulling out of driveways," he says, and "a lot of opportunity for some-

thing to go wrong. "There are too many driveways - it's like a video game," he says. "You have to have eyes in the back of your head in some of these circumstances.

Goss agrees it's good to be courteous and "we have some very

courteous people out there.

"But to have somebody yield (right-of-way) to let someone pull out of a driveway, well, they're backing up traffic behind them. They're really playing traffic cop, making other people stop."

And, he says, they're setting up the person leaving the parking lot "for a trap" because their vehicle is blocking the other person's view of vehicles coming up in the next lane.

"It's better off to pull forward and block that person in than to give them an opportunity to exit" with only a limited-sight opportunity, Goss says.

You may just be wanting to give them a break, he says, but remember: "No good deed goes unpunished."

accidents then, Brokas said. Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano said his deputies also will

emphasize the education aspect. "We know that seatbelts save



lives, so we will want to educate drivers to that, as well as making sure the drivers and their passengers. are buckled up," he

In Oakland County, police and sheriff's deputies also will de special enforcement Feb. 6-19; according to Farmington Hills Police Lt. Gary Hawald.

"It will be a countywide operation," said Hawald, director of the Hills' traffic bureau.





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High road

Clerk flap demands civil tone

hings are certainly heating up with the Westland city clerk controversy.

A formal complaint was sent Friday to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office targeting council President Charles "Tray" Griffin, President Pro Tem David Cox and members Sharon Scott and David James.

In the complaint, council members Glenn Anderson and Richard LeBlanc accuse the four of violating the state's Open Meetings Act by meeting in private to discuss ousting Clerk Patricia Gibbons. The four deny any wrongdoing, but maybe an outside inquiry would help to clear the air for all concerned.

Cox said the complaint was politically motiyated, a measure he sees to discredit Scott as she moves to seek the 18th District state House seat this year. Anderson is a potential challenger to Scott for the Democratic nomination. Cox should remember, however, that there wouldn't be a political football here if Gibbons hadn't been fired.

Recall of the four has come up as a possibility, and will no doubt be discussed during a Monday, Feb. 7, protest outside Westland City Hall. That same evening. Anderson, LeBlanc and colleague Sandra Cicirelli have placed on the council agenda a discussion of electing a city clerk.

The proposal's too new to have a definitive answer on its merits, but it certainly is worthy of discussion. The issue of Patricia Gibbons'

Let's have a civil discussion of the proposal's merits, and let's not be swayed too much by emotion. Let the democratic process work this time, and allow all involved to have their say.

treatment is and remains a legitimate one, but the future of the clerk's office is worth discussing, too.

Let's have a civil discussion of the proposal's merits, and let's not be swayed too much by emotion. Let the democratic process work this time, and allow all involved to have their

Let's also allow interim Clerk Diane Fritz to do her job. She came into the position this time under questionable circumstances, to say the least, but the office must operate efficiently so that citizens continue to get the services they deserve while this political brouhaha is being sorted out.

The protests have certainly been democracy in action, as people have been given an opportunity to voice their concerns about Gibbons and city government in general.

It appears this issue will be with Westland for a while. We would encourage people on both sides to keep a civil tone.

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GEOF BROOKS

LETTERS

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Sad day

What a sad day for Westland If the firing of Ms. Gibbons was humane, what is inhumane? Doesn't Mr. Griffin know that we left the Dark Ages?

What was so urgent in firing Ms. Gibbons a few day before the scheduled meeting? Griffin and Cox were just on board in their positions. Why the hurry in firing her?

If it's true that Ms. Gibbons did indeed flag the misuse of official stationery for campaigning, then Griffin and Cox are guilty of said violation.

If it's true that they along with James and Scott broke the Open Meetings Act, then they should resign to save us the cost of a recall.

If it's true that James nominated his campaign manager to be the interim city clerk, then he should resign on two counts.

Mr. Griffin, you do not represent 90,000 residents. You only represent those who voted for you and I heard that some now regret their decision.

Thank you, Ms. Cicirelli, and Mr. Anderson and Mr. LeBlanc for maintaining some sense of credibility in our local government.

people of Westland - it's showtime!

First, let me say I'm a homeowner, tax-

payer, born and raised in the city of Detroit,

Michigan - now living in the "TIFA" district of

I spent four hours watching the TV council

Reviewed all facts, figures and made notes

and agree with Councilmen Glenn Anderson

and Richard LeBlanc on their course of action

order to dispel the idea that this is a political

as the people you elect to serve you, and not

It's time to stand up and be counted.

People of Westland - won't you join me in

You; city government, we are only as good,

Poo funny! Geof Brooks hit the nail right on

the head with his political cartoon featur-

Jan. 27. I laughed out loud and will frame this

one for sure. Please consider a future cartoon

on the other three characters, Cox, Scott and

James. If you have any trouble coming up

ing Westland Councilman "Trav" Griffin on

Westland, who spent 50 years in the automo-

meeting without getting out of my chair.

Be counted

tive field making a living.

their personal egos.

Cartoon on target

James and Mary Murphy Westland

Black eyes

Act is nothing new

44 Westland, A Great Place To Live" compared to what?? Perhaps our motto should be, "Westland, A Great Place To Be in Office Because You Can Do Whatever You Want." Several longtime city representatives made an unethical, totally unprofessional and quite likely unlawful decision. They have given my city a black eye.

with material, give me a call. Political abuse,

cronvism and disregard for the Open Meetings

Cheryl Graunstadt

Westland

Mrs. Pat Gibbons, the city clerk, was discharged based on what most likely was a politically motivated reason. As an appointed employee, she surely realized that the possibility was there that she could be released. However, the way that it was done was unacceptable, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Cox, Mr. James and Mrs. Scott acted in a totally unethical manner, which in time may prove to be illegal as well. I hope all the Westland residents realize that these are the people elected to represent us. That's two black eyes:

Mrs. Gibbons' replacement was the former city clerk, Mrs. Diane Fritz. The fact that Mrs. Fritz was Mr. James' campaign director and that she and her husband left for vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Griffin two days after her appointment cast all sorts of doubts on the integrity of Mr. Griffin, Mr. Cox, Mr. James and Mrs. Scott. Unfortunately, it also casts doubts on Mrs. Fritz's integrity. There can be no hint of unethical performance associated with the city clerk. In addition to the ethical implications, there is also a financial concern. Westland is now paying Mrs. Fritz twice - a full retirement benefit and a salary at 100 percent of its range. Is Mrs. Fritz being rewarded for being "one of the Griffin/Cox/James/Scott team"? That's certainly what it appears like. Just how will she repay this reward? Three black eyes - just how much of a beating can Westland residents take?

Fortunately, there are three members of the city council that truly seem to have the best interests of Westland in mind - Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Cicirelli and Mr. LeBlanc, I don't envy them the next several years. It has become very apparent just what they will be up against. Hopefully, other residents will become tired of the unethical, self-serving actions of Mr. Griffin, Mr. Cox. Mr. James and Mrs. Scott and take the appropriate actions at the next election.

> Pat Whitworth Westland

Helmet safety message shared

t isn't possible to make sense out of tragic accidents, like the one that killed 7-year-old Joseph Michael Mouaikel of Livonia on Jan.

Trying to make something good come from their son's death, the parents are trying to email their message around the world. It's a simple message, marked with their tears of experience, and one that bears repeating: If you go sledding, put bicycle helmets on your children and yourself.

Back when many of us were kids, we didn't seem to worry as much about safety. For years, few Americans wore safety belts. Decades of death, injury and heartache taught people that they were safer with seat belts on, and laws followed aiming to ensure safety and reduce the public health costs. Later, bicycle helmets moved into the forefront of the public, again through statistics and stories of injuries and deaths. Those are still optional, but strongly recommended for safe bicycling.

When it comes to bicycling or sledding, people will say, "We didn't wear helmets when we were kids and we survived." Others will say, "We cannot put our kids in a bubble and protect them from everything." Both points are true. But we can learn from experience and we can still enjoy the fun of something like sledding with a minor precaution that can, perhaps, save a life...

But don't take our word, listen to the words of Dianne and George Mouaikel:

"On January 25, 2000, we buried our 7year-old son; our baby, our angel, our heart. He wasn't sick, he didn't have some horrible disease or tumor. He was, as most 7-year-olds are, a happy child full of life and love for everything and everyone.

"So how did he die? It was a horrible accident doing something that most kids love to do. He was sledding down a snow-covered hill when the sled veered off course and went

"Reading."

QUESTION:

What is your

favorite

activity?

wintertime

We asked this

question at the

Westland pub-

lic library.

Back when many of us were kids. we didn't seem to worry as much about safety. For years, few Americans wore safety belts.

straight into a tree. He flew off the sled and his poor little head slammed into the tree. In a little over an hour our little boy lay lifeless on a table in a nearby emergency room.

"Now then, why are we sending this e-mail? "We're trying to spark a reaction, a reaction that will spread fast and wide so that no other family, for that matter no other community (his church, his school, the YMCA and the many fathers and sons at that camp that were there that day, his friends, our friends, etc. . this tragedy has touched so many here) will never face and feel what we are feeling now. The feelings at the loss of a child cannot be described unless you have lost one yourself. We hope you never do. So here is the reaction we're looking for:

"Joseph's death could have been prevented if he had only been wearing a bicycle helmet or some kind of protective helmet on his head. We realize the news media has just started talking about accidents that happen while sledding and how many children and people are hurt every year, but unfortunately sometimes it takes a tragedy to get the point

"So we're asking everyone ... forward this email to everyone you know, we want the message to spread across the world. Please make sure that your children are wearing their protective helmets when they're riding their bikes, Rollerblading, skate boarding and please, please when they are sledding, too! And parents, your children love you and they need you, wear your protective helmets too."

It's a message worth thinking about.

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--- Philip Power

LETTERS

On Jan. 18 at the council meeting, the final act of the lies and deception started shortly after Charlie

(Trav-esty) Griffin and his crony buddy Dave Cox got together ... took Pat Gibbons' keys and told her not to

come back to City Hall ...

The chamber was packed with angry citizens and the conduct of Charlie Griffin and his three cronies to his right and at the end of the table to his left, Angelo Plakas, acting like a statue (less a pigeon for his head).

If people talked about semething other than Pat Gibbons, Charlie sat back. But if it was about Mrs. Gibbons, you had two minutes.

When Mrs. Smith refused to stop she said she would not until Charlie answered her question—Charlie had his police get the mike from her.

Shortly thereafter, Charlie reluctantly came to me – but when I first arrived at City Hall some people asked if I had any more predictions ... do you remember last summer when I said Justine Barns would be appointed to zoning or planning and just before the election I told you Andy Spisak would be awarded with something for his last-minute mud tossing at the council meeting before the elections?

I gave it to them and everyone else when I spoke. I reminded everyone that in August Charlie and David sent out campaign literature with the city seal on it ...

But my predictions, facts were laid out before the four liars did it.

And that was that Diane Fritz...
along with Sharon Scott worked on
the campaigns of David James, Dave
Cox and Charlie Griffin ... and they
talked before and after the elections
to remove Pat Gibbons and put Diane
Fritz back as city clerk ... three were
on the council and meeting to hatch a
plan which of a city matter was illegal

Then the other three liars started ... they said they had talked to others who confirmed their displeasure with Mrs. Gibbons, but they won't tell you who they are ...

When Councilman Anderson asked if Diane Fritz was David James' campaign manager, Charlie said it wasn't important and not to answer it.

With that, the four liars spit in the face of the people and the rules which govern them and in spite of what I said when I spoke and the question Mr. Anderson tried to ask ... for the first time as far as I can find out David James placed in nomination (seemingly without a letter requesting or a conversation asking for the position) the name of Diane Fritz and then voted her in with the votes of Charlie Griffin, Dave Cox, Sharon Scott and David James ... but they say there were no talks or deals prior to this meeting, liars, liars, LIARS!!

After all, it worked last year when they appointed David Cox back on the council from the Wayne-Westland school board.

They know that 90 percent of the voters don't come to the polls and vote ... and if they get angry ... just wait awhile and they will forget ... just as always.

Charlie Griffin, Dave Cox, Sharon Scott, David James and Bob Thomas don't work for you the people but for the less than one-quarter of 1 percent of the people who can deliver 2 to 3 percent of the vote in each election. So with low voter turnout at the precincts it will swing them back in office every time.

Most people get into politics to better help the people in their city, and stay true to that concept, but far too many get drunk on the feel of power ... which leads to wealth.

And when you have less than onequarter of 1 percent seemingly able to control a 2 to 3 percent voting bloc, it's not hard to know who's the master of those politicians ... who they want ... and where they want them ... and don't worry about the people out there ... 90 percent of them can't remember last week ... and if they do ... they don't do a damn thing about it ... and, sad to say, up to now that seems to be the case in Westland.

At least that's what Charlie Griffin, Dave Cox, Sharon Scott, Dave James and the third banana Bob Thomas seem to think ... and if the liars get away with what they did ... then they might as well close off to everyone but their friends the council meetings. It wouldn't be any worse than anything else they've done.

Only the people of the city hold the power, not the less than one-quarter of I percent that wield the power now I'll fight them, but alone I'm but one voice and one vote. What about the rest of you?

James Davis

Crowd meetings

Recall!! Recall!!

That is the only thing that will wake up the "Sad Four" – Griffin, Cox, James, Scott. I understand that they have to be in office six months before being recalled and they probably hope this will blow over by then. Well, I have a few words to say on that – THIS WILL NOT BLOW OVER.

The best we can do in the meantime is to crowd every council meeting from now on peacefully to show our support for a recall election, starting with the Feb. 7 meeting. Go there, show them we are still the boss in who sits and judges (and how they judge) on the council.

Milton Baker Westland-30 years

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Respect for Barns

have deliberated for one week about writing this letter and finally felt compelled to voice my frustration.

The disappointing behavior towards the appointment of Justine Barns to the planning commission at the city council meeting (Tuesday, Jan. 18) is, in my opinion, inexcusable. Not only did the loud negative remarks from hecklers indicate a lack of common courtesy, but it sets a very poor example for others. What is even more appalling is the blatant disrespect for someone who has dedicated her life to public service on the state level, not to mention what she has done for this city.

Justine Barns has served as state representative and, while in office, took on such responsibilities as getting the money back (a more than significant amount) that Gov. Engler was planning to take away from Westland for the library; serving on the state Senior Retirement Committee; being instrumental in keeping a new prison out of Westland; and accomplished tasks too numerous to mention.

Justine continues to give to the community even though her elected public officer career is over. Her choice not to run again should have gained her more respect, as she ended her public service with dignity, integrity and a commendable record—which is more than you can say for some of her colleagues.

Although she has chosen not to run as an elected official, she is willing to serve in an appointed position. She is giving her leftover campaign funds to various groups within the city: the D.A.R.E. program, the library, fire department for public awareness, the YMCA, the Senior Resources Department and the Westland Foundation.

She deserves so much more than the embarrassing moment she was forced to endure due to a total lack of consideration and respect for her decades of hard work. As a city employee, taxpayer and someone who has worked to better the lives of those in the community. I understand the hard work and dedication it takes to make changes and overcome obstacles. We should be thankful for Justine, and Lam ashamed of the behavior that indicates we are not.

Although many comments were disturbing to me during the course of the evening, the last disturbing incident occurred when I was leaving the council meeting. Glean Anderson, in a louder-than-conversational tone, said

to me: "Sylvia, this is what you did with the election!"

First of all, I did nothing with the election, as I only vote once just like everyone else. The taxpayers voted and selected the candidates! I am flattered that Glenn must actually believe I wield the power to plunk a chosen candidate into office. But I do not. Secondly, I feel Glenn is disgruntled that all the candidates he backed did not win. Oh, well.

Richard LeBlanc was kind enough to refrain from sarcastic comments, but instead chose to give me a look of pure disdain. Although Sandra Cicirelli voted with Glenn and Richard on the city clerk issue, she, on the other hand, was the picture of absolute professionalism and conducted herself in a way of which we can all be proud.

Any perceived political bad behavior seems not only to originate from the politicians themselves, but also from a skewed viewpoint portrayed by both newspapers. I was surprised when it stated in the papers that the building was packed, insinuating it was packed with supporters for Gibbons. Yes, there were people there to support Pat, but many were there for other reasons. Children and their parents and grandparents) were there to do the Pledge of Allegiance; the city attorney and his staff were there for appointment renewal, the city auditors were present; other appointees were present as well as those who were on the regular agenda and other citizens. The meeting the papers described, in general, seemed to take on too many of the characteristics of a political setup to suit me.

I wonder how much of this recent situation is being used for the benefit of personal political gain. The display that was put on for everyone certainly gained an enormous amount of attention. I am curious how much is concern and how much is show.

It for one, have witnessed many years (40) of political debate and intrigue in the city. I can only say that while politics aren't likely to change anytime soon. I sure would like to see all of the role models in our city treat each other fairly and respectfully. They need to realize that when election time is over, like it or not, they must put differences aside and work as a team. This must be done in order to better serve the people in this community. Remember. "United We Stand - Divided We Faii."

Sylvia A. Kozorosky-Wiacek

School search shows complexity

t ain't necessarily so. Things seldom are what they appear. The things that you're liable to read in the Bible – they ain't necessarily so.

In the aftermath of last week's failed search for a CEO for the Detroit schools, you'd think Michigan Treasurer Mark Murray is at the very best a racist puppet in Gov. John Engler's scheme to deny the citizens of Detroit their civil and political rights.

Here's a sample, attributed by the Detroit Free Press to Wayne County Commissioner Bernard Parker: "Mark Murray doesn't understand a community that fought for its rights. I feel like a slave; I feel like my master just told me what to do." (Wild applause.)

What all the fuss is about, of course, is Murray's vote against Dr. John Thompson to be the new school CEO. As Gov. Engler's representative (and, as such, given veto power over selection of the CEO by the legislation that created the appointed board), Murray thought Dr. Thompson's career showed no measurable improvement in academic performance. The vote was 5-1 for Thompson, so Thompson lost.

The whole episode is a perfect illustration that surface appearances in complex political events seldom provide much insight into what's really going on.

Before I get to that, however, I want to set the record clear about Mark Murray. I've known Mark, now 45, for years, just as I knew both his parents. He doesn't have a racist bone in his body. In fact, he's one of the most principled, moral people I know.

His distinguished career in public service included hitches with Govs. William Milliken (moderate Republican) and James Blanchard (moderate Democrat) before becoming state treasurer and chief policy adviser to John Engler. Over the years, Murray has become one of the most respected people in Lansing, admired and liked by politicians and bureaucrats alike.

So how does somebody as smart and experienced as Mark Murray get involved in what looks like a very embarrassing train wreck?

In the first place, why didn't Murray signal to his colleagues on the board that he couldn't support Thompson before things got to the 5-1 vote/veto that exposed the board's disarray in public and set at risk any subsequent search?

In a conversation last weekend, Murray told me he made it clear he didn't favor Thompson from the start. He was prepared to let Thompson be on a short list of four candidates (all black, incidentally) in hopes that the search firm would provide evidence that students in districts led by him improved their test scores. No such evidence was forthcoming, and so Murray voted against Thompson because "anyone coming to Detroit schools as CEO should show proven success in the core mission of the enterprise — to improve academic performance."

So what really happened?

First, the search firm engaged by the board.

H.C. Smith, really screwed up. Asked to suggest

"nontraditional candidates" (i.e. people with



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business or military backgrounds but demonstrated leadership skills), they offered up educators only. Moreover, it turns out the firm's background checks on the candidates it did suggest were inadequate.

Second – and this is an informed guess on my part – it looks like the majority of the board decided to play an early game of chicken to see if Murray would blink. He didn't. Now the board can get on with its work with a clearer understanding of whose spine is stiff.

The third factor has to do with Detroit deputy mayor and school board chair Freeman Hendrix. Hendrix is smart, energetic and ambitious. It's no secret that he's interested in taking Mayor Dennis Archer's place when the time comes. And the highly publicized events and complex racial politics surrounding the search for a new CEO for the Detroit schools are a perfect place for a smart, ambitious politician to do his stuff.

In a radio interview after the vote, Gov. Engler charged Hendrix with being too narrowly focused on trying to find an "African-American" CEO. Hendrix responded that the law giving the governor's representative veto power over the board majority was the equivalent of former Alabama Gov. George Wallace standing in the schoolhouse door. Score one for Hendrix in publicly standing up to Gov. Engler.

Last week, the board in a relatively sane and productive meeting decided to conduct a new search, using a new search firm. "We're back on track," said Murray, who added that "I believe that being African American would give a candidate a substantial advantage in being an effective CEO. I would expect that the final results would yield an African American leader for the Detroit schools."

So score two for Freeman Hendrix in setting the stage for a unanimous vote of the board he chairs to hire a (presumably) capable school CEO whose ethnicity is a plus with the voters in the city he hopes to lead.

It isn't what it looks like on the surface, but

it's not bad for a couple of weeks' work.

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New program sends smoking teens to the 'dog house'

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER spearl@oe.bomecomm.net

Some 21 teenagers from several Wayne County communities began learning this past weekend that "if you

smoke, vou might go to the dogs."

So says Sheriff Robert A. Ficano, whose department is conducting Operation Dog House," a program aimed at reducing teen smoking by discouraging



Robert Ficano

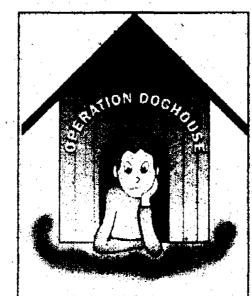
youths from buying cigarettes and thereby breaking the law.

*Under the program, teens caught buying smokes by undergover deputies are given a choice: Go to court with their parents, pay a fine and possibly have a juvenile record, or attend a smoking cessation program and do some community service with the Michigan Humane

The 21 teens who chose the latter were among 25 from Livonia, Garden City, Plymouth, Redford Township and Taylor caught buying cigarettes since the undercover operation began Dec. 13, according to Ralph Kinney, sheriff's department deputy chief of staff.

They were caught by undercover deputies who were staking out retail stores near high schools five days a week, either Mondays through Fridays or Wednesdays through Sundays, Kinney said.

On Sunday, they began the. Operation Dog House alternative, attending an eight-hour tobacco cessation program sponsored by the Wayne County Health Department and performing 16 hours of community service by cleaning the dog ken-



Ficano said.

"Parents love" Operation Dog House, said Kinney. "Most parents are shocked" to find out their child is smoking.

They also find out their offspring come up with some interesting excuses, Kinney said,

"One told officers he was given nels at the Humane Society, the cigarette by his parents, but

that he had to go outside to smoke," said Kinney. "His parents said that was not true.

"Another told his parents he was 'only holding the cigarette.' that it wasn't lit," Kinney related. "But when his parents asked, 'So why were you holding it?", he said he didn't know."

Some parents are even coming down with their kids for the community service portion "to emphasize the importance of it all," Kinney added.

The "parents are not happy to be having to do that on a Saturday," but they're doing it anyway, he said.

Operation Dog House is a pilot program by Ficano's department, which is the lead unit in a seven-county task force called Operation Nic-Net (Nicotine Net).

The task force, operating under a federally funded, state administered grant enabling sheriff's deputies from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lenawee, Washtenaw, Monroe and Jackson counties to concentrate on retailers selling tobacco to minors, found retailers wanted the sheriffs to "look into youths smoking cigarettes, so we have been looking at places where kids are smoking cigarettes and try to get them into cessation programs," said Ficano.

"With children, (our intent is) to rehabilitate them and let them see how dangerous smoking is," the sheriff said.

Tobacco is "a legal product for adults and nobody is going to infringe on that," Ficano said. "But at the same time, it's a health issue for teens and eventually it becomes a health issue for insurance and everything else on down the line."

Although it's a \$50 misdemeanor for a minor to buy cigarettes, "We're not trying to build up (arrest) records, we're trying to educate youngsters, and this (Operation Dog House)

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is a much more compelling way to do it." Ficano stated.

"Parents seem to be enthusiastic about" the alternative because "it doesn't create any (juvenile) record for youths, but at the same time it has a positive reinforcement of the consequences of them actions," the sheriff said: "If you smoke, you might go to the dogs."

Ficano added that one phase of Operation Nic-Net educates merchants about selling tobacco to minors while another phase covers enforcement, with undercover deputies going into stores with underage decoys who attempt purchases.

"At one time (non-compliance by merchants) was as high as 70 percent in Wayne County," the sheriff said. "Now it's close to 40

Program will answer questions about teaching programs

Persons interested in teaching colleges will explain their pro- University, University of Michias a career should plan to attend a meeting of the Future Teachers' Club at Schoolcraft College 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb.

grams and answer questions. Students currently enrolled in University and the University of the programs will share their Detroit Mercy. perspectives.

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The session will be held in

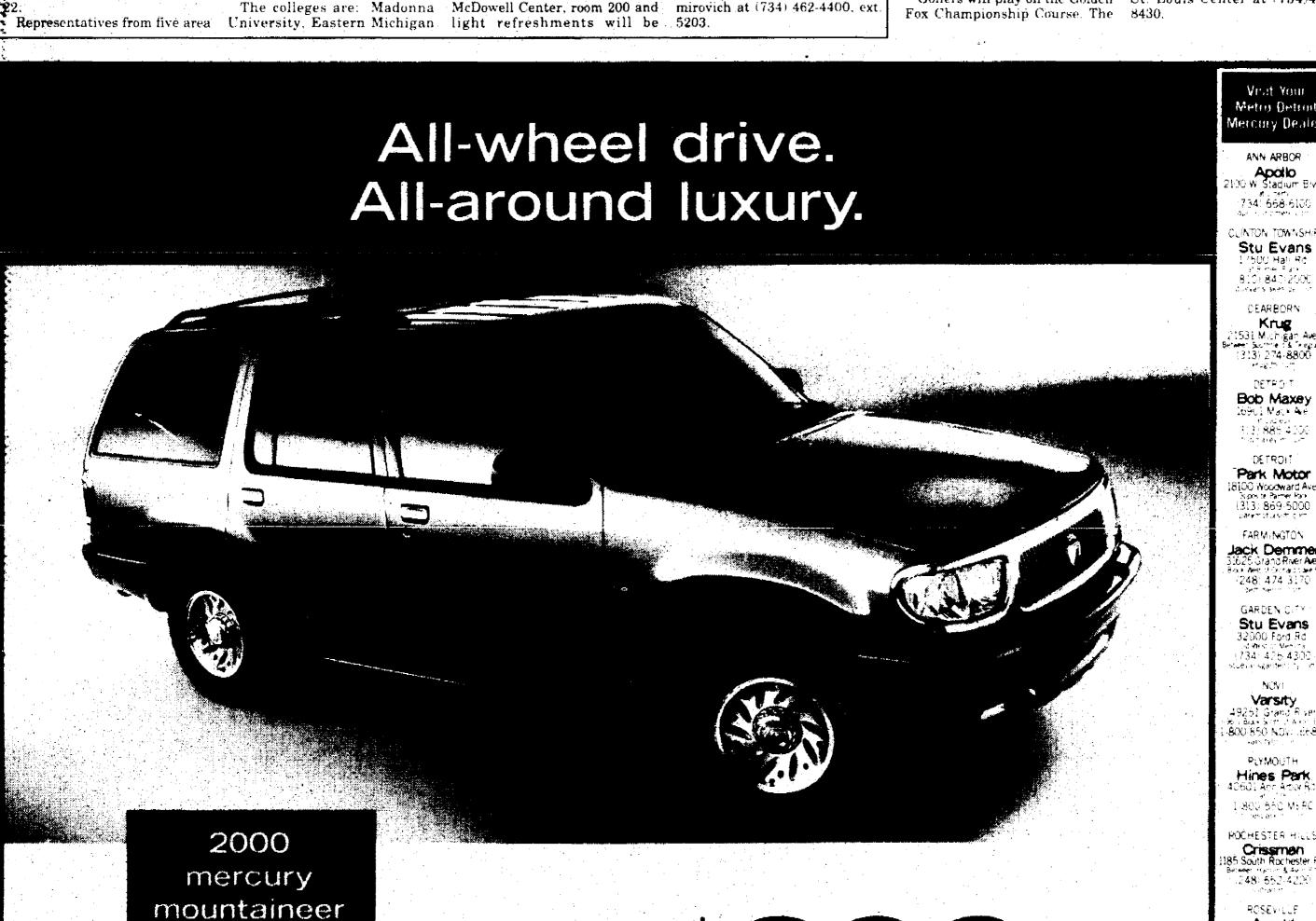
The meeting is free and open to anyone in the community interested in teaching. For information, call Sylvia Vukmirovich at (734) 462-4400, ext.

Golf outing set for June 26

Center Celebrity Golf Outing will take place 1 p.m. Monday, June 26, at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

Golfers will play on the Golden

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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Excess and access mix

My daughter has been traveling across Asia this last year, enjoying the lush countryside of Vietnam and Cambodia, the emerald green waters off Thailand and the majestic splendor of Nepal and Mt. Everest. And, as a bonus, she's become acutely aware of how little it takes to thrive, and thrive happily.

Upon her arrival last May, she quickly saw that she needed to pare down her lifestyle to the bare essentials, if she planned to trek around through the various countries. Her backpack seemed twenty pounds lighter after she discarded extra sweaters, blue jeans, tennis shoes and even her towel. The reformed but super-improved pack now carries a dish towel (for drying off) two pairs of shorts, one pair of long pants, two shirts, a poncho, sandals and hygiene necessities. Her luxury was a mini-C.D. player until a monkey in India grabbed it and threw it off a rooftop. But even that she doesn't miss.

And what she carries on her back is even far more than most people have, she reports. But to her amazement, they seem happier than their counterparts here. Is less better? Why is it that in this country, when we have access and excess, we don't seem to be a generally content population?

As I sit here wondering how many work days it will take me to pay off my Christmas bills, access and excess seem glaringly out of whack. Any item you want can now be bought on the Internet. E-Commerce made access to most anything easy this holiday season. At Christmas, after my niece and nephews flew through no less than 30 gifts apiece, the excess seemed blatantly decadent.

"He didn't even look at the computer game I bought him," I thought.

The adage, the more we have, the less we value, came to mind. I admit that my children grew up with too many things, themselves. I watched how they took care of their toys and became increasingly annoyed at their nonchalant attitude. This is why so many of their things were taken to the Salvation Army.

It wasn't until I started giving away their so-called valued toys that they began to change. It wasn't until then that they began to put clothes away and toys in their place. But in retrospect, I wish I had been more frugal about how much I had given them in the first place.

Busy filling our lives with "stuff," we have forgotten the true meaning of why we are here. Are we happier because of all the stuff we have? In the Far East, where life is free of the gizmos we take for granted (phones, pagers, computers, stereos, microwaves, etc.), many people live simple lives, with the goal of enjoying

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A doll story

Collector shares love of international figures



BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

igmor Cuolahan looks for the beauty in life. She's found some of it in the art of collecting dolls.

"I used to play with dolls a lot when I was little," she said, standing behind an array of detailed dolls from around the world. "Maybe that's how I got started (collecting), I don't know. Dolls are pretty ... In anything in life, you can find something pretty.

Cuolahan, dressed in an intricately detailed Norwegian costume which was embroidered for her by her aunt. looks like something of a doll herself. Her gentle voice and sweet sense of humor brought life to this look at her favorite possessions. While she admitted to not being an expert on the subject, she relayed stories and fables with interesting detail and light-heartedness. Imagine a trip around the world in 30 minutes, guided through the eves of a doll.

Born, raised and educated in Norway, Cuolahan became a world traveler. It was a trip to Chicago at age 28 that made her destined to live in the United States. On her way back to Norway, she met a man she knew would become her husband. She refers to it as a "shipboard romance." Four years later, she wed the Lansing native, and later moved to Wayne County. Cuolahan lived in Livonia for 28 years before moving to her current home in Northville.

Through all of her travels, to all corners of the world, Cuolahan has collected dolls as souvenirs. From those tinier than a fingertip to some several feet high, each doll carries a personal story and a history of its homeland.

She showed about one-third of her extensive collection Friday, Jan. 28, at Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center Luncheon Series.

"There's a certain connection with all the countries through the dolls," said Cuolahan, who has served on the board of directors for Detroit's International Institute. For example, most countries have a "harvest doll." Some of her "corn" dolls are thought to have been

made at the beginning of harvest season to preserve the spirit of the harvest for future years.

ated in the image of figures like Duke Ellington, Henry VIII and Napoleon. Some represented Sami (Norwegian nomads), trolls and angels. Materials included stone, clay, terra cotta, porcelain, wool, paper, glass and even banana fiber.

lahan owns what she believes is the smallest nativity scene ever made, and a doll she found while traveling in Iowa, which happened to have been made in her small hometown in Nor-

What draws little girls into owning and collecting dolls? The mother instinct, said Cuolahan. She remembered when her mother would sew clothes for her dolls, that is, until her younger brother destroyed many of them while playing "surgeon." The rest of her early collection was given away during the German occupation of Norway, when no dolls were being sold. Her mother convinced her to give them to children who did not have any.

she lost. "You can learn so much from them, history, culture and so forth," said Cuolahan.

When Marlou Groudt of Livonia

han would be speaking at the spread the word to her friends at St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

"I just think it's fabulous," she said of the presentation. Though Groudt's husband is Norwegian, she learned some things about the culture she never knew.

childhood doll.



Interest: Donovan Rhead, 7. and his mother Linda inspect a table filled with Rigmor Cuolahan's doll collection.

Other dolls in the collection were cre-

And each has it's own meaning. Cuo-

She's more than made up for those

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collected over the years from around the world. She recently spoke at a luncheon at the Women's Resource Center lecture series at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Becky," said Groudt, "They're just a friend, a companion." Like so many other children, she remembered talking to her dolls as a child, whenever she was sad.

Nancy Remick is a peer counselor at the Women's Resource Center and a Plymouth resident. She was looking

forward to the luncheon because her daughter makes dolls. She thought it was most interesting to see the different costumes the dolls wore, representing different cultures.

Collecting, said Cuolahan, is a. way of learning Friday, April 7. more about an object and its hisinterested something, you might look it up and read about

it." That's practically her motto. "I don't collect expensive dolls," she added, "Anyone can start collecting,"

Sally Oas of Novi learned something at the event. "I have all serts of dolls, I didn't know where they came from until now," she said.

Groudt said she wished more people knew about the Women's Resource Center lancheon series because "it's right in our backyard."

"I just think this is very informative," she said.

The next two Women's Resource Center presentations in the series will be "The Daybreak Gray and Dim." on the Civil War and 19th century medicine. Friday, Feb. 25, and "Museums Past and Present and Their Role in Society" with Mary Louise Majewski.

Seating is limited for the series and pre-registration is required Luncheons tory. "If you're cost \$14 and are held at 14:30 a/m, at - Schooleraft College's Waterman Campus Center, Haggerty Road south of - Seven Mile Road, Livomá, Call (734) 462-4443 for information.

Dance marathon benefits recovery efforts

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAPY WRITER

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Dan Ott plans on staying up all night Saturday, Feb. 5. He'll be on his feet for at least 30 hours, he said, and it's for a good cause.

Ott, a Livonia resident, is just one of hundreds of University of Michigan students preparing to participate in the third annual Dance Marathon, "Making Kids Smile Maize and Blue Style." The marathon benefits children who have suffered life-threatening illnesses to help them recover physically, mentally

The money raised is donated to programs at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and Royal Oak's William Beaumont Hospital. Last year, more than \$86,000 was raised from this event alone.

For Ott the dance marathon means more than just those facts and figures. "My brother had cancer and was treated at Mott,"

he said. Now it's his time to return the favor and help other children in need. Last year Ott participated as a "moraler," working

shifts to keep the dancers going. From a moralers perspective, you can kind of tell that the dancers get a lot out of it." This time around he'll hit the dance floor and won't stop moving until

Sunday evening. "I'm sure I'll be a little uncomfortable at some point," said Ott. But he's more concerned about being well-rested and having enough time to prepare for upcoming midterms.

No experience necessary

Fellow Livonia native Beth Peterson is also in her second year at U-M and ready for her second run as a dancer in the marathon. While she said she hasn't any formal dance experience, and sometimes feels uncoordinated, she wouldn't pass up the chance to

"Different student groups come in," said the "that his band will be performing at this year's "www umich educ sumdo

Stevenson High School graduate, "Last year the Indian American student group taught some dances and (there was) country line dancing. They do have moralers and they get three-hour shifts." Moralers motivate dancers with massages or by jumping in on the dance floor. Even the school's marching band stops by to pep up the crowd.

Peterson said she really starts getting tired around the 26th hour of the marathon, but by the end she's gotten back her second wind.

"It's great to see the kids you're helping," she added. Some of the chil-■ The money dren visit during the event. "It's neat to see raised is donated how much it makes a difto programs at

ference." C.S. Mott Chil-Sophomore and Liyonia resident Ani Shehigian dren's Hospital in said it's gratifying to com-Ann Arbor and plete 30 hours of dancing. Royal Oak's Having danced last year. she knows how important William Beaumont it is to stretch weeks Hospital. before the marathon Last time she was pretty sore

after the marathon. But she's proud to say the event is fully student organized and student-run.

"It's just amazing to see," added Shehigian.

Mark Sgriccia, a second year junior at UM and a Lavonia native, agreed. He said in his three hours of catering the event last year, he was inspired to try dancing this year. He called it a spectacle that has to be seen to be believed.

"It appeals to a number of student organizations because it's for a good cause" he said. The marathon brings U-M students together

Bring in the band

Pi Jacokes, bassist for the band Olupus as excited

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marathon, Olupus will play a late set to help keepeveryone's feet swaying. This is his first experience

"I'm not much of a dancer," admits the Farmangton

. The hand takes the stage at 1 3 m, and is expected to perform its "Wildside" cover medley, a 35 minute

musical rendition with a "good groove to it Dancers must raide about \$200 cards but part part treipants said it's not as difficult as it sounds. Actavties throughout the year help them raise the money and foster relationships with the kids involved A

Charity Ball, dating auction and other events help with funding Shehigian has been raising her portion of funds on her own, receiving a lot of support from family and friends. She said it's not too hard. "It depends on how

much support you get and how involved you are Farticipants agreed on one aspect at this event life a wonderful cause. Peterson recalled that 30 hours goes by pretty quackly. Anyone can do it '

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Renowned U-M organist to host concert

relationships. As you travel into more affluent areas, you see that they, too, are busy buying up things. Every fourth person on the street in Tokyo has a cell phone to their ear.

When children see that life is only made up of accruing loot, they're going to have an empty life, void of the important things in life. Their goals will center around making more money to get more things. You can believe that I find the bumper sticker, "He who dies with the most toys, wins!" very annoying.

in-law captured it very succinctly when he said, downsj@mail.resa.net

"The most important things in my life today are my family, my community and God ... what else is there?"

I leave you with this profound anonymous statement, that I wish I'd written myself: Happiness can be thought, taught, and caught - but not

Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have questions or comments, write her at the Observer, 36251 School-What do our elders find important? My father- craft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail her at

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia will continue its yearly music series with an organ concert by Michele Johns, who holds a doctorate in fine arts, representing the University of Michigan Organ Department faculty. The concert will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at 14175 Farmington Road (north

toric keyboards and their music music of the season of Epiphany. literature. Her 22 European A "Renaissance to Rag" section information please call (734) tours have resulted in multi-will highlight many of the fea- 522-6830.

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media lectures covering more than 200 historic and modern organs. Organ solo appearances in North America and abroade feature music of the 18th century as well as music of the 20th century. She is the author of "Hymn Improvisation" (Augsburg Fortress) which has received critical acclaim.

The Feb. 6 concern on the Johns has specialized in his- Casavant organ will feature

tures of this new and exceptional pipe ofgan as well as giving honor to the great composer, J.S. Bach. The audience will be invited to join in the singing of various hymns creatively accompanied by Johns at the organ: Charles-Marie Widor's famous Toccata from his Fifth Symphony will close the concert.

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Cheal-Ripperda

Robert Cheal and Sharon Barbara of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina Barbara, to Terence Vaughn Ripperda of Mountainview, Calif.

The bride-to-be is a University of Michigan senior majoring in cell and molecular biology. She works at the Kresge Hearing Research Institute in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé, son of Christine Ripperda of Warren and Timothy Ripperda of Austin, Texas, is a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in computer science. He works at Silicon Graphics Inc. in Califor-

A January wedding is planned

Kimmet-Zaske

Jim and Kate Kimmet of Ypsilanti announce the marriage of their daughter, Michele Christine, to Matthew Robert Zaske.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University. She works at B.F. Goodrich Aerospace in Grand Rapids.

Her husband, son of Robert and Carolyn Zaske of Livonia, is a 1996 graduate of Western Michigan University and also works at B.F. Goodrich Aerospace in Grand Rapids.

A November wedding was held at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia before Pastor Luther Wirth. The matron of honor was Beth Seiler, and attendants included Charleen Long, Christine Coleman and Lillian DiGiacomo. The groom's brother. Todd Zaske was best

Knapp-Hebert

William A. and Susan Knapp of Grand Rapids announce the engagement of their daughter Laurie J. to Scott Patrick Hebert of Gladstone, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1998 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is currently working as a tournament assistant for the senior PGA Foremost Insurance Championship in Grand Rapids

Her fiancé, son of Joe and Mary Hebert of Gladstone, is a 1987 graduate of Escanaba High School and earned his bachelor's degree from Ferris State University in 1992. He is a professional





man and his attendants included Brian Kimmet, Scott Mackercher and Michael Oleskcowitz.

A reception was held at the Meeting House in Plymouth. The couple took a trip to Los Cabos, Mexico and will make their home in Grand Rapids.



golfer employed by Fairways Only, Inc. in Gladstone. An August wedding is planned in Leland, Mich.

ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Schwesing-Batchelder

Ron and Leslie Schwesing Jr. of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Joanne, to Jason Andrew Batchelder

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Detroit College of Business and works as an area supervisor at Kohls Department

Her fiance, son of Margo Shields of Fort Wayne, Ind., has an associate of criminal justice degree from Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia. He works for GKN Center Metals in Romulus.



A June wedding is planned at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Stuebben-Hughes

Ronald and Margaret Stuebben of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Coleen Rita, to Thomas George Hughes.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Franklin High School and is employed at Comerica Bank.

Her fiance, son of Burton Hughes of Westland and Janet Chapman of St. Clair Shores, graduated from Lutheran High North and Macomb Community College. He is employed at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

An October wedding is planned at Faith Lutheran

Harrison-Levine

Gregory and Judy Harrison of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Louise, to Andrew Levine of Shingle Springs, Calif.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She obtained her bachelor's from Michigan State University and a master's degree in Anthropology from Kent State University.

Her fiance, son of Roland and Nyla Levine of Scottsdale, Ariz, is a graduate of Fort Lewis College in Colorado and obtained a master's degree from the American Graduate School of International Management in Phoenix.



An August wedding is planned at Weller's Carriage House in

Zarza-Puda

S. Ann Zarza of Livenia announces the marriage of her daughter, Teresea Ann. to Joseph K. Puda of Livonia.

The bride is a 1993 Madonna University graduate who is pursuing her master's degrees in nursing and business. She works as clinical manager at. Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit

Her husband, son of Harry and Marie Puda of Olean, N.Y., graduated from Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y., in 1987, and from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. in 1989. He works as a mechanical engineer at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn.

The couple wed on Oct. 16 at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia before the Rev. Gerald K: Flannery. Susan Platt was the matron of honor and bridesmaids included Kathryn Baugh man, Margaret Hoban, Tammy Fox, and Flower Girl Alyska Selasky. The bride's brother. Rob Zarza, escorted her down

Bargowski-



the aisle.

Tim Puda served as best man and groomsmen included John Puda, Gerry Candeloro, Greg-Marcellin, ushers Ray Miller, Jr. and Sebastian Puda and ring bearer Matthew Pudal

The couple received guests at the Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia and took a wedding trip to Australia. They are making their home in Livo-



Juffrey Bargowski, Rich Bar gowski: Greg Brown, Neif Carter, Stove Novak and Nate Scudieri as groomsmen Richard Bargowski and Nicholas Bar

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gowski were ring hearers

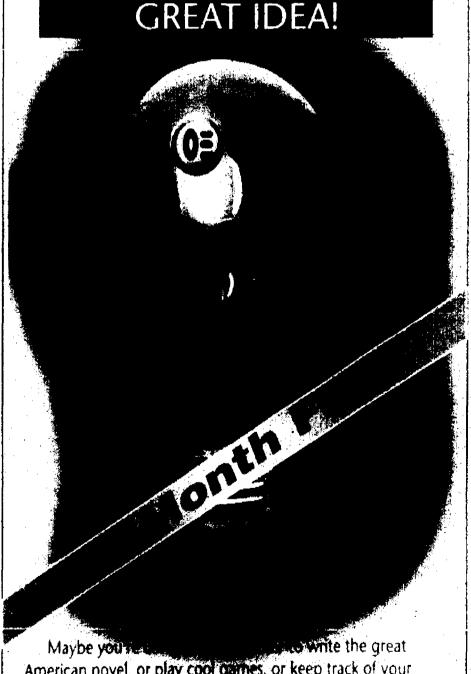
Van Horn

Donna and Richard Bargowski of Canton announce the wedding of their daughter Jennifer Leigh Bargowski to Matthew John Van Horn, May 8, 1999 at Holy Trinity Luther Church in Livonia The ceremony was officiated by the Reverend Dennis M. Bux.

The groom is the son of Ronald and Gail Van Horn of Petoskey and Clark and Cathy Keller of Northville.

The bride asked Cristi Blue-Wickens to serve as matron of honor and Carolyn Bill, Nicole Drakel, Kendall Gecser, Sue Knight, Jill Mouton, Melissa Napolitano, Julie Oberhansly Amanda Reuther and Amanda Van Horn as bridesmaid-Megan Reuther was the junior bridesmaid and Kelli Borgowski was the flower girl.

Brian Van Horn served as best man with Jim Anderson. Christopher Bargowski, Craig They are making their home in Bargowski, Dennis Bargowski,



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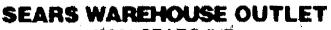
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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-yearold 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.

RAILROADIANA

Toys and trains will be available for buying/swapping noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at Sts. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. The fund-raiser is hosted by the Usher's Club. To register for tables, call Norm at (734) 595-8327 5-11 p.m. Preregistered tables are \$12; tables at the door, if available, \$20. Admission is \$2 per person or \$4 per family.

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. The 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, located 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 secend Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. Call (734) 722-7620.

PIGUNE SKATING

Figure skaters interested in USFSA synchronized (precision) skating are needed to build Novi FSC and Westland FSC jointventure 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

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

iel 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) 534-6496.

VETERAN'S HAVEN Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are taxdeductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527.

CAMELOT HALL

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 located 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, 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (Margaret Martin, (734) 721-2821) and Marquette House, 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month (Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1681). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month

SCHOOLS

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S 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;

(Stacy Suida, (734) 458-

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 at Newburg United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. For more informa-

tion, call April at (734) 207-PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

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

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool for children ages 3-4, is located at 9601 W. Chicago. Parents learn with their children. Enrollment is limited. For information, call

Karin at (734) 522-3714.

2660.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-yearolds 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 S. Venoy, West-

land. Call (734) 728-3559. EARLIEN CITY OO-OP The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through age 4. Wednesday mornings, and 3- and 4-year-olds meet



and ten: The William P. Faust Public Library of **Westland is 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.

Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708.

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

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

YWCA READINESS

The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is located 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 and 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 Coop Preschool is enrolling in programs for 3- and 4-yearolds. 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.

CARFIELD CO-OP

Garfield Cooperative Preschool offers programs for children 18 months to 5 years. It is located at Cass 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, is offering classes for both 3- and 4-yearolds. A Pre-Kindergarten Readiness class for 5-yearolds and a Parent/Child Toddler class for 2-yearolds are offered. A neighborhood Open House will be held 6-8 p.m. Monday. Feb. 14, for the 2000-01 school year. Registration will continue 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15. 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, 4-5:30 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.

MOR'S MORNING OUT Children ages newborn to 6

years old and their mothers may attend a Mom's Morning Out 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburg

United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh, Livonia. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. The program is an optional coop, with parents working once a month. Call (734) 422-0149.

HISTORIC

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 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 details.

SENIOR CHOIR

EXERCISE

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.

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 Cen-

ter 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 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, parentbased, volunteer organization whose aim is to better the lives of individuals with attention difficulties. Call (313) 438-3099 for information.

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. MI28, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Call Jackie at (734) 722-7225 for more information.

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at OptimEyes, 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 Smokemasters) 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.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

HOME CARE

Dr. F. Namei of Home Care Physicians will discuss "Home Care in the New Millennium" 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at Marquette House assisted living, 36000 Campus Drive, across from John Glenn High School, Westland. Namei has more than 25 years experience helping caregivers cope with conditions of elderly people. Seating is limited, and calls should be made to the sponsoring Marquette House for reservations. (734) 326-6537. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.

HEARING IMPAIRED Self-Help for Hard of Hear-

ing People Inc. (SHHH) meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Allan L. Breakie Medical Building next to Garden City Hospital, Inkster Road between Warren and Ford. For information, call Robin Leitner at (734) 595-0194 or Ginny Schroeder at the Garden City Hospital Audiology Department, (734) 458-3408.

SCREENINGS

Pree breast and Pap screenings are available at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center, on Annapolis west of Venoy in Wayne. Appointments are scheduled on a first-come, firstserved basis. Call (734). 467-5555 for early registration.

The Charves Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI. 48150, or by fax to 734-501-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions. Event:

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NEW VOICES

■ Wayne Peal and Melissa Matthews-Peal of Bloomfield Hills announce the birth of their son, Matthew Wayne, on Dec. 19 at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. His grandparents are Clayton and Patricia Peal of Fairfield Glade, Tenn. and John Matthews of Redford Township.

■ Julie and Michael Weaver of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter Melissa Beth, born June 1, 1999 at Providence Family Birthing Center in Southfield. Melissa joins siblings Jessica, 14; Kristina, 12; Amanda, 10; Andrew, 7; Hannah, 4; and Benjamin, 2. Grandparents are Marilyn and Gene Weaver of Dearborn Heights and Carole and the late Abraham Karam of Warren.

■ Amy and James Harkins of Canton announce the birth of their daughter Olivia Rose Marie, Oct. 1 at Huron Valley -Sinai Hospital. Grandparents are Kathy and John Harkins of Livonia and Sharron and Douglas Hoyer of Livonia. Great grandparents are Rita Harkins of Plymouth and Juanita Mott of Calif.

■ Don and Tracy Halbritter of Westland announce the birth of their daughter Savannah Lynn, Jan. 12 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City, Savahhan joins siblings Tylder, 4-1/2; and Tressa, 3. Grandparents are Bernie and Becky Pintar of Wayne and Marie Halbritter of Taylor.

James and Amanda **Duvall** of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter Emily Victoria, Jan. 11 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Emily joins sister margaret Anne, 16 months. Grandparents are Dennis and Diana Brusinski of Westland and Nancy and Jim Merriman of Plymouth.

Stephen and Sheila Maloney of Redford announce the birth of their daughter Niamh Anna, Jan: 10 at Garden City Hospital în Garden City: Niamh joins siblings Sinead, 8; and Brona, 2 Grandparents are Thomas Maloney of Co. Mayo, Ireland and Anna Victory of Redford.

■ Jason and Amy Highland of Westland announce the birth of their daughter Ashley Marie, Jan. 9 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Ashley joins sister Alicia Nicole, 1 1/2 years old. Grandparents are Joe and Eraina McMillan of Canton, Linda Highland of Livonia and Dave Highland of Livonia.

■ Matthew and Kristen Yule of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter Makena Alyssa: Jan. 6 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Don and Judi McLellan of Livonia and John and Evelyn Yule of Livonia.

■ Randy and Deanne Richter of Westland announce the birth of their son Mitchell Scott, Jan. 5 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Mitchell joins siblings Heather. 15; Ryan, 12; Colin, 11; Samantha, 4; and Jaclyn, 3. Grandparents are Marcy Grabiec of Westland and Ron and Kathleen Richter of Lincoln Park.

■ Sarah Nicole Renner of Redford announces the birth of her daughter Lexus Monique. Jan. 5 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Lexus joins sibling Daija Janay Bosman, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Michelle Marie Renner of Elk Rapids.

Chad and Kathy Grunewald of Garden City announce the birth of their son Colton John, Dec. 31, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are William:

and Mary O'Nan of Livonia and Linda Grunewald of Green Bay, Wisc.

Wendy Stachowski and Jeff Allen of Westland announce the birth of their daughter Faith Olivia Allen, Dec. 79, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Jim and Margaret Allen of Westland and Judi and Joseph Stachowski Jr. of Westland:

■ Michael and Kelly Salter of Westland announce the birth of their son Ryan Perry, Dec. 21, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City, Grandparents are Jack and Sally Salter of Garden City and William and Florence Majeske of Sterling Heights.

■ Jeffery and Bobbie Griggs of Canton announce the birth of their son Brennan Allen, Dec. 21, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City, Brennan joins siblings Miranda, 6: and Courtney, 4. Grandparents are Bob and Helen Chote' of Livonia and Bob and Bette Wicker of Westland.

■ Michele Buford and Erik Kallio of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter Shannon Marie, Jan. 19 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Shannon joins siblings Cheryl Ann. 19 months; and Brandy Lynn, 17. Grandparents are Tanya Kallio of Livonia; and Cheryl Wilston of Florida.

■ Hugh and Michele Griffin of Van Buren Township announce the birth of twins Meghan Elisabeth and Drew Alexander, Jan. 7. Grandparents are Jeanne Guilfoyle of Westland; Thomas Daniel of Farmington Hills; and Ronald and Catherine Griffin of Waterford.

■ Matt and Sue Winther of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter Emily Susan. Dec. 31, 1999 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Emily joins siblings Mary Elizabeth and Steven Winther, Grandparents are Bill and Esther Green of Estes Park. Colle and Ed and Marilyn Bossardet of Oxford.

■ Ron and Angie Rousseau of Coffeyville, Kansas, announce the birth of Gabrielle Grace. Dec. 14, 1999 at Jane Phillips Hospital in Oklahoma. She joins Whitley, age 6.

Grandparents are Fred and Jeanette Rousseau of Redford and Linda Hanigan of Coffeyville, Kansas, Great-Grandparents are Charles and Grace Clemons and Evelyn Rousseau, all of Farwell, Mich.

Rick and Lisa Rousseau of Redford announce the birth of their daughter, Laura Jean August 15, 1999 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She joins sisters Rebecca, 10, Jessica, 8 and Melissa, 4. Grandparents are Fred and Jeanette Rousseau and Richard and Wanda Lyskawa, all'of Redford. Great-. grandparents are Charles and Grace Clemons and Evelyn Rousseau, all of Farwell, Mich.

Doug and Kathi Darden of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter Ashley Laura, Jan. 17 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, Grandparents are Dan and Madeline Wyrsta of Plymouth and Betty Darden of Lomita, Calif.

Heather and Timothy Goodchild of Canton announce the birth of their son Ethan Jacob, Dec. 23, 1999 at Provis dence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Ellsworth and Mary Stout of Ann Arbor and Keith and Susan Goodchild of Canton.

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 or e-mail kmortson@oe. homecomm.net

RAILROADIANA

Buy and away toys and trains from moon to 4 p.m. March 5 at SS Simon and Jude Church located at 32500 Palmer Road in Westland To register for tables. phone Norm at (734) 595-8327 between 5 and 11 p.m. Preregis tered tables are \$12; tables at the door if available are \$20. Admission is \$2 per person or \$1 per family

NEW BEGINNINGS

St. Matthew's United Methodist. Church in Livonia offers a sear round grief support group, and this new Thursday speaker

series, beginning with "The Grief Process" with the Rev. Chuck. Songuist Feb 3: Del McPherson and "The Healing Power of Humor," March 2, the Rev. Kurt Stutz of Botsford Hospital with "Healing Grief" April 6: the Rev. Phil Seymour on "Dreams, Visions and Images" May 4: and Warren Gilbert's "Managing Memories" June 1. The series is free and open to the public Call (734) 422-6038

HEALING SERVICES

The Rev. Gary Seymour offers. boaling services for the series titled "Rise and Come Forward" the third Wednesday evening of each month at the Church of the Risen Lord, 821 N. Newburgh Road in Westland, Call (734) 397 7132

CONCERT

The Tubbs Family will perform 6. p in Sunday, Feb 6 at Chap perville United Methodist

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SINGLES MINGLE

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SMOLE ADULT MINISTRIES

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SINGLES WELCOME

Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced or separated Christians, Call (734) 981-4553 about the divorce recovery workshop. Monthly meetings are held the third Saturday of every month at 8 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, Haggerty Road (south of 5 Mile) Road).

On Friday, Feb. 4, Bethany Suburban West will host a dinner at Northville Downs. Call (734) 421-3011 for information. Saturday, Feb. 5 marks the Singles Dance, 8:30 p.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford. The \$8 charge includes refreshments. Proper attire required.

■ Every Sunday, the singles organization offers breakfast at 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn on the northwest corner of 5 Mile and Beech Daly roads in Redford, followed by mass at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Catholic Church on Farmington Road in Livonia, Call (734) 729-1974.

SKI THE SOO TRIP

Attention all single skiers. Join the Farmington Singles Professionals group for an extended four-day weekend getaway Feb. 18 through the 21st to ski in Sault Stel Marie, Canada, Cross country skiers will enjoy Stokley's while downhill skiers will love the runs at Searchmont. Package includes four day and three nights at the Water Tower Inn (two people per room); use of the Club Cabana recreational area including outdoor sauna. heated pool and indoor/outdoor hot tubs. The cost is \$199 for members and \$234 for non-mem bers. All levels of skiers welcome, RSVP by calling (248) 851; 9909 or www.fsp.org

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS Parents Without Partners, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the single-parent family A Singles Dance is scheduled from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4 at the Grotto (2070 W. Stadium in Ann Arbora, 60-90s music will be played by a disc

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SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single (30 years and older) and feeling alone? Coming join us. Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Rd west of Haggerty in Northville invites you to join over 550 single adults each and every Sunday morning at 11:30 a m in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. For information

or a newsletter call (248) 374-5920.

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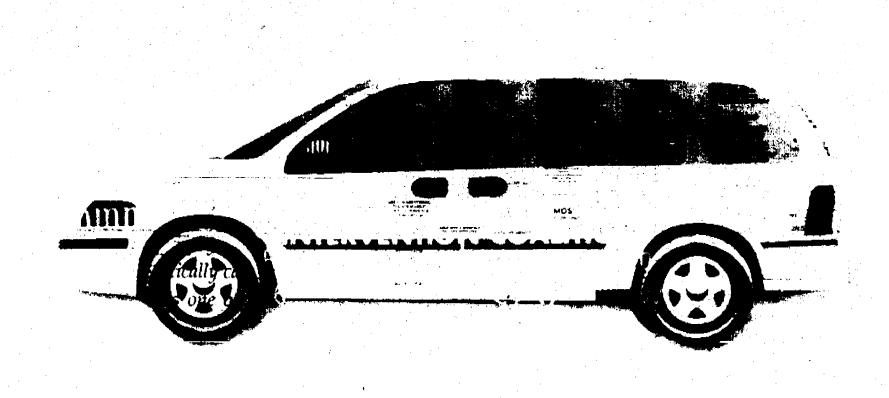
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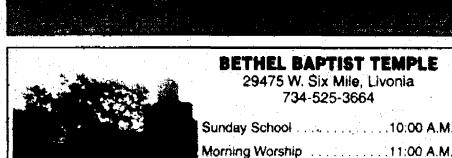
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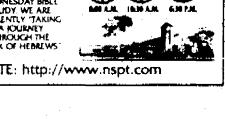
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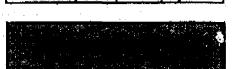
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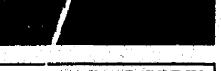
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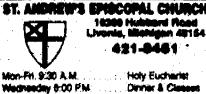
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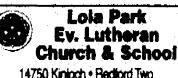
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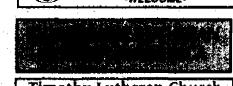
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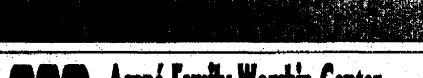
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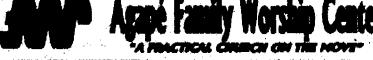


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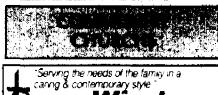


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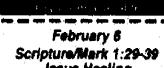
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DAY

Church Women United of Suburban Detroit-West will host International Student Day, with a carry-in casserole luncheon 12:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia. International Students will speak about their homeland. The program is sponsored by the Livonia Rotary Club. Bring one casserole for each three persons attending and paper products for the First Step Program. Call (313) 537-5251.

B線LE STUDY FOR WOMEN

This is a Bible Study for women who want to live holy lives and are always on the lookout for help to spiritual maturity. *Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People" will be offered from 7-8 p.m. for 10 weeks (started Feb. 2) at the Plymouth Church of Nazarene located at 45801 Ann Arbor Road. Each week we will explore down-to-earth answers for problems related to making things right with others, forgiving those who have hurt you, conquering impure thoughts. winning the battle with pride and selfish ambition, learning to be totally honest and transparent. Call the church office at 453-1525,

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BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross will be operating a blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at St. Edith's Parish, 15089 Newburgh Road in Livonia. Walk-ins welcome.

VEGAS MIGHTS

St. Edith Church will sponsor Las Vegas Nights, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 at the church, 15089 Newburgh road, Livonia Admission is \$1 and maximum payout will be \$500, under license number F23263. Proceeds go to general fund. Call (734) 464-1222. St. Theodore Parish will host it's Las Vegas Nights 6 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Admission is \$2. Parking is free. Beer, food and refreshments available. The program is presented by St. Theodore Men's Club & Confraternity of Christian Women under the license number F23265. Play Black jack, Easy Craps, Roulette, and the Money Wheel. Maximum win is \$500 • per person. Call (734) 728-0607 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.

EVENING FOR ST. GENEVIEVE

St. Genevieve Church of Livonia will host "An Evening for St. Genevieve" from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at the Italian American Club (Five Mile west of Newburgh). The event will include dinner, raffle, dancing and silent auction. \$45 per person includes dinner, dancing and open bar. Tickets available after Mass and from the Rectory Office - Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Reservations and information can be provided by calling Dan Blaske 1734) 525-3780 or Jack Farrow (734) 464-7843. St. Genevieve Church is located at 29015 Jamison Ave. in Livonia.

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 régister, call (734) 455-0022. MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Marriage and family will be

taught by Father George Shaihoub, pastor of St. Mary Orthodox Church in Livonia. The purpose of these series of classes is to take an in-depth look at the necessary characteristics that play vital roles in marriage and family life. They are available to both these couples either considering marriage or presently married. Single or divorced individuals are also encouraged to attend this 10-week class that meets from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church. 18100 Merriman Road in Livonia. Call (734) 422-0010 to register. Topics include: The Institutional Family; The Process of Developing Healthy Relationships; What is Love?; Marriage: Why it is a Sacrament; and more. Series begins Feb. 3 and concludes March 30.

MARITAL ENRICHMENT Miriam Jerris, M.A. and Rabbinic Candidate with the Birmingham Temple will lead a 1-2 hour session workshop and support group to celebrate and strengthen your relationship. The class is open to married couples (of any faith), newly married couples, couples married for many years or engaged couples who want to learn the skills nee essary for a healthy and satisfying-relationship. Cost is \$150 per couple. Classes begin Feb. 29.

Call now to register, (248) 543-7496.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/wwme. Listen for "The Marriage Journey" 8:30-9 a.m. Sundays on WCAR 1090 AM.

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 contemporary 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

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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.

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www.crosswalk.com ("Where faith intersects with life")

www.tbcl.com (The Best Christian Links - "a Christian directory to the best Christian Web sites")

Both offer e-mail, chat forums, movie guides and news. Crosswalk offers a web filtering program to screen you children's' Internet experiences. TBCL features web hosting, free digital postcards and cartoons. Both offer channels for every aspect of Christian life and search engines for anything related to Chris-

Another place to start is www.sharingfaith.org. This site

Professor to speak on imaging God

Professor J. Richard Middleton of Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y., will present "Created in God's Image: A Biblical Perspective" at Trinity Church in Livonia. A professor of Old Testament Interpretation, Middleton will speak from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Trinity

Middleton will explore issues in three parts. The morning session,



"Imaging God ... in the Worldview of Genesis 1," will be followed by an extended time for discussion. After lunch, the topics

"Imaging God ... in Exile" and "Imaging God ... as an Ethical Calling" will be considered.

Middleton will also preach on "The Feast of Fools" 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the church. The sermon is open to the pub-

Middleton is currently working on a book titled "The Liberating Image" on humanity as the image of God. He and coauthor Brian Walsh completed. "The Transforming Vision: Shaping a Christian World View" (InterVarsity Press, 1984) and "Truth is Stranger Than It. Used to Be: Biblical Faith in a Postmodern Age" (InterVarsity Press, 1995). The latter won a 1996 Book if the Year Award from Christianity Today maga-

Tickets for the conference cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Students and members receive a \$5 discount. Groups of 10 or more may purchase tickets in advance for \$12 each. Lunch is not included.

Trinity Church is an Evangelical Covenant Church located at 14800 Middlebelt Road, north of I-96 and south of Five Mile Road in Livania. Call (734) 425-2800 for advance registration and information.

f you feel like is hosted by the Evangelical and denominations in the United Lutheran Church in America (E.L.C.A.) and contains information for people seeking faith. Sharing Faith has answers to basic life questions, stories of faith from individuals, ways to get involved in exercising your faith, public bulletin boards for youth and young adults, daily devotions, Bible study and a link

> to ELCA's homepage. The American Bible Society offers www.forministry.com "equipping the church online." It has a directory of congregations

States. Not all congregations are listed, but all major denominations are itemized and most have congregation locator tools.

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If you are looking for details about a particular Christian denomination, check out their official sites. Some examples include:

www.ecusa.org (Episcopal Church in the USA)

www.elca.org (E.L.C.A.) www.lds.org (The Mormons) Church - USA)

www.umc.org (United Methodist Church). Most offer outlines of what they believe, directories of congregations. faith statements and links to official ministries.

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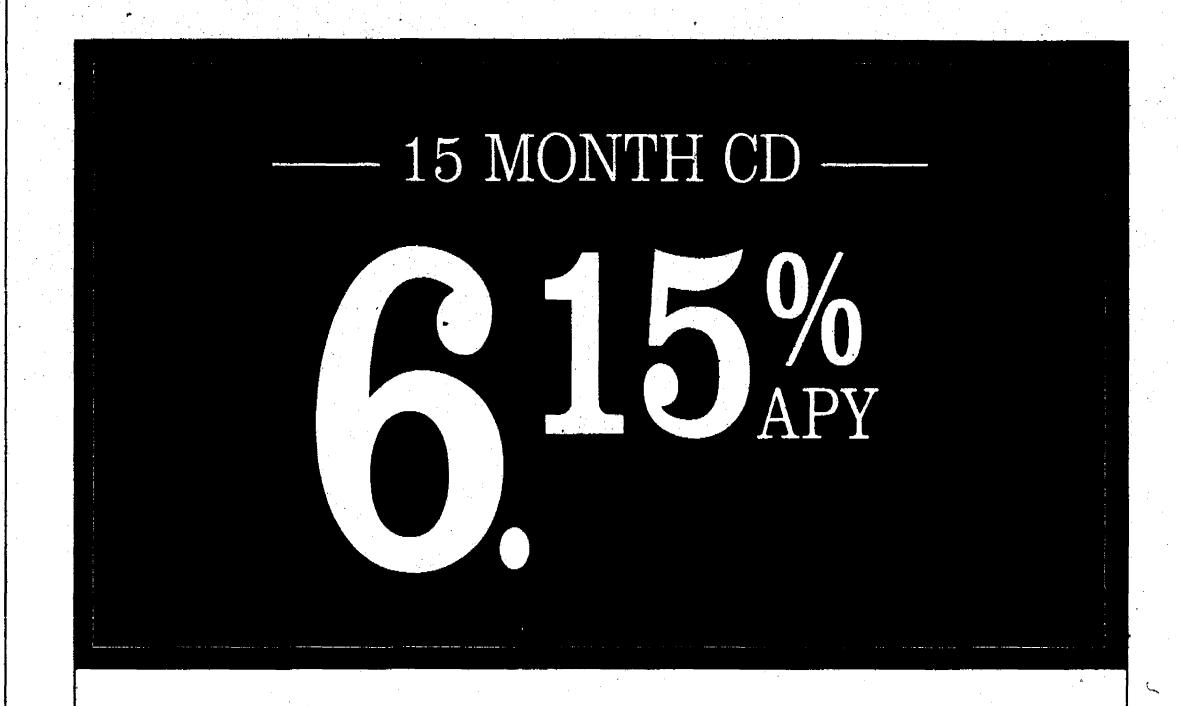
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www.timethylivonia.com. You'll find all of these features plus weekly devotions, newsletter and a special section for families, kids and teens. What a congregation chooses to put on or leave off their Web site can tell you a lot about the atmosphere there.

Once you've done some online investigating, don't stop there. Faith and spirituality are meant to be shared and experienced in

gion can only take you so far. After exploring online, choose a place to attend and find out all you can to prepare yourself. Do some soul-searching on your own and then get out and try it. Your soul is worth it!

Pastor Carla Thompson Powell has been with Timothy Lutheran Church &E.L.C.A.) of Livonia since Settember 1996. She and her husband, Darryl, and their child make their home in Livonia. She can be reached via email at tlclivonia@netzero.com



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SPORTS SCENE

Schoolcraft invitational set

East Kentwood, ranked No. 2 in the state, will be the defending champion at the 27th annual Schoolcraft College Varsity Volleyball Invitational, which starts at 8:45 a.m. Saturday at

The elimination rounds will start at approximately 3 p.m. at Schoolcraft. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3

for students. East Kentwood, which defeated Walled Lake Central in last year's final, will be paired in Pool A (Court No. 1) at Schoolcraft with Farmington, Birmingham Marian and Garden

Rounding out the remaining pools at Schoolcraft:

Pool B (Court No. 2): Dearborn, Birmingham Seaholm, Farmington Hills Mercy and Walled Lake Western;

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Action at Northville features:

Pool G: Northville, Flint Powers, Harper Woods and North Farmington: Pool H: Grand Blanc, Ypsilanti, Ferndale and Farmington Hills Harrison.

Scholar-Athlete finalists

A total of seven athletes from schools inside the Observerland coverage area are among the 114 finalists selected out of a record 2,857 applicants for the 1999-2000 Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Award.

The program, which has been recognizing student-athletes since the 1989-90 school year, honors 24 athletes statewide, one in each of the MHSAA state-sponsored sports.

Farm Bureau Insurance underwrites the Scholar-Athlete Award, and presents a \$1,000 scholarship to each winner.

The honors ceremony for the 24 winners will be conducted during half-time of the Class C Boys Basketball State Finals Saturday, March 25 at Michigan State University's Breslin Student Events Center in East

Among the area finalists:

Boys Cross-country: Charles Stamboulian, North Farmington, and Bradley Carroll, Livonia Stevenson; football: Grant Weber, Farmington; boys Soccer: Brian Horr, North Farmington; girls Tennis: Jeannette Fershtman, Livonia Stevenson; boys Ice Hockey: Bryan Dery, Livonia Stevenson; wrestling: Peter Mazzarese, Redford Catholic Central.

Youth hockey champions

Tournament MVP Lance Antrobius scored a pair of goals in the championship game, leading the Livonia Midget BB Hawks to a 4-2 victory over Mount Pleasant No. 3 at the Detroit Extravaganza Weekend Tournament title (Jan. 21-23).

Joe McCrohan and Nick Niemiec also scored goals for the Hawks, who played four games in three nights, finishing with a 2-0-2 record.

In the tourney opener versus Mount Pleasant No. 3, Doug Bingham scored twice and Scott Hines had the other goal in a 3-1 victory.

The next two games ended in ties.

McCrohan and George Remy collected two goals apiece in a 4-4 deadlock with United Floor of Mount Pleasant. Antrobius had both goals in a 2-2 tie with the Barrington (Ill.)

Dan Huizar and Jeff Perkins shared the goaltending duties for the Hawks. Other team members include Mark Tice, Mark Krauziewicz, Jeff Dwyer, Jeff Krupinski, Pat Robert, Anthony Ciotta, Curt Anderson, Joe Katrich, Eric Elberling, Justin Torco-

lacci and Joe Pellerin. The Hawks, now 24-8-3 on the season, are coached by Tim McCrohan. Frank Antrobius and John Niemiec. The team manager is Barb Antrobius. The Hawks are sponsored by

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CC repeats Observerland crown

Stevenson's Gunterman, Kharbush among MVPs

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER domeara@oe.homecomm.net

Redford Catholic Central's team victory Saturday

in the Ninth Annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament was especially significant for the Shamrocks. CC achieved a record fourth championship and became only the second school to win back-to-back

titles since Livonia Stevenson did it in 1994-95. "This tournament is a highlight for us," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said. "I never realized how much this means to the boys, to be in their own backyard and to win something where everybody knows you instead of going down to Ohio."

It's the first tournament the Shamrocks have won this season, and they're hoping to use it as a springboard to greater success.

"We're looking to go up to state and make some noise," Rodriguez said. "The well has been dry too long. This will give us a boost to get ready for states."

With five wrestlers in the championship finals, the Shamrocks had a 24-point lead over Livonia Stevenson, 211-187, and the title virtually locked up before the individual bracket winners were decided.

CC finished with 231 points and Stevenson 199 Plymouth Canton had its best showing since being the 1992 runner-up, finishing third with 195 points. The top five included Plymouth Salem (161) and host Livonia Churchill (124).

"I think we wrestle the toughest schedule in the state of Michigan," said CC senior Mitch Hancock, who won his second-straight title and was named the most valuable wrestler in the upper weights (160-

"This is a big stepping stone. The guys realize as a team we can come through and do anything. We knew we were going to win it. We've worked hard



STAFF PROTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Big felias: Josh Rose (top) of Clarenceville beat Stevenson's Dan Hine in this heavyweight semifinal tussle at Observerland.

and we're peaking at the right time going into the long stretch."

In addition to Hancock, CC had three other champions - junior heavyweight Aaron Parr, 135-pound senior Jeff Wheeler and 171-pound junior Ryan

Parr was seeded second and pinned No. 1 Josh Rose of Clarenceville in the final. Parr also pinned his first two opponents in less than two minutes.

PREP WRESTLING

"He's just starting to come around," Rodriguez said, adding Parr was pinned by Rose in an earlier meeting. "I knew, if he got a second shot at him, he might do better.

"Working with (former two-time state heavyweight champ) Casey (Rogowski) is starting to pay off. He started out slow and little by little he started winning some matches."

Top-seeded Wheeler won an 8-2 decision over No. 2 Steve Dendrinos of Salem, but the score was just 4-2 until late in the match when Wheeler got a takedown

and nearfall. Hancock, who won at 152 last year, breezed through the 160-pound bracket with a technical fall in his first bout and two pins. His record this season is 32-0; his career total is 172-13.

"What I'm doing is just preparing myself for the state," he said. "I want to wrestle a state championship match every match.

"I didn't want to give up any takedowns; I wanted to wrestle my offensive style. I gave them all escapes and then took them down. It was a fun tournament; I enjoyed it."

In the last three Observerland finals, Hancock faced future college wrestlers in Stevenson's Katsuhiko Sueda and Dan Seder, both at Michigan now, and Churchill's Brandon LaPointe.

Hancock, who was a state runner-up last year, hasn't made a college commitment yet.

"I'm wide open right now," he said: "I still have a state championship to win, and that's what is on my mind right now."

Stevenson had the other two MVWs for the second year in a row. Senior Josh Gunterman won that honor again in the lower weights (103-130), and junior Imad Kharbush was recognized by area coaches in the middle weights (135-152).

"It was nice to do it again," said Gunterman, who

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Clarenceville stops **Lutheran Westland**

Wion keys Trojans' 8th win in row

By Brad Emons SPORTS WRITER bemons@oe.homecomm.net

The boys basketball season is start-

ing to look a lot like last fall's football season at Livonia Clarenceville. The Trojans won their eighth

straight Tuesday with a protal 59-50 road win at Lutheran High Westland in a battle of Metro Conference unbeat-

Clarenceville is now 9-4 overall and 5-0 in the Metro. Another win Friday at Macomb Lutheran North by the Trojans would set up a showdown Tuesday, Feb. 8 at home against Hamtramck (7-3, 4-0), the conference's only other unbeaten.

Footballer Scott Wion, who helped Clarenceville last fall to its first-ever state playoff berth and a 9-1 record. flexed his muscles inside against the Warriors. The 6-foot-4, 240-pound center finished with a game-high 20 points to go along with 11 rebounds.

"Scott got off to a slow start this year because of football, but he's getting better each time out and starting to play with a lot of enthusiasm," Clarenceville coach Bill Dyer said. "Coming out of football, I think it took us awhile to get going as a team. But because of their success in football, these guys, especially the seniors, have a lot of pride

BOYS HOOPS

and they think can compete. It's been a

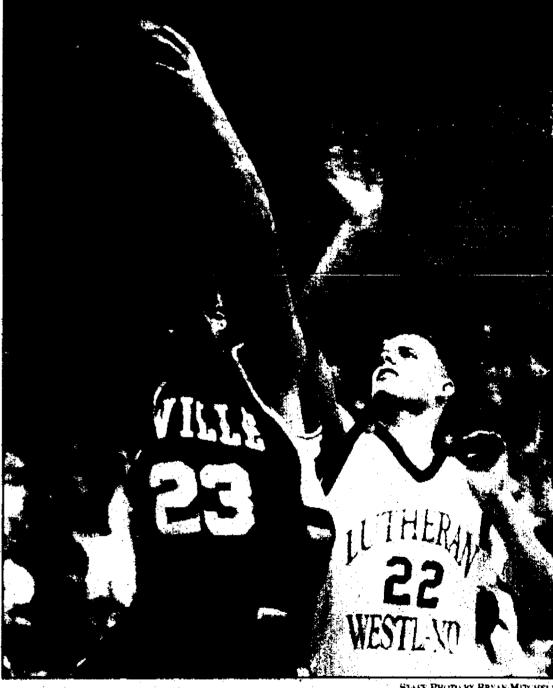
The Trojans beat Lutheran Westland (8-4, 4-1) without key sophomore Tim Shaw, the 2,000-yard ground gainer. The 6-2 Shaw, the team's best leaper and starting forward, sat out the game with a sprained ankle after injuring it last Friday against Harper Woods.

"You don't think I was a little nervous going into this game without Tim because he's probably our best defensive player and he can jump out of gym," Dyer said. "But Joe Keough (eight points) started and played fantastic. He gave us a huge lift. We missed Tim's size, but we really didn't miss a beat and we were able to do the things we normally do. Joe's been around for two years and he knows what he's going on."

Point-guard Corey McKendry contributed 14 points, including eight of 10 free throws in the final quarter to help quell a late Lutheran Westland run. Forward Rick Burack chipped in with

"For being depleted, Clarenceville did a nice job," Lutheran Westland

Please see TROJANS WIN, G5



Fully extended: Clarenceville's Rick Burack (left) grabs the rebound in front of Lutheran Westland's Brent Habitz.

Chargers wrap up Western Division crown, 2-1

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month ago," Hatley said. "They played well defencively in their end.

PREP HOCKEY

Northville is 9-7-1 overall, 7-5 in the WLAA and 4-3 in the Division. Churchill can claim the overall WLAA title by

beating Lakes Division champion and rival Livonia Stevenson. (Game time is 6 p.m. Friday.)

"Our kids were low key about it, nobody was charging out on the ice after the game," Hatley said of the divisional crown. "We put our prime emphasis on the state tournament. Nobody remembers (in the NHL) who wins the President's Trophy."

The Chargers also got a boost Monday night as Roy Cesarz, a left winger, became eligible after sitting out the first semester. Cesars is a transfer from Wayne Memorial.

"He's a good player," Hatley said, "He will be a big addition.

ATRIBUTER & CORUNCHILL 2: On Securday, Liveria Churchill held host Tranton to 14 shots, but came out on the short end in a bettle of state-ranked teams.

Treyton, ranked third in the state, has only one loss this sea-

Churchill coach Jeff Hatley, whose team is ranked No. 8, 'We' were only short-handed one time and I'm pleased with that because it shows we played with some discipline."

Aaron Jakubowskii scored short-handed from Jason Turrii at 6:25 of the final period to cut the deficit to 3-2.

But Trenton's Mr. Hockey candidate Andy Greene scored at 5:00 to give the host Trojans a two-goal cushion. 4-2. Trenton's Mark DeSana would later add an empty-netter It was 1.1 after one period as Trenton opened the scoring at 7:07 using a gadget play off a face off when Buddy Morsello

wan the draw, got the puck to Greene, who in turn passed to Brandon Thomson. "It's a trick play, kind of similar to a guy coming of the sidetine in a football game and catching a 90-yard pass," Hattey

said. "We were told they had used that play before, but we still got caught off guard. ."I thought it was an illegal play. It's kind of a gray area and I

understand the officials made the call in good faith. We'll have

Adam Krug, however, tied it for Churchilf on a goal at 11:45 from Mike Andes

"We didn't lose our composure and I was pleased with that," said Hatley, whose team had 28 shots:

Trenton's Matt Helks then scored at 4:06 of the second period to gain a 2-1 lead. The Trojans' Deak Swearingen added enother goes at 3:50 of the third period to take a 3-1 advan-

"The score of the game was not indicative of how we



Locked in: Wayne's Jon Gregg (top) lost in overtime to Salem's Rob Ash, the eventual champ at 125 pounds.

Observerland tournament from page C1

repeated as the 112-pound champ. "I was fairly confident I was going to win it. I wasn't sure I'd get MVP; that was an added bonus."

A year made a big difference for Gunterman, who came out of nowhere to win last year but was the obvious No. 1 seed this year.

"Last year it was a surprise," he said. "Last year I beat a few kids I wasn't supposed to beat and won it. This year (CC's Chris) O'Hara was the only one I hadn't wrestled."

Gunterman faced O'Hara, who knocked out No. 2-seeded Dan Tondreau of Clarenceville, in the final and won a 10-4 decision over the taller wrestler.

"It's hard to turn a kid like that, because you can't really get leverage on him," Gunterman said. "That's why it was tough riding him. I pinned the other two, but the final match was pretty tough."

Gunterman is 26-0 and hoping to repeat his state-meet success of a year ago. His Observerland victory was a springboard to an eventual state championship in 1999.

"I'd love to be an undefeated state champion," he said. "That's my plan, my goal. Last year, after I won (at Observerland), my confidence was way up. It really got me going. This was pretty much the spark last year."

The 152-pound final pitted defending champs Kharbush (29-2) and Churchill's Mike Carter (27-2) against each other, with Kharbush winning decisively on a 9-3 deci-

Kharbush, who won at 135 last year, had been anticipating the matchup ever since he learned he and Carter, who was the champion at 145 a year ago, would likely meet

"I'd been waiting for that match since the start of the season; I wanted to prove everybody wrong," said Kharbush, who was ranked and seeded second behind Carter.

"I was so pumped up for that match, because I've been waiting to wrestle him so long. I couldn't sleep last night. Even in my other matches I wasn't that focused. It was all geared toward my final match."

Kharbush, who pinned his first two opponents, was in control of the championship bout all the way and used his upper-body strength to his advantage.

"When I took a shot, I wanted to make sure I finished it solid and quick, because he has a nice defense," Kharbush said. "When he took a shot, I wanted to kick my legs out as fast as I could and get out as soon as I could, because I knew he could finish it.

"The key to beating him was to score off his shots and make sure he didn't. That was

Kharbush qualified for state last year but didn't place. His goal is to place as high as he

can this year. "This is definitely motivation," he said. "Whether I go 52 or 60, this definitely makes me feel closer and closer to that goal."

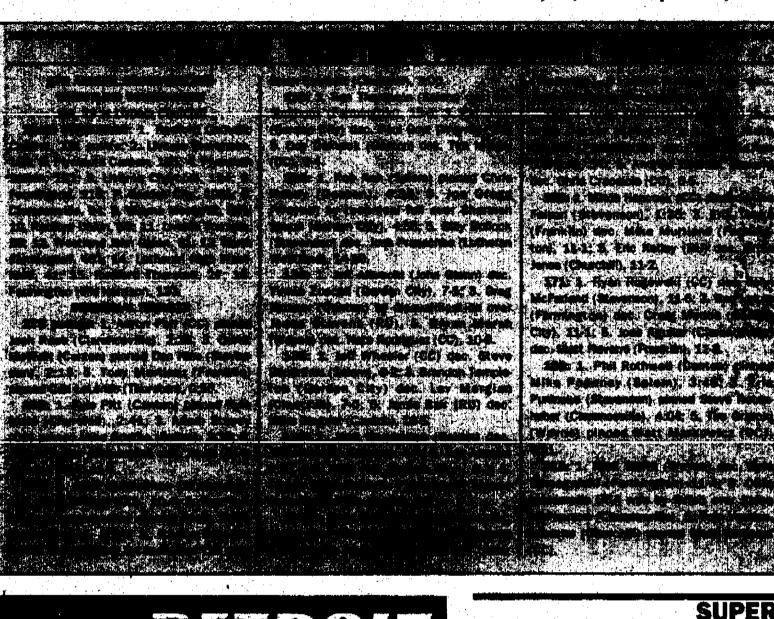
Stevenson and Salem had three champions apiece. Chris Cooprider also won for the Spartans at 145. The Salem winners were Ron Thompson (119), Reb Ash (125) and Josh Henderson (140).

Canton's Kyle Pitt (103) and Phil Rothwell (189) won titles as did Westland John Glenn's Jeff Albrecht (130) and Wayne Memorial's Nick Smith (215). Pitt improved his record to 30-0.

Henderson had a close match with Canton's John Pocock in the finals. A stalling point for Pocock put him within a point of Henderson, 5-4. The Chiefs thought Pocock should have been given takedown points, but the official ruled time had expired.

"I thought (CC) wrestled great and deserved to win. So did Stevenson, in finishing second," Canton coach John Demsick said. "I don't think we got seeded up to our ability, but we didn't wrestle to our ability. either.

"But having 10 guys who placed is still a solid performance."





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Two to tango: Churchill's Kyle Malo (front) won this 103-pound semifinal match against CC's Adam Stacey.

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Male. 40-44: 1. Karl Stuber, 18:35; 2. Uldis Vitins, 19:00; 3. Matt Daly, 19:17; 4. Larry Barnett, 19:42; 5. Scott Handley, 20:30.

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25:32; 4. Deborah Rader, 26:33: 5. Judith Mayer, 26:38. Male 50-54: 1. Kurt Hilbrecht, 20:06: 2 Tom Henderson, 20:56; 3. Thomas Butler

22:17; 4, Jim Coleman, 22:59; 5. Dave Pine Female 50-54: 1. Kathleen Morse, 24:46 2. Lee Bartoshuk, 27:03; 3. Cecilia Brzvs. 30:35; 4. Diane Dunn, 31:25; 5. Karen Hill

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Note: Results provided by the Michigan Running Foundation.





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Joe Mereau put un a weekend scoring show that led the Shanarocks. He scored feer transexame winner Sunday after assisting on the first Rodford goal.

CC is now 15-1 and retains its top ranking in the state.

The Shamrocks beld a 2-1 lead over the Welves with 36 seconds to play Sunday when Clarkston tied the score.

"Moreau had been doing everything for me this weekend, including an assist earlier in the game," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "Se I put him out there with a couple of other guys.

"He scored the winner with 13 seconds to go. He was just spectacular during the weekend." CC never trailed in either game.

It took a 1-0 lead on Brett John's first period score, on which Moreau assisted along with Rick Buttery.

Clarkston tied it later in the period but CC took a 2-1 lead in the second period on Eric Giosa's goal from John Perkovich and Mike Ratigan.

Ryan Yost and Jim Spiewak assisted on Moreau's game-winner. Ben Dunne went the distance in goal for the Shamrocks.

Despite it's being the second game in as many days for Catholic Central, the Shamrocks doubled up on the Wolves' shots on goal.

"We've played two games in two days three or. four times," St. John said. "It really gets them ready for the playoffs, I hope. We do it again this weekend."

during the weekend, playing Marquette on Fri-

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Singles assists in the game went to John, Sean Genrich, Andrew Eggert and Joe Hills-

Andrew McCoy and Dunne split time in goal for the Shangrocks.

· PRANCES A. W.L. WINDSHIP St. Loan Serbutt notched a hat trick, while Josh and Andy Bachdit tabled two goals spices Saturday to give Liveaus Franklin (7-6-3, 66-2) the Western Lakes Activities Association victory over host Walled Lake Western in a game played at Lakeland ice Anone.

Franklin, 2-3-2 in the Western Division of the WLAA, led 7-0 after two periods.

Sam Dismuke and Gordie Statham each added three assists, while Andy Garbitt, Paul Stathers, John Michol, Bred Cauchi, Chad Venitulia, Brandon McGullough, Ryan Tracy and winning goaltender Chris Garbett (29 saves) added one apiece.

Jordan Doggets ruined Gerbest's absteut bid with two

"This was the most sumplete darks we've played," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "We played hard for three periods and played hard as a team using our systems almost to perfection.

"Thirteen of our 18 skaters had at least one point. I hope we've turned the corner and will continue to play good periods of effort.

"The goaltending the last three games has been excel-CC participates in the Alpena Tournament lont with both posting shove a 90 percent save percent

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Franklin shoots down John Glenn for 3rd consecutive tourney crown

Livonia Franklin captured its third consecutive girls volleyball tournament title Saturday at the Romulus Invitational.

The Patriots defeated Westland John Glenn in the championship final, 15-4, 15-5. Franklin reached the semifinals with a 14-16, 15-8, 15-6 triumph over Riverview.

In pool play, Franklin won four matches, defeating Gibraltar Carlson (15-9, 15-5), Dearborn Fordson (15-12, 15-3), Taylor Truman (15-10, 15-4) and Riverview (15-7, 15-10).

Senior setter Lyndsay Sopko led the Patriots' with 144 assist-to-kills in 2-202 attempts. She also had 12 aces.

Senior Tera Morrill had 39 kills (81 of 87) with 26 ace serves (68 for 7).:

Alexis Bowman contributed 20 kills (51 of 59); Kelly Zawacki, 17 kills (34 of 44); Rachel Bramlett, 14 kills (28 of 34) with 24 aces (57 of 61).

On Monday, Franklin ran its overall record to 28-4-1 with a 15-13, 11-15, 15-1 triumph over visiting Walled Lake Western.

Franklin is 5-0 in the WLAA. Western is 6-11-1 overall and 2-4 in the Western Lakes.

Morrill had 16 kills and 21 digs; Kerstin Marshall, 12 kills (16 of 18); Sopko, 49 assists and four aces; Bowman, 16 digs and 11-for-11 serving (with two aces); and Bramlett, 9-for-10 serving with two

Rocks outlast Livonia Churchill

Amanda Suder had 10 kills Monday, propelling Plymouth Salem to a 16-14, 16-14 Western Lakes victory over visiting Livonia Churchill.

Salem is 21-6-1 overall and 4-0 in the WLAA, while Churchill is 16-5-2 and 4-2.

The victorious Rocks also had nine ace serves. three by Liz Gizicki.

Colleen Guardiola served 15 points for the Chargers, while Amy Cadovich contributed eight kills. Corev Mack added four kills.

"Both games we were tied 14-all and Salem was able to win both," Churchill coach Mike Hughes said. "It was a very tough match.

"I thought our team blocked very well."

LeBlanc paces Stevenson triumph

Kate LeBlanc came up with seven kills and foursolo blocks Monday, sparking Livonia Stevenson (22-5-2, 4-1) to a 15-6, 15-9 Western Lakes victory at Farmington Hills Harrison.

Katie Drews added four kills, while Carly Wadsworth and Cassie Ehlendt contributed three

Junior setter Kellev Hutchins collected nine assists, while Abbey Schrader was 13 of 14 serving with three aces.

Defensively, Kristine Matheson had seven digs. while Julie Pfeifer added four.



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Going high: Livonia Churchill's Kristin Leszczynski (No. 12) tries for the block against Plymouth Salem.

"This match was much better." Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "We put it together and played the way we should be playing "

Hawks rally for MIAC victory

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran rallied behind the third-game serving of Gretchen Grosinske to pull out a 15-13, 8-15, 16-14 victory Tuesday night over visiting Sterling Heights Bethesda.

The Hawks trailed, 8-1, in the third game after losing the second but Grosinske strung together five straight service points to rally her team back

Huron Valley Lutheran is now 4-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 5-2 over

Stacie Graves had eight assists and Jessica Whitaker four kills in the win-

OHL REPORT lead at 1:50 of the second period

the game-winning goal at .14:46. of the final period to propel the Ontario Hockey League's winningest team, the Ottawa 67s, to a 2-1 triumph Saturday night over the host Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena.

Captain Dan Tessier scored

The '67s, leading the East Division and all OHL teams with 70 points, are 33-12-3. Plymouth, second in the West

Division, falls to 26-17-4. Kavin Malcomb and Luke Sellars assisted on Tessier's game-

After a scoreless first period, Joe Talbot gave Ottawa a 1-0

winner

from Josh Tataryn. The Whalers' Nate Kiser

Ottawa squeezes past Whalers

answered at 9:17 of the second from Shaun Fisher and Tomas Kurka. Whalers goaltender Rob Zepp.

named the second star, made 26 saves, including 14 in the second Third star Levente Szuper

turned away 25 shots in the nets.

Ottawa was voted the first star. . WHALERS 4. WINDSOR O: On Friday.

third star Zepp had an easy might (14) saves; en route to the shutout as the host Whalers blanked the Windsor Spitfires (26-20-1 through Sunday) before 2,656 fans at

The Whalers put it away with three goals in the final period. Second star Nob McBride Scored what

proved to be the game winner from Eisher and Steve Morris at 12,441 of the second Justin Williams, Korka and Gire Jamett ladded third period goals.

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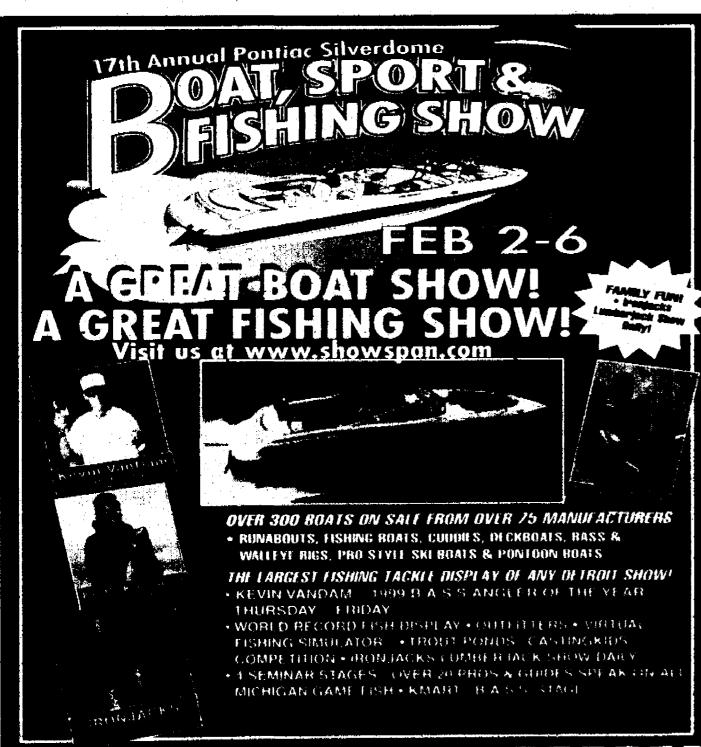
Spitfire goaltender Ryan Aschaber made Defensive Jeremy Van Hoof of 24 saves

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SWIMMING RESULTS

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 124 GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 62 .

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Greg Brazianas CC 242 70, 100 butterfly: Meconis (CC) 56 80: 100 freestyle; Lesnau CC., 50.64 : 500 freestyle: Markou CC., 5:11,27, **200 freestyle relay:** Redford.CC. Kevin Ryan. Mike Kruszewskii, Tim Ryan, Laffondii, 1:37.16; 100 backstroke: Steele CC . 1:00.07: 100 breaststroke: Lafond : CC), 1:05.73: 400 freestyle relay: Redford CC - Cartin, Meconis, Steele Lesnau , 3.37.21. CC's overall dual meet record: 5-0.







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Stevenson duo bound for Western Michigan

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER bemons@oe.homecomm.net

Sounds like a familiar song, but two more girls are headed to Kalamazoo — the Western Michigan University women's soccer program to be exact.

Two mainstays on the Livonia Stevenson girls soccer team, defender Cheryl Fox and forward Megan Urbats, will sign NCAA letters-of-intent this week with the Lady Broncos

Observerland has become quite a pipeline for WMU.

Two other area players —
Abi Morrell (Plymouth Canton) and Jamie Coyle (Plymouth Salem) — are also reportedly signing this week with WMU.

Fox, considered one of the top marking defenders in the state, was a first-team All-Observer selection in 1999. She will be entering her fourth varsity season and has been a part of two state championship runs (1997 and 1998) along with one runner-up finish (1999). Last year she scored six goals and had nine assists.

Urbats, a second-team All-Area pick, was the Spartans second leading scorer (behind Lindsay Gusick) with 17 goals and 12 assists. Urbats, who also considered Oakland University and Aurora College (HL) will be entering her third season on the Stevenson varsity.

The two have been close friends since the ninth grade when they played basketball together.

Fox was also a member of the Stevenson varsity basket-

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ball team, while Urbats is currently a member of the school's varsity volleyball team.

"I knew Cheryl was going all along and we really didn't plan to go together, but it; makes it better that she's going to be there," said Urbats, whose brother Jeff played one season for the Broncos' men's soccer team. "I really liked the campus and I like the coach (Mike Haines)."

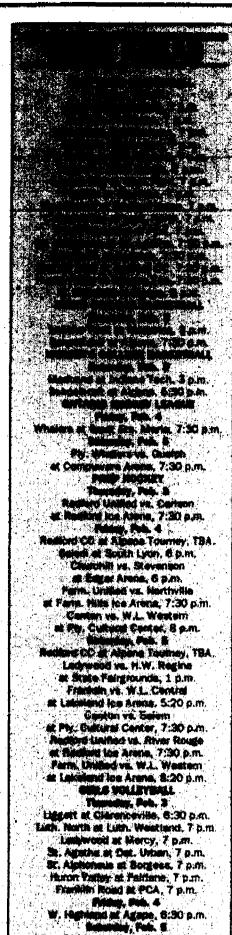
Fox felt comfortable going to Kalamazoo because her sister, Teri, a Stevenson grad, plays softball at K-College.

Fox plans to major in business, while Urbats has aspirations of going into the nursing or medical field.

WMU, in its fifth year of varsity women's soccer, just completed a 10-8-1 campaign under second-year coach Mike Haines. The Lady Broncos finished sixth in the Mid-American Conference with a 5-5-1 record.

The Broncos' roster is loaded heavily with Observerland players including leading scorer Kersten Conklin, a freshman forward from Livonia Churchill; Mary Gignac, a freshman forward from Farmington Hills Mercy; and Shawn Chipelewski; a junior defender-midfielder from Garden City.

Graduating seniors Angela Pandoff (Stevenson) and Kerri Verardi (Churchill) each recently earned their fourth varsity letters.



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Schoolcraft's depth difference in lopsided victory vs. Macomb

Schoolcraft College used its depth to earn its 10th straight men's basketball victory Saturday with a 99-65 triumph at home over Macomb CC.

SC is 16-4 overall and 9-0 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Macomb fell to 4-14 overall, 2-8 in the confer-

Nine players scored in the first half and 11 of 12 in the game for the Ocelots, who have not lost since Dec. 18.

Quentin Mitchell and Chris Colley each scored eight points in the first half and Nick Evola netted seven as SC opened up a 42-23 lead by the inter-

After that, it was just a matter of how much the final margin of victory would be.

Evola led five Ocelots who scored in double figures with 17 points. Mike Williams added 16 (14 in the second half), Robert Brown and Colley scored 13 apiece, and Mitchell finished with 10.

Macomb got a game-high 23 points from Reno Thompson — 18 in the second half, when the outcome was no longer in doubt — and 18 from Joe

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

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The Ocelots made a season-best 27-of-32 free throws for the game (84.4 percent).

• CONCORDIA 92, MADONNA 76: Concordia College (7-17, 4-4), behind Brandon Beikus) sharpshooting from three-point range, defeated Madonna University (3-21, 1-7) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game on Saturday.

Berkus lit it up from three-point land against visiting Madonna, nailing 10-of 15 triples to finish with a game-high 36 points. Teammate Dave Berinke collected 28 points and 11 rebounds for the Cards, who led 54-37 at the half.

Madonna was paced by Mike Massey with 27 points. Chad Putnam (Redford Thurston) had 20 points and six rebounds, while Dan Kurtinartis added nine points and four assists.

The Cards attempted an incredible 46 three-pointers, making 16 (34.8 percent). The Crusaders were 7-of-21 from three-point range (33.3 percent).

Madenna hit 52.8 percent of its shots (28-of-53) compared to Concordia's 46.5 percent (33-pf 71), but 17 Crusader turnovers (the Cards had nine) led to a 23-8 Cardinal advantage in points off turnovers.

Madonna trumps Cards, 62-47

Madonna University's women's basketball team certainly knew how to finish Saturday against Concordia College.

On Saturday, the Crusaders capped a superb defensive effort with an 8-3 run over the last seven minutes of the first half, then ended the Cardinals hopes for a comeback by scoring the game's final 11 points over a four-minute span in a 62-47 victory.

The win improved Madonna's record to 9-11 overall, 3-5 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Concordia is 11-9 overall, 3-5 in the WHAC.

Defense was the difference for the Lady Cruaders.

They limited the Cardinals to 15-of-54 shooting from the field (27.6 percent), including a paltry 5-of-21 in the first half (23.8 percent). Madonnamade 23-of-53 from the floor (43.4 percent).

Concordia also committed six more turnovers, resulting in a 17-8 Crusader advantage in points off turnovers.

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Michelle Miela was red-hot for Madonna, mak-

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

ing 7-of-9 floor shots, including 3-of-4 three-point tries. She finished with a game high 22 points.

Chris Dietrich added 11 points, six rebounds and two blocked shots; Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton HS) had 10 points and 10 boards.

Kristy Bilbie topped Concordia with 18 points, nine rebounds and three blocks.

•SCHOOLCRAFT 59, MACOMB CC 40; A solid first half, followed by a 10-2 run midway through the final 20 minutes 1 uesday, allowed Schoolcraft College (6.9, 5.3) to subdue visiting Macomb CC (3-6, 4:13).

SC pulled away from a 32-27 halftime load by limiting the Monarchs to 13 second-half points. Janelle Olson led the Ocelots, who had 11 three-pointers in the game, with 19 points, including four triples. She also had five assists.

Antone Watson contributed 17 points (five threes), nine assists and five rebounds, Carla Saxton had 10 points and six boards, and Carly Wright (Garden City) gathered nine rebounds.

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Wayne nips Ypsi in 2 OTS, 49-46

Ypsilanti slapped Wayne Memorial pretty good the first time the boys basketball teams met this season.

But after the second meeting, it was the Zebras who were

On Tuesday, Wayne sprang a 49-46 double-overtime upset win over visiting Ypsi in a Mega Conference Red Division game.

The guard combination of junior Gary Johnson, who had 24 points, and Shane Nowak, who had 14, proved too potent for the Braves to overcome.

Nowak, in particular, did an outstanding defensive job on Ypsilanti's leading scorer, Jason Bird, who torched Wayne for 21 points the first time the teams met this season. This time Bird scored just five points, 10 below his average.

Johnson had a basket and Nowak two free throws in the second overtime while Wayne (5-7, 3-5) was holding Ypsilanti (7-5, 5-3) to a solitary point.

Ypsilanti had scorched Wayne, 66-36, the first time the teams met this season.

In the first overtime, Johnson sank a three and Nowak made another pair of free throws to offset a triple by junior Marcus Walker, who had 21 points, and an inside hoop by center Alex

The Zebras played a steady game through the first three periods and held a 36-30 entering the fourth quarter.

They were actually ahead, 36-28, but the Braves scored the final bucket of the third period and the first 10 points of the fourth to put the Zebras in a 40-36 hole.

Jermaine Garner hit a basket and Justin Goins another to rally Wayne back from defeat and force the first OT.

• CHURCHILL 72, JOHN GLENN 60: Senior forward John Bennett poured in 23 points to lift Livonia Churchill (7-5, 4-2) to a Western Lakes Activities Association win Tuesday over visiting Westland John Glenn (2-9, 0-6).

The Chargers, who led 38-25 at halftime and 59-39 after three quarters. also got 13 points from Avery Jessup and 11 from Brandon Dziklinski. Churchill also got nine from Dan McMahon.

Senior guard Eric Jones led Glenn in scoring with 15, while Mike Goree and 6-8 senior center Yaku Moton added 13 and 12, respectively. Churchill coach Rick Austin also singled out the play of Shane Ramin (six

rebounds) and Josh Odom, who teamed up to keep Moton off the boards. "The player that was a handful was Jones (Eric) and we were able to limit him to a couple of penetration baskets," Austin said. "My hats off to my

team. All the players stepped up tonight and I'm happy for them." *N: FARMINGTON 56, FRANKLIN 45: Livonia Franklin (4-8, 2-4) put up a fight Tuesday before succumbing to WLAA co-leader North Farming (7:5, 4:1).

"We played well, we just needed another person to step up and score, but that was due to North's defense." Franklin coach Dan Robinson said. "Some of our guys had their better games of the year. We did a good job on the offensive and defensive glass.

Franklin junior forward Joe Ruggiero led all scores with 23 points. Chris-

Brian Shulman and Emir Medunjanin led a balanced North scoring attack with 16 points apiece. Shulman made five of six free throws, while Medur-Janin grabbed seven rebounds. Phil Watha added 15 points, while Adrian

Bridges added all seven of his points in the second half. • NORTHVILLE 64, STEVENSON 57: On Tuesday, junior forwards Aaron Redden (18 points) and Dave Gregor (16 points and 10 rebounds) propelled the host Mustangs (6.5, 3.3) to the WLAA triumph over Livonia Stevenson (2.10,

Senior guard Travis Bliss and 7-foot sophomore center Thomas Knapp each added 10 points. Knapp also grabbed 10 rebounds.

Stevenson led 29-28 at intermission, but Northville roared back in the third quarter with a 24-8 run.

"We lost the ballgame in the third quarter," Stevenson coach Tim Newman

said. In 70 percent of the games we got beat in one quarter when we just went away.

"Until we get that taken care of, we're going to struggle. But the kids played hard. The kids boarded as well as they have all year long.

Senior Harland Beverly scored 18 to pace the Spartans, while Mike Lenar don and Keshay McChristion added 12 and 11, respectively

*BORGESS 88, REDFORD CC 65 (GT): Donald Didlake scored 35 points Tuesday to carry Redford Bishop Borgess (9-4, 4-3) to an overtime win

against host Redford Catholic Central (7-6, 5:2) Borgess avenged a 105-83 loss in the schools' first meeting this year Didlake scored five of his 35 points in the overtime while George Toles

added six of his 23 in the extra time. Toles banked in a three-pointer, stole the ball and whistled in a triple at the buzzer to decide the game

The Shamrocks built up leads of 19-11 and 40-30 at the end of each of the first two quarters, but the Spartans shaved five points off the margin in each of the last two periods.

CC scored and held Borgess off at the end of regulation to force OT. Junior guard Ryan Celeskey paced a balanced CC attack with 16 points: Senior guard Rob Sparks contributed 14, junior guard Mark Willoughby 13 and junior guard Anthony Coratti scored 12. Senior guard Rod Hunt had 10.

The Shamrocks made just four of eight in OT after going 19-for 22 in regulation. The Spartans were 18-of-26: •FLINT VALLEY 58, HURON VALLEY 48: A 31-point game by host Flint Valley's Jerry Croff kept the Hawks at bay

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran got 21 points from Rene Arnal.

Huron Valley is now 2-9 while frint Valley improved to 8-5. •LUTHERAN WESTLAND 59, LIGGETT 41: In a Metro game played Satur day, Charlie Hoeft scored a game high 22 points to lead Eutheran High Westland (8-3, 4-0) past host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (1-1, 1-10).

Nate Meckes and Nate Reinholz each added eight points for the victorious Warriors, who railled from a 29-26 halftime deficit. Jack Elsey scored 12 to pace Liggett.

Trojans win from page C1

coach Dan Ramthun said "They play well together. They mix up their defenses pretty well between man and zone, and we really didn't respond well to it."

The Warriors led 10-8 after one quarter, but Clarenceville took a 22-16 halftime lead thanks to a last-second basket by Rob Fillinger.

The third quarter was all Clarenceville.

The Trojans limited Lutheran Westland to a pair of field goals and two free throws en route to a 17-6 run for a 39-22 advantage.

"More than anything we told our kids to keep playing hard," Dyer said. "We mixed things up defensively. This is a great group of kids because they like to play defense.

Although stymied by poor shooting (9 for 28) and turnovers (17) through three quarters. Lutheran Westland refused to

The Warriors pulled to within four, 45-41, with 8:08 remaining on a three-pointer by Luke Kas-

But Wion slipped inside for two easy points and McKendry he'll be back on Friday," he said.

and McKendry each made to free throws to stop Warriors' rally.

"We got to the point where we had to go man-to-man, look for traps and steals, you've got to gamble," Ramthun said. "I admired the way our guys cut it to four.

"The last three games we've gotten behind at the half, but you can't do that against a team like Clarenceville. They also hit their free throws."

Senior guard Charlie Hoeft. the Warriors' leading scorer, tallied 12 of his 16 in the final quarter. He was five of 16 from the floor. Nate Meckes, a 6-7 junior center, also scored 16.

But the inside battle was won by Wion, the Trojans' tight end and linebacker

"He's good," Ramthun said. "We'd collapse our zone around him and he still finds a way to get it in there. We didn't play him real well "

Meanwhile, Dver hopes another footballer is ready for Eriday.

"Tim's a tough kid, I think

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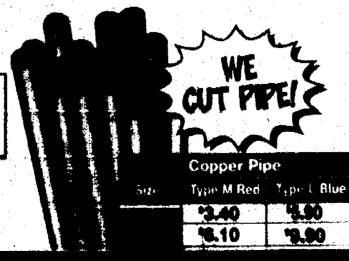
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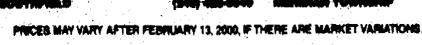
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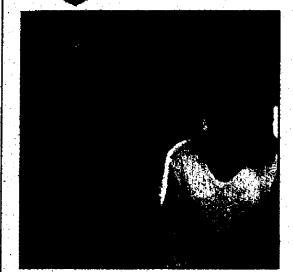
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Thursday, February 3, 2000

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Charlie (Liam Neeson, left) an undercover DEA agent, is suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome and finds relief with Judy Tipp (Sandra Bullock, right) in "Gun Shy," a dark comedy opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY

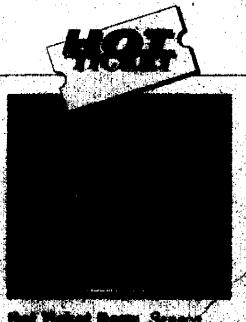


Phil Hadley (left to right), Jim Jernigan, Mike Carraway, Jim Snideman and Missy (the dog) are featured in "Of Mice and Men," presented by the Farmington Players, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Curtain 8 p.m., tickets \$12, call (248) 553-2955.

SUNDAY



Howard Paige serves up samples of delicious food noon to 4 p.m. at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn during the museum's celebration of Black History Month, weekends through Sunday, Feb. 27. Call (313) 271-1620 for information, or visit the Web site, www.hfmgv.org



Black and other nembers of the Jose at Lincoln Center Sexter, will perform music ranging from Kilington to Monk and Jelly Roll Morton 8 p.m. Priday, Pob. 4, and 2 p.m. Setterday, Pob. 4 at the Michigan Theater, 803 E. Liberty, Ann Arbun \$18-\$38 for the Pob. 4 concert; \$30 adults, \$10 children for the family performance on Pob. 5, Coll (734) 784-2638 or visit the Web site at when uma.org.

Never reaching the end:

Rock band continues successful journey

raeme Edge's quick
British wit comes as a surprise. The Moody Blues'
drummer lost his father in early
January, and has been caring for his mother who has Alzheimer's.

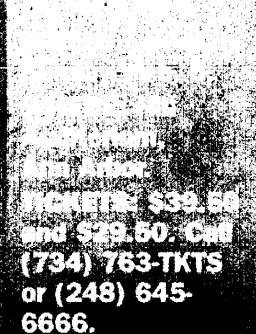
It's the ability to balance personal lives with their musical career and write songs about those experiences that have made the Moody Blues popular with generations for the last 35 years.

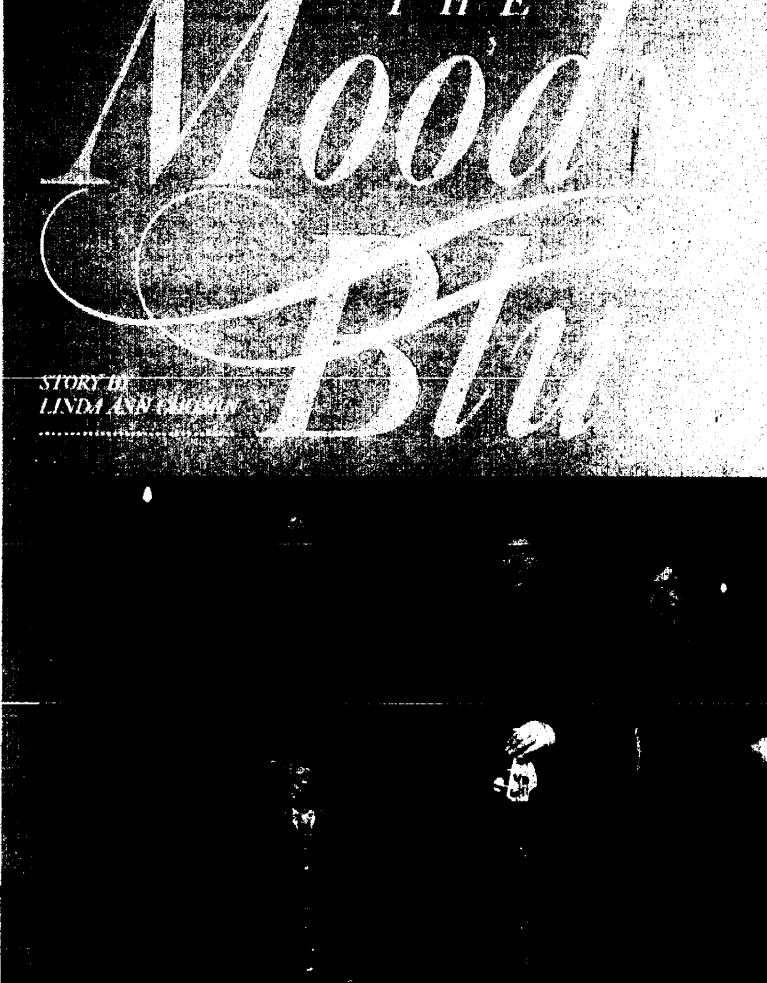
"I'm not really sure why we've continued to be popular," said Edge during a phone interview from his Florida home. "We've never been arrested for anything and we've always sung in tune."

With "Strange Times" the Moody Blues will continue as one of the best-selling recording groups of all times. The new CD goes back to the roots of Moody Blues sound blending orchestral, spoken word and rock. It marks several firsts for the group, including the fact that it was recorded at Studio Mulinetti in Genoa, Italy.

On Sunday, concert goers at Hill Auditorium will be treated to tunes from "Strange Times,"

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POPULAR MUSIC

Olupus aims arrows at Valentine's Day

By STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasols@oe.homecomm.net

Beneath the bronze glow of Xhedos Cafe's luminescent sign, with left-over holiday icicle lights dangling above their heads, four musicians take the small coffee shop stage before a crowd of fans and friends who've huddled into the cozy space. What brings them all to the Ferndale hang-out on this night isn't the cappuccino, it's the music.

Olupus, an alternative folk-pop quartet whose members live in Wayne and Oakland Counties, knows how to evoke a response from their audience. The

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WHO: Olupus, with special guests
Psyfunk
WHEN: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11.
WHENE: 7th
House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac
TICKETE: \$10.
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performers. Picture this — a Seth Green ("Buffy the Vampire Stayer") look-a-like with a voice that could flawlessly fill in at any Barenaked Ladies show; there you have lead vocalist Chris Davidson. He met drummer Jake Miller and guitarist/singer

bandmates are pure

Tim Berlinghof, in high school, By 1996, bassist P.J. Jacokes had joined in and the newly-named Olupus wrote and recorded their first CD "Passing Ships."

Almost four years later, there's one thing to expect from an Olupus show - unpredictability. That might have something to do with Jacokes experience with improvisational comedy on the Second City stage in Detroit. The Farmington Hills native's sense of humor translates into randomly cracking jokes and imitating Muppet voices in song. But he said, it's the band's stage presence that keeps the audience entertained: "I've been told that we really seem to know how to relate tothe audience as a whole. We are upmusic, but they get into trouble expressing it live

· "Plus we write pop gents which is helpful."

'Romance is going out of your way, for really simple things.
Like picking out a bouquet, rather than buying what Mejier's already had prepared ... it's honesty. Real feelings. It's time alone – spent together. It's catching the other person off guard with an "I love you" or a gift. Any fool can buy flowers February 14th, but buying them June 10th, that's romantic.'

– Pj. Jacokes Bassist, Olupus

Those gems will convert into a virtual shower of musical valentines during the second annual Cupid's Night Out, a festival featuring Olupus and guests Psyfunk Friday, Feb. 11. All it took was one song, "My Favorite Valentine," to spur the idea. "We wrote the Valentine's song and we decided we wanted to do a huge show on Valentine's Day for the song," said Davidson, a Redford resident and Bloomfield Township native

really seem to know how to relate to the audience as a whole We are up there to play our music, but we try and make sure that everyone enjoys them selves. I think a lot of bands have solid music, but they get into trouble expressing it live to be to describe the description of the sound track of freewheeling love sense.

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Baritone makes music come alive

By LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAPF WRITER

Erik Chalfant chats nonstop about his recital on Sunday at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills as if it were the most important one of

his career.

The New York baritone likes to fuse a variety of musical styles into his programs to expose audiences to as many cultures and life experiences as possible.

During his recital on Sunday, Feb. 6, the audience will hear everything from Brahms "Lower Rhine Folk Song" in German to

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WWW. Errk Chaffant sings works to composers tanging from Faure to Sondheim Admission is free.

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Feb. 6. A light reception precedes the concert of 2.15 p.m. is the concert state.

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the Meody Blues' first new recording since 1991, and classics such as "Nights in White Satin" and "I'm Just a Singer (In a Rock n' Roll Band)." The Ann Arbor concert is part of a tour that takes the Moody Blues through the U.S. and England until the end of April. A legend in pop history, the group is in much demand. Members will be lucky to have one day off a week during stops in the Midwest.

"None of us really live in England anymore though we maintain homes there," said Edge. "We were turning up in Scho (London) and making albums like a bunch of Troglodytes when one of us went to do some work on someone else's album at Studio Mulinetti. It was set on a cliff and (studio engineer) Danilo Madonia's mother made us great Italian food.

Like the old days

"It was more like the old days. And it was the first time we produced ourselves. We were conscious of not putting strains on the bands. We worked in two to three week stretches of time over the last two years with regards to our waistlines. For our last album we went in and worked three months straight. Another first was whoever wrote the song got to produce it. The rest of us could throw in ideas and they were used or not. It didn't bother us if they weren't because you

realized when it was your song, you'd get to produce it."

Nothing changes

The Hill Auditorium audience will hear Edge's poem "Nothing Changes" in the second half of the program along with oldies like "Your Wildest Dreams." Edge had been carrying the poem around for some time before he arriving at Studio Mulinetti in Italy. Ominous lyrics speak of winter's war and a dark future if we do not change.

"We've got the toys now to screw things up," said Edge. "We're standing at the crossroads. I have an optimistic heart, but a pessimistic brain. The Internet is breaking down the barriers. The positive side is we'll be a mono-culture."

Musical family

Born in Birmingham, England, Edge grew up listening to everything from Chopin to Caruso so it came as no surprise to his parents when he chose a musical

"My father was an untrained opera singer who used to sing in Music Hall as it's called in England. You know it as Vaudeville here in the States," said Edge. "Mom was a pianist, mostly for silent movies. At age 11, I heard Bill Haley and the Comets play "10 Little Indian Boys" and got interested in rock n' roll from there. In my early days, I played If 'I know what it's like to be a fan. I went to see Elton John six or seven years ago and was disappointed because he didn't do any of the old material, only the new. That's why I like doing the old material. I never get fed up performing on stage and watching people enjoy themselves."

> Graeme Edge Drummer, Moody Blues

snare in a marching band (at church) then my parents bought me a drum kit and put up with

Edge moved to London at age 22 to play with the R & B Preachers, and the Silhouettes until joining with Ray Thomas and Mike Pinder to form the Moody Blues. Justin Hayward and John Lodge joined them shortly thereafter. Released in 1966 their ground-breaking album, "Days of Future Passed," remained on Billboard charts for more than two years. Recorded in stereo and with a symphony orchestra, it was one of the very first concept albums.

"I started playing for \$25," said Edge, who during the Moody Blues' four-year sabbatical in the mid 1970s recorded two solo albums - "Kick Off Your Muddy Boots" and "Paradise Ballroom." "You don't gradually work your way up. You get a break or not. I've been with the Moody Blues 35 years, but worked as a professional drummer for 38 years. My dad's definition of a professional musician is somebody who would rather play than starve."

Intense schedule

Edge is looking forward to returning to Ann Arbor even though he's only been home nine days since Aug. 13 due to his intense touring schedule and family illness. He's always liked playing in Ann Arbor, at Pine Knob and other places in metro Detroit with the Moody Blues. As a thank you to their fans, the group will do two one-hour sets that will include many oldies. Edge never tires of playing the songs from "In Search of the Lost Chord," "On the Threshold of a Dream" and "Seventh Sojourn," to name a few of the Moody Blues' top-selling albums.

"I know what it's like to be a fan. I went to see Elton John six or seven years ago and was disappointed because he didn't do any of the old material, only the new," said Edge. "That's why I like doing the old material. I never get fed up performing on stage and watching people enjoy themselves."

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Olupus-style.

"We try and make Cupid's night out a very interactive experience," said Jacokes. "Most of our shows have interaction, but not as grand as C.N.O. Those still Valentine-less need not worry. Just enter Olupus' "Favorite Valentine Contest" by writing 49 to 51 explaining why you should be the band's valentine. Expect a barrage of surprises, including a handful of new songs to the set list - a mix of covers and originals.

"This year we are debuting at least three brand new songs," Jacokes added. "They become Valentines for the fans who know our stuff well. We stick to the relationship songs for this show, the boy-meets-girl songs. Some of them are love songs. But we also realize that, for some people. Valentine's day is a good

We try and make Cupid's night out a very interactive experience. P.J. Jacokes

Bassist, Olupus

day to be bitter about defunct relationships, so we play a fair share of love-gone-wrong songs."

There's something for everyone. But those who dare sit in the front row, better be fans of Barry White-style crooning and close contact; Davidson draws his energy from the audience, giving those off-stage a chance at the limelight. "I love our audience," he said. "I love fans. There: that's the performance high," he said, pointing off-stage as the lights fade.

Express your love with a song on Valentine's Day

Prepare to find your spirit.

Even if you can't carry a tune, deliver your special personal you can send your Valentine a song from your heart.

The Renaissance Chorus, a barbershop quartet, will serenade your sweetheart at home. work or anywhere else you choose in the Wayne, Westland, Garden City, or Livonia area.

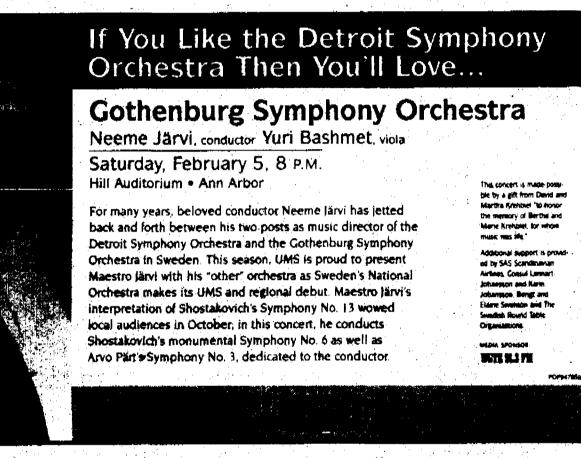
Your thoughtfulness will be remembered, too. In addition to a Valentine serenade, the person of your choosing will receive a red rose and personalized Valentine's Day card. The vocalists will even

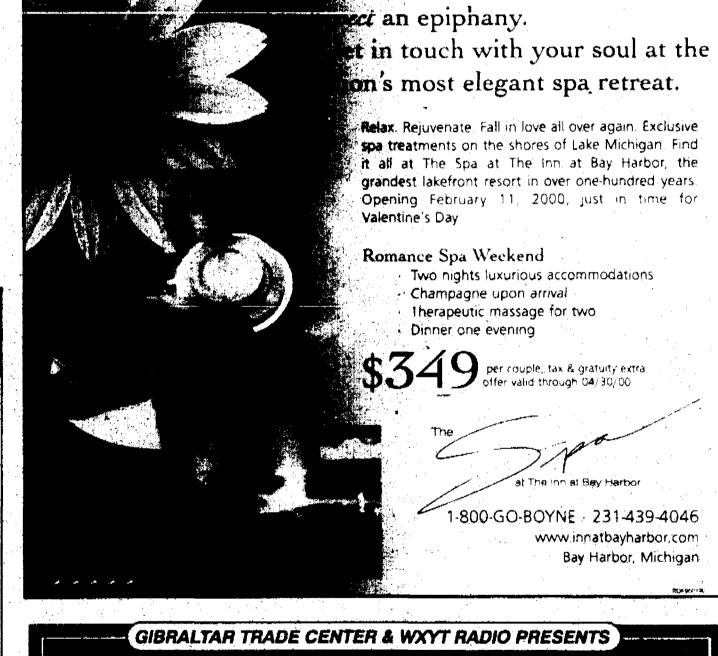
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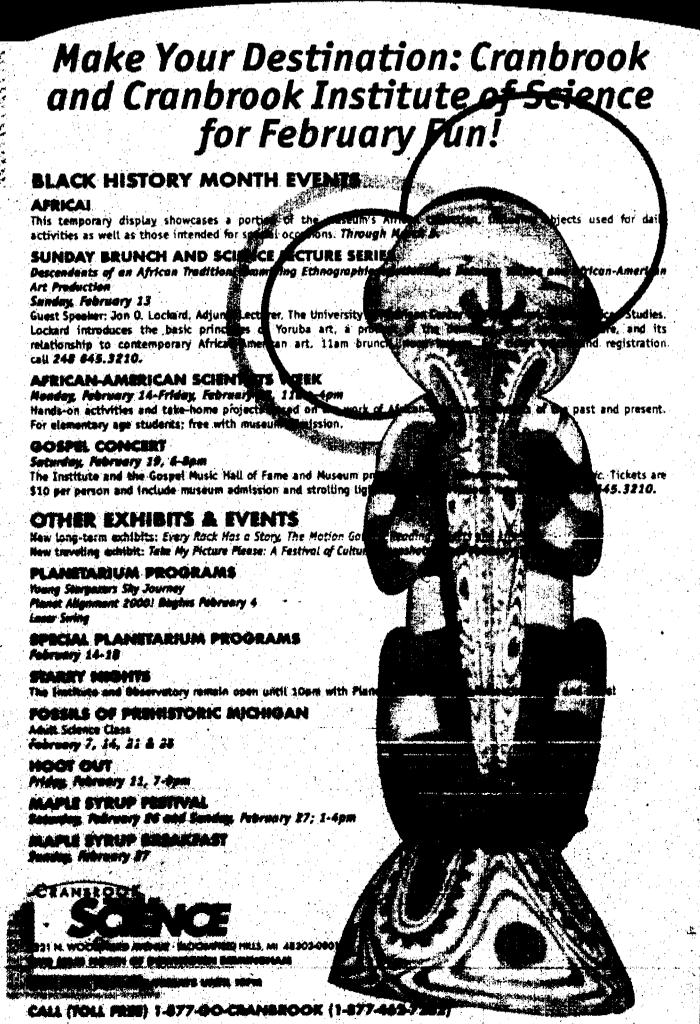
The cost for a Singing Valentine is \$40. Call now to schedule the singers between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14.

To make your reservation, or for more information, leave a message at (313) 438-2364.

Be specific about the time (within a 4-hour window), location, directions, spelling and pronunciation. Also leave your name, phone number and best time to contact you.









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"Ives may sound strange after hearing Gounod, a 19th century French romantic," said Chalfant, "Ives is an American 20th century rough and tough, angular sound."

The title of the program, "Songs of Night and Day," comes from the theme of the repertoire and from Chalfant's approach to recital singing.

"I want to invite someone familiar with classical and art songs to hear musical theater and to those who like musical theater, to reveal to them poems about night and day in art songs. To my mind, the musical theater I'm singing is much more suited

to a classical singer. Porter and Rodgers and Hammerstein were written for piano and voice and have the same kind of impulse as an art song - a poem and a lyrical melody."

Ties to metro Detroit

This is Chalfant's second recital at the church. He first appeared there in June after his aunt, Martha Chalfant, suggested he perform in the church's music series. Erik visited metro Detroit often as a boy.

"My aunt was instrumental in my early development," said Chalfant. "We always went to Cranbrook and to see productions in Detroit. We visited the museums. I loved it."

Linette Popoff-Park will accompany Chalfant on piano for a second time at the church. Violinist Veklda Kelly is also joining them for the recital.

"One of Erik's many talents is to design a varied program from

arts songs to Broadway." said Popoff-Parks, chairman of the music department at Madonna University in Livonia,

The son of a Protestant preacher. Chalfant had plenty of opportunity to sing in church and church theater. He learned to sing and play piano at a young age. His mother was a pianist who began instructing her son at age five.

"My father was in front of people all the time," he said. "I learned from him to communicate to an audience."

Childhood

A native of Chicago, Chalfant grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a piano major in college until attending Tanglewood Institute where he met noted American soprano Phyllis Curtin, Chalfant moved to New York four years after completing graduate studies with Curtin at Boston University. It was Curtin's prompting that led him to New York from Boston, where he'd been teaching voice and had a faculty appointment at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy,

"She told me if he wanted to perform, I'd have to move to New York to find opportunities for recitals," said Chalfant. "She also told me that while she 'enjoyed her career making a living off dead composers, we have a responsibility to give the composers of this day their voice."

Chalfant's followed both pieces of advice. He has premiered songs of Boston composer Brian Cobb at the Berklee School of Music, and Sara Doncaster's six "Biblical Sonnets" with orchestra on the New Music at Brandeis University Concert Series.

Recital singing.

Chalfant prides himself on being a recital singer, equating it to the "big art form of opera but of honesty. I have to be as profi-

instead of all the flamboyant costumes and props there's one person standing there in the curve of the piano."

"An audience member may be more familiar with a Beethoven Sonata and not as familiar with a Brahms song or Gabriel Faure. You have to have the ability to be involved with the poetic essence and have an honesty with the material at hand and be familiar with the music and literature. That's what brought me to recital singing. Well-performed music is something not being done by rate. You have to put intention and meaning into what you're singing. You have to make music come alive to people."

Honesty is the reason Chalfant traveled to the Paris Conservatory for private diction coaching and to refine those aspects of his singing that would be detected by a Parisian ear.

"It all goes back to my theme-

cient as possible with the guage and that includes not only French but Italian and German. I have a fascination with French culture but it goes back to maintaining an honesty in my singing," said Chalfant, who also, has a degree in French literature: "When I sing a recital I have to be polished. When we go to another country, we don't expect to ask for the bathroom in English. You have to make ## effort. It involves active listening. That's part of the joy. It's like going to France and Germany with these three or four poems. The more they travel, the richer the experience. By exploring something different, you learn humanity is all the same! Listening to a love song in German 🚒 English, It's all about a boy and girl finding each other and falling in love"

In the future, let's remember artists who tell our story



the many who received the gift of a millennium time capsule over the holidays? If so, it's likely storing a fruitcake or some other item that you haven't figured out what to do with yet.

Are you one of

The intent, of course, is to

gather items that reflect your family experience at the turn of the century. The hitch is that if the item is practical, you're still using it and probably don't wish to tuck it away now. If trendy, you don't consider it significant enough to be preserved. I'm not sure I want to saddle my ancestors with the responsibility of trying to figure out Pokemon when I don't understand the craze myself.

As we face the challenge of assembling our personal or family history, we realize the innate flaws of any chronicle of people. culture, and events. George

Washington and Abraham Lincoln will be remembered this month, but we aren't getting the full story unless we gain a perspective of the people and issues of their times. Imagine the obstacles in developing an accurate history of African Ameri-

Against the backdrop of centuries of oppression and poverty, we wonder how many stories of achievement and courage have not been told,

The whole story

Walter Allen Bailey has devoted much of his life to research of the black experience, from the pre-Revolutionary War period to the present. Although the depth of his studies could fill many textbooks, it is the power of Bailey's art that effectively tells the whole story.

On the next edition of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS series, to be aired 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, producer Alex Kimbrough takes viewers to the African Heritage Cultural Center and Museum, where Bailey's permanent exhibit of thirty

murals depict the experiences of African Americans through the

His work, entitled "The Whole Story: A Teaching, Learning Concept of African American History," consists of the collection of his art and is accompanied by text. It is emerging as an imaginative and engrossing educational tool, with over one hundred schools throughout the Detroit area and the nation using it as a curriculum supplement.

The challenge of gaining historical perspective is to reach beyond the biographical. George Washington and Abraham Lincoin reflect just a snapshot of our young nation. A generation ago,

much of our studies during Black History Month involved the noteworthy achievements of men such as George Washington Carver and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The research, talent and passion of Walter Allen Bailey is now making the whole story available, not just for students.

A Detroit area turn-of-the-century time capsule might include corporate headquarters, a new stadium of two, and even a casi-

Let's make sure it also makes space for the work of Walter Bailey and other artists who vividly tell our story.

DINING EVENTS

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items for consideration in the Entertainment section 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.

Chinese New Year Celebration — Monday-Wednesday. Feb. 7-9 at New Peking Chinese Restaurant, in Garden City.

New Peking will have a dancing dragon the first night of celebration. Entertainment also features fan dancing.

The 12-course new year dinner features seafood; meat and vegetables.

New Peking is at 29105 Ford Road, Garden City. Call (734) 425-2230 for reservations and information about the Chinese New Year feast.

■ A Taste of France Feast -7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 10-11 at Morels, A Michigan Bistro, 30100 Telegraph, just north of 12 Mile Road, Bingham Farms. The cost is \$45 per person, plus tax and gratuity.

Call (248) 642-1094, Ext. 3 for reservations.

TRC Corporate Chef Jim Barnett celebrates Valentine's Day with a menu of authentic French favorites and an array of French wines hand-selected by URC Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon.

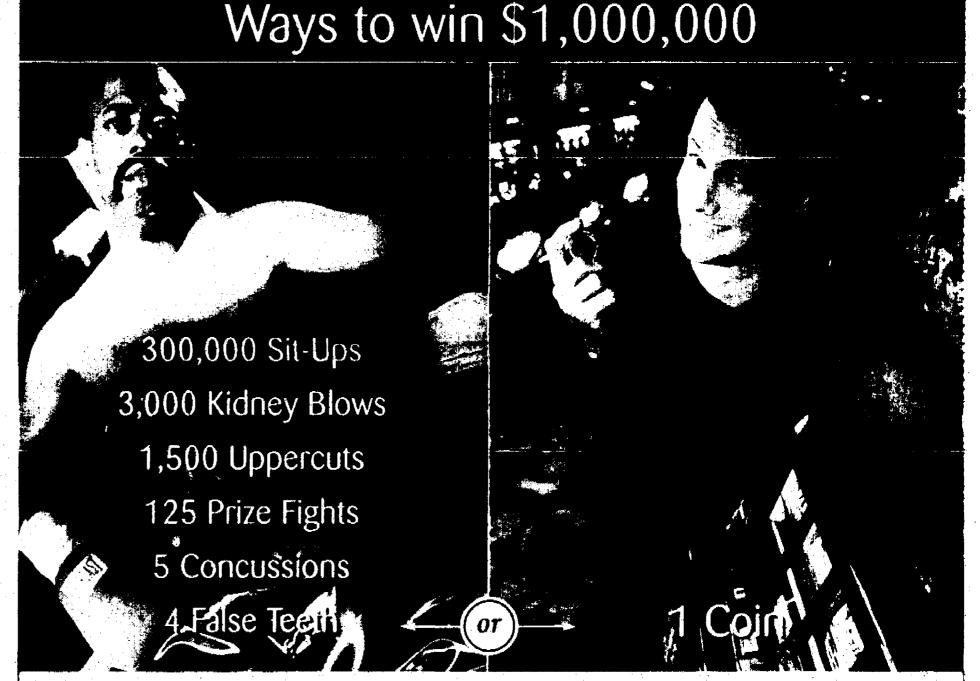
■ Valentine's Day Dinner Dance - Saturday, Feb. 12. Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College in Liverin. The evening begins 7 p.m. with dinner tomato bisque, salad, rock Cornish game hen, twice baked sweet potato and asparagus, and Bavarian applé cheeseçake for dessert. Then dance the night away to the music of Johnny Trudell. Tickets are \$37.50 per person, call (734) 462-4417 for reservations.

■ Old Country Buffet = is offering a free lunch or dinner to couples who have been 50 years or more on Monday, Feb. 14. Bring your marriage license to redeem your free meal. You can also pose with your loved one for a free photo, which can be picked up later.

Visit Old Country Buffet in Canton Township at 5854 N. Sheldon Road, (734)-207-8737 or in Westland at 6539 N. Wayne Road, (734) 595-8201

Mardi Gras Brewers Dinner — 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 at Bonfire Bistro & Brewery, 39550 Seven Mile Road, Northville The cost is \$50 per person, all tables reserved, call (734) 735-4570. Chef David Platzer and brewer

Ron Jeffries are teaming up to present a five course meal and a pre-selected beer per course. The entree is Rotisserie Cornish Game Hen served with andouille sausage and crawfish corn bread stuffing over red and yellow pepper coulis



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WSU HILBERRY: "Some Americans" Abroad," through Saturday, Feb. 5: "Breaking the Code" opens Thursday, Feb. 11, at the theater, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: Present comedian Norm Stulz with master of ceremonies Jesse James Lundy, 8 p.m. Friday Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the theater, Clarkston, \$12. (248) 625-8811

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, Feb. 11-12, 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 13 and 20, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. \$12; 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 performance is a benefit for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, tickets are \$50 and includes a theme dinner after the show. (248) 553-2955

MT. ZION THEATRE: "The Celestial Helix and Other One-Act Plays," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 4-5 and 11-12, interpretation for the deaf Feb. 4, at the Mt. Zion Center for the Performing Arts, Waterford. \$8 advance, \$10 at door, \$7 students/seniors/groups of 20 or more. (248) 673-5432

MORRISCO ART THEATRE: "The Lady's Not for Burning," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 3-5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, \$15, \$12 students/seniors. (734) 996-2549 PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: "A Soldier's Play opens 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 (\$10) and continues through Sunday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 6 p.m. Sundays, at Detroit's Holistic Development Center, \$15-\$18. (313) 872-0279

STAGECRAFTERS: "Cinderella." through Feb. 6, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays (except Thursday, Feb. 3), and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak, \$14-\$16. (248) 541-64**3**0 VILLAGE PLAYERS OF

BIRMINGHAM: "Oliver," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the theater, Birmingham. \$14. \$12 students under 18 and under. (248) 644-2075

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

LITTLE PEOPLE PLAYERS: "The Frog Prince, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 45 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$10, \$8 advance. (248) 347-0440 MOSAIC YOUTH THEATRE: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 and 11-12, at Planet Ant Theatre. Hamtramck, \$10, (313) 365-4948

SPECIAL EVENTS

BOAT, SPORT & FISHING SHOW: 3-

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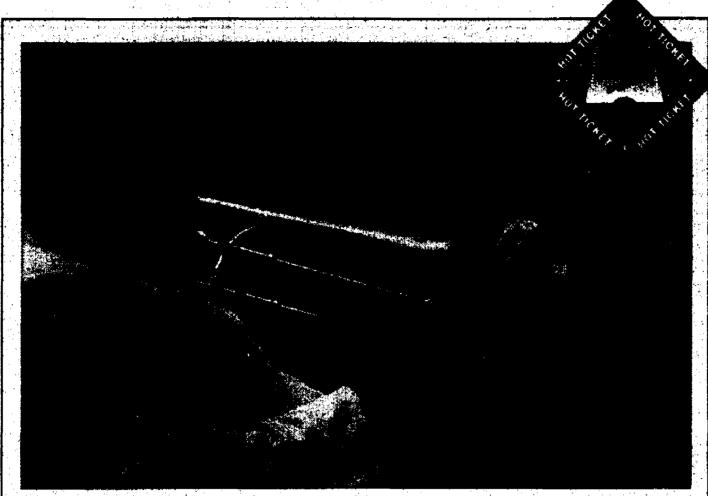
a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m. to 9;30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Pontiac Silverdome, \$7, \$3 children. www.ShowSpan.com DADDY DAUGHTER DINNER/DANCE: Dance 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 (\$6), dinner 5:30 p.m. (\$7), at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, Feb. 2 (248) 354-9803 DAVID COPPERFIELD: Journey of a Lifetime" Tickets on sale now for 24-26. Fox Theatre, Detroft.

five megical performances. Merch \$27,80\$45, Call (248) 645-6666 HE PERSON LINE SYMMONY: Greater Oriona Performing Arts Council presents The Four Freshmen with the Rochester Symphony, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, Lake Orion Performing Ata Denter, Tickets \$14, (240) 693-6436 P.O. Trunkday Friday, Peb. 3-4, 10 Am 18 10 p.m. Seturday, Feb. 5. with T p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, ot the Novi State Center, \$6.50, \$4.50 per 1992 43.50 agus 6-12. (246) Ben arabitud sparen makel Ball Paradiagnas misiónis LO e.M. to 5:p.m. Seturday.

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Jazz: Wycliffe Gordon and other members of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Sextet will perform music ranging from Ellington to Monk and Jelly Roll Morton 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. \$18-\$36 for the Feb. 4 concert; \$20 adults, \$10 children for the family performance on Feb. 5. Call (734) 764-2538 or visit the Web site at www.ums.org

Center at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Grosse Pointe Shores. \$6. Preview Party 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 to benefit the visually impaired. (313) 824-4710

WALLED LAKE ICE FESTIVAL: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5. until 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, on the grounds of the Walled Lake Community Education Building. (248) 926-9004

WESTLAND WINTERFEST: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, activities begin at noon, fireman breakfast, concert by Harpbeat, Mask Puppet Theater, magician juggler Ben Spritzer, and arts and crafts.

VALENTINE'S DAY

DINNER DANCE: Featuring the Farmington Community Band, Friday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. buffet dinner followed by dancing until midnight, at Glen Oaks Country Club, Farmington Hills. \$40, (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: And guest conductor Jerzy Semkow perform symphonies by Mozart and Bruckner, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3. 10:45 a.m. Frodau. Feb/ 4 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at Orchestra Hall. \$14-\$50. (313) 576-5111

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Deja'Vu- I Love You," 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium. \$10. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-

REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Hilbert Junior High School, Redford, Free. SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY **ORCHESTRA:** Concert featuring classical compositions by African-American composers, and the Brazeal Dennard Chorale, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, Southfield Centre for the Auts. \$12, \$9 students/seniors. (248) 557-2085 NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Concert singer Erik Chalfant, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb, 6 at the church in Farmington Hills. Light reception precedes concert

POPS/SWING

at 2:15 p.m. (248) 476-8860

MUSICAL REUNION: Tom Saunders' Surfside Six and Eric Mannering's Imperial Jazz Band, 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Monaghan K of C Hall, Livonia. \$10 advance, \$12 at door. (248) 476-2674/(248) 476-8383

JIM FARAVANTES & COMPANY: "Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Fridays-Saturdays through November, at Andiamo Italia West, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

ALTUNO SMELTON: The musical impressionist sings."A Motown Tribute." voices include Stevie Worder, Semmie Devis, Jr., Redd Fox and Net King Cole, 9.p.m. Fridays-Seturdays, at the Pontehertrein Motel, Detroit. No. cover (313) 965-0200/(248) 354 1194

AUDITIONS

Auditions for West 1988 1987 5-10 | 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, et p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 and 1-5 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 12-13, at the theater, Grosse Pointe. For performances May 4-20. (248) 594-9673/(313) 884-0196 or

www.got.org

JAZZ & SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE: Auditions 3 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 5 and 12, and 11 a.m. Sundays, Feb. 6 and 13, at the Northwest Activities Center, Detroit. (313) 862-0966

SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION: The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail CoufLinks@adl.com

STAGECRAFTERS: Youth auditions for "The King & I." noon Saturday, Feb. 5 (registration begins at 11 a.m.), at the Baldwin Theatre. Royal Oak, For performances May 12-14, 18-21, and 25-31 and June 2-4. (248) 541-4832

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD: Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors; and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford. VOCAL COMPETITION: Verdi Opera

Theatre of Michigan is looking for entrants for its sixth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students, finalists will be selected from cassette audiotape auditions of each contestants singing submitted through their respective high schools, deadline for entry is Saturday, Feb. 19. Each of the 10 finalists perform before a live audience at a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the Italian-American Cultural Center in Warren, (734) 455-8895

CHORAL

MEASURE FOR MEASURE: Presents a concert 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at First United Methodist Church, Plymouth. \$8. \$5 students/seniors, and will be available at the door 30 minutes before the concert. For advanced ticket sales or more information about this concert or other concerts in the Noteworthy Concert Series, call (734) 453-5280

JAZZ

TODD CURTIS: Thursdays, at Elie's, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420 MAYNARD FERGUSON: And his 10place band Big Bop Nouveau perform as part of Detroit Symphony Orchestra's jazz series 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Orchestra Hell, Detroit. \$16-\$62. (313) 576-5111

CEN JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9600 MON K. TRIG: 8 p.m. Fridays

Saturdays, at Big Fish, Dearborn. (313) 336-6350 MATT MICHAELS TRIQ: With trumpeter BRI Lucas 8 p.m. Wednesday, FOO, \$4, WITH YOCKIST BAIDARS WATE

cover. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. (734) 762-7756 ROBERT PENN: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 and 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at Edison's, Birmingham, No cover. (248) 645-2150 STRAIGHT AHEAD:

7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, Livonia, Free. (734) 432-5541

JANET TENAL TRIO: Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, Southfield. (248) 351-2925 PAUL VENTIMIGLIA: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at Edison's, Birmingham, No cover. (248) 645-

2150 ED WELLS: The planist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 963-9800

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

WILL DANFORTH: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Green Wood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-

LONESOME AND BLUE: Perform as part of Folk Vespers 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550 THE MOLLYS: Play a mix of Irish, Mexican and American folk music, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666/(734) 761-145

MUSTARD'S RETREAT: 8 p.m. Saturday, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666/(734) 761-1451 JACKIE ROUSH: The punk-folk artist performs 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Coffee Studio, Plymouth, Free. www.lackieRoush.com

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

THE MACGUFFIN: An Open House to learn more about The MacGuffin literary journal, 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, in room 200 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, Livonia: (734) 462-4400, ext. 5292 or e-mail at alindenb@schoolcraft.cc.mi.us POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN: Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library. (734) 762-7586

DANCE

BALLROOM DANCING: 9 p.m. Saturdays, at the Dance Scene, Centerline: \$6. Also swing and Latin classes, (810) 757-6300 ING BAND DANCING: 8-11 p.m. every Friday, free dance lesson 7-8 p.m., at The Amber House. Warren. \$5. (810) 754-3434 CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. (7 p.m. waltzes) Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Pittsfleid Grange, Ann Arbor. \$7 (734) 665-7704 **DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE: 7:30** p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at the Ann Arbor Art Center, in contunction with "Collective Memories" art Ron's Fireside Inn. Garden City. \$5 exhibit which runs to Feb. 19.

(734) 994-8004, ext. 101 **GENDER FREE CONTRA DANCE: 8** p.m. (7 p.m. waltzes) Sunday. Feb. 6, at the Pittsfield Grange. Ann Arbor, \$6, \$5 students. (734) 975-2312 HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE:

Language and zither lessons. (248) 352-0927/(734) 946-6261 LORD OF THE DANCE: Tuesday-Sunday, Feb. 8-13, at the Fox Theatre, \$10-\$60, (248) 433-1515/(248) 645-6666

MACOMB BALLET COMPANY: "Coppelia," 7:30 p.m.: Friday, Feb. 4, at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$14 advance, \$12 students/seniors advance, \$15 at door, \$13 students/seniors at door. (810) 286-8300

DONALD MCKAYLE: And University of Michigan choreographers featured in U-M Dance Company's concert, "Worldwide Rhythms," Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 3-6, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$14 and \$18. (734) 764-0450

POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF **DEARBORN:** Dance and language classes for ages 3 to adult have begun Saturday mornings at Prince of Peace Church, Dearborn, (313) 581-3181

POLKA BOOSTER CLUB: Dance with music by the Varitones, 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Pvt. John Lyskowa Post, Dearborn Hghts. \$9. (313) 937-1316/(313) 561-8389

STARDUST BALLROOM: Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, Southfield. \$8. (248) 356-5678 **WORKSHOPS ON DANCE** MUSICIANSHIP: 10 a.m and 1 p.m.; (3:30 p.m. band rehearsal) Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Pittsfield

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Grange, Ann Arbor: free. (734) 769-

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Comedy's top cop Ross Amicucci with Mario and Dee Profitt 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the club, Commerce Township, (248) 624-1050

FOX THEATRE: "Comic View All-Star Cornedy Jam," with Sommore, Earthquake, Bruce Bruce, Shucky Ducky and Lester Barrie, 8 p.m. Sat. Feb. 19. Tickets \$27,50-\$35. (248) 645-6666

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights; 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5), (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Kevin Meany, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5; Mary Ellen Hooper Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 10-13, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Phil Perrier Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 3-5; Bob Zany and Tim Rowlands Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 10-12, at the club, Royal Oak, (248) 542-

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS ON MUSEUM: Offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439 **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: First**

Friday activities include the music of Peru, senufo fabric paintings, drawing in the galleries, ceremonial mask carving demo, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at the museum, Detroit. Recommended donation \$4, \$1 children. (313) 833-7900 **DETROIT ZOO: Mosaic Youth** Theatre performs works about amphibians 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theater at the zoo, Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5,50 seniors/students, \$4,50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903 HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE:

Celebrates Black History Month, at the museum., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11,50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Valentine's Dinner Saturday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m. reception and tour of the hall, and 8 p.m. dinner (\$65); tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer. John Dodge and her

second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sundays, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM: "A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit continues through Saturday, Feb. 26, at the museum, 1005 Van Hoosen Road at Van Hoosen Farm, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

U-M MUSEUM OF ART: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, lecture by Marshall Wu, curator of Asian art at the University of Michigan Museum of Art on "The Orchid Pavilion Gathering," a exhibit of 60 Chinese works spanning nearly 900 years continues to Sunday, March 26; Chinese Lantern Festival features hands-on activities and performances to delebrate Chinese art and culture 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the museum. Ann Arbor, Free, but a \$5 donation is suggested. Call (734) 764 0395 or visit the Web site at www.umich.edu/~umma/

LIVE MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS: 9 p.m. Friday. Feb. 4, Ford Road Bar and Grift. Westland, Free, 21 and over (blues).

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. friday, Feb. 4. Borders Books and Music, Utica. (810) 726-8555; 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Espresso Royale, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-2770; 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Borders Books and Music, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-7652; 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Coffee Beanery, Royal Oak. (248) 543-6653; 8 p.m. Friday, March 3. Borders Books and Music, Novi. (248) 347-0780.

MARC ANTHONY: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, State Theatre, Detroit, All ages, Ticket price to be announced.

FIONA APPLE: 7:30 p.m. showtime. Friday, March 10, State Theatre. Detroit, All ages. Ticket price to be announced, (248) 645-6666. APPOLLO FOUR FORTY: 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit, All ages, \$8.50 advance/ \$10 day of show. (248) 645-6666. ASTRAL PROJECT: 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17 18. Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$15

advance. (734) 662-8310. ANTHONY B: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Majestic Theatre, Detroit, \$15 advance, 18 and over, (313) 833-9700 (roots reggae)

THE BACON BROTHERS: Starring Kevin and Michael Bacon, with Jeffrey Saines, 8 p.m. Wednesday. Feb. 23, Royal Oak Music Theatre. Royal Oak, \$20, (248) 645-6666.

BECK: 7:30 Thursday, Feb. 3, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor: All ages. \$22.50. Call. (248) 645-6666 or

(734) 763-TKTS.

BENNY AND THE JETS: Tuesdays with Karaoke Cowboy Robert Murphy, Reiser's Keyboard Lounge. Westland, www.bennyandthe jets.com **BLACK OCEAN DROWNING:**

Featuring Dead By 28 and Degenerative Velocity, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Shelter. Detroit, All ages, \$7, (248) 645-BLACK SHEEP: Featuring Das Efx.

Mountain Climbaz, 8 p.m. Thursday. Feb. 24, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance/ \$18 day of show. (248) 645-6666. **BLUE FLOYD:** With members of Gov't Mule and Black Crowes: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, Majestic Theatre, Detroit, \$20 advance. (313) 833-9700. (bluesy Pink Floyd covers)

BLUE RAYS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann. Arbor, Free. 21 and over. (734). 213-1393,

BRANDED: With PT's Revenge and Sugar Pill, 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, Cross Street Station, Yosilanti \$5, 18 and over, (734) 485-5050; 10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, Blind Pig. Ann Arbor. No cover, 19 and

over. (734) 996-8555. THE BROTHERS CREEGAN: Features current and former mem

bers of Barenaked Ladles, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 7th House. Pontiac. All ages, \$10, (248) 645.

BROTHERSIGROOVE: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth, (734) 455-8450. THE BUSINESS: Featuring Beer Zone, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27. The Shelter, Detroit, \$10 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666 CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL: Featuring Calypso/Soca band Krostyah and

Pans of Joy, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb.

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Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

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5, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak, \$15 includes Caribbean cuisine, Limbo, costumes, steel drum music, (248) 645-6666 SCOTT CAMPBELL: Will host an acoustic open mike jam every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Carbon, Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. Free admission, free parking, 18 and over. (313) 366-9278 or www.scottcampbell.net. CASH MONEY MILLIONAIRES: Featuring Juvenile, The Hot Boys, 'Lil Wayne, B.G. and The Big Tymers, RuffRyders with Eve, DMX, Lox ad Drag-On, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Palace, Auburn Hills. (248) 645-6666.

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND: 9:30 p.m, Thursday, Jan. 27, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450. CHISEL BROTHERS FEATURING CHEF CHRIS: 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over (blues).

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND: Friday Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Beale Street Blues, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900. BRUCE COCKBURN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$26.50. (248) 645-6666.

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COLD AS LIFE: With Turmoil; Haste. Himsa, 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$7 advance. (248) 645-6666.

PAULA COLE: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Clutch Cargo's, Pontiac. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

CARL CRAIG & KENNY LARKIN: With the 4-turntable tag team. 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, Blind Plin. App. Arbor. \$10. (724) 906

Pig. Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com ROBERT CRENSHAW: 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300 THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT. CUBANISMO: 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25

advance. (248) 645-6666.

LISA CUNNINGHAM: 9 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 10, Oxford Inn
Tavern, Novi. Free Thursday. \$5
Friday and Saturday performances.
21 and older. (248) 305-5856.

DEEP CUT: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday
Feb. 4-5, Wayne Brewery, Wayne.
(734) 722-7639 (classic rock)
DENNIS CYPORYN: 8 p.m. Friday.

Feb. 18, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills, Free, All ages, (248) 335-5089 (bluegrass)

DJ SKRIBBLE: Will host "Global Beach Party" Friday, Feb. 4*Pat La Boom teen nightclub, Walled Lake.

Boom teen nightclub, Walled Lake. (248) 962-1000.

THE DONNAS: With The Snugglers.

The Plus-Ones, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8 advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700 DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030. DREAM THEATER: With Dixie Dregs, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$26.75 advance. (248)

645-6666.

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO: 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 6. Blind Pig. Ann
Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or
www.blindpigmusic.com; 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 16, Karl's Cabin,
Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

FAT WRECK CHORDS TOUR: With

FAT WRECK CHORDS TOUR: With No Use For A Name, Mad Caddies, Frenzal Bomb, Consumed, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac, \$10 advance, \$12 day of show, All ages, (313):961 MELT.

FEMI KUTI; 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit, All ages. \$13 advance/\$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666.

THE FLATLANDERS: Featuring Joe Ely, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Butch Hancock, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, The Ark, Ann Arbor, \$20 advance.: (248) 645-6666.

THE FLOW: Smokestack and Blissfield, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Blind Pig, Ann Arboi. \$5 (734) 996-8555 or

Feb. 25, Borders Books and Music Auburn Hills, Free, Alfrages, (248) 335-5013 (folk)

THE FROGS: With The Witches 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Magic Stick Detroit, \$9 advance, 18 and over (313) 833-9700

FUNKTELLIGENCE CD RELEASE PARTY: With An That 19130 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Blind Pig. Ann Arbor \$51 (734) 996 8555 or www.blind

ORAYLING: CD Release Party with Cromwell and The Lanterbuck 8 p.m. Saturday Feb. 12 The Shelter Defined Alliages \$5 - 313

) 961-MELT.

GRUESOMES: With Soot and the Sex Machines, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

COREY HARRIS: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12 advance. (248) 645-6666.

ROY HAMILTON JR. & THE GOLDEN BOYS: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues). WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK: With Big Barn Combo and Driftweed, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12.50 cover. (313) 833-9700.

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS: 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, The Cavern Club. Ann Arbor. (734) 332-

9900.

MICHAEL HILL'S BLUES MOB: 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Sisko's, Taylor. (313) 278-5340.

HOT WATER MUSIC: With Elliot and Inside Five Minutes, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 1. The Shelter,

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H20: With Saves the Day and Kill Your Idols, 6 p.m. Friday, March 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit, \$10 advance/ \$12 day of show. (248)

Detroit, All ages, \$8. (248) 645-

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IMPACT 7: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. Free on Thursday, \$5 cover on Friday, and Saturday, 21 and over. (248)

305-5856.

ALAN JACKSON: With Lonestar, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5. The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$32.50 and \$25.50. (248) 645-6666.

THE JAZZ BUTCHER: Featuring Pat Fish, Max Eider, Kevin Haskins and Owne Jones, 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, Magic Stick, Detroit, 18 and over, \$12, (248) 645-6666 or (313) 833-9700.

THE JAZZ MANDOLIN BAND: Featuring Jamie Masefield and Jon Fishman, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17 7th House, Pontiac. \$15, (248) 645,666

645-6666.

JILL JACK BAND: With Give.

Tripper: 8 p.m. Saturday. Feb. 5.

Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6 cover.

JOCELYN 5: 10 p.m. FridaySaturday, Feb. 4-5, Oxford Inn
Tavern, Novi. \$5, 21 and older.

(248) 305-5856.

JO NAB: 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

THE JUDDS: With Jo Dee Messina, 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 18-19. The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale for \$65, \$32.50 and \$25. Group discount available for March 19. Call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 371-2055 for group tickets.

Taylor, Gerald Albright, Marion Meadows and Kim Waters, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$36.50 (248) 645-6666.

K-CI AND JOJO: With Ginuwine, Donell Jones and Ideal, 8 p.m. Sunday Feb. 20. Fox Theatre, Detroit, \$35 and \$27.50. (248)

645-6666... KINA: 7 p.m. Friday, March 10. The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. Free.

www.961melt.com KINSEY REPORT: 10 p.m. Saturday: feb. 26, Sisko's, Taylor. (313) 278-5340 (blues-funk)

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'Angela's Ashes' evokes spirit of McCourt's best-seller

BY MARY McDonough STAFF WRITER

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Within the pages of Frank McCourt's immensely popular memoir, "Angela's Ashes," emanates the musty dampness, smell of stale whiskey and scent of lukewarm tea, which never quite chases away the ever-present chill of the poverty of mid 20th-century Ireland.

In tone, the film version of McCourt's Pulitzer Prize-winning coming-of-age story brings the book to life. The film was released in local theaters on Fri-

The lanes of Limerick and

McCourt's father Malachy, a Protestant from the north with "the odd manner," are evoked with great detail from the bestselling book. The film, however, offers a somewhat sanitized depiction of the day-to-day torment of the life in the lane.

"Angela's Ashes" is hardly a film about the triumph of the human spirit. As the opening narration points out, the triumph of the story is that young McCourt survived his childhood

Immediately, we are introduced to the hunger and sorrow that is a way of life for the McCourt family with the death of the newborn baby Margaret. The death of the second McCourt child, shortly thereafter, sends Malachy to the pub for consolation, where Frank finds him using his brother's coffin as a table to rest his pint upon.

As Frank struggles to survive illness, the depths of poverty and the tyranny of the Catholic Church, embodied by his everholy grandmother, we are left to hope, "Will it ever get better for this family?"

It doesn't.

There is no Hollywood happy ending, no lesson learned, no joy in Frank's eventual escape from the chains of poverty. But true to the memoir, the film is dark and haunting with bits of comic relief mostly centered around the



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church's rules and rituals.

Missing from the film is the literary description of the slices of life that seduce readers into thinking in the same lyrical tones as the Catholic wives "tsk,tsk-ing" by the fire. Also absent in the film is the genuine and hilarious bewilderment of the rules of the church, as interpreted by a child.

"Jesus is in my backyard," cries Frank's grandmother, after Frank vomits up his First Communion breakfast. She promptly takes him to confession twice once to confess vomiting up the body of Christ and a second time to ask whether it should be washed away with regular or holy water.

As he grows up, ambivalent

father, despite the fact that "the drink" leaves him unable to keep a job and unable to feed his family. Frank seems determined to keep his faith, unlike his martyred mother, Angela:

In one scene, she complains to her husband about the lack of opportunities for the Irish working class, saying that God hasn't been seen lately in the lanes of Limerick. When Malachy reminds her that she could go to hell for saying something like that, she replies, "what if we are already there?"

"Angela's Ashes" is worth watching for those who enjoyed the book and anyone of the Irish, particularly the Irish Catholic persuasion. They will identify with the family bonding ritual of young Frank comes to idolize his telling embellished stories 'round

the fireplace and the wait for imminent doom after impure thought or deed. Many will identify with the culture of alcoholism, the proud but guilty hard-drinking man, and the nervous, scornful woman it makes of many Irish husbands and wives.

Non-Irish folk may leave the film thankful for the comfort of their lives.

CLARIFICATION

Topay-Turvy is a film by a film by Mike Leigh. It was incorrectly reported in the Jan. 27 edition of Entertainment that it was a film by Mike Lynch.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 4

Black comedy starring Liam Neeson, Sandra Bullock, Oliver Platt, and Andy Lauer follows Neeson who plays a DEA agent trying to solve one last case. before retirement.

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 Superbowl of hairstyling competition, he finds that luck, charm, guts and a really good hairdryer are the keys to success. Stars Craig Ferguson, Frances Fisher and David Rasche.

The final chapter of the "Scream" trilogy, brings back the original cast of characters from the films that changed the way viewers thought about modern horror flicks. Stars Neve Campbell, Courtney Cox Arquette, David Arquette, Jenny McCarthy and Parker Posey.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 11

THE BEACH A young American sets off on an exotic adventure in Thailand, only to discover that the modern-day paradise hides some disturbing secrets. Stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert Carlyle.

THE WHOLE NIME YARDS

Nicholas "Öz" Oseransky is a nice dentist living in suburban Montreal. His new neighbor Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski is a hit man in hiding. Oz and Jimmy find themselves with something in common, someone's trying to kill them. Stars Matthew Perry, Bruce Willis and Rosanna Arquette.

Reretease In this restored version of Alfred Hitchcock's 1954 thriller starring

REAR WHIDOW

James Stewart and Grace Kelly, Stewart becomes obsessed that he may have witnessed a murder. SHOW MAY Chevy Chase, Chris Elliot, Pam Grier and leay Pop star in this family comedy about possibilities, friendship and young

love. A loveslok teenager declares his

affection for the girl of his dreams, a

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THE THOUSE MOVIE When no one wants to play with him, Tigger goes on a quest to find his family so he can be with other tiggers, only to discover that Winnie and the gang are

THE BIG TEADS

Comedy set in the world of celebrity heirdressing. A young, insipid, gay Scottish hairdresser represents the hopes of his small town when he travels to Los Angeles for the Superbowl of hair styling

Exotic adventure: From left, Francoise (Virginie Ledoyen), Richard (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Etienne (Guillaume Canet) ponder the distance they must swim to reach the secret island paradise known as "the beach" in "The Beach" scheduled to open Friday, Feb.

competitions. On his arrival, he learns that luck, charm, guts and arreally good hairdryer are the keys to making his dreams come true. Stars Craig Fergu-

11, at metro Detroit movie theaters.

HOLY SMOKE

A young woman is "rescued" from an Indian Guru by her concerned family, and turns her follow-up encounters with a deprogrammer into an all out battle of the sexes. Stars Katë Winslet, Harvey Keitel and Pam Grier.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 18 DIAMONDS

A retired prize fighter embarks on a journey with his son and guindson to search for 13 long-lost diamonds. Stars Kirk Douglas, Lauren Bacall and Dan Ack-

Kung Fulmeets hip hop on the seedy

waterfront of Oakland California, when a

shaky truce between Asian and African American crime gengs disintegrate. Stars Jet Li and Delroy Lindo

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THE WHOLE NINE YARDS Nicholas "Oz" Oseranksy is a nice den tist living in suburban Montreal. His new neighbor. Jimmy "The Tulip"-Tudeski is a hit man in hiding. Oz and Jimmy find. themselves with something in common. someone's trying to kill them and they have to find a way to work together to avoid untimely ends. Stars Matthew Perry, Brüce Willis, Rosenna Arquetta.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 25.

HEIMBEER GAMES A newly-released convict sets out to start, a new life when he finds himself against a team of criminals who believe he has information on a job they're planning. Stars Ben Affleck, Gary Sinise and

SIMPATICO

Psychological thriller takes place in the fast-paced world of thoroughbred horse racing. Three friends hatch a plan to execute the ultimate score. But the plan goes awry when two of them run off with their take. Partners in crime, the three find themselves bound by a secret and yet divided by a betrayal of the heart. Stars Sharon Stone, Jeff

Bridges and Nick Nolte. WONDER BOYS

Film adaptation of the Michael Chabon novel stars Michael Douglas, Tobey Maguiré, Francis McDormand and Ratie Holmes, Douglas plays English professor, and award-winning novelist Grady fripp who is struggling with problems caused by a stolen car, a dead dog and an unfinished 2,600-page novel.

Scheduled to open Friday, March 3.

Contemporary drama of a single mother and her 12-year-old daughter who embark on a journey of self-discovery Stars Janet McTeer and Kimberly Brown

Scheduled to open Friday, March 22 ROMBO MUST SHE

Action thriller in which Kung Fu and hip hop meet on the seedy waterfront of Oakland, Calif. when a shaky fruce. between Asian and African American crime gangs disintégrates: Stars les li Aaliya, Russell Wong, and Isaiah Wash ington.

The Push Stars bring sparkle back to 7th House

STEPHAME A. CASOLA music.

For anything that Chris Trapper can't conjure up images of in his mind, he has songs. For all he's dreamt about while gazing out of his window, he has

The singersongwriter and guitarist of Boston-based trio, the Push Stars, writes expressive lyrics and music draped in vivid imagery. Complemented by the creativity of Ryan MacMillan on drums and Dan McLoughlin on bass and keyboards, the Push Stars are beaming with praise of music industry moguls, critics and fans alike.

Countless references to "the next big thing" were tossed around three years before their Capitol Records debut, "After the Party," was released last May. And the album, produced by Jack Joseph Puig (The Verve Pipe) and Gavin MacKillop (Toad the Wet Sprocket), has already generated two distinct singles: "Any Little Town," and "Drunk is Better Than Dead."

Everything truly seems to be shining for this band.

Despite nearly non-stop touring for eight months. Trapper had a few days off when he called from his Boston home on the evening of Monday, Jan. 24. just before the band's return to Pontiac's 7th House. The Push Stars headlined a show there "I'm an escapist at heart. All people are. All people wish they could be richer ... making the most of their daily life and personal relation-

> Chris Trapper Push Stars

last November. "It was a casual night as I recall," said Trapper. "I had no idea what to expect. People actually came out."

Those humble words come from a man whose music has matriculated from the dressing rooms of Gap stores, to George Clooney's final episode of "ER" on prime time television, to the mega-successful film "There's Something About Mary."

Perhaps the Push Stars sound finds its way into popular culture so easily because it speaks to the common person. But it does so with a certain elegance. Lyrics like "So smash all your mirrors/And look into me/Cause you're the most beautiful thing/I'll never see" ("Too Much Pride") reveal the delicate beauty in the band's music.

To think it all started in Trapper's New York home. He began writing songs at age 14. His brother taught him how to play the "Batman" theme song on his sister's acoustic, which she hardly played. He was first inspired to write his own song after being picked on in school. Many songs and a college degree later, Trapper moved to Boston seeking

stardom with another band. "There was a big scene. We crumbled very quickly."

So he took a job at a hotel, but continued to write songs sometimes on wine boxes in the storage room of the hotel. With the encouragement of his parents, Trapper decided to give music one more shot and began performing at coffee houses, open mike nights and poetry readings. At one of those gigs, he met MacMillan All it took was one promise from the drummer -"If I play with you, I'll get you a major label (deal) in two weeks" and they were a team.

Enter Dan McLoughlin, whom Trapper met through a college friend. McLoughlin worked at Dreamland Studio and agreed to fill in on bass for a few songs on a recording. The result came to' be known as the Push Stars

The name itself alludes to the bandmates' perseverance in pushing to attain their dream. While Trapper said he feels they are three "nice guys in a cut-throat business." The Push Stars music reflects his sentiment of "choosing a dream and dreaming about where its going."



Stellar: Chris Trapper, Dan McLoughlin and Ryan MacMillan are pushing for the

Most songs on "After the Party" were written before Trapper had ever toured, written while sitting in his room fantasizing about the lives of different people. "I'm an escapist at heart," he mentioned. "All people are. All people wish they could be richer ... making the most of their daily life and personal relationships.

"Every song captures a major realization, a point in my life" he added. A writer, he said, is someone who "sits in the corner and watches the party go on "After the Party" flaunts that polished insight with evocative style.

That sensitive, story like songwriting deserves to be showcased on stage, where the band emanates an approachable style something like watching your friends perform. And what a stellar performance it will be.

Listen for The Push Stars single "Drunk is Better Than Dead." during the opening credits of

"Gun Shy," a film starring Sandra Bullock opening Friday.

Catch them shine as they open for The Samples 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 7th House, Pontiac, 18 and older, \$15. (248) 645-6666. Check out www.pushstars.com.

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Reel Big Fish has a real big announcement, the band is rereleasing "Everything Sucks." the first hard-to-find recording. The album was originally released independently in May 1995. The re-released version includes two "lost" recordings **"Superhero #5**" and "I'm Her Man." This should satisfy Reel

Calling all metal-heads: Hip-O Big Fish fans until they begin the follow-up to the 1998 release "Why Do They Rock So Hard."

> Just in time for Valentine's Day Hip-O Records has released "Heart of Soul: Classics" with songs like Montell 'Jordan's "Let's Chill," Brian McKnight Your Love's Supreme," and Boyz II Men's "50 Candles." Grab a copy, light some candles and find out what it means to be romanced on the most lovable holiday of the year:

Moonshine Music has a lot to talk about these days. The label will release progressive trance albums for DJ Micro and Christopher Lawrence. DJ Dara and Dieselboy will release new drum n' bass CDs. And DJ Dan is set to give fans a follow-up CD titled "Another Late Night in March. For more about Moonshine check their site at www. moonshine. com-

Online film, music festival online chats during the event. Kevin Foxe, Producer, "The

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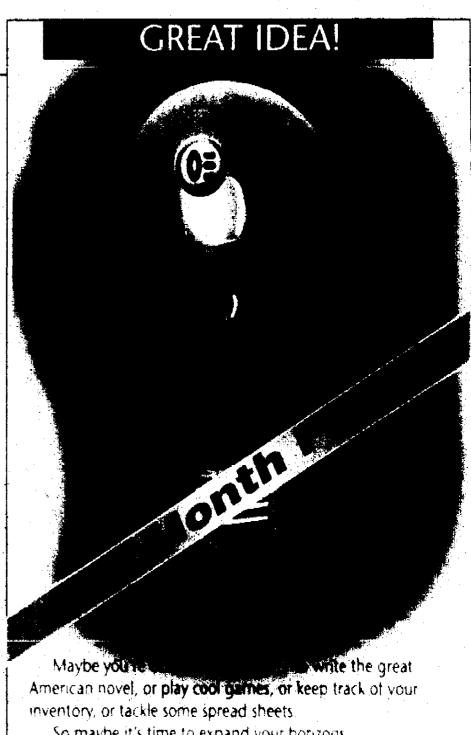
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oses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet ... but Unot as sweet as dining with you!

We've spared no expense (yours) to find the most romantic, fine-dining spots in town to wine and woo your favorite Valentine. If the atmosphere doesn't seduce you, the food will. All you have to do is make reservations quicker than a heartbeat.

■ Cafe Bon Homme - 844 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 453-6260. Cost: Four-course prefixed dinner, \$45 per person. Dinner hour: Begins 5 p.m. (last reservation 9 p.m.)

Owner Greg Goodman promises to "pull out all the stops" for Valentine couples dining in his comfortably elegant little restaurant, which he describes as a "chic, upscale, Left Bank bistro."

Goodman doesn't know all the delights Chef Jeff Condit will prepare for the Valentine Day weekend, but they will have a French influence with lots of "shoot-from-the-hip" American imagination. Dessert will defihitely be chocolate enough to cause heart palpitations.

■ Cafe Cortina, 30715, W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-3033. Cost: About \$100, excluding wine. Dinner hour: Begins 5 p.m.

Good cooking is like love, simple yet divine, said Adrian Tonon, who co-owns the restaurant with his mother, Rina.

Since 1976, lovers have wined and dined at Cafe Cortina, especially in the fireplace room. "It's very cozy, warm and welcoming.

There's something in the air that's so romantic," says Tonon.

Tonon suggests starting with an antipasti of bruchetta, a portabella mushroom au poivre, and sliced zucchini with fresh mozzarella and tomato. For pasta, maybe something with fresh tomato, cream and a hint of goat cheese. For the main entree, why not a braised leg of lamb sliced at your table? Dessert, of course, will be choco-

■ Emily's - 505 N. Center, Northville, (248) 349-0505. Cost: Appetizers, \$7-\$18; dinners, \$19-\$35. Dinner hour: Begins 5:30

Small and intimate, Emily's is in a Victorian-style house. There's room for just 50 diners, some of whom will be lucky enough to sit by the fireplace. "We're a romantic restaurant with really, really wonderful French-inspired cuisine," said owner and chef Rick Halberg.

Suggestions: An appetizer of champagne lobster ravioli with butter-poached scallops, an arugula salad with cured fore gras, and an entree of roast duck with vanilla-flavored sweet potatoes. For dessert? A chocolate truffle tart with macadamia praline and a port wine caramel.

■ La Bistecca Italian Grille - 39405 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 254-0400. Cost: About \$100 for two, excluding wine.

Dinner hour: Begins 5 p.m.

The atmosphere is really conducive to a special evening because of the food and our extreme attention to detail and service," said owner Jerry Costanza. La Bistecca specializes in Piedmontese beef, considered by many chefs to be the most

Suggestions: Gamberi con Asparago (a shrimp-and-asparagus appetizer for two) followed by a sampling of homemade ravioli and an entree of fillet mignon, lobster or a surf 'n turf. Dessert must be tiramisu, made from the chef's own heart-throbbing recipe. Top it off with a cappuccino

■ Marco's - 32748 Grand River, downtown Farmington, (248) 477-7777. Cost: Entrees \$15-\$27. Dinner hour: Begins 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Marco's is small, just 20 tables for up to 80 lucky diners. "It's a very romantic place - candlelight, white linen tablecloths and fresh flowers all over the place. It's very intimate, dimly lit, with soft music in the background," says owner and chef Marco

Conte suggests teasing your appetite with pan-sautéed calamari tossed with lemon. Next, try the Fillet a la Gargonzola or Cherry Hazelnut Chicken, a succulent breast sautéed with Michigan dried cherries and a splash of Frangelico. For dessert, it's definitely the heart-shaped creme brulee with fresh straw-

■ MacKinnon's - 126 E. Main, Northville, (248) 348-1991. Cost: \$100 for two. Dinner hour: 5-10 p.m.

For 20 years, the restaurant's brick walls, lace curtains and Tiffany lamps have charmed countless diners. "We are a small, romantic family-owned restaurant in a quaint Victorian town," says owner Tom MacKin-

Suggestions: The appetizer:



Irresistible: Bon Homme chef and owner Greg Goodman (right) and chef de cuisine Jeff Condit present the perfect dinner for two - crown rack of lamb with pistachio crust and golden chanterelle mushroom risotto.

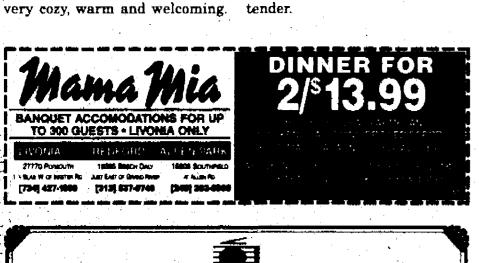
platter for two, which includes crab pasta, French tacos, escargot, the house pate, shrimp cocktail, ovsters and crab-stuffed mushrooms. Next, an entree of rack of lamb with black current sauce. For dessert, there are choices: A towering chocolate mousse with fresh strawberries. chocolate sauce and a chocolate roof or Banana Wellington, a puffed pastry with caramel sauce, walnuts, brown sugar, and

Fonte D'Amore - 32020 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 422-0770. Dinner hour: 4-10 p.m. Cost: \$12-\$25, regular

Could lovers go wrong at a place whose name means "fountain of love"? Impossible, said owner Luciano Delsignore. The setting is dark and soft-colored with cozy booths and a fireplace.

"We kind of theme on romance."

Del Signore suggests a shrimp scampi appetizer, followed by Fillet Marino, a pan-roasted centercut tenderloin with shallots. mushrooms, Marsala, brandy and cream. You might also try a little rigatoni with fresh tomatoes in a basil sauce with fresh mozzarella. For dessert, nothing other than a house-made





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