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## Glenn student arrested again

A John Glenn High School student who made an apology in court in December for stalking his former teacher has been arrested again.

Derek Ingle, 17, was arrested Wednesday for a probation violation after the teacher received a phone call at her Garden City residence earlier the same day, police said.

Ingle didn't make the call, Sgt. Michael Terry said. Rather, he is accused of having a friend call the teacher.

Ingle, a special education student, is accused of violating his probation by contacting the friend. He had been ordered by a judge to stay away from the friend, Terry said.

"He wasn't supposed to have contact with the witness who made the telephone call," Terry said.

. Ingle was arrested at his Wayne home. He is expected to face a felony stalking charge this week, Terry

He had been barred from school property amid allegations that he was stalking the teacher and that he had confronted her at John Glenn.



### AT HOME

Artistic arrangement: A Westland woman turned one room of her senior apartment into three comfortable areas./D6

### **ENTERTAINMENT**

Theater: The cast of "Oliver!" has been working hard to get ready for opening night on Friday. You won't want to miss this musical extravaganza presented by the Plymouth Theatre Guild./E1

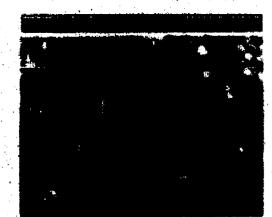
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# Shot teenager expected to live



Police attribute a shooting over the weekend to an accident. They say the 16-year-old boy was shot by his mother during an argument with his father. The mother faces a court hearing to determine whether she should be tried.

By DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER delem@oe.homecomm.net

A shotgun-wielding mother was trying to defuse a father-son argument. over a profane music CD when sheaccidentally shot the boy Friday night, Westland police Lt. Marc Stobbe said.

The son, 16-year-old Aaron Vaughn, survived a single shotgun blast to his right chest and was listed in stable condition at Garden City Hospital.

The mother, 43-year-old Betty Bao-Tsai Vaughn, faces a Feb. 24 court hearing that will determine whether she should stand trial for shooting her son, a Livonia Franklin High School student.

The incident happened at 7:07 p.m. Friday on Mackenzie, a normally quiet

residential street near Ann Arbor Trail and Inkster on the city's northeast

The mother could face two years in iail and a \$2,000 fine if convicted of careless discharge of a firearm resulting in injury. She returned home Saturday after being released on a \$10,000 personal bond.

The boy likely would have died if Westland paramedics hadn't started immediately treating him en route to the hospital, Fire Chief Mark Neal

"He's expected to recover very slowly," Neal said. "At this point, it appears as though he may have lost one lung."

Neighbors described the Vaughns as good neighbors who are "very stable." Stobbe said. "It's really a great family."

A heated argument erupted inside the 16-year-old boy's bedroom after the father, 46-year-old Carlos Vaughn. became angry over a rap music CD that contained profane language. Sto-

"He doesn't like having obscerie CDs in the house," the lieutenant said.

The mother went to another bedroom where the father kept a 12-gauge shotgun under a bed, grabbing the weapon in a miscalculated attempt to defuse

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### Sharing a story



Campaign stop: Laura Welch Bush, wife of Texas Gov, George W. Bush, read "Officer Buckle and Gloria" to Jefferson-Barns Elementary students this past Monday afternoon. Bush is a former teacher and librarian who believes that education is very important. "My husband says: 'Try to read as much at night as you watch television.' "For more on her visit, please see A3.

# Nursing home awaits violation list

By DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

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Despite fears that new state code violations could shut down Nightingale West Nursing Home, the facility has shown a remarkable ability to survive.

A report from watchdog group Citizens For Better Care cited 13 federal violations and 11 state deficiencies in 1993. alone. Consider:

A resident didn't receive mouth care ordered by his doc-

tor for mouth infections. Residents didn't have an opportunity to help plan their

Weak on her right side from a stroke, a resident who returned from a hospital wasn't evaluated for rehabilitation

■ Food habits for nine residents didn't receive the evaluation needed to determine if their nutritional needs were

■ One 91-year-old resident, described as spending most of her time in hed with her head covered, didn't receive the

social work evaluation she needed. Many rooms had five occupants, exceeding four-person

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# Recall wording

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

denied

Recall petition language seeking to oust Westland City Council member Sharon Scott for her role in firing Clerk Patricia Gibbons was rejected Wednesday by the Wayne County Elections Commission.

Upset by the decision, recall organizers vowed they will repeatedly revise the wording until they win the commission's approval to seek voter signa-

Recall organizers need 5,104 signatures of registered Westland voters to call for a recall election against Scott

During a recall hearing Wednesday. morning in Detroit, elections commus-

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# Net access not a worry

At the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, parents are expected to act as filters for children's Internet access.

"Currently, anybody has access," said Sandra Wilson, library director, referring to the library's 10 Internet stations. There are no stations in the Children's Area, but children have access in the main room

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"It's a parent's responsibility to over see use of our collection," Wilson said "The best filter is parent guidance."

Pending legislation could change things at the library, but Wilson has

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# YMCA facility gets a sparkling new appearance

STAFF WRITER

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Kids going to child care at the Wayne-Westland YMCA found a freshly painted facility this week:

Volunteers were cleaning and painting the center's interior over the week-



Oops: Angela Holmes gets her face spattered while painting.

and Christy Nolan, new executive director of the local YMCA, was among

"Last night, we had tecnagers here." said Nolan, taking a break from painting duties Saturday. "We had teens from Westland and Livonia helping out. Everybody's volunteering their

time to help us out." The center's named Mike's House,

after donor Mike Sonk. The paint brushes and rollers were ably handled by staff from YMCAs. including Farmington. Downriver, North Oakland and Huron Valley. Association staffers pitched in as well.

Nolan was anticipating most work being done by Sunday evening, with a couple of weeks for touchup. The work was done to freshen up, "give it a hright new look?

The center was open for business Monday morning. "No service was stopped or interrupted," Nolan said

Saturday's helpers included Carrie Dole, 20, of Livonia The Schoolcraft College student plans to transfer to the University of Michigan and become a dental hygienist

"Sunding, painting, cleaning," Dobsaid of her duties. "Anything Unitold to do I'm doing it

She's a former YMCA staffer who



Team effort: Angela Holmes (left), office manager at the Wayne Westland YMCA, and Dorven Duramletto, executive director at the Downriver YMCA, help point opposite sides of the same wall in the Westland child care center on Saturday.

Next to Dale Was Jenny O'Conner.

grew up going to the Y times Jim 20 of Hartland an Oakland Communic Robins, igner is membership director to College student or elementary edition It's a good thank," said Dube whose continue She's working for the YMCA piece goes to the center "lib defeately", temporarily as her golf course tables recognisms. A trained to take the latter office

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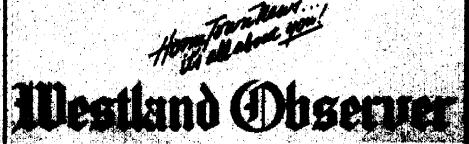
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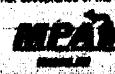
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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185-2298, on February 23. 2000 at 10:00 a.m. (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

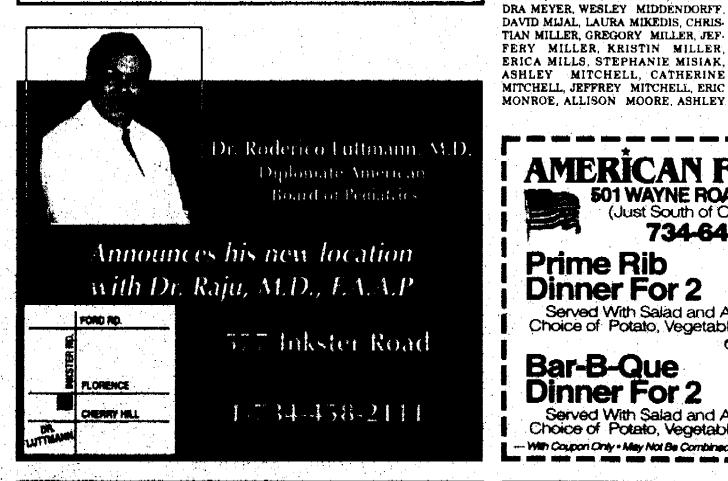
### Calcium Chloride Dust Control Contract

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids

> JILL B. THOMAS **Purchasing Agent** City of Westland

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Bid Item: 463-022300 Publish, February 17, 2000



### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

Case #2037, Public Hearing for Proposed Vacation of 20 Feet Wide Alley, Adjacous to Lot Nos. 147-153 and 154 of Re-Subdivision of in Park, East of Cavell Avenue, North of Warren Road, SE-1,

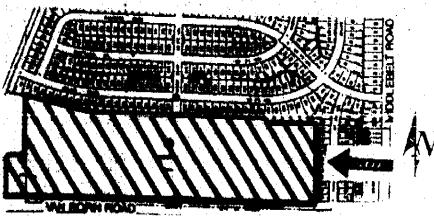


MOTION IN PRESENT CAVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Pleasang Commission will be hold in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:80 p.ps., Triesday, March 7, 2000.

William comments may be sent to the Westland Plenning Department at 37005 Marquette Avecue, Westland, Michigan 48185.

> CHERT C. HOWERE Chairman Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of

Case #2020B, Public Hearing for Proposed Final Site Plan Approval

for Planned Unit Development (PUD) Fairfield Glade Condominiums, Parcel #082-89-8901-901, North Side of Van Born,

501 WAYNE ROAD . WESTLAND MERICA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road. Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2000 Written comments may be sent to the Westland Flanning Department at

87096 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan - 48185

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman Westland Planning Commission

# Goal: Service with a smile

By JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER jbrown@os.homecomm.net

Providing good customer service motivates staffers at Westland Convalescent Center.

Judith Caroselli, director of operations, discussed customer service Monday with staff, part of an effort continuing through Feb. 24 to emphasize customer service. She noted family surveys showed a slight decline in satisfaction, prompting concern.

"There's nothing magical or mysterious about customer service. You've all experienced it," she said.

Caroselli described people at work as what keeps her going; she's been on the job at Westland Convalescent Center nearly 29 years. "That is my refreshment of the day," she said, describing how nice it is to see smiling faces at work.

It's easy to take compliments, but tough to take tough calls, she said. Caroselli said she rarely gets family calls, as most situations are resolved in the organization. She'd like to push the problem-solv-

ing down more: Making a mistake isn't the end of the world, she added. "That's how we all learn and grow."

Caroselli prefere "It's my pleasure" to "No problem," as the latter tends to be negative.

Staffers benefited from the presentation, one of many activities scheduled this week and next. Lucy Johnson, a nursing assistant, has been at the center going on 13 years.

"You have to love it," she said of her work. Johnson's definition of good customer service "is always be on your feet and be prepared. Be courteous and

She goes home and cooks to relieve job stress. "I do have stress, but I don't let it get the best of me." Her faith helps, too.

Sarah Belcastro has worked in housekeeping at the center for more than 20 years. "Be nice to the people," she said in defining customer service. "Be nice and show them that you care about them."

She, too, has stress. "I don't let it bother me. You cope with it, that's all."

Caroselli ended her presentation by encouraging staffers to say "yes" more. They were encouraged to go to classes, learn and have fun. "I'll bet we'll see a difference immediately," she said.



Getting better: Judith Caroselli, director of operations, discusses customer service with staffers at Westland Convalescent Center.

# Laura Bush's Michigan trip includes Westland stop



Nice to meet you: Laura Bush (left) and Michelle Engler were welcomed at Jefferson-Barns by fifth-graders Brooke Cabe, Tarra Bickely, who was the spokesperson, Stacy Sparks and Kristin Hodges Monday afternoon. Not pictured is Candice Miller, Michigan secretary of state. At right, Bush greets Rose and Pedro Ruiz.

# Summer Festival talk friendly

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

Westland Summer Festival organizers and city leaders, cooling off from a sizzling feud last summer, appear ready to cooperate for this year's

During an amicable study session Monday, the two sides discussed regulating beer consumption. changing a parade route, attracting family festivalgoers and blocking off a potentially dangerous construction zone.

The tone was markedly softer than in September, when bickering marred festival talks and prompted Mayor Robert Thomas to suggest the city seize control of the event and disband a volunteer committee.

This time, Thomas pledged to help organizers by trying to determine whether a Wayne Road resurfacing project could interfere with a new parade route from Westland Center to City Hall.

The festival is scheduled for June 29 through

July 4 The latest talks opened amid concerns that a Westland District Court expansion project could interfere with carnival rides and other festival activities in the municipal complex on Ford Road.

Court architect Scott Sherman said the project is expected to begin in mid-April and be completed next January, creating a construction zone near the festival site.

Sherman conceded that a temporary chain-link fence could be erected to keep festival-goers away from the construction site.

Councilman Glenn Anderson urged steps to reduce the city's liability during an event that offi-

cials say draws more than 250,000 people "I think you really want to look strongly at how secure you can make that (site)," he said.

The talks also centered on possible changes affecting beer dripkers. Some festival organizers had suggested expanding the area where beer is

"If we enlarge that area, we're just inviting trouble," Police Chief Emery Price said.

In the end, festival organizers and city leaders appeared to reach a compromise for moving beer sales closer to a main entertainment stage so that drinkers won't be isolated from performers

Festival Vice Chairman Dennis LeMaitre said the aim is to allow flexibility "and not have alcohol flowing all over."

Anderson said many families are drawn to the stage area, and "you don't want to push that to the

side to accommodate the beer tent." In other festival developments: ■ Price said he and City Attorney Angelo Plakas

would discuss possible measures for restricting people from bringing their own alcohol to Central ■ LeMaitre voiced the possibility of returning a

Las Vegas-style area and bingo to the Bailey Recreation Center, amid concerns about a space crunch outdoors. Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski

said the center was "totally trashed" the last time the Vegas event was held indoors. However, the administration indicated a willingness to allow the center to be used, although officials voiced hope for more supervision.

■ Anderson said a vendor who sells T-shirts should be encouraged not to display "distasteful" clothing in front of children.

Festival organizers pledged to address the issue and said the booth also will be placed away from the main festival area. ■ LeMaitre announced that advance tickets will

be sold for the first time ever for the carnival area. Tickets will be sold through school PTAs and from city buildings for \$9, marking a \$3 savings.

■ The 2000 parade will start at Westland Center and move south on Wayne Road to Ford Road, then west to City Hall - unless a Wayne resurfacing project forces a change of plans.

LeMaitre said festival organizers plan to bring in magicians, clowns and jugglers to foster a postparade family atmosphere.

The fireworks display is expected to be larger this year to mark the 2000 festival. "We want to add an extra special show this year," LeMaitre

### STAFF WRITER jbrown**9**0e.homecomm.net

Tuesday morning, educator Michael Holuta was still basking in the glow of a visit by Laura Welch Bush.

Holuta, principal of Jefferson-Barns Elementary, was pleased with the visit Monday of the Texas governor's wife.

"It was a real privilege to host Mrs. Bush. It was a great experience for our children," Holuta said. "They took home with them the importance of reading."

The visit of the presidential candidate's wife took preparation, but with the support of the Wayne-Westland school superintendent all came off smoothly, he said. "The feedback has been really, really positive." Parents are pleased, he said.

Laura Bush, who has degrees in education and library science. read to about 30 Jefferson-Barns students in first through third grades. During her 40-minute. visit, she read "Officer Buckle



and Gleria" by Peggy Rathmann. The story highlights values and safety, "and was an exciting

story for the students," the principal said. The school has a Literacy

Corps whose senior citizen members work with students on reading. Bush visited the program. and was able to observe seniors reading to students.

Many of the stories Monday related to Valentine's Day: Holuta noted that Monday's effort spanned three generations on the importance of reading.

At Jefferson-Barns, Bush focused on reading, with less political talk than at other stops.

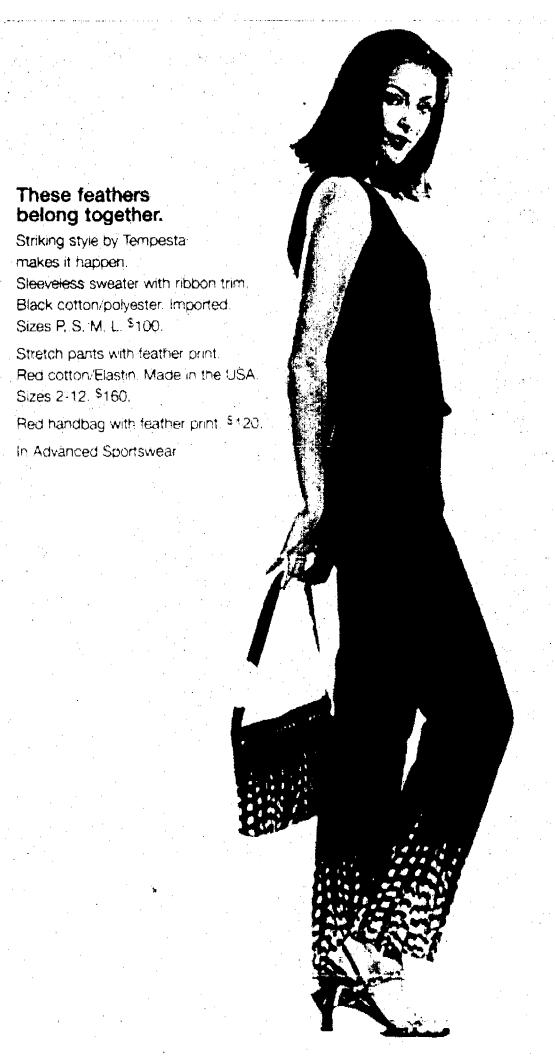
Press questions she answered did focus on politics. Holuta said. Michelle Engler, wife of Michigan Gov. John Engler, was also at Jefferson-Barns Monday.

Children interacted with Bush Monday, giggling during funny parts of the story and asking and answering questions, Holuta

A similar view came from Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent for general administration for Wayne-Westland. Sherman noted that Bush's background in education was evident as she interacted with students.

"It was exciting for the school," Sherman said, "She was very comfortable with the kids. It was just a nice experience for the schoolchildren.

The local district is emphasizing literacy, including for young children, and Bush's visit worked well with that, Sherman said "It was nice that she highlighted that aspect of education."



# Bar brawl leads to stabbing

BY DARRELL CLEM STATY WRITER delem@oe.homecomm.net

A Detroit man was stabbed twice early Saturday during a fight inside a popular Westland nightclub, police said.

The victim survived stabwounds to his chest and his back. after two acquaintances attacked him inside High Voltage, on Merriman Road south of Cherry

Hill, police Lt. Marc Stobbe said. "They got drunk and got a little wild," he said. "They were arguing, but we don't know what

they were arguing about." lung but is recovering at Henry murder. He could face life in assault charge Stobbe said

said.

The closing-time incident occurred amund-2 a.m. Saturday inside High Voltage, formerly Daisy Dukes

"A group of men started to argue, and one of the subjects pulled out a knife and stabbed his friend in the chest." Stobbe said. "Another of the victim's acquinitances stabbed him from the back.

"The victim thought people were just punching him. He didn't realize at first that he had been stabbed twice. Stobbe said.

One suspect, a 31-year old Detroit man, was charged Mon-The victim suffered a collapsed day with assault with intent to Ford Hospital in Detroit, Stobbe prison, or any number of years if -converted

He was earlier imprisoned for five years for a 1991 killing in Detroit, after charges were reduced from first-degree mur der to manslaughter, Stobbe

On Monday, the suspect was ordered jailed by Westland District Judge Gail McKnight on a \$50,000/10 percent bond. He was scheduled to return to court Feb. 24 for a hearing to determine whether he should stand trial

A second suspect, 25, hadn't been arraigned early Tuesday but was facing a felentous

The second suspect could face faur vears in prison if convicted

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# Good deed warms Honor from page A2 women's hearts

Shirley Byrd was leaving work Saturday at the William D. Ford Career/Technical Center in Westland.

"I accidentally lost my purse," the Dearborn resident said.

The story has a happy ending, however. Linda Jimenez of Westland was out jogging when she found the purse and returned it. "I can't believe it," Byrd said

Monday. "It was wonderful."

She'd gone into work Saturday and was leaving with an armload of materials. She was so

pleased to get the purse back from Jimenez, who teaches at Livonia Franklin High School.

"I was very, very happy," Byrd said. "There are still wonderful people out there. There are a lot of honest people, and good, kindhearted people."

Jimenez even drove the purse to Byrd's Dearborn home. "She certainly didn't have to do that." The doer of good deeds also declined the \$20 offered by Byrd.

### LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 Farmington Road January 17, 2000 \*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

**BOARD OF EDUCATION** \*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of January 17, 2000; the full text of the minutes is on file

the principal's office of each school, and is available on request. President Timmons convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Kristen Galka, Frank Kokenakes, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley, Kenneth Timmons. Absent: Daniel Lessard, Dianne Nay.

in the office of the superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in

Martin Luther King Day Resolution: A resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board in recognition of Martin Luther King Day observances sponsored by the People of Livonia Addressing Issues of Diversity (PLAID), and hosted by Stevenson High School.

Presentation of Johannesburg Plaque: A plaque commemorating the Board's support of a foreign exchange program involving Livonia PS teachers and administrators and their counterparts from South Africa was presented to the Board by partnership participants - Dan Cosgrove (FHS); Julie Hamrick (FHS); Denise Berg (Grant); Molly Evans (FHS); and **Ann Jenkins** (Grant).

Ratification of the LEADS Contract: Motion by Galka and Morgan that the Board enter into a two-year contract with the LEADS union which was ratified on December 15, 1999, by LEADS members. Said contract is to commence July 1, 1999, and expire June 30, 2001. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

Ratification of the LSA Contract: Motion by Kokenakes and Morgan that the Board enter into a four-year contract with the LSA union which was ratified on January 5, 2000, by LSA members. Said contract is to commence July 1, 1999, and expire June 30, 2003. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons, Nays: None.

Recess: President Timmons recessed the meeting at 7:45 p.m. for the signing of the LEADS and LSA contract agreements and reconvened the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Morgan and Kokenakes that the Board approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent: IVA Minutes of the Closed Session of November 29, 1999. Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 1999. IV.C Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 13, 1999. IV.D Minutes of the Closed Session of December 13, 1999. IV.E Minutes of the Closed Session of January 10, 2000. V.C Move that the Board exclude three Churchill 11th graders; one Franklin 9th grader; and one Franklin 12th grader from the Livonia Public Schools School District. VI.A Move that general fund check nos. 326925 through 328056 in the amount of \$2,720,772.21 be approved for payment. Also, move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$2,041,320.40 be approved. VI.B Move that general fund check nos. 328057 through 328993 in the amount of \$6,706,784.64 be approved for payment. Also, move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$3,288,026.86 be approved. VI.C Move that the Board authorize the low bid of \$191,000 from All Purpose Plumbing and Heating to perform a retrofit of the HVAC system at Lowell Middle School. VI.D Move that the Board authorize the purchase of one Power Macintosh G4 computer with 128 MB RAM with DV drive and internal Zip drive, one 17" monitor, one multimedia Learning Tools Kit, 17 iMac computers with CD ROM drives, and one iBook computer from Apple Computer, Inc., for a total purchase price of \$20,036. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons, Nays: None.

Gift - Frost PTSA: Motion by Nalley and Morgan that the Board accept the generous gift of \$15,143.25 from the Frost Middle School PTSA for Frost school's enrichment materials and programs. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

Presentation - Cass' School Improvement: The Cass SIP Committee presented their school improvement process in its many phases in a very informative video. Many members of the staff and community were in

attendance for the presentation. Gift - Donation: Motion by Nalley and Galka that the Board accept a cash donation of \$5,000 from Mr. Thomas D. Graham. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

Approval of Johnson Lease: Motion by Galka and Kokenakes that the Board approve the lease of Johnson Elementary to Redford Union Schools. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

Resolution Opposing Special Tax Breaks for Utilities: Motion by Morgan and Galka that the Board adopt a resolution allowing the district to enter into a challenge of the State Tax Commission change in the process for valuing taxable personal property for utility companies. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Morgan, Nailey, Timmons, Nays; None.

30-Year Recognition: The Board unanimously adopted a resolution of appreciation for 30 years of full-time service with the district for: Priscilla. Sata.

Teacher Tenure: Motion by Kokenakes and Galka that the Board accept the recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure status to: Kelly Nabouny, effective 3/22/2000 and Timothy Newman, effective 3/1/2000. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakas, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

Teachers for Approval: Motion by Gaika and Morgan that the Board accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 1999-2000 school year to: David Bjorklund, Debbie Clement, Kathleen Harrigan, and Jude Montgomery, Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Morgan, Nailey, Timmons, Nays: None.

Retirement: The Board unanimously adopted a resolution of appreciation for services rendered by: Yupana Collins.

Leaver Motion by Nalley and Galka that the Board accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the request for a leave of absence for John Kalousek, effective 1/27/00. Ayes: Galka, Kokanakes, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons, Naya: Nome.

Resignation: The Board accepted the resignation of Christopher **Eathert**, effective 1/26/90.

Reports from the Superintendents Dr. Wetson thanked the Cass staff for their fine presentation; remarked that the Martin Listher King program at SHS was well organized and attended; thanked Turry Hordman and the DMS Dept. for their outstanding work in preparing for Y2K; subservinding the unique Mesterworks display from Webster school in the first floor lebby; recognized the calendar produced by the WW Skill Center; congretulated Trustee Joanne Meegan for being recognized by the MACS and Trustee Patrick Helley for being named a certified board member; and introduced a video highlighting the MSC program at Churchill; the Jackson Center four year olds doing the "lunchbox brigade" during their holiday parade, and a portion of the new Louing Leaving. Growing series hosted by Klaine Koone.

Bearing from Board Members: The Board thanked Case for their wonderful presentation; thanked Frost PISA for their generous support; remarked that it was great seeing all the government students from Stevenson in attendence; attended the MLK presentation at Steven High School with vocal groups from Stevenson, Franklin, Charchill, Emercia, Grant, and Tylor, constituted Mr. Morgan for her MASS sward and Mr. Nalley for his partified board award; and asked everyone to keep Mr. Lessard and Mr. Nay in their prayers.

Adjournments Motion by Morgan and Galka that the regular meeting of January 17, 2000 be adjourned. Ayes: Galka, Kokenskes, Morgan, Nalley,

President Timmons adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Publish: Policiumry 17, 2005

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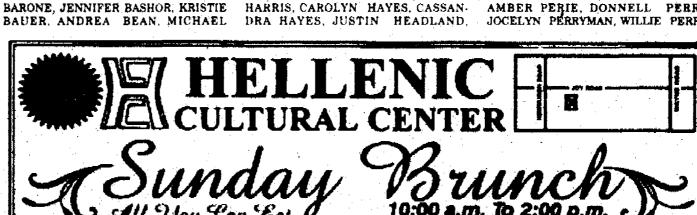
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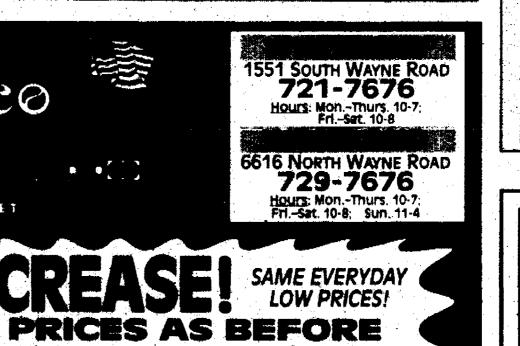
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Surviving are her husband,

daughter, Rosemary Miller of

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sion members Milton Mack and Veronica Massey ruled that the following language wasn't clear:

"On Jan. 18, 2000, Sharon P. Scott voted to not reappoint the Westland city clerk. We want to remove Sharon P. Scott from the office of councilman of the city of

Westland." Mack, Wayne County chief probate judge, and Massey, chief deputy county clerk; rejected the proposed ballot language after Scott's attorney, Gene Farber, said the second sentence drew "a legal conclusion."

Elections commissioners indicated that the first sentence, alone, stated the reason for recall, prompting recall organizers to immediately file that portion of the language and seek a

new hearing. Still, recall organizers seemed puzzled that elections commissioners declared the language

"I was very disappointed with what happened today," recall leader Marian Greenfield said.

"It's a game to try to keep the citizens from filing a petition. but I will come down here 50 times if I have to," recall supporter Brenda Gracin said.

Scott described herself as "happy" by the decision.

"Recalls are never good for the city," she said. "They're a detriment, and our city has been moving in such a positive direction that it's too bad we have some people who decide that they want to destroy our city."

Scott vowed: "If the (recall) language is approved. I will fight this all the way to Circuit Court."

Recall organizers also hope to oust council members Charles "Trav" Griffin, David Cox and David James, who voted to fire

Gibbons. But the trio started new terms Jan, 1 and are protected from recall for six months.

The council majority has come under fire amid allegations it violated the Open Meetings Act by collectively deciding to fire Gibbons prior to an official vote on Jan. 18. The county prosecutor's office is investigating.

Greenfield and Gracin were joined at Wednesday's hearing by recall supporters Lida Hartman and Chuck Papineau, who said he plans to have an attorney draft petition language that the elections commission "can't dispute."

Scott's supporters included her husband, Ted, council President Griffin and former council member Justine Barns.

Gracin was ruffled that Barns and elections commissioner Mack warmly greeted each other when Barns entered the meeting room.

"She shakes hands with the judge and it makes us feel like, what's up here?" Gracin said after the hearing. "Is it this way everywhere you go?

"We kind of felt like the scales were tipped against us when Justine Barns walked in," Gracin said.

Griffin said council critics should make their voices heard at election time rather than initiating a recall.

"I've always thought that recalls are detrimental to the best interests of the city, even though I support the citizens' right to do that under the city charter," he said.

Gracin said 413 people have contacted her to help with the recall effort since she published her phone number and a recall Web site. She said others may call her at (734) 729-2805.

Meanwhile, recall organizers

plan to mount a petition drive calling for a city charter change to have Westland's clerk become an elected position, rather than council-appointed.

Gracin said a petition will be filed with interim City Clerk Diane Fritz and City Attorney Angelo Plakas. She said organizers will need 5,104 voter signatures to petition for an election on that issue.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc had earlier proposed letting voters decide the issue on May 9. The city already has scheduled a special election that day for a 1mill waste-disposal tax renewal.

He won support from colleagues Glenn Anderson and Sandra Cicirelli, but Griffin. Cox, James and Scott had the votes to table the issue and appoint a study committee.

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doubts about filters. "I don't think filtering is ever going th work. There's no way you can control the filters."

The Westland library is considering setting an age at which a child would be able to use the

computer by himself or herself. Wilson is bothered by legitimate Internet sites which carry ads that don't relate to the site. "There are things there you aren't even looking for."

The Westland library has received no related Internet complaints, although early on one child did use a grandmother's credit card to run up bills. The library, at which Internet demand is great, doesn't allow chat room use. It permits but doesn't encourage e-mail. Wilson said.

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the father-son dispute, police said.

"She was trying to make a point on how stupid the argument was by getting the gun," police Sgt. Tim Kennedy said.

Stobbe said the mother had never before handled the gun, which the father kept to protect his family from possible intruders.

The mother "was just trying to make a point" about the absurdity of the father-son argument when she accidentally pulled the

trigger and shot the boy, Stobbe said.

"She made a big mistake pulling that gun out, but it was not her intention to use it," he said. "I got to the house about 20 minutes after it happened, and I could tell this was accidental."

Betty and Carlos Vaughn also have another son, 14-year-old Adam, "He was in the basement when he heard the commotion," Stobbe said.

The mother phoned for help while the father tried to attend to the injured son. The boy was bleeding profusely, and his blood pressure had dropped dangerously low, Neal

"If it weren't for our paramedics and advanced life support services, chances are he wouldn't have survived." Neal said. "His survival depended on immediate intervention."

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# House bills aimed at reforming unresponsive HMOs

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While Andrea Kideckel of Berkley waged what would be a five-year losing battle with inflammatory breast cancer, her husband, Alan, skirmished with their managed health care insurance company over payment for the treatments.

Insurance companies say the source of such disagreements with customers is often traceable to expenses the policy is not intended to cover.

"You get what you pay for," Eugene Farnum, executive director of the Michigan Association of Health Plans, said. "It's like auto insurance. You can choose to take just PLPD. If you don't take collision and you get in an accident, then you are not owed that."

But that was not the case, according to Alan Kideckel.

"Everything was covered, eventually," he said. "But not without a lot of fighting, not without a lot of pain, not without agony. When you are fighting for your life, you should not have to fight with the insurance company, too. Many people don't know how to fight the insurance company. Many won't have the energy to fight when they're already seriously ill."

Among the run-ins, Kideckel said his insurance company attempted to provide only partial reimbursement for expensive drugs even though they'd been approved for use to treat breast cancer, rejected payment of some MRI images taken in the same session with others it deemed covered, and disputed the dosage

II 'There has to be accountability. If they are making decisions that affect the quality of care, they are in essence practicing medicine. They should be subject to the same liability."

Rep. Marc Shulman R-West Bloomfield

Rep. Marc Shulman

of drugs given to his wife at the hospital.

After his wife died in October 1998, the hospital attempted to put him on a payment play for \$1,000 worth of expenses that should have been covered by insurance.

He was so angry that he formed Fighting for Victory Inc., a patient advocacy organization now pushing for reform of managed health care regulations at the state level.

And he'll soon get a response from lawmakers. House Republicans are putting the final touches on a new package of bills, which they plan to unveil shortly, aimed at reforming Michigan's managed health care networks.

Rep. Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) has been working on a bill he says will "put the medical decisions back in the hands of the doctors instead of the medical directors at the HMOs."

His bill is aimed at improving

the existing state Patient Bill of Rights by providing an "expedited external review" for all insurance companies, including health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and preferred provider organizations (PPOs). At present, Michigan's Patient Bill of Rights does allow for an outside appeal of coverage decisions, but not for all insurance companies. Appeals regarding care that are filed with the Department of Community Health can take up to 90 days to reach a decision under the current system.

Shulman says Michigan's Patient Bill of Rights was not well publicized after it was adopted in 1997, and there has to be a public education campaign as well to let state residents know it is available.

His bill will also allow patients to sue managed health care plans when they make decisions

that have a detrimental effect on the patient.

"There has to be accountability," he said. "If they are making decisions that affect the quality of care, they are in essence practicing medicine. They should be subject to the same liability." Shulman's bill would place caps on awards against insurance companies comparable to the caps placed on medical malpractice awards.

But Shulman said he believes the appeals process is the most important aspect, since it will allow a patient to receive a quick judgment on decisions issued by the insurance company. Afterthe-fact lawsuits, he said, won't do the patient any good.

Still, he discounted concerns raised by health insurance companies that liability could raise costs and therefore premiums. Similar reforms in Texas have not produced many additional lawsuits, he said. And studies have shown the overall effect on premiums of such reforms would be no more than 2 percent.

Lorri Rishar, aide to House Speaker Chuck Perricone (R-Kalamazoo Township), said Shulman's proposals will be incorporated into a multi-bill package addressing managed care reform that is expected to be unveiled in the next week or so. Other than Shulman, which lawmakers will sponsor portions of the package is not yet clear, she said. But the goals will be to streamline and improve the appeals process under the existing Patients Bill of Rights, have a consistent appeals process for all health plans, provide for an external review under one state

agency, and conduct a public awareness campaign.

The appeals process now under the Department of Community Health will be transferred to the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services.

The package will also serve as the vehicle for managed care reforms called for by Gov. John Engler in his State of the State address. At the time, Engler called for strengthening the Patient Bill of Rights through a single external appeals process. He also urged adoption of financial reforms regarding managed care companies to assure their solvency over the next 20 years. He proposed improving the powers of the state insurance commissioner to identify troubled HMOs and take corrective actions early. Finally, Engler proposed a state sponsored "Health Plan Report Card," which would be issued to the public to assist consumers in selecting the best health plans.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield has taken a position favoring the governor's solvency recommendations, according to Helen Stojik, director of media relations, but it is reserving comment on the remainder of the package until the actually wording is

unveiled.

Farnum, of the Association of Health Plans, said his members favor passage of the package. Members in his organization are already subject to an external review of health care decisions, although he admits not all insurance companies in Michigan are.

Farnum said health insurance companies in Michigan can already be sued under the law so he sees little impact from the legislation. He agrees there does need to be accountability. He said he sees the largest impact on PPOs, which are not at present subject to the appeals process, and insurance programs at

the federal level. Shulman noted that insurance companies can indeed be sued at present, but they can only be sued for the cost of the medical procedure denied. His bill would allow for suits seeking damages as a result of denied treatment.

State Democrats have suggested similar proposals, but there is still likely to be some partisan wrangling over the issue. Rep. Laura Baird (D-Okemos), who sponsored House Bill 4127 to allow for lawsuits against managed care companies without caps, accuses Shulman of stealing her bill outright.

But Shulman is critical of Baird's plan. He argues that liability does little after the fact. Without an improved appeals process, liability would do little for the patient, he said.

Baird said that although she does not favor the caps Shulman has proposed, some liability for insurance companies would be better than none. Still, she doesn't expect Republicans will seek a compromise.

"They don't need my vote. I have nothing they need," she

Rep. David Woodward (D-Madison Heights) has also proposed a shorter appeals process for disputing care decisions by HMOs. His proposal would be to shorten the current 90-day review process to 15 days.

"I haven't been able to get it drafted," he said. "The Republicans are keeping them (the Legislative Service Bureau) busy. It's not suppose to be like that, but it is in Lansing these days."

# Plan ahead, airport will be busy

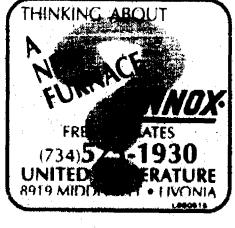
With dozens of area school districts taking mid-winter breaks during the next several weeks, Detroit Metro Airport is advising both business and recreational travelers to call ahead for parking conditions and give themselves plenty of extra time. The tri-county break period, which began Feb. 14 and runs through early March, makes Metro more crowded because the level of business travel stays the same, according to Wayne County Airports Director David Katz.

"During the past several years, we've noticed more travelers taking advantage of the school breaks in February and this year will be no exception," he said.

"We'll see another surge in traffic volume during spring break in April," Katz added. "So we're advising our customers to call the 24-hour parking hotline (1-800-642-1978) and give themselves plenty of extra time."

The hotline, staffed by APCOA employees with the latest information on parking conditions at Metro, will direct travelers to offairport lots when all on-airport lots get full.

Parking conditions at the airport - plus alternate parking options - also are displayed on the new 30-foot-tall electronic sign at Metro's entrance.





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# **YMCA**

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manager for the YMCA.

"This is especially nice for me." O'Connor said, adding she's been coming to the center to help. "The kids deserve to have a good place."

The primer and paint on the walls weren't the only contribution. Nolan said several thousand dollars of toys and learning center supplies from the association are going in, too.

Marybeth Hetrick of Westland took a break from her painting. duties Saturday. She's director of children's services for the metro Detroit association.

She praised the efforts of the Leaders' Club, middle and high school students who develop leadership skills while doing service work in the community. They filled a Dumpster, washed walls and moved furniture.

"It was fun," Hetrick said. The goal's to redecorate and give center kids new toys.

"An awful lot of people need child care, but they really can't afford it," she said. Hetrick praised the "wonderful, caring staff" at Mike's House.

"It really is. It's very exciting," she said of the facelift.

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federal guidelines.

Even though Nightingale West, 8365 N. Newburgh, has corrected many deficiencies over the years, state inspectors last August found scores of viola-

The most recent inspection on Saturday revealed only four violations.

"There have been huge improvements in that building," said Shirley Shockley, vice president of clinical operations for the nursing home's management company, Raintree Health Care of Scoudale, Ariz.

"It has almost done a complete turnaround," she said.

Still, Shockley couldn't say with certainty that Nightingale will remain open in the wake of continuing violations.

"We can't make any decision about what will happen until we have all of the information," she

Shockley was referring to a letter from the state health board that will cite the latest deficiencies. She said the report is expected by late next week.

She refused to discuss the latest violations, saying verbal statements made by state officials during previous inspections didn't match subsequent written

"I just don't think that's something we can talk about, because it's not conclusive information," Shockley said of verbal statements made by inspectors.

She wouldn't comment on reports that violations included building deficiencies, residents soaked in urine and a medication error that wasn't life-threatening.

Shockley said violations can't be substantiated until the management company receives them in writing.

"Nothing is correct until it's in writing," she said.

Shockley said Nightingale representatives have met with some residents' family members.

She also indicated that letters will be sent to families once the nursing home has more detailed information.

### Milestone marked

HDS Services, a large food service and hospitality management company, recently celebrated its fifth anniversary of managing food service at Presbyterian Village in Westland. Presbyterian Village is an independent living retirement community with nearly 200 residents.

"The quality of our food service is exceptional," said Ed Schenk. food services director. Trained as a chef. Schenk incorporates his flair for taste and presentation into each meal served. Dinner is

served daily. HDS Services" innovations include the Meals, Motifs and More ... program, which keeps food service interesting with such events as cafeteria beach parties, cookouts and meal functions related to community events. Recently, HDS Services began on-site catering for special

Presbyterian Village soon will devote one wing to assisted living care. As part of this initial tive. HDS Services will add more staffers to provide extended food service, including three meals daily and snacks

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with census questionnaires being deliv-

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about seven subject questions: name,

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about 10 minutes to complete this form.

One out of six households will receive a

longer form which asks about 34 sub-

jects, including education, ancestry,

employment, disability and house heat-

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### # PROGRAMS FOR ABULTS

7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, Faust Reading Room. Amateurs and experts alike 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.

### Internet 101: An Introduction

2-3 ptm. Tuesday, Feb. 22, Saturday, Feb. 26, Community Meeting Room B: Learn what the internet is and the basics of how to navigate the Internet and find the information you want. Designed for the individual with little or no computer background, internet computers will be reserved for student practice for one hour following each class: No fee, No registration required, but class size is limited.

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2 p.m. Seturday, Feb. 19, Children's Activity Room, Bring in your photos, awards or other mementos and create a frame. Feature a special friendship. sport, talent or event and artifully display your keepsakes. No fee. No registration required.

### Sleepytime Storytime

7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21; Community, Meeting Room A. This half-hour story. time is held every Monday evening. Wear your jammies and bring your blankie! No fee. No registration required.

Toddler Tales & Preschool Storytime ■ 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22 # 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23 Toddler Tales (18-36 months) and Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5) are held-1:30 p.m. every Tuesday and 10:30 a.m. a 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. 23, Children's Activity Room, This drop in program held each Wednesday is for all school-age children, it provides an opportunity to make crafts, play games and unwind after a hard day at school. No fee. No registration required

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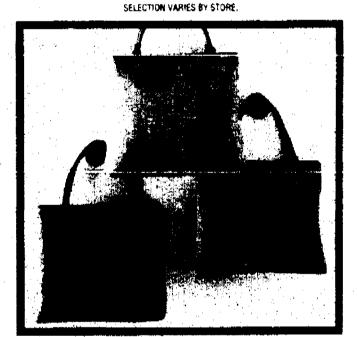
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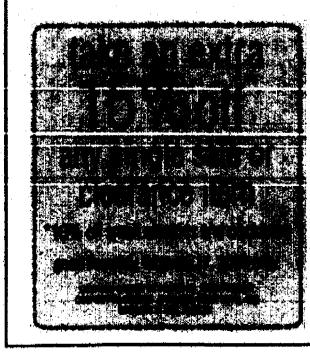
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# Library bill intended to keep obscene material from children

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@homecomm.net

There are dangerous places in the world where parents should not let their children venture alone. Should the public library be one of them?

Howell resident Stephanie Williams says it has gone that far because of the unfiltered, unmonitored Internet terminals available for use in some libraries.

"The (American Civil Liberties Union) says it is up to parents to monitor their children," she said. "But if your child wants to go to the library to research a high school term paper, should you have to sit right there to watch the entire time?"

Williams testified before the Michigan Senate Judiciary Committee in support of Senate Bill 936, which would mandate that libraries adopt policies aimed at keeping under age patrons from viewing "obscene or sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors."

She told committee members that the bill addresses materials which, if supplied directly to minors by a private company like a convenience store or video rental shop, would leave that firm subject to prosecution.

The verbiage "harmful to minors" is a key to the legislation, according to Sylvia Warner, aide to Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Howell, the sponsor of the legislation.

Material considered "harmful to minors" is material that is already illegal to possess, such as child pornography, Warner said.

The bill has moved out of committee and is expected to have a final reading and vote in the Senate today. The bill will then go to the House for consideration.

The state Legislature addressed the issue of Internet access at libraries last year, giving approval to a plan by Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, allowing

libraries to segregate Internet terminals for adults from those intended for use by youngsters, and allowing the terminals used by minors to be filtered to prevent access to pornography sites.

That bill was intended to answer First Amendment concerns about filtering which have turned into lawsuits for some libraries. Cassis believed constitutional concerns would be avoided if some terminals were filtered while others were left open for full Internet access by adults

Rogers' bill takes the issue a step further, essentially mandating separate children's terminals. His bill would require that libraries provide access in a way that prevents a minor from viewing obscene materials. The bill would also relieve libraries of liability if they take reasonable steps to prevent youngsters from viewing pornography.

### Filters not perfect

"The bill is greatly improved over earlier versions," Marianne Hartzell, of the Michigan Library Association, said. "It is much more doable than earlier drafts. But we are not quite to a position of supporting it yet."

A change made in the bill that make it more palatable to the Library Association, Hartzell explained, is that it allows local library boards to determine the best methods for keeping pornography out of the hands of youngsters, through the policies they will adopt. Relieving libraries of liability, as long as they make reasonable attempts to block obscene material, was also a significant change, she said.

"Filters alone, if that is all you do, aren't perfect," she said.
"They are much improved these days but they can't keep out 100 percent. If that is all you do, you give parents a false sense of security."

Each library is different, she said, with a different set up. Filters may be useful in some libraries, but monitoring and segregation of adult computers

from children's computers may be the best method in other libraries.

Some small libraries may have only a terminal or two. Then, some other means of allowing adults full access and blocking obscene material for children may be needed, she said.

Warner said the problem of pornography on the Internet is extensive. Estimates place the number of sexually explicit sites on the World Wide Web at 900,000, she said. It has been brought to the senator's attention that youngsters in his district were trading computer diskettes of porn sites they had downloaded at the library, she said.

The Michigan chapter of the ACLU is indeed opposing the legislation, arguing that filtering software is not effective. Such filtering programs often operate based on keywords, blocking access when the software detects obscene language. That means some pornography gets through anyway, while the program blocks access to some legitimate sites.

Warner said the filtering software has been much improved in recent years. She pointed out a new system that has been introduced on the market, called SmartGuardian Internet Access Control System. Library patrons, or their parents, can select from one of five levels of filtering to be done on Internet sites. The patron is issued a card, which is inserted into the computer automatically adjusting the settings to the appropriate level of filtering.

Simply filtering all terminals is not valid solution, Hartzell said

"Everybody wants to protect the children," she said. "That is everyone's goal. Libraries have always been a safe place for children and families ... but if you use the same computer a child does and its access is limited to the level of safety appropriate for someone under 17, that infringes on your right to full access." Keep up with what's happening in your neighborhood
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# \$60 million face lift going smoothly

With some \$60 million in interim upgrades to existing terminals rolling along and a new, \$1.2-billion midfield passenger structure rising in the background, the massive program to change Wayne County's Metro Airport from a busy and sprawling - but rather gray, utilitarian and boring - facility into a jewel is progressing smoothly.

Metro users and visitors already see numerous improvements, including increased parking, better access to major concourses and new gates, remodeled restrooms, new restaurants and smiling employees:

The massive expansion program, which includes the new 74-gate Northwest Airlines Midfield Terminal, shopping mall and major new runway, will also include - after Midfield's scheduled December 2001 opening makeovers of the Davey (Northwest) and Smith terminals.

With Metro expected to be ranked the eighth busiest airport in North America and 13th busiest in the world. there's a lot of impetus for improvements now in place or going in, such as:

- Customer Service Agents stationed roughly every 30 feet throughout the
- Customer service training for more than 600 airport employees by a Walt Disney subsidiary.
- The Airport Information Center. which helps answer questions about Metro and the Detroit area through videos, displays, brochures and CSA personnel.
- The apgrading of 65 restrooms through redecorating, including wider entrances/exits and touchless faucets and toilets.

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Style with a smile: That's what Metro Airport plans for its new Midfield Terminal, in rendering above. At right, Metro CSA Linda Franz of Livonia helps passenger Charlie Sasso of Scottsdale, Ariz.

inda Franz of Livonia is an example of the "new face" of Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Service with a friendlier face

It's the kind of face that an airport director - and a lot of airline passengers - would love, particularly if the former is Metro boss David Katz and the latter is a Kansas family struck by a double tragedy far from home.

It's the humane, compassionate, friendly and helpful – but sometimes wisely unobtrusive - face which Katz has been emphasizing in large part through his Customer Service Agent program, begun about six months after he took over the airport two years ago.

'We're trying to put the customer No. 1," said Katz. "We need to humanize" the constantly growing airport, to make it "safe, friendly, clean and courteous.

"It has to be more than bricks and mortar," he said. "It has to be 'Please' and 'Thank you,' We want it to be friendly, customer-driven, with customer services and amenities for

That's what Gerry Barker and her family of Fairway, Kan., found on Jan. 8, while en route to her mother's funeral in northern Michigan.



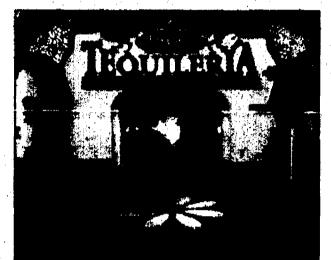
Barker, her husband, their daughter and the daughter's spouse had just arrived at Detroit Metro from Kansas City when Gerry called Burlington, Vt., to check on the birth of their first grandchild - only to tragically learn the boy had died minutes after being born.

"The horror and confusion of those moments were indescribable," Gerry said in her Feb. 6 letter: The family knew they'd have to cancel the drive up north "and try to get to Vermont to be with our son and his wife."

But they quickly discovered that storms from Michigan east had canceled many flights. They needed a travel agent "but couldn't find anyone in the airport that could help

That was when the Barkers

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STAFF PROTOS BY TYM HAWLEY

Metro Margaritaville: The new Jose Cuervo Tequileria restaurant and bar at the airport offers a taste of things to come.

# Airport promises upscale Michigan Mall

Airport shopping that rivals metropolitan Detroit's most upscale shopping malls - and with competitive "street pricing." too?

Officials of Wayne County's Detroit Metro Airport are making those promises regarding the new Midfield Terminal and its 125,000-square-foot retail/restaurant mall.

They suggested the mail, with its "wide array of unique and upscale retail shopping outlets and restaurants" offering "a distinct Detroit flavor," could even "become a destination. itself in 2001" for metro Detroiters.

How well potential mall tenants bring out that "flavor" - specified as the "America's Engine" theme - is a

measure being used to screen applicants.

"We want (passengers and visitors) to know they're in Detroit, to know they're in Wayne County and to know they're in a world-class facility," said an enthused Colleen Pobur, Metro's director of concessions and quality assurance, during a media conference earlier this month about the mall.

"I want to walk through it tomorrow," said an equally excited Michael Conway, the airport's director of external relations.

"You're not alone, brother," Pobur

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### Tenant criteria

Choosing tenants for the new Midfield Terminal Airport Mall is to be as top-drawer as the plans for the 125,000-squarefoot area.

Metro Airport, beset by allegations it has failed to seek competitive bids on contracts. has sought to assure everyone. including potential tenants. about the selection process for the new mall by naming an

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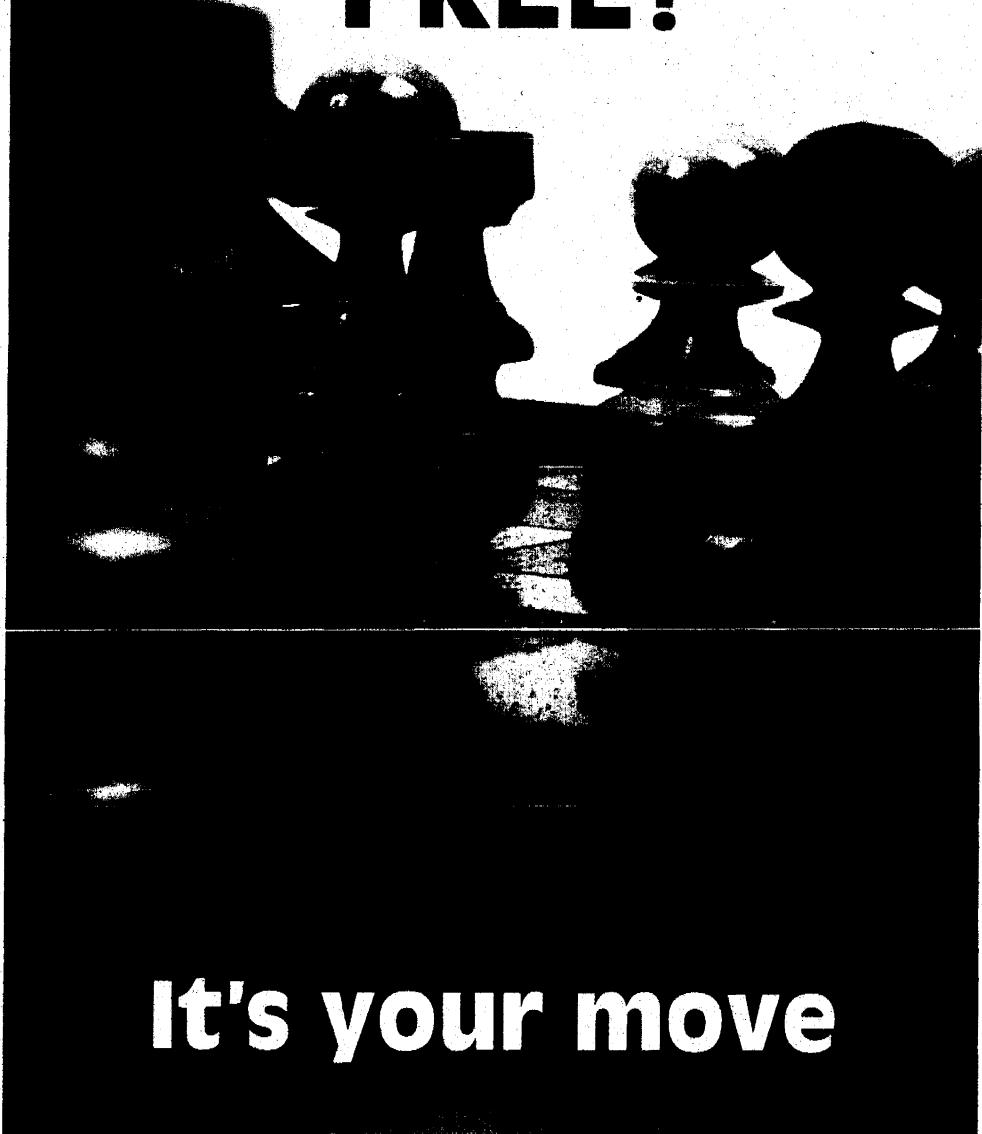
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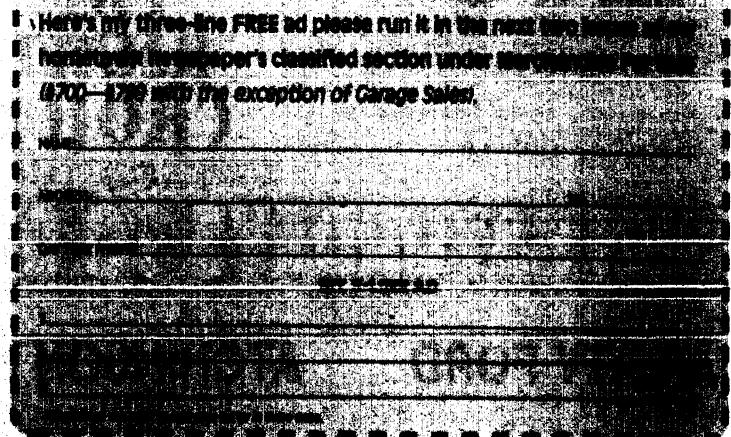
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Work in progress: A jet lifts off near a belowgrade portion of access road at the new Midfield Terminal. Planes will taxi across the

### Improved conditions for airport mechanics

Even the mechanics can't wait for the new Midfield Terminal at Metro Airport to open.

Though that won't be until December 2001, the 74-gate Northwest Airlines concourse, now under construction just south of existing passenger facilities, will mean better working conditions for mechanics besides providing better service for passengers, they say.

For one thing, says Dan Kafcas of Westland, a plaint maintenance mechanic for Northwest since 1991, "Each gate will have portable heating and air conditioning equipment" instead of the mobile units now being moved from gate to gate.

Not only will the permanent power units help save wear and tear on the jets' on-board generators used to heat or cool parked aircraft, but "They'll be quieter, too – less noise for passengers and us," he says.

But the increase in total gates will mean "better connections for Northwest passengers." Kaf-

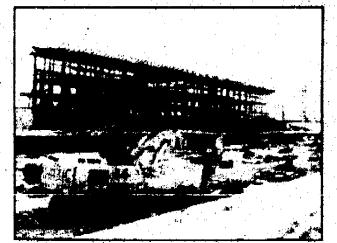
Now, he says, if there's a problem with a jet bridge to a plane, the gate must be shut down, sending passengers to already busy gates: "Like trying to put 10 apples in a bag that holds five," says Kafcas.

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- Family restrooms, including baby-changing facilities for those with young children, plus more accessible unisex restrooms for the handicapped.
- Laptop Lane Inc., with its offices for rent and fast T-1 Internet access, plus the new Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce conference facility.
- Six new Concourse A gates (Southwest and Spirit airlines),
- Widened, modernized security checkpoints for faster screening and less congestion.
- The prototype Jose Cuervo Mexican restaurant - the first of its kind in the nation plus other new Metro dining spots.

Outside, improvements include 700 new onsite parking spaces, credit-card-express parking exits and tripled curb-front access to Northwest flights at the Davey. Expanded curb-front check-in at the Smith is next. And the new Midfield Terminal?

With its graceful, eye-catching architecture, its 125,000-square-foot shopping/dining mall.



Concrete and steel: The new Midfield Terminal rises near Metro's control tower (far right) as roadbuilding continues.

its mile-wide A and B concourses with domestic and international gates served by an underground tram, its 11,500-space parking deck, southern access road and possible hotel. it's expected to top off Metro's turnabout.

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# Workaday world

# Students see job life up close

e all complain occasionally about the world of work, but for most of us it's

Friendships, and even romances, are forged. Those bonds can last a lifetime. There's also the sense of satisfaction that comes from a job well done, from providing for oneself and possibly a family. Colleagues can be there to provide support in time of need or just to share a daily chuckle.

Wayne-Westland high school students had a chance to learn those lessons firsthand last week. Wednesday, Feb. 9, more than 50 students descended on more than 20 local businesses to explore the world of work.

The students learned valuable lessons, applying what they'd learned in the classroom to the workplace. The professionals who hosted students benefited as well, getting a fresh perspective on what can at times become routine.

Learning the needs of young consumers is beneficial as well, and hosting professionals now know more about the strong youth mar-

Local businesswoman Mary Denning spearheaded the job shadowing effort, done through the Westland Chamber of Commerce, Many adult participants were heard to wax enthusiastic about the program and its benefits.

Students liked it, too, "I thought it would be interesting to see what it was like to have a

The world of work is a rapidly changing one, and it's good for students to get an early look at what working life will be like. Students who learn early on how to express themselves in the workplace, in union leadership roles or in the community at large will prosper in the changing economy.

job," Wayne Memorial High School student Amber Samples said. "I never knew what a chamber was." She was among those spending work time with Lori Brist, chamber director.

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Such basics as showing up on time, working a full shift and dressing appropriately are best learned at a young age, too.

Job shadowing is an excellent idea whose time has come. Let's work together to make it an ongoing effort in our community. Hats off to the chamber and all participants, including the students.

# I'M SO HAPPY THE STATE LEGALIZED LOCKER SEARCHES.

GEOF BROOKS

### **LETTERS**

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### **Event a success**

The Westland Firefighters recently held their first Firefighters Ball in 20 years and it was a complete success. After its long hiatus, we were unsure of what type of response we would get from the community, but we are happy to say that we could not have done it without them. A recent article in the Observer mentioned some businesses that helped us, but there were many other businesses and people that helped make it an unforgettable

We would like to thank the following businesses for their interest in our cause: Decker Florist of Westland for creating the centerpieces and Lacey's Classic Decor of Garden-City for the unique decorations at the event which included large fire hydrants complete with fire hose and nozzle made out of balloons strewn above the dance floor that helped capture the spirit of the evening.

We would also like to thank the following Westland businesses: Maui Travel, Vintage Market, Toys 'R' Us and the Hellenic Cultural Center for their support and contributions. Others that helped make the night a success were INRECON, Eternal Tattoos and ABC Warehouse. Lastly, we would like to thank the Westland Observer for their coverage, you helped stir the interest in our event.

The Westland Firefighters are proud to serve the citizens and businesses of Westland and we appreciate your continued support.

Westland Firefighters Local 1279 **Special Events Committee** 

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the plastic cover to erase the message. She passed a note or two to the guy to her right and, like a high school girl, made sure she scratched them unread-

able once Neil read it. Ms. Note also had a public viewing of her family problems during this council meeting. And the only time she had anything to say was for one burst of support not really accomplished in a profes-

sional manner. She did read a rehearsed script maybe she wrote, maybe she didn't. But it wasn't an off-the-cuff opinion. Safer

this way, I guess. Now this other guy (we're still going to our left in this row of characters) played the bully at: large. He's real good at scrounging up dirt and accusations. What he

knows about politics is yet not obvious. But I really believe his purpose is more deceit.

Next left. This is the president of this council. In his words (sic), "I'd better be 'pacific' or he won't understand." He was gavel-happy when it suited him. He was grumpy, boring and needs to take lessons in enunciating words correctly. And he was good at it!

All in all, the program was quite a show. Fiasco comes to mind. Because it's obvious, the City Hall clerk, if she really did lack the communication and leadership skills necessary to be competent to handle the job - well, she was just keeping good company. Takes one to identify one!

Needless to say, I'm going to continue viewing this program. Maybe the actors will get awards at the end of their season. I understand petitions are to be circulated to achieve this purpose.

> Joy Norris Westland

# Pandora's box has been opened

when legislators drafted HB 4777 in June 1999, they opened a Pandora's box filled with home rule issues that by all appearances will continue to plague both state legislators and local officials.

But word has it that the controversial House Bill 4777 has been sentenced to death in the Committee on Employment Relations, Training and Safety.

Its death, however, will not bring an end to the battle between the state and municipali-

Yet another bill - affectionately known as the "son of House Bill 4777" - is waiting in the wings and will deal with specific state rule versus home rule issues, including minimum and living wages and the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

The Michigan Municipal League, which represents local municipalities, has offered its own response to the state Legislature. It seeks - with the backing of Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer – a petition drive to place the home rule issue on the November ballot.

Leaders of the petition effort, dubbed Let Local Votes Count, say they believe local government has the right to make its own laws. and ordinances rather than apply statewide legislation enacted without regard for local needs or resources. The coalition's proposed ballot question would amend the constitution so a two-thirds majority in both the Senate and the House would be required to pass a bill that intervenes in municipal matters.

A Pandora's box, indeed, has been opened. Let Local Votes Count is nothing more than an angry reaction to the state's initiatives. What it calls for is vague and far too open to interpretation and dispute. It will solve nothing and its requirement that the state Legislature have a two-thirds majority will only serve to put a stranglehold on legislation that could be beneficial to communities.

The MML's petition attempt is a broad brush response that will create ineffective gov-

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ernment and may, should voters get it on the ballot and approve it in November, create serious roadblocks for important legislation.

It is as bad as HB 4777.

As interpreted, HB 4777 irked plenty of local officials who saw the legislation as a vehicle to draw and quarter home rule. Yet legislators continued to defend the bill as a means of ensuring state's rights, not of detracting from local government's ability to govern its own municipalities.

State legislators, indeed, took a beating from local officials over the bill. And rightly so. The issues that prompted HB 4777, such as a smoking ban passed by elected officials in Marquette and living wage proposals in Detroit and Ypsilanti, were specific issues and concerns that should have been addressed as such. Instead they formed the bottom of what could have been a legislative endless pit targeting local government:

We are, however, cautiously optimistic that the offspring of HB 4777 may help reduce the rubble, simply because it may - and we hope judiciously – address what sparked HB 4777.

True representative and well-thought-out government must be more than a reaction to individual issues. Both the state Legislature and local municipalities would do well to recognize the need to work together for constituents and the future of the state.

One-upmanship has no place in governance

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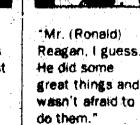
"It's Abraham Lincoln because he freed the slaves."



"Abreham Lincoin because of his conviction and character and his willingness to act on



\*John Kennedy because there's so much interest in the family. You're always: hearing something about them."



**Bob Sheridan** 

# Interesting viewing

didn't know WLND (the municipal cable TV channel) was producing siteoms now! I'm not sure of the program's name, but I viewed this program of people portraying community lead-

The leading roles were played by characters calling themselves elected officiates with the initiative to remove an at-will nominated City Hall clerk for the reason she was unable to communicate well and lacked leadership qual-

One of the actors was identified by his onetime portrayal of an on-stage performance of a Neil Diamond "wanna be." He sweated a lot and always looked to his left before his words

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**LETTERS** 

### Let's get better

t this writing, our city is finding itself falling deeper and deeper into a bad situation. This would not be if our interested citizens and some of our leaders would employ and deploy the same effort in trying for a resolution as are being utilized in trying to exploit the situation.

I was profoundly disturbed Feb. 7 when, in visiting City Hall, more than one of the many people picketing there indicated that two union leaders were instrumental in organizing such picketing. If this is true, shame on you two "union leaders," you are not representative of the union Walter Reuther building. The "night-stick" and "sawed-off shotgun" was put away years ago. The fight is still on, but the fight is now done with time, truth, words, ideas and laws and legislation. Last but not least, the union fights when its cause is right. The union believes in going to the "bargaining table."

Now let us talk about other things of concern, such as real evidence. Fact, truth and hearsay: I don't see how a reasonable person, citizen, leader or "officeholder" can go to the extent of attacking and abusing another when the accused nor accuser have yet to speak through the highest governing body of this city (the council) thus to the people of this city. It could be we are blinded with too much hearsay, too little real evidence, and too impatient in waiting to hear "both sides."

I believe it is safe to say most of the evidence submitted to the courts is "circumstantial evidence." The reason for this is that most of the acts and transactions that later become the subjects of trial are not done in the presence of witnesses. They say the accuser and the accused were not alone during the altercation. Then bring forth the witnesses. If the intent is to be fair and factual about the entire situation, then bring forth the real evidence, the circumstantial evidence and testimony of the witnesses.

As I see it, the evidence available now is basically circumstantial. That is, facts drawn from the inference that another fact is true.

As I see it, "fact" is a statement of actuality: To say it more professionally, it is the circumstances and acts that bears upon the allegations. All leaders and citizens should be sure of their facts before driving home their opinions too forcibly for no one can overlook the possibility of being wrong as well as the probability of being right.

As I see it, "truth" is an agreement with reality; it is an agreement with a "rule" or "standard." It is the natural law of order when examining the facts, if the council would use it, this

bad situation would end within 30 minutes.

As I see it, "hearsay" is the more common of all reports, it is something about which one has no direct knowledge, heard at secondhand. I believe 98 percent of the people attending the Feb. 7 council meeting were there because of what their leaders directed them to do or because of what they heard. Not a single person offered what would be a "just" and equitable solution. What in the name of democracy are we doing to our city?

As to the petition, I've seen too many crossing my desk, but I have never signed one and never will. A successful petition of this kind serves to benefit one person or a group of people seeking control of some kind.

As I see it and with the information available to me, to seek to punish a council person for doing what it is his or her job to do is cruel and unjust. In the areas of appointed people and employees, the council has both the right and the responsibility to appoint, reappoint or not to reappoint, and to deny any council person this right or to seek to punish because of their decision is the same as commanding a bird to fly then crop his wings.

Finally, council, you are the decision-making gems of our city, you are relied upon to make tough, fair and just decisions. However, it is plain to see the council is not one council per se, but two factions with one faction lying in wait for the other to err, or with the hope of capitalizing on some action of the other. Action of this kind could easily offer to our city, the slot machine of sneaky hypocrisy, the offsprings of natural hell and the production of moral damnation. "Council," where is the wisdom here, the leadership? We drive cattle and we herd sheep, but we lead people and people are led better by appreciation and understanding.

Recently, our city became the ninth largest city in the state of Michigan, now let us shine to make it the best city in the state of Michigan.

> John Franklin Westland

### Give credit

Messrs. Griffin, Cox. James and Mrs. Scott should be congratulated on the remarkable restraint they exhibited while being subjected to character assassination by people at the lectern and by out-of-control members of the audience at recent council meetings.

Some of the speakers and some of the audience acted more like a lynch mob than adult members of the community. It is a credit to the above mentioned council persons that they did

not respond in kind.

Mr. Griffin and Mr. Cox are both intelligent and astute enough to have known the reactions which certain members of the council and their supporters would have to their decision regarding Mrs. Gibbons. They also would have know they could have waited a few days to address the matter at a council meeting with the same result and with fewer repercussions.

It should be apparent that Griffin and Cox were motivated by something other than revenge in taking an action which they knew full well would bring a strong opposition. Whether their decision is agreed with or not, they should at least be given credit for making a tough decision which they knew would be challenged by opponents.

The unrestrained and sometimes malicious outbursts of some speakers and audience members were shameful. What is even more shameful is that their conduct may have been encouraged, or perhaps even orchestrated, by certain council members.

It is to be hoped that common decency and consideration will be restored at future council meetings.

J.H. White Westland

### **Support for Gibbons**

This letter is in support of Mrs. Gibbons, our former city clerk who was allegedly dismissed from her job without an explanation.

In supporting Mrs. Gibbons, I also want to bring to the attention of the City of Westland, the Westland City Council and the voters of the 28th Precinct that the actions of Mr. Griffin and Mr. Cox are nothing new.

Over 20 years ago, after an election, Mr. Griffin and Mr. Cox arrived at the now closed Southeast Westland Community Center and informed me (the building supervisor) and my co-worker that they were closing the building without explanation. They kept their word and closed the facility.

To this day, to my knowledge they have neither publicly nor privately accused me or my coworker of any wrongdoing or explained to the community the reason for their action.

To Mrs. Gibbons, I can feel your pain.

To Mr. Cox and Mr. Griffin, I must congratulate you – you are equal opportunists with your mean-spiritedness. What you did to our community over 20 years ago is still unacceptable. What you are doing to Mrs. Gibbons now is unacceptable. Our city deserves better than this

In closing, I would like to remind the citizens of Westland to not allow this administration to separate us with the "Divide and conquer" attitude, such as Republicans against the Democrats, the old against the young, the men against the women, the races against the races. We are all in this MESS together and we all deserve better representation than we are receiving.

Reasther Everett Westland

### **Get involved**

Since establishing the Web site for the recall, and being one of many who are signing up citizens to work for the recall, I have been made aware of so many more reasons why we as citizens should not simply turn our heads, look the other way, and allow the current status quo to continue. One of the issues I have been concerned about for so long was the handling of absentee ballots ...

I have also been contacted in my private email box, known only to my family, by members of the mayor's elite, letters that to me and my husband are clearly an attempt to intimidate me. I have let it be known that were I not to be in support of this recall, there are still hundreds of others that are. In my words, I am just a step in the staircase leading to the ultimate recall and repossession of our city government. One of the letters asked me if the Wayne County prosecutor found there was not enough evidence to prove the allegations against the four, would I drop my involvement in this recall? My answer is no. Unless the four submit to a polygraph, and the polygraph reveals that they in no way undermined the process of government, that they did not meet or discuss the issue of our city clerk among themselves, then I will not believe

There is a difference between having proof and having circumstantial evidence. We as voters know the truth. No amount of persuasion from the four will deter those of us who know corrupt when we see it. Not just with these four, but with many others.

If you are interested in working with us on the recall, whether to just sign the petition or help us gather signatures, please call 729 2805. Or contact our Web site at http://recall-now2000 homestead.com/RecallNow2000.html. In fact, you might just want to do both, as the Web site will keep you updated! Please call, that number again is 729-2805.

Brenda Gracin

# McCain's a man for our times

politics is not a cerebral exercise. Its language is emotion. Its closest relative is theater. Its rare but electric defining moment is when a candidate connects with voter gut.

Over the years, I've seen a lot of elections in Michigan and only a few electric moments.

One was in October 1960, when I was part of the enraptured crowd on the University of Michigan campus that heard Sen. John F. Kennedy talk about a visionary idea that eventually would become the Peace Corps. Another involved Alabama Gov. George Wallace, who made passionate converts by attacking school busing and astonished observers by winning the Michigan Democratic primary election in 1972.

And now Sen. John McCain might be doing

the same thing in the Michigan Republican primary next Tuesday. Polls published over the weekend suggested McCain was running overall nearly 10 points ahead of Texas Gov. George W. Bush, an astonishing surge considering that McCain was 34 points down in Michigan two weeks ago before his upset win in the New Hampshire primary.

that it spreads across the political spectrum.

Running against the entire Michigan GOP establishment, McCain trails Bush among Republicans, 44 percent to 33 percent with 23 percent undecided, and he obliterates Bush by more than two to one among Independents.

And Independents are famously active and influential in Michigan politics. Robert Teeter, the Ann Arbor resident who is one of the country's most respected Republican pollsters, was quoted over the weekend in The Detroit News:

If you had asked me any time up to two months ago, I would have said almost none of those people (Independents) would vote... With all the new voters coming into the process and McCainteing such a hot commodity, the question becomes will be be able to get enough independent voters to go vote that he might win the damn thing."

What's going on here?

For one thing, the Bush campaign—from the beginning replete with vast sums of money and the endorsements of virtually the entire GOP establishment, led by Gov John Engler—has looked more like a coronation than the outcome of a hard-fought political contest. My older son. Scott, a 28-year-old medical student at the University of Michigan, said: "I don't see what it is in Bush's personality or record that qualifies him to be president, other than that he is his father's son."

And McCain is certainly an aftractive person ality, a certified war hero with the guts to challenge his own party's orthodox support for the



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tobacco industry and equally orthodox opposition to campaign finance reform.

Moreover, the Arizona senator has found a

medium perfectly attuned to his message in the "Straight Talk Express," the campaign bus on which he holds what sounds like nonstop, face-to-face conversations with reporters. McCain's Michigan campaign chair, state Sen. John Schwarz, told me over the weekend that the McCain campaign "is the damnedest thing I've ever seen. McCain is absolutely loose as a goose He is saying exactly what he thinks and doesn't

It's exactly this sense of a genuine person, comfortable in his own skin and therefore able to be straight with the voters, that accounts for McCain's extraordinary emotional appeal.

seem to care if he wins or loses."

But there's more to it than just a wildly, attractive personality. I sense a historical context that gives substance and power to the McCain campaign as the most recent expression of long-running rebellion of reasonable, moder ate voters against a political system that has been hijacked over the last decade by a bunch self-interested elites. Hijacked by big corporations and unions that exploit the loopholes in campaign finance laws. Hijacked by special interests and ideologues who impose single issue litmus tests on everything. Hijacked by political consultants, pollsters, media pundits and professional candidate handlers

The reason so many ordinary voters are so alienated by our politics is that candidate can dor has been replaced by scripted sound bites, genuine views on the issues have been overwhelmed by poll results and personal character has become something to be manipulated.

Who knows how well John McCam will do next Tuesday. But his candidacy seems perfect ly crafted for our times

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independent panel and a corporate attorney to oversee the process.

While we want to share the excitement about what's coming," said David Katz, Wayne County director of airports, we also want to make certain. the media and general public understand the stringent criteria and integrity-based selection process that will be used to select the winners."

The four panel members are Vernice Anthony, senior vice president of community health at St. John Heelth System; William C. Brooks, board chairman of United American Health Care Corp.; Douglas A. Fraser, former United Auto Workers international president; and retired Air Force Major Gen. Lucius Theus, former Tuskegee Airman and the first African American combat officer to be premoted to general.

The attorney is Leon S. Cohan, retired Detroit Edison general counsel and nationally known ethicist who served 10 years as chairman of the Michigan State Board of Ethics.

Cohan is reviewing and monitoring a selection committee's screening of the 66 proposals while the panel is evaluating and assuring the integrity of the process.

"This is an innovative retail program that will make Metro's airport mall the envy of the nation," said Colleen Pobur, the airport's director of concessions. "We want to make clear that this selection process has been open, fair and competitive.

"It's a very above-board process," she said. "There are no secrets to this."

In March, her committee is to present its recommendations to the Wayne County board of commissioners for final approval.

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Why so few?" she asked riesteries! ly. "Because we set the bar high." she answered, adding that the proposels were "incredibly strong"

The quality of presentations being reviewed by her evaluation committee are "amazing, wonderful beyond our wildest dreams," she said.

iest weight - 30 percent - is being given to the county's anticipated financial return: The airport, as mail landlord, expects first-year revenue to be "over \$100 million," Pobur said.

In the evaluation process, the heav-

"It's around \$30 million now." with the airport getting 13 to 16 percent. according to David Katz, airport director.

Conway noted the airport's income is mainly from airline landing fees, plus concessions, rent and parking it gets no general-fund tax dollars. Metro is a "hub" airport because the other dollars allow it to keep landing fees "reasonable," he said.

The Pobur committee's recommendations go in March to the Wayne County Commission for its approval.

The 2-million-square-foot Midfield Terminal, under construction just south of the L.C. Smith Terminal, is to open by December 2001.

Its mall will connect Midfield's multi-level passenger entrance, ticketing and luggage area to the mile-

14 gate boarding area. The mall will have 41 specialty retail stores and 20 restaurants, all Detroit-

The larguet retail outlet will be a world class" 6,200-square-foot dutyfree store, Pobur suid, but there also will be upscale stores carrying highfashion designs, gifts and gulf items.

### Emphasis local

The mall will emphasize local food specialties and gift shops featuring locally made items and apparel.

Michigan wines and microbrews plus museum and gift shops showcasing local artisans will be featured. along with restaurants representing the area's multi-cultural population.

Also planned are an American-style diner with carry-out, an aromatherapy shop and a fresh-flower shop.

To assure competitiveness with other metro-area outlets, officials require that businesses awarded concessions "agree to implement street pricing" based on proprietors' surveys of local-area charges for similar services and products.

"The airport price must be comparable to prices offered at off-airport locations," officials emphasized.

Furthermore, "to maintain and encourage good customer service," the airport will use "secret shoppers" and a quality-rating system to monitor offerings.

"Exceptional customer service" will be rewarded, with "penalties for consistently" falling below standards. officials added.

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encountered Linda Franc at the airthe Marriott Hotel lobby.

"Despite the fact that (Franz) did not know what had just happened to us" and also couldn't access the flight information they needed, "she must have intuitively sensed our pain and confusion," Barker wrote.

"As we stood in the middle of the terminal and made several telephone calls, she continued to check on us over the next hour and a half, asking us if she could help or get us something to drink," Barker related.

As Franz became aware of their plight, "she acted as an advocate for us as we were trying to book flights."

"Linda was exceedingly sensitive and kind," said Barker. "She was not at all intrusive. She acted professionally and yet we felt she was helping us by sharing in our pain when we felt so alone and helpless.

I know that the Detroit airport has received a lot of negative press in the recent past, but I hope this letter will acknowledge how the positive and caring attitude of your service agents can make a significant difference in the lives of others." Barker concluded.

Franz, wife and mother of four who just likes "to be around people," said her 20-hour-a-week job as one of about two dozen folks of all ages wearing the green Metro CSA vest "is great fun if you like peopleaction" - being around people and talking with them.

If sameone has problems, she port's new information knock, near said, 'you go all-out to try to help

### 2-way radios

All CBAs have two-way radios, "so we're in constant contact with each other," she said. "You can get an answer instead of telling a person 'I don't know."

Since she began the job about a year ago, she said, she and her fellow CSAs have helped stranded travelers find hotel rooms - or try to make them comfortable if nothing's available.

"We did a lot of pillows and blankets" when the January 1999 blizzard hit, she recalled.

Franz also remembered how, together with the Airport Operations Department, CSAs helped a diabetic man stranded by a snowstorm. He'd packed his needles away, but airport personnel helped him get new ones by first finding a 24-hour drugstore and then driving through the storm to it.

Metro officials said it's CSAs and other employees like Franz - as well as Metro's huge \$2-billion expansion program that is doing millions in facility upgrades plus building the new \$1.2-billion Midfield Terminal that are giving the airport a friendlier look.

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## Marriage is a balance of give, take moments

As the Observer Newspapers conducts its yearly solicitation for stories of happy and lasting marriages I would like to offer an account of what made my 34-year marriage successful and special.

The narrative begins with an incident three months before my husband's death. As we were riding along Schoolcraft I looked at him and remarked that I was so proud of what he had achieved in life and how I wanted to thank him for letting me be part of what he had accomplished and how much I felt we had grown in so many ways throughout our time together. His answer was that nothing he had done or succeeded in could have taken place without me at his

That small, spontaneous exchange was a thrilling moment to long be remembered, and one I had no idea would be impossible to have affirmed to him in only a few months, as he died of a heart attack soon afterwards.

The ideal foundation of a strong and happy marriage consists of love, trust and sharing. It is a 100 percent idea of giving of yourself in every way. It is a complete commitment of thinking of your spouse first. It is this urm and complete surrender of yourself to each other that makes you both winners in this special relationship.

When you try to understand the other person's situation in a problem, whether right or wrong, and when you communicate with each other openly and honestly, you both win, and many conflicts are avoided because the honesty and trust prevails, and thus any problem can be addressed and dealt with successful-

For example, when a bank error I made resulted in bounced checks cascading through the mail, my husband's reaction was to guickly look for the error and remark that with the hectic job of running a household of four children it was a wonder this didn't happen more often.

· After a disastrous pregnancy and extreme postpartum blues that resulted in wicked mood swings, his reaction was to ask a pharmacist if there was anything that might help restore me to a sensible and reasonable attitude.

Acknowledging a problem and trying to solve it together makes for tranquility in a relationship.

Sharing each other's likes and dislikes sometimes finds you liking something new. Only to please me did we use tickets to a concert at the old-Ford Auditorium. The result was that my husband, who only went because I wanted to, enjoyed the production immensely, even more than me. I

Each new encounter was an adventure. Even when we were contemplating a new restaurant in a distant city, anticipating bad service due to crowds and high prices, the thought was, "Let's do it, and then we'll have something to talk about."

Life was a daily job to be endured or enjoyed. That is what a good mar-

riage is or should be. A serious commitment that considers the other person first results in a boomerang effect that by each doing for the other, the needs and wants of the other (or both really) are met. By doing something the other desires, your avenue of enjoyment and experience is expanded, and your social endowment is broadened. You grow together.

Striving to live each day to the FALLERS WASH MARK MARK CHEETS WHILL WELLES only furthers the betterment of your marriage and society in general. As you give and love each other that mushrooms to all around you - your children, your neighbors and your coworkers. Nothing is lost by considering the other first because you yourself become a recipient if it truly is a loving and caring marriage.

It's like bouncing a ball against a wall. What goes out comes right back

Shirley A. Welch in a Livonia resi dent and occasional columnist. Patrick Welch was a Ford Motor Co. lawyer who died in 1989.

# Young Life going strong



**Unified**: From left to right are five of seven Young Life adult volunteers as they put on a skit for the group: Vaughn Lamer, Lisa Winebrener, Erin Meyer, Mark and Kristen VanAndel.

ark Van Andel is content just as long as he's reaching one teen at a time.

As area director of Young Life, he's touching the lives of individuals who are heading toward adulthood and giving answers to their questions and concerns. With Plymouth/Canton Young Life still less than one year old, he's living and working around high school students who are just

being introduced to the club and its benefits.

Now that the club is 60 members strong in Plvmouth and Canton, he's happy with the progress and ready to see the group grow in the coming year.

A 'Lifer'

"I was involved in Young Life as a high school student," said Van Andel. "From there I was a volunteer leader in college."

By the time he was working as a full-time staff member in Grand Rapids, his wife decided to attend graduate school at the University of Michigan. When the couple moved to Plymouth six

months ago, Van Andel accepted the position of area director.

Laugh it up: Craig

McKey, a junior at

clearly amused by

Plymouth Salem

High School, is

the skits.

While his job is based in Farmington Hills, his duties include coordinating volunteer activities for Young Life in the Wayne County area and reaching out to the youth in the area - a perfect match for someone who always wanted to work with kids.

"I really enjoy being with high school kids," said Van Andel. "They have a lot of energy. They have not become jaded or skeptical; they're still hopeful about

It's that glimmer of hope in the eyes of youth that motivates him in his work.

"I think the best way for kide to be able to make it through life is to have a relationship with God:

To create and foster that link, he goes, where the kids are, whether that means basketball games at the high school, coffee shops or places where they work.

"My job is to reach out and bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the kids," he added. "The challenge of doing it here in Plymouth/Canton, where it's new, is trying to convince people we're not a

Young Life is a nationwide, nondenominational organization that reaches out to youth by spreading the message of Jesus Christ. Van Andel's wife, Kristen, works alongside other adult volunteer leaders in the area including Vaughn Lamer, Lisa Winebrener, Erin Meyer and Briana Hor-

Kathy McClone, co chair of the Ply

mouth/Canton Committee, said Mark close relationships with others. and Kristen have "really made a big difference. They are really gifted in building relationships with teenagers."

McGlone, like other parents involved in Young Life, works behind the scenes.

"We raise money so Young Life can go on," she said.

She is one of a group of individuals who has been working since 1996 to start the Young Life ministry in the Plymouth/Canton area.

Ryan Cosens, a junior at Plymouth Salem High . School, is another reason. that the ministry exists today. About three years age he joined Young Life and had to go to the Novi and Northville communities to participate. Now he's part of a group of teenagers in Plymouth and Canton who are an active part of Young

"It's a lot of fun," he said. "You get to hang out with your friends. You can be yourself."

Young Life isn't the same as a church-related youth group. Van-Andel, and those who work with him. provide support and understanding when they need it. The message at Young Life is "we accept you for who you are." Some of the common concerns Van Andel hears involve feelings of alienation, separation and a lack of

Growing up

"It's harder than ever before to be a high school student," said Van Andel, "The age of adolescence is getting younger and younger. Life decisions can have a lasting impact, and kids are forced to make decisions earlier and earlier. Across the board, it's harder and harder being a kid."

To make life a little easier. Young Life offers Club, a night once a week when teens meet in an informal atmosphere, such as a student's home, to play games, socialize and share a message. Another weekly event - called a campaigner - is similar to a small group Bible study where members discuss issues that concern youth and what the Bible has to say about them. Young Life members are tree to partiespate when they want to, there is no pressure to join in.

In basic terms, McGlone said Young Life "offers a place for kids to hang out, have fun with their friends and learn about Jesus and the role he can play in their life.

Young Life also offers a number of social events and outings, such as video scavenger hunts and trips to summer camp that include activities like parasailing, tubing and horseback riding. In June 2000 Young Life will take 30 students on a trip to North Carolina.

Cosens has gone to Young Life's meet the students where they are and "week-long camp three summers in a row, He's trayeled to Minnesota and Virginia for summer camp and participated in activities like rock climbing and mountain biking. It's not exactly a

traditional camp experience. He said he would encourage other



Bonding: Young Life members make a human chain during a game where the point is not to find a winner but rather to get everyone laughing.

kids to get involved. "Give it a chance." added Cosens, "Once you get used to your surroundings, you'll have a blast."

That's the kind of positive attitude that would make Mark Van Andel smile. He said his goal is to provide a place for young people "where God is . homored and they have healthy relationships with one another "While the focus is on high school students. 14 to 18 years old he anticipates that Young Life will eventually expand to include middle school groups

### Spreading the word

McGlone said she hopes to "spread the word and get more kids involved? an the future "I look forward to Young. Life being a diverse group, a mix of all cultures, all races, all kinds of kids "

Nen Andel Sand as it continues to grow. Young Life is seeking additional adult volunteers. They are leoking for individuals "who have a heart for high school kids and who love God.

If you would like to become in adult religiteer leader or need additional intermitteen about Young Life Alease only 248 (47) 5001 or o may P'ver YI



Strumming: Playing "Lean on Me" on guitar (right) is Jon McGlone, a junior at Plymouth Salem. Mark Van Andel and Lisa Winebrener join in on vocals and accompanying puitar.

# Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian celebrates 28 years of theater

A Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church presents "The Pajama Game" 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Feb. 25-26, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the church's Fellowship Hall, 9601 Hubbard in Liveria, Tickets \$6 adults, \$3 for students through grade 12. Call (734) 422-0494 to reserve tickets or for more infor mation.

By STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scanola@oe.homecomm.net

duction of "The Sound of Music" 28 years ago less church's Fellowship Hall

Rosedale Gardens Prespyterian Courch in Livenia. she didn't think it would become an annual event-Gearing up for this year's musical. "The Pajama-Game," she looks back with foudness.

"The first year we did it, the chair director said to me Why don't we do a Broadway mush al" It furned out to be so much flan, the tradition to some tained almost three decades. The preparations begin each January with a ditions that are open to the entire congregation or regardle sociating or . Gardens condition of the Goodge Abbott play in singing experience. By the end of helder its, the When Martha Kuykendall agreed to direct a pro- show is ready to open before a crowd of 200 at the

Karkendall sand she trads to show productions with a larger cast, and a large choir, so as acresspeople who want to participate can find their riche and be part of the experience

Right now word at the page stage," she said, laughter. I teel like the mother of a large burn hot

This is the second time Knykendall has directed The Proposition of She first premiered Reseduie

### **NEW VOICES**

# Patricia and William Holcomb III of Livonia announce the birth of their son William Lyman Holcomb IV, May 10, 1999 at Botsford General Hospitel in Farmington Hills, William joins sister Amy, 6. Grandparents are Betty Wesley of Detroit and Marion and William Holcomb II of Marion, Mich.

E Kevin and Jill Quinlan of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, Claire Irene, Jan. 15 at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Jack and Kay Quinlan of Marysville, Mich. and Bob and Sandy Grochowski of Essexville, Mich. Great-Grandparents are Jack and Ronnie Quinlan of Marysville, Mich. and Casmer and Irene Kryszak of Essexville, Mich.

Bryon and Shelly Morell of Westland announce the birth of their daughter Madison Marie Feb. 3. Grandparents are Bill and Carol Mancini of Livonia and Jim and Dorothy Morell of Novi

M Scott and Dena Williams of Garden City announce the birth of their son, Mathieu Steven, Jan. 23 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Paul and Marion Wint of Garden City and Ed and

Lynne Williams of White Lake. ■ Steve and Debbie Vesely of Canton announce the birth of their daughter. Kaitlynn Alexus, Jan. 23 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She joins siblings Stevie, Shawn and Dane. Grandparents are Bill and Jean Damico of New Boston, Mich. and Lou and Jo Vesely of Union Tewn, Penn.

Trisha (Beaumont) Rutledge of Dearborn and Gary **Butledge** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter Madisyn Nicole, born Jan. 31 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Daniel

and Patricia Beaumont of Livonia and Betty and Bob Rutledge of Livenia.

Raymond and Heather Noragon of Westland announce the birth of their son, Alexander Thomas Feb. 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Grandparents are Tom and Jackie Van Straten of Lansing, Barbara Van Straten of Managua, Nicaragua, and Don and Karen Noragon of Waterloo.

Eric Rose and Sandra Abela of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Isabela February 7 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. She joins sister Racquel Rose. Grandparents are Janet Armstrong of Belleville and John and Jan Abela of Owosso.

Gary and Laurie Rollins of Farmington Hills announce: the birth of Mason Douglas February 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. He joins sister Chelsea Rollins and brother Robert Rugg. Grandparents are Joe and Betty Rollins of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Pam Henderson and Bob

■ Billy and Evonne Denton of Canton announce the birth of their son, Anthony Lee February 5 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Grandparents are Bill and Ida Denton of Canton and Jake and Stacy Thomas of Westland.

■ David and Anne Ellis of Plymouth Township announce the birth of Max Edison January 18 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He joins sister Faith Elizabeth, 20 months. Grandparents are James and Jeanne Terski of Livonia, Rich Ellis of Calif. and Sonja Ellis of Calif. Greatgrandparents are Albert and Yvette Shepard of Redford and Arlie and Sarah Ellis of Grosse Pointe Woods.

# Rosedale from page B1

sell novel "7 1/2 cents." It's set in an Iowa pajama factory, during the 1950s, where the workers are seeking a 7 1/2 cent raise. "The Pajama Game" has a musical score by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross, elements of comedy and a touching love story.

For those behind the scenes, it's not Broadway, it's just a good way to avoid the winter blahs. Andrew Mac of Plymouth will portray the lead character, Sid. This is Mac's fourth performance with the church and he is a member of the church choir. Mac described his character as the "kind of a cocky, self-centered superintendent at the pajama factory. He falls in love with one of the hourly employees." The romance is central to the story, showing a struggle between the union and management employ-

"It's just fun to do," said Kuykendall, who's directing a cast of about 30. She works with actors during the weeknights, and the group gets together on weekends to create the sets. "It's really good fellowship."

Mac agreed and said he's made a lot of friends through the play. He's also happy to see people of all different ages joining in to the production. Mac credits the director with making the work so much fun. "She's a great lady," he said.

While Kuykendall has worked with the theatrical productions in Garden City, Livonia and Redford, she wasn't trained as a director. After so many years working with the church she, and others involved, have learned how to make their productions run more smoothly. "We have a lot of trained musicians in our church choir, but it's open to anybody in our church," she said. "We do it more because we like to do it."

That's the case with Caroline Dunphy, who's been designing sets for the church's productions for the past 26 years. A water-

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**ALL AMERICAN SHOW** 

Cast of characters: Congregation members from Rosedale Garden Presbyterian Church pose behind actor and church member John Hirtzel. This is the 28th year the Livonia church and its membership have put on a performance for the community. "The Pajama Game," which will be performed Feb. 25, 26 and 27, is the winner of six Tony Awards including Best Musical for its high spirited pace, vitality and brilliance.

colorist and owner of Painter's Place - an art studio in downtown Northville - Dunphy finds it challenging to create the modules needed for musicals at her church. She said the outside scenes are most difficult to create, but she works on the productions year after year because of the people she meets.

"Different people come to paint every time," said Dunphy. "It's fun that way. And I guess I like make-believe."

Now in the finishing stages, Dunphy is researching how to make a Coca Cola

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machine look like it did in the 1950s. She tries to look at musicals in a new light. Especially those which have been performed at the church in years passed.

"You have to erase the ideas you had from the previous time," she explained.

Most of all, Dunphy considers the productions to be a good opportunity for members of the congregation to get involved, and to meet new friends in a different type of setting. That seems to be a formula for success and the reason that this keeps this cultural tradition going year after year.

### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, February 22, 2000, the Westland Police Department 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

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In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, February 19, 2000 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting

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### CITY OF WESTLAND PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting for candidates seeking nomination to the office of President of the United States. List of polling piace locations:

NOTICE IN HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Washined Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36001 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2000.

Written seasonents may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 27095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Mich

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The polls for said Election will be open at 7:00 s.m. and will remain open until \$100 p.m. on said day of Election. Every qualified elector present and

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### PROJECT GRADUATION

Crafters are wanted for a craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Tables are \$25 each. Admission will be \$2. Proceeds will benefit Project Graduation 2000. To register or for more information, call Bobbie Price at (734) 522-3848 or Michelle Porcaro at (734) 525-

CHURCHILL PTSA CRAFT SHOW Churchill High School PTSA is

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**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE CRAFTS** 

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

### City of Westland Invitation to Bid

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185-2298, March 3. 2000, at 10:00 a.m. (no exceptions) for the following:

Construction of City of Westland Fire Station #5

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from Architect and Planners located at 9429 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 or by calling (734) 453-6060. Bid documents will be available February 14, 2000. Please contact Architects and Planners with any questions pertaining to this bid. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

JILL B. THOMAS Purchasing Agent City of Westland

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### CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SPECIAL LAND USE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Planning Commission at 6:45 p.m., February 24,

2060 at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan 48135. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed special land use for the expansion of Merriman Road Baptist Church, at 2055 Merriman.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the site plan and special use application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road,

Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing. Written comments may be sent to the above address. EDWARD KANE, Chair

Planning Commission ALLYSON M. BETTIS, Treasurer/City Clerk

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #1941D, Site Plan Approval for Proposed CVS Pharmacy with Drive-Thru, Parcels #554-69-6060-095 and -0030-098, Northwest Corner of Wayne Road and Hunter Avenue, NW-8, Arthur Alle

Case #1969C, Proposed Split of Outlot Sal Norwayne Subdivision No. 6, South Side of Palmer Read, West of Vency Road, NW-27, Gary M. Martin of Wayne Westland Schools

Case \$10000, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Industrial Building. Puresla \$025-90-0027-702, -0025-702 and -0005-703, North Side of Essewiive Drive, Rest of Hix Road, NE-7, Doug Shaw (Glen Shaw, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland

Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Pord Road. Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday. March 7, 2000. Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department to \$7095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan - 48185.

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman

Westland Planning Commission

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### ANNIVERSARIES, ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

### Von Glahn

William and Florence Von Clahn are calebrating their Coth anniversary this year. The couple, who have resided in Plymouth for 40 years, were married Jan. 27, 1940 in Richmond Hill, Queens County, New York. They have three children: Jeff. Tom and Nancy, and four grandchildren.

William Von Glahn is retired from his career at Unisys, but is involved with the Optimists Club, AARP Tax Program and is treasurer of the Plymouth Council of Aging.

Florence Von Glahn is a member of the Plymouth Women's Club and Plymouth Study Group. The couple enjoys play-



Donald and Paula Zurawski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Marie, to Timothy Joseph Minor of Royal Oak

The bride-to-be is a 1994 Ladywood High School graduate. She received her bachelor's degree from Northern Michigan University and now teaches math at Athens High School in Troy.

Her fiancé, son of Dennis and Kathryn Minor of Livonia, is a 1993 Churchill High School graduate. He earned his bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering from Michigan Technological University and is now working in his field.

### Bernthal-Mitchell

Orrin and Kathleen Tibbits of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Christen Bernthal, to Stephen Arthur Mitchell.

The bride-to-be is an Eastern Michigan University graduate and works for Ameritech.

Her fiance, son of Stephen and Barbara Mitchell of Plymouth, is a Western Michigan University graduate who works for UUNet.

A June wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel. A reception will follow at Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth.



ing golf, bowling and bridge. To celebrate their anniversary, the family will gather at Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor and the Von Glahns will take a trip to Montego Bay in Jamaica.



An April wedding and reception are planned at Weller's Carriage House in Saline.



### Ciatti

Americo (Mac) Ciatti and Mary Jane (Jean) Graziano wed on November 19, 1949, at St. Lukes Catholic Church in Detroit.

To celebrate their 50th anniversary, the Livonia couple's three children - Linda, Larry and Dan — and 10 grandchildren organized a dinner party for family and friends. They also gave their parents a 15-day trip to Hawaii as a gift.

Americo Ciatti is a retired millright from Ford Motor Company in Dearborn. His wife is retired from her secretarial position at Ford Motor Company, where she worked for 25 years.

The Ciatti's enjoy spending summer weekend's at their cottage on Tipsico Lake in Fenton and taking winter trips to their. condominium in Naples, Fla.

**Brower-Bryan** 

Ron and Mary Bryan of Livonia proudly announce the engagement of their son, Ronald W. Bryan Jr. to Patricia K. Brower of Redford Township.

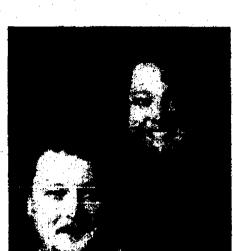
The bride-to-be, daughter of Gerald and Dorothy Brower of Redford Township, is a 1989 graduate of Redford Union High School and attends Northern Michigan University. She is employed at Alistate Insurance Company in Traverse City.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and is employed as a transmission technician for Grand Traverse Transmission.

A June wedding is planned at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church in Redford and the reception will be held at St. couple reside in Trayerse City.



Americo Ciatti keeps busy taking care of rental properties. Their daughter, Linda Kelley, said: "Family is very important to the Ciatti's. Their children and grandchildren are always around enjoying the cottage or having big family dinners together."



Aidan's Monsignor Alex J. Brunett Hall in Livonia. The

### **Tatterton-Ellis**

John and Marilyn Tatterton of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter Caryn Louise, to Robert John Ellis.

The bride-to-be is a Plymouth-Salem High School and Michigan State University graduate: She works for IBM in Research Triangle Park, N.C. in supply chain management.

Her fiancé, son of Janet M. Friske of Wyandette and James C. Ellis of Royal Oak, is a Theodore Roosevelt High School graduate and Michigan State University graduate. He works for Geraghty and Miller as a staff scientist.

A June wedding is planned at

### Davis-Rudzki

Don and Eileen Davis of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynette, to Michael Rudzki of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of DeVry Institute of Technology in Ohio, where she obtained a bachelor's degree in computer information systems.

Her fiance, son of Frank and Catherine Rudzki of Detroit, is a graduate of Henry Ford Community College, where he earned an associates of science degree in robotics and electronics. He's currently pursuing his bachelor's degree for electronics technology at Lawrence Techno-

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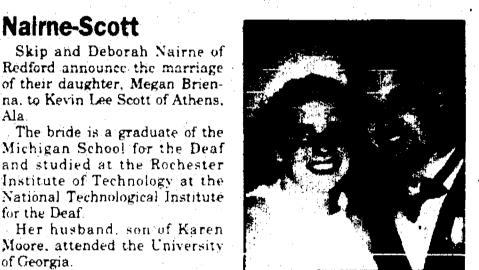
of Georgia.



Michigan State University Chapel in East Lansing, Mich.



logical Institute A fall wedding is planned at St. Christopher's Church.



Scott Radke: her cousin, Justin Henderson and friend James Stolt. The couple received guests at the Karas House and took a wedding trip to Oscoda, Mich. They will make their home in

Redford

### **ONLINE ANNOUNCEMENT FORMS**

You can now download an engagement or wedding form from our Web site at http://observer-eccentric.com

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there you'll see the Engagement/Wedding form link, Click on it. print it out, fill in the necessary information and mail it to Kimberly Mortson. Community Lif e Editor, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, MI 48150 or e-mail the information to kmortson@oe.homecomm.net. You should send a self addressed.

## elaine S. events presents

The wedding was held Aug. 6.

1999 at Grace Lutheran Church

in Redford before Pastor Timo-

dants were her sister, Laura

Nairne and her cousin, Sarah

Henderson. The groomsmen

included the bride's brother.

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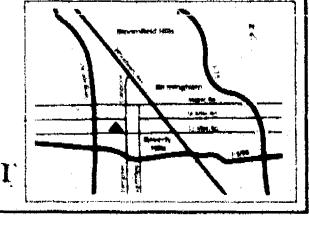
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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

RACING COLLECTIBLES A Racing Collectibles show will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post No. 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, at Avondale in Westland, Admission is \$2, free for children under age 12. Proceeds will support the Michigan Vietnam Monument. For informa-

tion, call (517) 467-2376

COFFEE HOUR

evenings.

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will have a coffee hour 8:30-10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at Leon's, 303 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All 13th Congressional District residents are encouraged to stop by and discuss concerns. For information, call Deborah Johnson in Rivers' office, (734) 485-3741.

TRAFFIC MEETING

A meeting on traffic concerns at Joy and Merriman will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy, Livonia. State Rep. Lyn Bankes (R-Livonia) and a representative from the Wayne County Division of Roads will meet with those concerned about traffic control at the intersection.

COIN SHOW

The Wayne Coin Club will hold its annual Coin Show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the Wayne Community Center, Howe and Annapolis roads. Admission is free. There will be coins, paper money, stamps, books and other items. Door prizes will be given.

RAILROADIANA

Toys and trains will be available for buying/swapping from 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

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 beginhing at 7 a.m., at Arcade 2 'by Olga's Kitchen, Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

### RECREATION

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

Figure eksters 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**

HOSPICE

Spring Volunteer Training for Community Hospice & Home Care Services begins Monday, March 20, and runs through Friday, March 31. Classes will run 5-9 p.m. for six sessions (March 20, 22, 24, 27, 29 and 31) at the CHHCS office, northwest corner of Warren and Venoy in Westland. For information or to register, call (734) 522-4244. Volunteers are needed in many areas.

ASSISTED LIVING

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

ANGEL CARE

Angel Care is looking for volunteers to sew, crochet or knit blankets and burial gowns to donate to local hospitals for infants who die. Contact Mary Piontek for patterns and information, (313) 534-6496.

**VETERAN'S HAVEN** Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-

deductible. For informa- .

tion, 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 (Stacy Suida, (734) 458-

### **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; and 4-year-eld class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Clausee run from September to May Parents are required to help out at the school All classes take place at Newburg United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. For more information, call April at (784) 207-

PRESCHOOL PROBLAN The Wayne-Westland Community School District has 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) 595-2660.

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.

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 located at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland, Call (734) 728-3559.

**GARDEN CITY CO-OP** 

The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through age 4. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings, and 3- and 4-year-olds meet Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708.

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 LAMES

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-

GARPHED CO-OP **Garfield Cooperative** Preschool offers programs



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for children 18 months to 5 years of age. 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. 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.

**MOM'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

CARD PARTY/PLAY The Westland Senior

Resources Department (Friendship Center) is planning a card party, luncheon and play Friday, March 24. The day will start 10 a.m. with a card party and competition for prizes, followed by a noon luncheon. Topping off the day, the Friendship Center, in cooperation with Parlour Theatre Productions, will offer a live performance of "Driving Miss Daisy." Tickets will be available at the front desk. For more information, call the center, (734) 722-7632.

HEARING CHECKS

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

SEMOR CHOIR

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

Musical Chairs is a program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low-to-moderate workout. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coor-

dination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates resistance exercises using rubber tubing and light weights with walking and jogging patterns. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise. mat are suggested. Robert Cassidy is the certified Jazzercise instructor. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

TRAVEL GROUP

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

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE

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

**WORK REFERRAL** 

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

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

### **CLUBS IN ACTION** DEMOCRATS

The Westland Democratic Club will meet 7:30 p.m.. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the Dorsey Community Center, 37215 Dorsey Road, Westland. For directions or more information, call (734) 729-6248.

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. Translays at HAW Local 898 at 8975 Textile, Ypeilanti. For more information, call Paula at (734) 995-4110.

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 monprofit, parentbased, volunteer organiza-

tion whose aim is to better the lives of individuals with attention difficulties. Call (313) 438-3099.

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. 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.

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 additional information.

### **FOR YOUR** HEALTH **GRIEF SUPPORT**

"Living the Journey," a sixweek support series for those experiencing grief, is being offered by Community Hospice & Home Care Services Inc. of Westland. Meetings for adults will be 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 22 through March 28, at the CHHCS office, 32932

522-4244. Donations are accepted.

Warren, at Venoy in West-

land. To register, call (734)

HEARING IMPAIRED Self-Help for Hard of Hearing People Inc. (SHHH) for Western Wayne County is an international nonprofit education organization of hard-of-hearing people, their relatives and friends, devoted to the welfare and interests of those who cannot hear well. 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 Free 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 registra-

Anxiety or panic attacks?

AIM (Agoraphobics In Motion) meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. AIM is a support group for those working on recovery from anxiety disorder or phobias. Call (248) 547 0400 for additional information.

RATIONAL RECOVERY Rational Recovery is a nonprofit, self-help organiza-

tion for people experiencing problems caused by alcohol and/or substance abuse or other self-defeating behaviors. The group meets at 12:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Garden City Hospital Community Health Center. on Harrison north of Maplewood in Garden City Call (248) 478-2657 for more information

The Observer Neuropapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program in event. Please tops or invit the information-beton and mail your stem to The Calendar, Westiana Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI. 48150, or by tex to 734-601-7279. Deadline for Calendar Hems is noon Priday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 955-2104 if you have any questions.

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SINGLES MINGLE

### Listings for the Singles Calendar 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

VALENTINE'S DANCE

WestSide Singles is hosting a Valentine's Dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of lnkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served. Ladies greeted at the door with a long stem red rose. Early admission special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. For information please call (734) 981-0909.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-

9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Single Percenting Min istry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317 and C319, at the church, A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Speakers or open discussion in a friendly, supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Free child care provided; Lighthouse Cafe, a coffeehouse setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, Call (248) 374-5920.

### 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, Hag. gerty Road (south of 5 Mile Road).

Tuesday's BSW goes to Thomas's Family Dining on Plymouth Road (east of Stark) at 7 p.m. on the first, third and fourth week of the month. The second Tuesday of the month the group meets at Vic's Family Diner at 7 p.m. for Birthday Night. (Vic's is one-half block north of Ford Road on Middlebelt). For information call (734) 981-4553.

■ 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.

■ BSW is proud to welcome speaker Joe Yanuke at 8 p.m.

Feb. 19 at St. Kenneth Activity Center. The topic: The Magic of Humor. Yanuke is a retired realtor and former member of Toastmasters International He has conducted humor workshops and speaks multiple times to churches and other groups. Refreshments and open mike with afterglow at Appleby's Family and friends welcome.

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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 Ste, 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-members. All levels of skiers welcome. RSVP by cailing (248) 851-9909 or www.fap.org

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Singles Dance is scheduled from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at the Grotto (2070 W. Stadium in Ann Arbor). 60-90s music will be played by a dee jay. Cash bar, non-smoking dance area. \$5 members; \$7 nonmembers. Call (734) 973-1933.

### WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE

Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served. Early

admission special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. For information please call (734) 981-0909. WITHPRIAY SUBURBAN SINGI FS Wednesday Suburban Singles Dance Parties Inc., meet every Wednesday at The Warren Chateau Banquet Center (10 Mile Road one block east of Mound) in Warren from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Open to the public ages 21 and up. Proper attire is recommended (no jeans). The Single Mingle Dance costs \$5; \$4 before 8:30 p.m. For information call the hotline at (313) 842-0443.

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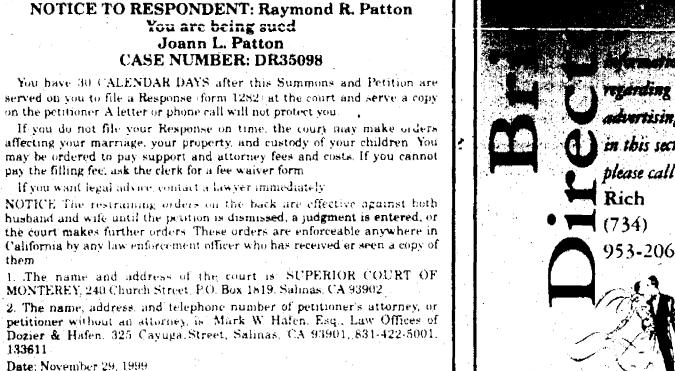
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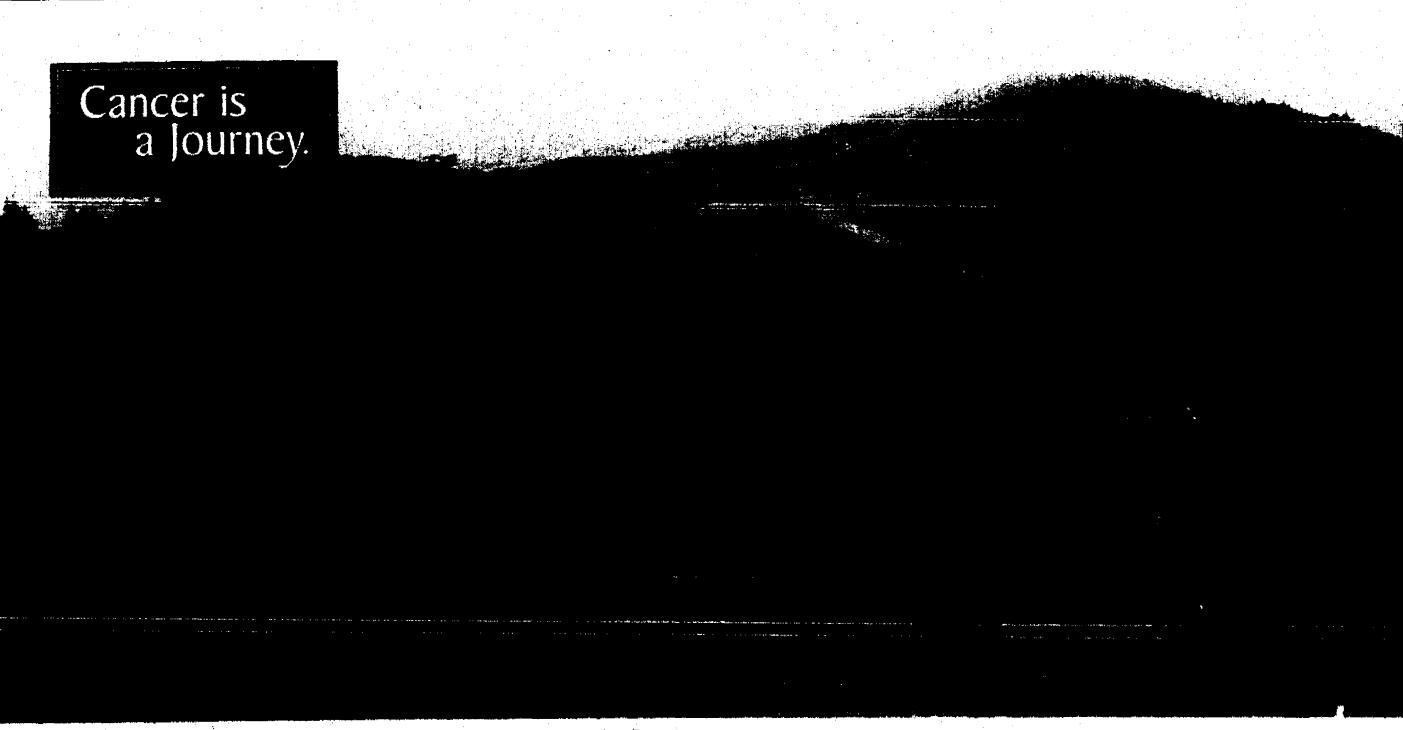
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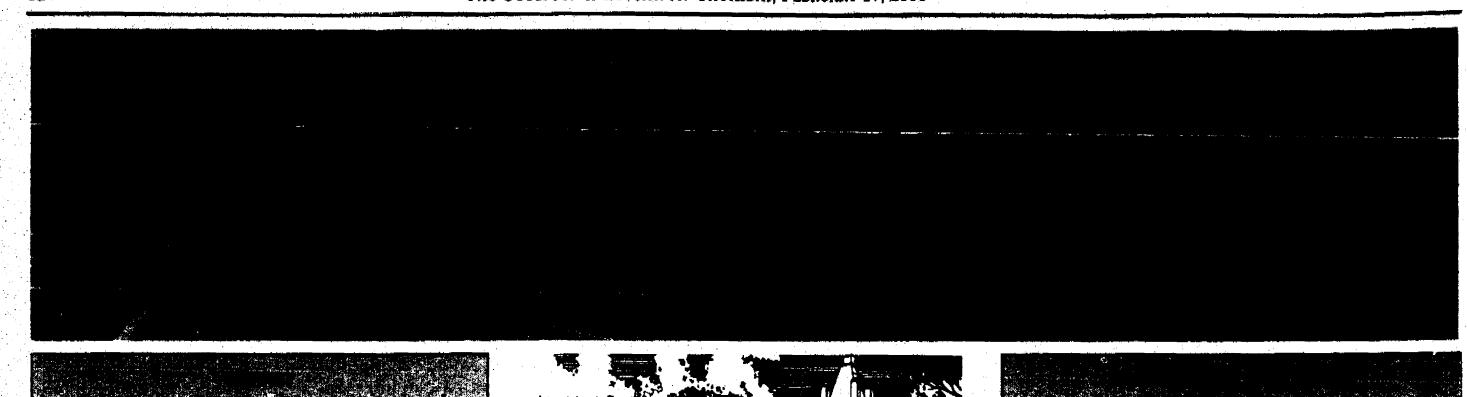


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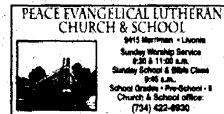
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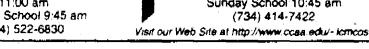
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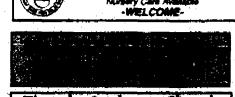
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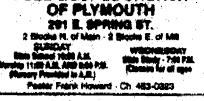
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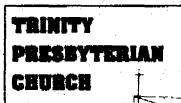
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### THE CHAPELS IN CONCERT

This Plymouth gospel group features Kon Newsome, Jim Talbott and Bobby Crumpler. Share the power of God's love with The Chapels, 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 Ann Arbor Road. Open to public. Call (734) 453-1525.

### SUMMER MINISTRIES CONF.

Get a jump on Vacation Bible School by attending the International Christian Educational Association's VBS/Summer Ministries' Conference from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville (exit I-275 at Six Mile Road - one quarter mile west past Haggerty Rd.) For details call (248) 557-5526 to required mailed for faxed materials.

INTERFAITH PROGRAMS "Public Transportation: The Role of the Clergy in Creating Equity" features Paul Tajt of SEMCOG and David Sanders of Metropolitan Affairs Coalition speaking on the subject of public transportation in southeast Michigan. Members of the clergy welcome. 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Second Ebeneezer Baptist Church, 2760 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit. (313) 567-6225: "Religion and Responsibility in the Global Community," symposium includes keynote presentations by Mahmoud Ayoub, Rabbi Everett Gendler and Amata Miller, workshops, interfaith prayer and dinner, 2-7 p.m. Sunday, April 30, Congregation Beth Shalom, 14601 W. Lincoln, Oak Park, \$20 before April 23, \$25 at the door. \$10 for students (313) 567-6225

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women from clusters 5 and 6 will celebrate the gifts of women. share stories, sing psalms, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, St. Timothy, 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia. (248) 478-4742 or (734) 5220739.

### DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH

A seminar for quality parenting will be held from 7-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 and Saturday, Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Family impact ministries, 3761 Commerce Ct. (one mile east of I-275). Pre-registration deadline is Feb. 15. Cost is \$25 per person/\$35 per couple. Child care available.

### NEW REGINNINGS

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia offers a yearround grief support group and this new Thursday speaker series, beginning with 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.

### **CHILI COOKOFF**

The Good Shepherd Reformed Church's annual Chili Cook Off will be held from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, March 11 at the church social half (6500 North Wayne Road at Hunter) in Westland. Chili makers and tasters needed. Come and enjoy the chili and fellowship Call (734) 722-7225 for information.

### HEALING SERVICES

The Rev. Gary Seymour offers healing 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.

### RELIEF EFFORT

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

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### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The morning study is led by members of the congregation and the evening study is led by Pastor Powell. Timothy Lutheran Church is located at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothylivonia.com

### TAI CHI CLASSES

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

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18100 Merriman Road in Livonia. Call (734) 422-9010 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 concludes March 30.

### WILDLIFE GAME DIVINER

Fathers and sons are encouraged to join Plymouth Church of the Nazarene for the Men's Wildlife Game Dinner, 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the church, 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Adults \$10, children 12 and under, \$5. The menu includes venison, ostrich, buffalo steaks. squirrel, pheasant and bear. Hunting and fishing gear will be auctioned Public welcome Call (734) 453-1525 by Wednesday, Feb. 16 for tickets.

### **FAMILY GAME NIGHT**

April 1 at Timothy Lutheran Church from 6-8 p.m. (8820) Wayne Road). A game night for the whole family - including getto-know you games, board games, card games, and games for children. Please call (734) 427-2290 for information.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES March 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12 at 7 p.m. at Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia (8820 Wayne Road). Weekly prayer and dis-Cussion sooni ihe five-session "God is Here." video series from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Each week allows for personal and group reflections on worship. Kids are welcome to participate, as they are able. Reservations are not necessary

### WORREN'S RETREAT

Newburg United Methodist Church will host a women's retreated titled "Faith in action our legacy and our future," March 17-19 at Lake Hurun Retreat Center in Lakeport, Michigan. It will be an event for study, conversation, growth, inspiration, sharing good meals with friends and walks along the lake. All rooms are doubles with private baths. Our meeting room will be a short outdoor walk from the sleeping rooms. Bring comfortable clothes, snack, your bible, notebook and board or card/games. Cost \$85. For information please call Heather Perkins at (734) 422-0149 no later than Sunday, Feb. 27.

### TLC STORYTIME

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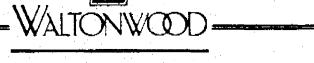
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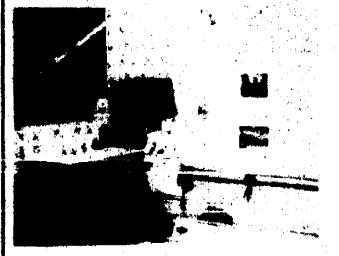
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# Ethnic acceptance necessary for the culturally diverse nation

Community Life section. We have asked several local religious leaders representing various denominations to contribute a monthly column on the topic of their choice. We hope that you look forward to this new addition and will contact the Community Life staff or the writers if you have comments or feedback. Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine, of Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills, is the third of four columnists we are currently featuring.

The population of America is changing. At the beginning of the 20th century the people of the United States were overwhelmingly white, Protestant and of northern European origin. A large Catholic minority was emerging in the

The following column is new to the cities. A large African minority was suffering in the South But the self-image of America did not include those minori-

> At the end of the 20th century, the population of America is radically different from this old self-image. White Angle-Saxon Protestants are a minority. Catholics, Jews, Buddhists and Muslims are now part of the American mainstream. Blacks and Chicanos constitute almost one-third of the American people. Asians, whether Indian, Chinese, Japanese or Vietnamese, have become a familiar element of all urban centers. Demographers predict that, within 50 years, almost one-half of the population in our country will be non-white.

> Similar changes are taking place all over the world. A globalist economy,

with the new technologies of transportation and communication, is producing a highly mobile work force. Educated professionals are moving to places of high income. Uneducated workers are moving to countries where jobs are available. In all European countries large minorities of non-native people are emerging. In Germany there are the Turks - in France, the Algerians - in England, the Indians and Pakistanis in Italy the Albanians and Tunisians and in Spain the Moroceans.

The response to this massive change has been the rise of a new fanatic racism. Anti-immigration movements are growing strong in North America and many European countries. Violence and ugly confrontations are increasing.

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mary and that human unity is both desirable and necessary. The enormous changes of the last century make this message urgent. National boundaries are ceasing to define ethnically uniform states. In the twenty-first century all major countries will turn into multi-cultural states. As long as capitalism, the new technology and the global economy persist, the change is inevitable.

In the 21st century we need to redefine what it means to be an American, a European and even an Asian or African. Every modern state will become a mini-United Nations. To live in such a state requires new skills for citizenship. Only an inclusive openness will keep America vital and strong.

Sherwin T. Wine is a graduate of both the University of Michigan (A.B.,

the message that human identity is pri- A.M.) and the Hebrew Union College. In 1963 he founded the Riemingham Temple in suburban Detroit, the first congregation of Humanistic Judaism, In 1969 he established the Society for Humanistic Judaism to serve as the national outreach of this humanistic movement. In 1986 he helped to create the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews, a worldwide association of eleven national groups. He was also the founder of the Humanist Institute, the International Association of Humanist Educators, Counselors and Leaders, and the chair of the Leadership Conference of Secular and Humanistic Jews. He remains the Chair of the International federation and the Co-Chair of the International Institute for Secular Humanis tiv Judaism.

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### THE PAJAMA GAME

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard in Livonia, will be the host of the theatrical production of "The Pajama Game." This is the 27th year the church has put on a play. Dates and times include 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25; Saturday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m.; and 4 p.m. Sunday. Feb. 27. Donation ticket fees are \$6 adults; \$3 students up to the 12th grade. For information call (734) 422-0494.

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### Panic attack sufferers find relief

Once a sufferer of panic Tuesday, Feb. 29 at Ward attacks herself, Northville resident and business owner Susan Franceschi is donating her services to Ward Presbyterian Church to help people who suffer from panic attacks and/or agoraphobia. Franceschi will lead a newly formed support group, beginning with a general information/organizational meeting to be held at 7:15 p.m.

Church, Six Mile Road (west of Haggerty Road in Northville).

Meetings for a monthly support group will be held at Ward Presbyterian Church the first Tuesday of every month, beginning March 7.

Anyone interested in attending should call Susan Franceschi at (734) 420-8175 or (248) 374-

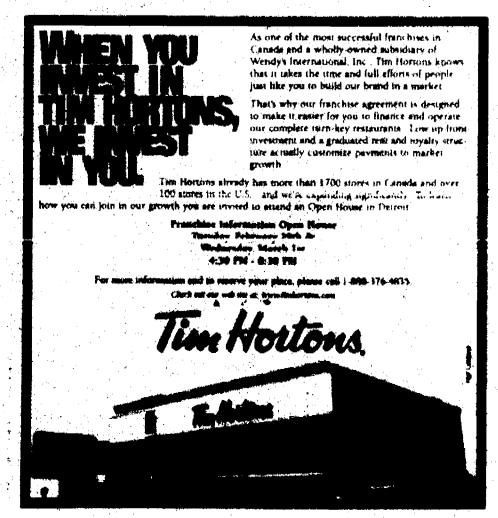
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# OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Collegiate swim note

Kalamazoo College sophomore Steve Domin (Livonia Stevenson) figured in three first place finishes last weekend at the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association men's swimming and diving championships at the University of Notre Dame.

Domin, who helped Kalamazoo to its fifth straight MIAA title, captured the 50-yard freestyle for the second straight year in 21.58.

He also was a member of the Hornets' first-place 200 medley (1:36.0) and 800 freestyle (6:57.57) relay teams. Both relay times met NCAA Division III national meet qualifying standards.

### Youth hockey champions

Tournament MVP Tim Creighton scored the game-winning goal in double-overtime as the Livonia Midget B Flyers defeated the Novi Jaguars, 4-3. to win the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District IV championship Feb. 13 at the Southfield Civic Arena.

Other members of the Flyers include: David Stoner, Dan Bowerson. Mike Padgen, Eric Subuda, Nick Winter, Scott Ranta, Sean Click, Carl Johnson, Jeff Osikowicz, Mike Kubert, Ryan Allam, Brandon Larson, Nick DeLuca, Tim Jackson and Rick Burke.

The Flyers are coached by Jim Young, Marc Ranta and Mark Subuda, Team spensors include Brashear, Tangora and Spence, LLP; Coverall of Detroit; Craig Watson, DDS.

The team manager is Frank Osikowicz.

### Indoor soccer champions

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Bobcats, an under-10 boys team. recently finished undefeated (8-0) at the SoccerZone in Novi.

"Members of the Bobcats, coached by Bill Wright and Bob Green, include Billy Wright, Dylan Green, Kevin Bennett, Alex Dominguez, Ken Morin, Matt Broome, Ben Beaghan, Ken Barton, David Cohen, Emmet Hassen, Erik King, Patrick Schoul Kevin Dugan and Adam Spaeth.

### **Twister All-Americans**

Robert Pensari, a Canton resident who teaches at Livonia's Frost Middle School and serves as an assistant football coach at Livonia Churchill High School, was named to the American Football Association's All-Ameri-

Pensari played linebacker and center for the Wayne County Twisters semi-pro team. He was one of three Twisters honored.

Others were offensive lineman Damien Howard of Ypselanti and Imehacker Agron Brothers of Dear born Heights Howard is pursuing his Musters Degree, Brothers is a graphic designer at Lear Corp

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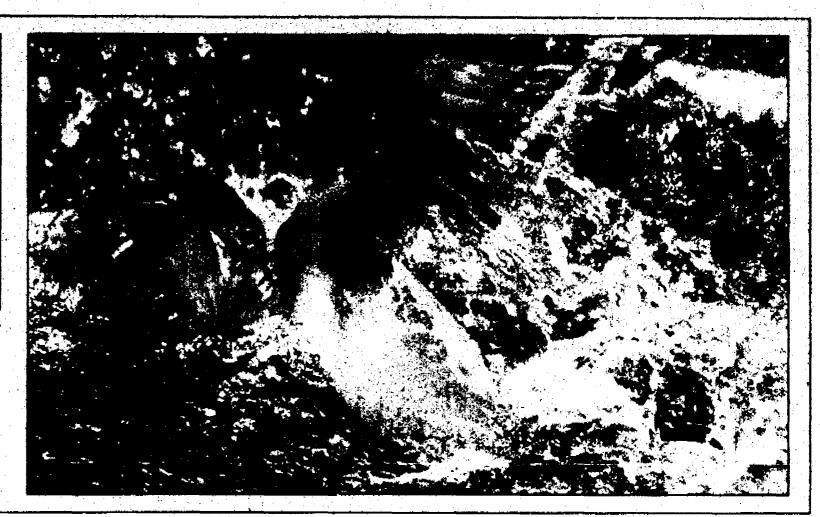
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Swim action: Churchill's Kyle Grant (top photo) competes in the 100-yard breaststroke, while Redford Catholic Central's Ed Lesnau (right photo) gains first place in the 100-yard freestyle during Tuesday's dual meet. See story on page C4.



# Bears end SC's 13-game win streak

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER bemons@oe.homecomm.net

Down by only three, 66-63, with only 9:27 to go, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team could taste the Eastern Conference title.

But it was not to be Saturday, as host Flint Mott CC kept its conference hopes alive with a 94-80 victory over the Ocelots at Ballenger Field House.

The loss broke SCo 13 game winning streak and dropped the Ocelots to 12-1 in the conference and 19-

5 overall. Mott, led by Gary Solomon's game-high 32 points,

improved to 20-4 overall and 12-2. The victory avenged a 78-74 loss to Schoolcraft last

"We really didn't change a thing going into this game," said Mott coach Steve Schmidt, who has guided the Bears to five straight Eastern titles in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. "We knew Schoolcraft's strengths. We just had to play better. We didn't shoot the ball or compete well on the boards the last time, but today our guys

Despite 12 of 24 second-half shooting (50 percent). Schoolcraft committed 14 turnovers to Mott's seven over the final 20 minutes.

Mott, which led 39-35 at intermission, turned it up a notch in the second half. The Bears shot the lights out, 19 of 33 (57 percent).

### **MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS**

Despite those numbers, Schoolcraft was still in position to win.

But after SC's Reggie Kirkland tipped-in a missed free throw by teammate Lamar Bigby with 9:27 left cut the deficit to 66-63, the Ocelots came unglued.

Solomon responded with a three-pointer and SC enach Carlos Briggs was assessed a bonch technical foul. Alonzo Evans made a pair of free throws and Tim McAuliffe added another foul shot, increasing the margin to nine, 72-63.

SC would get no closer than eight the rest of the

"I thought they rebounded on us really well," Brig gs said. "I thought they shot the ball better, too. We didn't play with a lot of poise today. I think with young kids, they tend to get frustrated when they're not getting the calls they think they should get.

"But I don't want to take anything away from Mott. They're tough, they played hard and they defended their home gym like they're supposed to do."

Besides Solomon, a 6-4 freshman forward from Detroit Northern, four other Bears scored in double figures including Evans (17), Nate Brown (14), Ronnie Jenkins (11) and Javar Chavers (10)

"We have the kind of team where a lot of different guys step up," Schmidt said, "Gary Solomon took it to another level. He's a Detroit kid and so is Javar

Chavers, who is out of Finney. They feel like they have something to prove.

"It was not your typical JC (junior college) game. It was a Division I kind of game with a lot of good athletes on the floor."

Bigby, a 6-4 sophomore out of Detroit Northern: scored 17 points to lead Schoolcraft, while Robert Brown added 16 and 13 rebounds. Nick Evola, a 6-7 freshman center; seored 12 in the first half for SC, but finished with just 14. Mike Williams came off the bench to score 10.

For the game, Mott was 23 of 34 from the free throw line (68 percent), while SC was 26 of 38 (68

The Occlots made 25 of 53 shots from the floor (47 percent), while Mott was 33 of 63 (52 percent).

Turnovers were the big factor as SC had 28 to If SC wins its final two games, the Ocelots will be

the top seed from the Eastern Conference in the MCCAA playoffs. But the defending state champs will have to do it this year in Mott's gym where the Bears will host the

semificals and finals (Feb. 25-26). "We get tremendous support from our fans and this will be the first time we've ever hosted the state playoffs," Schmidt said, "We fully expect to see them

again (Schoolcraft). It's gotten to be a good rivalry, "And right now we can only control our own destiny."

Schoolcraft one game away from title, C3.

# Northville goes to mat, wins WLAA tournament

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER

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Scoring points in 13 of 14 weight classes: Livonia Stevenson wound up third Saturday in the Western Lakes Activities Association wrestling tourns ment held at Walled Lake Western

WLAA dual-meet champion Northville, which additionstered a 50-12 defeat Thursday against the host Spartaris in a battle of divisional wanners, won the tournament with a team-high 204.5 points 🦠

Host Western was runner-up with 198, while Stevenbott Hinished third with 1Mh

Livenia Churchili beasting two node sudual champions and lavoica Franklin, led by 126 polinder John Merryn, finished secently and eighth respectively. Westland John Clenn was 10th, See statistical summary

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"Kharbush did another nice job and Gunterman met that Beech kid last year. He's a tough kid."

At 103 pounds, Churchill sophomore Kyle Malo decisioned Stevenson's Jason Fischer in the finals, 6-2.

Malo, who saw part-time action last season on the varsity is now 20 4 on the year

"Kyle is a hard worker in practice, whether it's drills or anything else, he doesn't complain:" Churchaft coach Marty Altourian said "He's just nonstop-go He's one of those Energizer guys He's still young and makes some mistakes, but he's only going to get but-

Clauchill semor Mike Carter, meanwhile, repeated as 152-pound WLAA champ with n 9 1 decision over Steven son's Make Palzon in the finals. It was has third career win against Falvon-

Charter is 25-2 averall after going 33 of a year ago. His only two besses thus swarger and against Kharbush at Observerland; 9 3, and Northville's Dan Scaribition in a dual meet, 8-3.

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### Harrison defuses Rockets, 53-52



Creating space: Westland Glenn's Denario Adolphus (No. 32) tries to maneuver around Farmington Hills Harrison's Chris Roberson in Tuesday's WLAA game. Roundup on page C3.

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# Shamrocks cook Rice, 6-2

Redford Catholic Central's hockey team was able to right the ship after its loss last week to Trenton by rolling over Birmingham Brother Rice, 6-2, Saturday at Redford Ice Arena

The Shamrocks are now 18-2 in the quest for their second state hockey title in a row.

"It was not a very good game," coach Gordie St. John of the Shamrocks said. "We're in kind of a lull and we're working to get out of it."

CC has scored virtually off the opening faceoff in several games this season and did so again Saturday night when Brandon Kaleniecki scored 14 seconds into the game. Dave Moss and Joe Hillebrand assisted.

Kaleniecki had three goals plus an assist

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while Jim Spiewak scored twice and added

The host Shamrocks got their second goal at 12:28 of the opening period, Kaleniecki scoring from Brett John and Joe Moreau on a power play.

In the second period, at 10:19, Spiewak scored from Ryan Yost and Jared Ross. At 4:20 of the third period, Spiewak, assisted by Yost and Kaleniecki, notched CC's fourth score.

Moreau scored at 7:02 of the third period, assisted by Spiewak and Ryan Lasecki. The

Shamrocks wrapped up their scoring at the 11-minute mark when Kaleniecki completed his hat trick, assisted by Brett Regulski and Moss.

\*CANTON 4, FRANKLIN 2: In a Western Lakes Activities Association game played Feb. 11 at the Cultural Center, host Phymouth Canton (11-8-1, 7-7-1) scored four unanswered goals over the final two periods to beat Livonia Franklin (10-8-2, 7-7-1):

Ryan McCabe had a goal and assist for the victorious Chiefs. John Bockstanz, David Commiskey and Sean Depp also talled goals for Canton.

After a scoreless opening period, Franklin jumped out to a 2-0 second-period lead on goars by Brandon McCullough at 0:51 (from Sam Dismuke and Chad Van-Hulle) and Trevor Skocen at 7:30 (from Adam Bierley and Corey Garbutt).

# Whalers swallow up 3 OHL opponents

Offense, offense, offense.

Three games, 24 goals. With scoring like that, losses will be few and far between.

The Plymouth Whalers haven't succeeded on scoring alone. Their defense has been outstanding. But on a weekend that saw them play three games in three days, it was scoring that carried them.

The Whalers posted a win over the host Kitchener Rangers by a 7-3 count Friday, then defeated the Mississauga Ice Dogs 10-2 Saturday and the Midwest Division-leading Eric Otters 7-2 Sunday, both at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The three wins solidified Plymouth's place atop the Ontario Hockey League's West Division, stretched its current win streak to six games with nine victories in its last 10 games. The Whalers are 32-17-4 and have 69 points, four more than the slumping Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds (3-7 in their last 10).

It hasn't been a single player who's been hot and carrying the Whalers: rather, several have gotten into the act.

Against Erie, Tomas Kurka had a goal and three assists. Stephen Weiss had two goals and an assist. Justin Williams, Damian Surma, and Jamie Lalonde each had a goal and an assist, Shaun Fisher had three assists, and George Nistae secred a goal.

Surma totaled six goals and two assists for the weekend, while Williams had three goals and seven assists.

A power-play goal by the Otters' Shane Nash 6:08 into the second period of Sunday's game, played in front of a crowd of 2,001, had given Erie a 2-1 lead, but a minute later Surma re-tied it for the

Whalers, and they dominated after that.

Weiss' power-play goal with 3:12 left in the second period put Plymouth up for good. Four unanswered goals in the third period made certain the Whalers stayed

Rob Zepp made 15 saves in goal for Plymouth. J.J. Perras faced 29 shots for the Ottors

Their overwhelming offense was again the difference in their victories Friday and Saturday.

The outburst began with their 7-3 rampage at Kitchener Friday.

It was a seesay battle until midway through the second period, when team captain Randy Fitzgerald took command for Plymouth.

Whaler first-period goals by Surma, Lalonde and Fisher had been offset by the Rangers' Ryan Held and Mike Amodeo; John Dunphy's goal 2:29 into the second period tied it at 3-3 for the Rangers.

Fitzgerald put the Whalers in control with goals scored at 13:18 and 17:05 of the second; another by Jon Billy with 1:03 remaining in the period put Plymouth up

Surma got his second goal of the game in the third period. Williams had three assists in the win, while Fisher had two.

Zepp stopped 20 of 23 shots on goal for Plymouth. Reg Bourcier faced 45 shots in goal for Kitchener.

Saturday's game at Compuware Arena, which attracted 2.512 fans, featured one of the OHL's hottest teams against the league's worst. The results were predictable.

Plymouth scored four goals before the the North American Hockey League.

opening period was half over and had a 6-0 lead after one. Surma scored three goals and assisted on two others in the game, while Williams had two goals and three

Stephen Weiss and Fisher netted two goals apiece (Fisher also had an assist), with Kurka, Eric Gooldy and Fitzgerald getting two assists each. Rob McBride also scored a goal.

Bill Ruggiero was in goal for the win for Plymouth, making 20 saves. For Mississauga, Michael Mole and Nick Foley divided time in the net.

### Ambassadors on a roll

The Grand Rapids Rockets had leads in both of their games against the Compuware Ambassadors last weekend at Compuware Arena. Both times, the Ambassadors rallied to gain the victory.

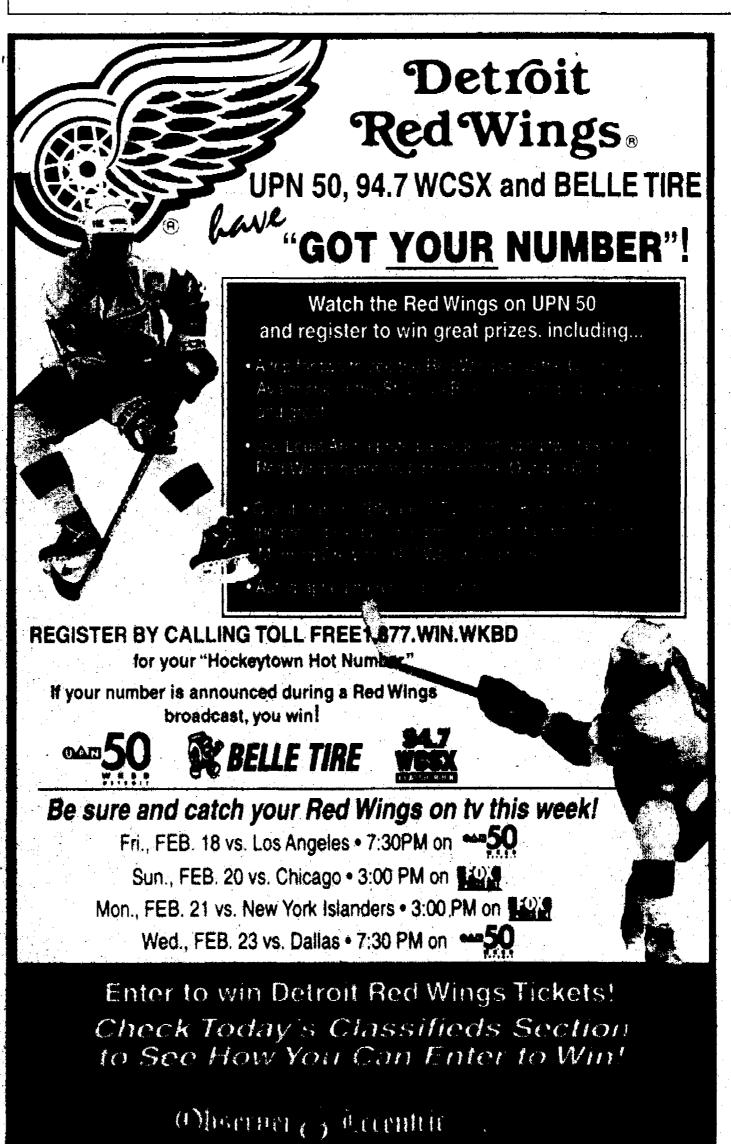
On Friday, Compuware overcame an early Rocket lead by scoring five-straight goals en route to a 6-2 win.

Goals by Chris Sad and Dan Knapp separated by 20 seconds in the final minute of the first period gave the Ambassadors a lead it would not relinquish.

Saturday's game was even harder for the Rockets to bear.

Going into the third period, Grand Rapids had a 3-0 lead, but that lead was gone after a three-goal Ambassador surge in just 2:09.

Mike Smith's goal 1:56 into overtime gave Compuware a 4-3 win, raising its record to 29-11-3 (8-1-1 in its last 10 games); the Ambassadors' 61 points ties it with the Texas Tornado for first overall in the North American Hockey League.



### COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL

# Saxton provides hot hand in SC triumph

Carla Saxton came off the bench to score a team-high 24 points in 29 minutes as the Schoolcraft College women's baskethall team turned back visiting Oakland CC, 73-65 Monday.

Saxton hit eight-of-11 shots from the floor, including three-of-five three-pointers, along with five-of-eight free throws.

Center Angelica Blakely added 16 points and 18 rebounds, while Janelle Olson contributed 10 points. Guard Antone' Watson had 13 assists as Schoolcraft improved to 10-11 overall and 9-5 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

OCC was led by Farmington Hills Harrison product Mahogany Fletcher, who poured in a game-high 32 points and added 15 rebounds.

Nicole Schulte and Michelle Blake added 14 and 11 points, respectively, for the Lady Raiders, now 7-17 overall and 5-9 in the conference.

### Madonna stops Saints

Propelled by an impressive first half, Madonna University went on to win an offensive duel, 98-86, Saturday at Siena Heights University.

Madonna, which jumped out to a 47-33 halftime lead, overcame a brilliant performance by Siena Heights center Bevin Malley, who finished with a game-high 33 points. Malley, who also grabbed seven rebounds, hit 11of-16 shots (68.8 percent) from the floor, including four threepointers.

The Crusaders, who pushed their record to 11-13 overall and 5-7 in the Wolverine-Hoosiers Athletic Conference, had a few hot hands of their own, including Lori Enfield, who poured in 28 points and pulled down eight rebounds, and Michelle Miela, who scored 20 points.

Chris Dietrich had a strong overall game, scoring 19 points while adding five assists and four rebounds.

Madonna had a strong shooting performance from the free throw line, finishing 19-of-23 (82.6 percent).

Amanda Lafontaine scored 12 points for the Lady Saints, who dropped to 14-15 overall, 6-6 in the WHAC, and Allison Camp added 11 points and eight

# S'craft 1 game away from title

### MEN'S WRAP

Playing at home, Schoolcraft College men's basketball team stomped Oakland CC 110-55 Monday to move within one win of clinching at least a tie for the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference title. Lamar Bigby's game-high 22

points led a balanced scoring attack as Schoolcraft upped its record to 20-5 overall and 13-1 in the MCCAA.

Robert Brown (17 points), Gilbert Mitchell (16), Chris Colley (14), and Mike Williams (12) all scored in double figures for the Ocelots. Brown also grabbed 13 rebounds

Schoolcraft jumped out to a quick start, taking a 61-29 lead into halftime.

OCC, which fell to 6-20 overall, 1-13 in the MCCAA, was led by Jeff Townsend (13 points) and Eric Smith (12 points). Walter Malone chipped in 11 points for the Raiders.

•SIENA HTS, 91, MADONNA 73: Madanna University could not overcome 31 turnovers, falling to Siena Heights University 91-73 Saturday in Livonia:

Siena Heights, which improved to 23-6 overall and 8-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, was led by Mike Brown's 14 points and Nate Bradford's 13 points. (Siena Heights lost Monday to Division 1 University of Detroit Mercy, 80-71.)

Justin Bascom also added 12 phints and seven rebounds for the Saints, who led 52.32 at halftime.

Dan Kurtinaitis paced Madonna with a career-high 29 points and six assists, but he also committed 12 formovers. Jason Skoczylas contributed 18 onints and eight rebounds, while Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston, added 14 points and gratibed 11 rebounds.)

The Crusaders who shot a respectable 32-of 57 (56.3) percends from the floor remained in sast place of the WHAC with a 2.10 minor (4.25 overall).

### WOMEN'S WRAP

rebounds.

### Lady Bears cage SC

Flint Mott CC clinched the MCCAA Eastern Conference title and a first-round bye in the state playoffs Saturday with a 65-58 home victory over Schoolcraft College.

Tyra Gay led Mott (20-1 overall, 13-1 in the conference) with a game-high 20 points, while Abby Munjo chipped in 18.

Plagued by foul trouble, Schoolcraft still managed to keep the game competitive and led 46-45 with 9:39 to play in the second half.

However, the Lady Ocelots could not overcome the loss of team leaders Antone Watson and Angelica Blakely, who both fouled out in the waning minutes of the game.

Blakely finished with 18 points and 18 rebounds, and Watson added nine points and seven assists in the losing effort.

Mott, which led 32-27 at the half, capitalized on Schoolcraft's aggressive play, connecting on 18-of-26 attempts (69.2 percent) from the free throw line.

Janelle Olson contributed 10 points and four assists, and Carla Saxton had nine points for Schoolcraft.

# 30-point 4th-quarter spurs Trojani Churchill tops Walled Lake Centre

You shouldn't need to score 50 points in the fourth quarter to win a high school boys basketball game — but it's nice to know that you can.

Livonia Clarenceville scored 30 in the final period Tuesday night to pull out a 61-48 victory at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The Trojans played a lackluster three quarters and trailed, 37-31, entering the fourth. They were down, 47-36, midway through the final period when coach Bill Dyer decided it was time for Plan

"We picked them up full court," Dyer said. "We hounded them. We got a few steals, got a few baskets and things sort of deteriorated from there for them."

The Trojans outscored the Crusaders, 25-1, in those final few minutes to take the sting from a poor start.

"We were really sluggish for three quarters," Dyer said. "Mentally, I don't think we were ready to play.

"We had a week layoff (between games). We'd been going pretty hard for a long stretch, so we gave the kids little extra time off; gave them a chance to mentally and physically regroup.

"We regrouped — but it took us three quarters to do it."

Senior forward Rick Burak scored 18 peints, took down 15 rebounds and added five assists.

Senior guard Scott Carr tallied 11 points while Corey McKendry scored nine, going 7-for-8 from the line in the fourth quarter.

Nathan Richert led Lutheren Northwest (8-8, 3-5) with 17

points and Chris Loewe added 13.

Clarenceville (11-5, 7-1), which finished second behind Ham-tramck in the Metro.

\*MANTRAMCK 68, LUTH, WESTLAND 44: Metro Conference leader Hamtramck (12-3, 8-0) jumped out to a 19-7 lead on route to the victory Tuesday over host Lutheran High Westland (8-7, 4-4).

Senior Eli Warren led the victorious Cosmos with 20 points. Seniors Aaron Brock and Jason Gomey contributed 16 and 14, respectively.

Junior Luije Kasten had nine for the Warriors, Juniors Nate Mackes and Steve

Richert added eight and seven, respectively.

•MACOME CHRISTIAN 52, HURON VALLEY 50: Joe Northdruft scored 10 of his team-high 16 points in the decisive final quarter Tuesday to lead Stefling

Heights Macomb Christian (2-13 overall) to the Michigan Independent Athletic

Conference win over host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-13, 1-7) in a game

played at Marshall Middle School.

Senior guard Rone Arnel led the Hawks with a game-high 21 points. Freshman forward Tony Mroz added 10.

### BOYS BASKETBALL MAN

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alx of 13.

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16 points and Rodney Williams added 11 to lead host Ann Arbor Huma (15)

overall) to victory over Wayne Merhorial (6-9 overall).

Despite falling behind 18-4 at the outest, Wayne and 35-33 at insertional.

But Zebras scored only 12 second-half points as Huron went on a 15-2 minutest.

ter run.

Gery Johnson scored 15 to pace Wayne, while Shane Novak and Justin Commanded 11 and eight, respectively.

Wayne finished 16 of 23 from the free throw line, while Huron was 10 of 16.

-CHURCHILL ST, W.L. CENTRAL 49: Randell Soboige and Brandon Delicional
tailtied 14 and 11 points, respectively, propelling Livenia Churchill (97, 64) to
the Western Lakes win Tuesday over visiting Walled Lake Central (5-11, 44)

With Boboige and Dziklimski each hitting a three-pointer, Churchill extenses the Vikings 20-12 in the decisive fourth quarter.

Brad Bescoe added 10 points for the winners.

Guard Steve Horn paced Central with a game-high 21 points; Scott Keller added 11.

Churchill was 14 of 23 from the free throw stripe, while Central was 12 of 18.

•FAMOUNITON 47, FRANKLIM 39: Senior center Justin Milus accord 15 points and grabbed seven rebounds Tuesday to lift the Falcons (13-3, 8-2) to the WLAA triumph over host Livonia Franklin (4-12, 2-8).

C.J. Whitfield and Chad Seaborn added nine and eight points, respectively, for Farmington.

Juniors Joe Ruggiero and Mike Copetand each scored 10 for Franklin.

Farmington made 18 of 36 shots from the floor, along with 11 of 15 free

prows.

Fracklin was 17 of 45 from the field and four of six from the field.

Farmington led wire-to-wire, including 38-29 after three quarters.

"We stayed close most of the way," Franklin coach Dan Robinson said. "Milus hurt us. They burt us a little bit on the boards. They definitely won that bettle."

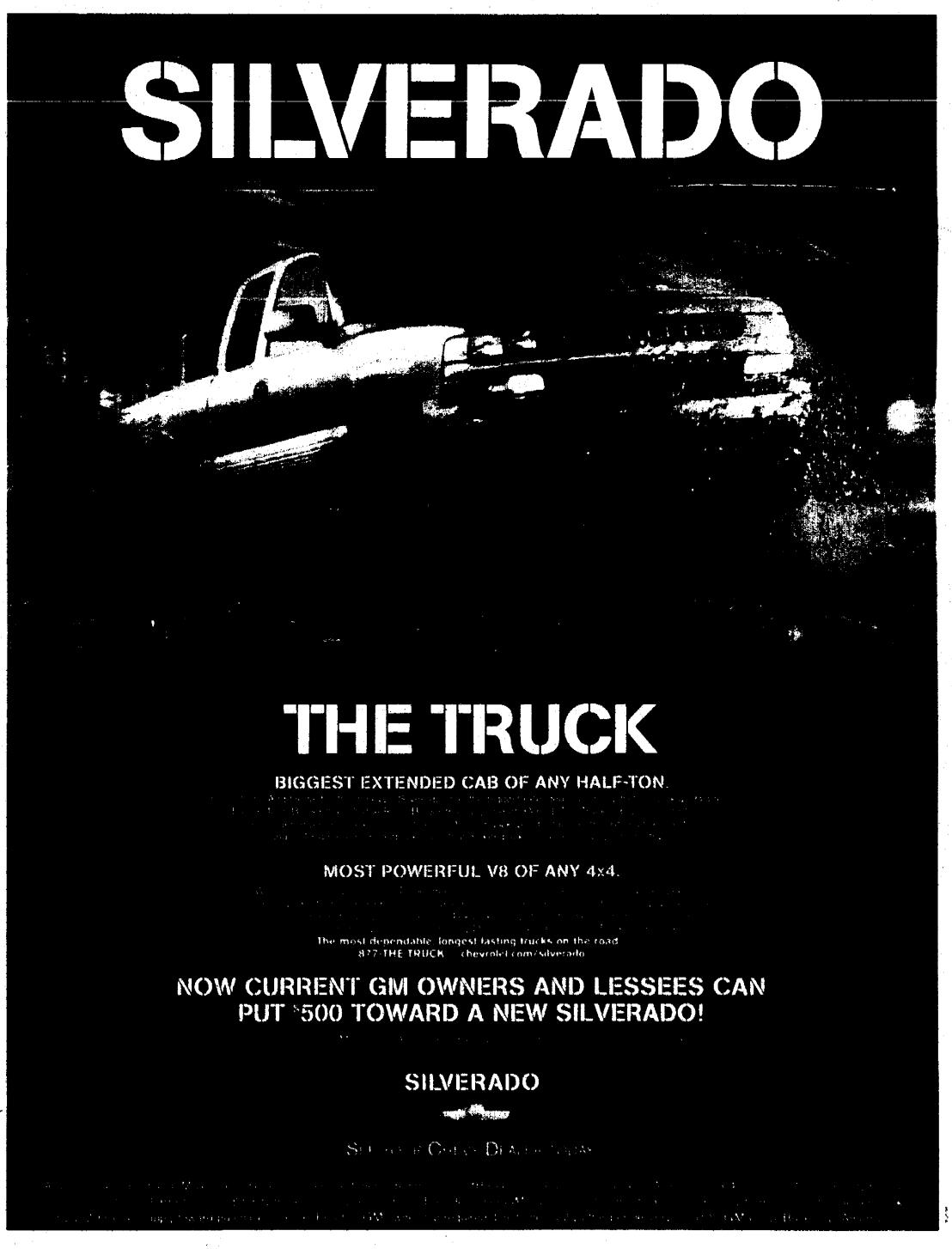
•CANTON 56, STEVENSON 40: The first half was pretty good for Physicials.

Canton; but he second half was even better.

The Chiefs won their fifth-straight game and ran their WLAA record to 7-3 by building a six-point lead through three quarters, then running with it in the fourth.

Canton, now 8-8 overall, outscored visiting Livonia Stevenson 21-12 over the last eight minutes.

Kenny Nether did the bulk of the damage for the Chiefs, pouring in 22 points and grabbing nine rebounds. Jason Waldmann added 10 points and seven boards. Harland Beverly topped the Spartans (3-13, 1-9) with 11 points.



### PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Feb. 12 at Walled Lake Western Team standings: 1. Northville, 204.5 points 2. Walled Lake Western, 193; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 186.5; 4. Plymouth Salern, 177; 5. Plymouth Canton, 142, 6. Farmington, 135; 7. Livonia Churchill, 112, 8, Livonia Franklin, 100: 9. Walled Lake Central, 94; 10. Westland John Glenn, 86; 11. North Fermington, 35: 12. Farm

Heavyweight: 1. Tony Henry (Western) pinned Derek McWatt (Canton), 0:52: 3 Brian Brinsden (Farmington) oin Tony Martinez-(Eranklin), 3:36; 5. Brian Tran (Northyille) dec. Ricardo Smith (Salem), 6-0; 7. Mark Costella (Stevenson) pin, kee Helmick (Churchill), 3:11

203 pounds: Kyte Malo.(Churchill) dec. Jason Fischer (Stevenson), 6-2, 3; Mike Goethe (Salem) pin. Nick Naber (Glenn), 2:30: 5. Mike Cartea (Northville) pm. Dan Drenkkowski (Western), 5:44, 7. Rob Schnettler (Canton) pm. Dan Canvasser (N. Farmington), 4:06

: 112: 1. Josh Gunterman (Stevenson) dec Ryan Beech (Western), 6-4 in overtime: 3. Rayi Sarah (Northville) dec Harry Leipsitz in Farm ington), 5-1, 5 Craig Aubry (Central) pin, Brian Clement (Charchim 1/31, 7, Nick Memodis) (Salem) dec, Kelentse Mandisa (Glerm), 11-1.

.119: 1. Ron Thompson (Saleni) dec. Jon 5im mons (Farmington), 9-31.3, All Lee - Western: .pin.: Duy Demsick (Canton), 2:46. \$ Buly Bullock (Stevenson) dec. Steve Lenhardt (Churchill), 15.4; 7. Ramis Bajrana N. Farming ton) pin, Jose D Arma Northy-Rei, R 49

125; 1. John Mervyn (Franklin) Hec (Rob Asia (Salenn, 11-3: 3, Matt Doyle (Northysie) dec. Chiris Hosey (Canton), 4 3, 5, A J. Escobar (Western) dec. Ennque Garqia (Gienn): 10:0: 7 Nick Smith (Churchill, dec. Ben White Steven

. 130: 1. Reggie Torrence «Northville) pip Jeff Albrecht (Glenn), 0:55, 3, Eugas Stump (Salem) dec. Greg Musser (Canton): 7,415. Ank Wickell (Franklin) pin. Aaron Turk (Farmington), 2:33: 7. Justin Nazaroff (Western) dec Jason Shafer

135: Jacob Patteriaude (Western) pin, Steve Dendrinos (Salem., 3.59, 3 fan Huff, Central). dec. Lev Mergian (Churchill), 7-0: 5 Mike Siegnst (Canton) dec. Griffih Schager (Stevenson), 14.2; 7, Brian Ashby (Northvirle) won by

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(Glenn) dec. Tom Manon (Farmington), 4-1. 145: 1. Dan Scappatico: (Northville) dec. Chris Coopeder (Stevenson), 10-4, 3, Geoff Zilan (Western) pin, Steve Abar (Churchill) 3:42: 5. James Clarahan (Farmington) dec 'Adam Schafer (Salem), 12:4, 7, Jamie Frasei

(Central) pin. Brad Gregory (Gienro, 4-17) -152: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill) dec. Mike Faizon (Stevenson), 9-1; 3 Decick Smith (West ern) dec. Scott McKee (Canton), 81, 5, Mark Ostach (Farmington) dec. Chris Wolfgang (Glenn), 4.3; 7. Josh Pettijohn (Northville) pin

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ern) dec. Mike Murtland (Farmington), 9.4: 5. Shahein Rajaee (Canton) dec. Nick Wroblewski (Glenn), 4-1: 7: Phil Portellos (Salem), dec. Joe Moreno (Central): 13-7

171: 1. John MacFarland (Stevenson) dec. Ben Lukas (Farmington), 6-1; 3, John Rekoumis (Northyille) dec. Pat Clark (Western), 10-2: 5. Alex Murray (Churchill) pin. Jack Sears (Glenn). 1:55; 7. Matt Navarro (Frankfin) pin. Derek Miller (Canton), 0:40.

189: 1. Joe Rumbley (Northville) dec. Phil Rothwell (Canton), 13-5; 3. Mike Popeney (Salem) dec. Enc Puninske (Stevenson), 6-3; 5; loe Hartley (Cential) dec. Don Holland (West erns - 7.0

215: 1, Kyle Domagaiski (Farmington) pin. Greg Hartley (Central), 4:31; 3. Val Palushat (Northville) dec. Zack Jensen (Salem), 5-4; 5. Neil Retherford (Western) pin Tun-McCarthy (Stevenson), 0.23, 7. Fom Vandenbossche (Churchill) dec. Andrew Pruitt (Franklin), 3-1

CATHOLIC LEAGUE TOURNAMENT Feb. 12 at Birmingham Brother Rice

Team standings: 1. Redford Catholic Central, 284 2 points (legique record), 2. Orchard Lake St. Mary 54 162 2 3. Madison Heights Bishop. Foley, 146 2 4. Dearborn Divine Child, 139; 5. Birmingham Brother Rice, 138: 6. Pontiac Notre Danig Prep, 106: 7. Harper Woods Notre Dame.

Heavyweight: Aaron Parr (CC) pinned Adam Ochmanek (DC), 5:31 consolation: Jeff Petack

(NDP) pin, Ryan Johnson (SM), 2:19 103 pounds: Adam Stacey (CC) decisioned Grenn Brisson (8F), 17-12; consolation: Dan Hughes (HWNO) pin. Mack Netto, 3:52, 112: Kirk Clefand (BF) dec Chris O'Hara

C.C.), 10-4; consolation: Brian, Mucha, (BR), dec. Matt Wiersma (5M), 2-0

119: Jason Gossiaux (DC) dec. Tim Mulroy CC), 4-2; consolation: Brian Harrington (BR) dect Jeff Hoffman (SM), 16 6.

125; Brien Sullivan (BR) piri, Ben Kreucher (CC), 0.20: consolation; Paul Dierkes (NDP) pin. Steve Halat (SM), 1:59

130: Nate Rodriguez (CC) technical fall over Chris Artt (SM), 19-4; consolution: Mark Humlecki (BF) dec. Gerry Mattei (NDP), 7-1. 135; Mike Matkovich (BF) pin Jeff Wheeler CC), 1.07, consolation: Steve Sonnenberg

(NDP) pin Brandon Ryan (SM), 4:25. 140: Eric Steckling (BR) dec. Jay Abshire CCI, 5 3; consolation; Chris Gray (HWNO) techmical fall over ion Peam (SM), 21-2.

145: Mike Werner (GC) pin, Jim Locascio (SMr. 0:58: consolation: Pat Samona (BR) pin Justin Van Tassel (BF), 2:33.

.152: Keviit Harrington (BR) dec Scott War ter (HWND), 156, consolation: Chris Cracchiolo (CC) prn. Brad Benton (DC), 2:41-160: Mitch Hancock (CC) technical fall over

Bill Sovinski (DC), 25-8; consolution; Pete Mat ter (NDP) pin. Kyle Smith (HWND), 1:08. 171: Matt Ufrey (SM) dec. Ryan Rogówsk

CC1, 12-6: consolation: Joe Powers (NDP) pin. Tim Szczesniak (BF), 2:44. 189: Jake Slater (SM) pin: Chartie Kelly (DC), 1.40; consolution; Justin Eberhart (NDP)

pin Matt Markowicz (CC), 1:33. 215: Phil Morse (DC) pin. Matt Williams CC), 1:28: consolation: Phil Carlin (HWND) pin Tham Munger (NDP), 0:58,

NOTE: CC won its sixth straight title

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# CC sinks Churchill

Good quality depth helped Redford Catholic Central sink Livonia Churchill in swimming.

CC defeated host Livonia Churchill, 138-45, Tuesday, in a non-league swim meet with depth providing the Shamrocks with a good deal of their points.

"My hat's off to our depth swimmers." Coach Jeff Baker said. "We gave them the opportunity to swim different events, and they really came through with some great swims."

Jeff Andonian made a rare appearance in the 200-yard individual medley and uncorked a 2:16.99.

"I don't know where that came from at all," Baker said. "That's a competitive time. And I threw him in there in a lark."

Dan Dziekan dropped three seconds in his best 200 freestyle time, down to 2:00,83, while Mark Oliver turned in a lifetime best in the 100 backstroke and Tim Ryan did the same in the 100 breaststroke.

Brandon Schmandt lowered his 500 freestyle time by 11 seconds and Chris Kuneman shaved 12 seconds off his best 500 free

The foursome of Bryant Steele. Chris LaFond, Brett Meconis and Ed Lesnau set a new Churchill pool record with a time of 1:33.32 in the 200 freestyle relay.

Tim Ryan's 2:14.91 was a lifetime best as he won the 200 individual medley.

In the 200 medley relay, Meconis, LaFond, Steele and Lesnau combined for a winning 1:44.10. Churchill took just one first

place in the meet, in the 500 freestyle where Nathan Ford swam 5:38.96 to win.

for CC, scoring 179.8. Andrew Carlin won the 200 freestyle for CC, now 8-1 in dual

Kory Stevens won the diving

meets, with a time of 1:56.31. Meconis took the 50 freestyle in

### BOYS SWIMMING

23.84 and Lesnau won the 100 with a time of 50.29.

Nick Markou took the 100 butterfly in 59.10, then came back for the backstroke in 59.41.

LaFond won the 100 breaststroke with a clocking of 1:06.81 and the Shamrocks won the 400 freestyle relay at 3:36.26 with the team of Steele, Dan Jones, Mike Kruszewski and Andonian.

### U-D dunks Shamrocks

The University of Detroit-Jesuit limited Redford Catholic Central to just a pair of firstplace finishes Saturday in sinking the Shamrocks, 108-78, in the Redford Union pool.

The loss left the Shamrocks 1-1 in the Catholic League.

The only first-place finishes Catholic Central had came in diving, where Greg Braziunas totaled 242.60 points, and the 100-yard butterfly, where Bryant Steele clocked a 55.43.

"They (the Cubs) have two potential state champions in two events and they spread them out," coach Jeff Baker said. "They went 1-3 in almost everything."

The Shamrocks' divers presented their team with the bulk of its points with a 1-2-3 finish. Joe Rohde scored 145.65 and Kory Stevens 138.60.

Nick Markou took second in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke, timing 1:52.83 in the first and 58.66 in the second.

Jeff Andonian turned in a lifetime best 2:01.23 in the 200 freestyle while Greg Esper had a strong 100 breaststroke, 1:11.94.

Andrew Carlin turned in a sparkling 51.79 (lifetime best) anchor leg on the 400 relay with 51.79. Mike Greis also had a lifetime best, a 25:01 in the 50

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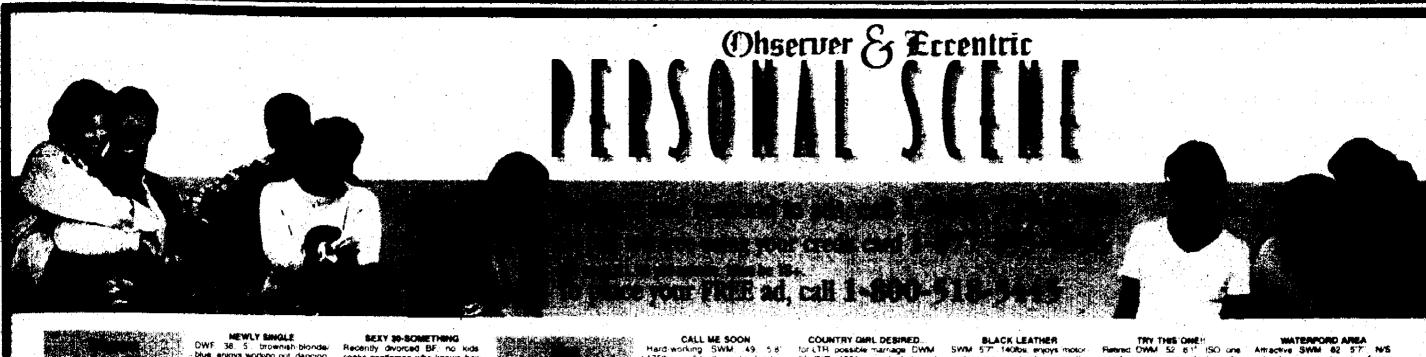
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### HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

# Pats wrap up 3rd divisional crown in row

Livonia Franklin clinched its third consecutive Western Division girls volleyball title in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 15-3, 15-6 triumph Monday over visiting Plymouth Canton.

"It's good for the program and it's really a great feeling," said Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel, whose team is 37-5-1 overall and 9-0 in the WLAA.

Senior Andrea Kmet had 11 kills on 16 of 17 attacks. She also had six aces.

Tera Morrill, a senior, had 10 kills, while setter Lyndsay Sopko collected 20 assist-to-kills.

On Feb. 12. Franklin defeated host Harrison, 15-2, 15-2.

### Blazers reach final

Patty Horal had nine kills to lead the Livonia Ladywood vollevball team to a 15-9, 15-10 A-B Division Catholic League semifinal playoff victory over Pontiac Notre Dame Prep in a match played Saturday at Riverview Gabriel Richard.

Ladywood, now 25-15-2 overall, will seek its ninth straight Catholic League championship 7 tonight against Central Division rival Birmingham Marian at Madonna University.

Melissa Buckshaw and Erin Bartee each added six kills for the victorious Blazers, while Jessica Tilson had five.

Buckshaw also had 32 assistto-kills, while Bartee served two

### Rockets victorious

Westland John Glenn defeated visiting Walled Lake Western, 15-4, 15-11; Monday in WLAA action.

Noelle Swartz had 13 kill attempts and put down 12 of them. She also had five service aces and two solo blocks.

Sarah Pack had 21 assists in the match while Lacey Catarino had four kills and 10 digs. Nicole Panyard had eight digs and four kills.

The Rockets are now 4-5 in the WLAA and 12-12-4 overall.

### Stevenson falls in 3

In a WLAA match Monday, host Northville rallied past Livonia Stevenson (26-14-2) for a 15-12, 12-15, 3-15 victory.

Kate LeBlanc was Stevenson's

### **SPORTS SHORTS**

### YOUTH VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Motor City Volleyball Club will be from 1-4 p.m. (ages 15-16) and 4-7 p.m. (ages 17-18) Sunday, March 5 at Livonia St. Edith's Grade School, located at Newburgh and Five Mile roads.

Players will be contacted Tuesday, March 7 as to what team they will be assigned.

Ongoing tryouts for the 14and-under age group will be from 6:30-9:30 p.m. each Sunday (through March 14), also at Ladywood. Tryouts for 14-andunder are on a first-come, firstserve basis (no cuts).

For more information, call Larry Wyatt at (734) 522-1680.

### TRAVEL ROLLER HOCKEY

Spring 2000 travel roller hockey tryouts a the Skatin' Station, located at 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton, will be for the following age group age groups:

14-and-under, 4:30-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27; 10-and-under, 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27; 12and-under, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28; 18-and-under, 8:30-10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29; and <u> 16-and-under,</u> 8-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1.

The cost is \$10 per person. Goalies try out for free. Age is determined as of Jan. 1, 200.

For more information, call

### Dave at (734) 459-6401. **BOWLING BOHANZA**

Friends of Alzheimer's 11th annual Bowling Bonanza will be Saturday, March 4 at Cloverlanes Bowl, 28900 Schoolcraft, in

There will be a session beginning at 8:30 a.m. followed by another session starting with registration at 12:30 p.m.

There is a \$10 registration fee and \$25 minimum pledge per participant. All pledges are due the day of the event.

Participants will be entitled to three games of 9-pin, no-tap bowling, event T-shirt, shoe rentals and refreshments. Bowlers with the highest pledge totals will also qualify to win

exciting pledge prizes. For more information, call (248) 557-8277.

top attacker with 16 kills. Carly Wadsworth and Cassie Ehlendt

added 12 and six, respectively. Setter Kelley Hutchins had 26 assist-to-kills, while Julie Pfeifer and Megan Urbats contributed 20 and 12 digs, respectively.

At Saturday's Temperance Bedford Invitational, the Spartans fell to Carleton-Airport in the quarterfinals, 10-15, 15-5,

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In pool play, Stevenson defeated West Bloomfield (15-13, 15-6, 15-13) and Mount Clemens Dakota (15-3, 15-6, 15-3), while losing to Walled Lake Central (9-15, 8-15, 14-16).

Jen Dash served 12 points, including 11 in the opening game, to lead Lutheran High Westland (12-14-9, 2-4) to a Mewo Conference triumph Tuesday at Hamtramck.

Anna Rolf helped close out the match by serving eight points, while Sarah Marody chipped in with three aces.

Also, setter Heather Haller passed efficiently for the Warriors, according to coach Joan Ollinger.

In Saturday's New Boston Huron Tournament, Lutheran Westland was without two starters and finished 1-3 on the

### Huron Valley defeated

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran couldn't hold an 11-1 first-game lead as Taylor Baptist Park stormed back for a 15-13 15-7 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference victory Tuesday at Livonia St. Paul's.

"We started strong, but we had a lot of mental breakdowns,' said Huron Valley coach Kris Springstroh, whose team is 7-4

overall and 5-3 in the MIAC... Jessica Whitaker had three kills for the Hawks. Stacie Graves added five assists.

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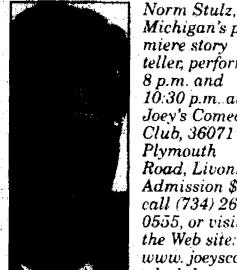
# Entertainment

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Thursday, February 17, 2000

### THE WEEKEND





Michigan's premiere story teller, performs 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Admission \$12. call (734) 261-0555, or visit the Web site: www.joeyscomedyclub. com

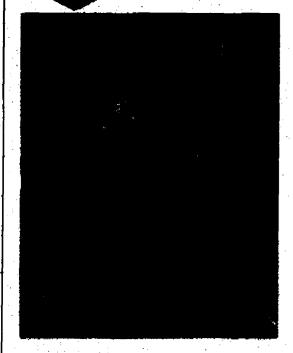
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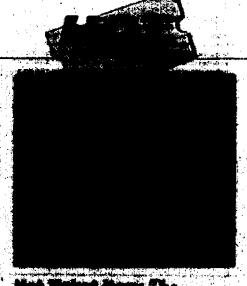
Symphony Orchestra presents "All That Jazz," featuring drummer Pete Siers, 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1160 Penniman, Plymouth. Preconcert chat with director Nan Washburn and composer Harold Farberman at 7 p.m. Afterglow at the Outback Steak House, 42871 Ford, Canton. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/college students. No charge for students through grade 12. Call (734) 451-2112.

The Plymouth

### SUNDAY



The Phoenix Ensemble join the Gemini brothers for a magical, musical concert for children and the whole family 3 p.m. at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Festivities begin at 2 p.m. with an instrument petting zoo where children can touch and play orchestra instruments, in the lobby. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 students / children, call (734) 763-8587 or (248) 645-666<del>6</del>.



Not Trained them The Martha Graham Dance Company will be on stage at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit, Thursday-Sunday. Feb. 17-20. Tickets are \$80-\$40. For times and tickets. call (318) 963-2366 or (248)

## STREET **URCHINS CONTINUE TO** WARM HEARTS OF AUDIENCES

tacie Guerreso removed her cap to tousle what was left of her shoulder length locks. The 12-year-old East Middle School student seemed almost matter-of-fact about "Oliver!" director Ralph Rosati cutting her hair before rehearsal. It was part of the deal if Guerreso accepted the lead role in the Plymouth Theatre Guild production, which opens Friday, Feb. 18.

Guerreso has made plenty of sacrifices since accepting her first role at age 7, Fern in "Charlotte's Web" at the Marquis Theatre in Northville. The long hours of rehearsal are wellworth the experience, including professional theater, that she's been able to list on her resume. In 1998, she played a young Helen Keller in "The Miracle Worker" at Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester.

"It's still new," said Guerreso, a Farmington Hills resident who began dancing at age 3 at Encore Dance Academy in Westland. "But it's OK. The most difficult thing about this role is getting thrown around. I'm the youngest of five so I'm kind of used to it."

### Big production

Mary Lynn Kuna and Robert Czaplicki are teaming up to coproduce the show taken from Charles Dickens' story about an orphan who's headed for trouble unless he changes his ways. Set in the 1850s, the play by Lionel Bart, closely follows Dickens' "Oliver Twist."

"Usually musicals need two people," said Kuna, a Plymouth

Steppin' out: Director Ralph Rosati leads the cast members in a few steps for "Oliver!"





so (Oliver) some stolen goods as the two rehearse the Plymouth Theatre Guild's production about an orphan on the road to no good.

consecutive show with the Plymouth Theatre Guild. "This a large cast - 36 individuals including 16 children also musicians and choreography. But we have fun. The music - there's a lot of it with familiar melodies like "Consider Yourself," and there's so many children in it. People like shows with children in it. They like to see shows with their children in it and bring their relatives.'

This is Czaplicki's first time as co-producer so he's learning "a lot on the job." Czaplicki previously worked on the electrical and set construction for the

resident working on her 22nd "What The Plymouth Theatre Bulle per

Wheat 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Feb. 25-26 and March 3-4; and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27.

Where: Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, between Haggerty and Northville roads on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital.

Tickets: \$12 adults, \$8 students ages 18 and under, call (248) 349-7110,

Guild's "Wait Until Dark" and "It's a Wonderful Life."

"Being a co-producer is like construction," said Czaplicki of Plymouth. "You see the actors turn into the characters when they put on their clothes. But backstage has always interested me. You really get an appreciation for what it takes. Our storage space is limited so we keep reusing sets. To look at a scene or prop there's no telling how many lives it's had. All you can do is count the coats of paint."

Show choreographer Barbara Bloom designed the "Oliver!" set. She's directed and choreographed over 70 shows, and was

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# Dance ensemble makes 'entrance' at Smith Theatre

BY KEELY WYGONIK kwvgonik@oe.homecomm.net

Building on the momentum of its successful June debut at the Dance Theater Workshop in New York City, the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble is focusing on developing its local audience.

On Friday, you can see the group perform at the Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

The program of repertory favorites, titled "Entrances and Exits: Dance for a New Millennium," will include works by artistic director Laurie Eisenhower and internationally known choreographers Colin Connor and Billy Siegenfeld.

A highlight is Siegenfeld's jazzy "Lunacy," an upbeat, fun new work the company commissioned earlier this

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"I am looking forward to presenting my company once again at Oakland Community College's Smith Theatre," said artistic director Laurie Eisenhower, "It's a lovely little the-

Eisenhower will present a section of a work in progress that takes a look at aging, and will lend her voice to

Farmington Hills. Tickets: \$16 general admission, call (248)

"Moon Dances." This work, set to a Robert Moran composition, blends ensemble symmetry with lyrical virtu-

One of the more dramatic works on the program is Connor's "Pyre," set to the music of Gavin Bryars. "It's a deeper piece, a little more classical, that reflects on the impression one individual passing from this existence leaves on those remaining behind," said Anne Bak, a company member, and associate manager. "But there's a real sense of

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### **COMMUNITY THEATER**

# Actors kick up their heels in "A Chorus Line"

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER homin@oe.homecomm.net

Darren Pierson and Laura Cable have stars in their eyes. It may only be a dream now, but the two teenagers hope to one day dance their way onto a Broadway stage. In the meantime, they're singing up a storm in the Tinderbox Productions presentation of "A Chorus Line" opening Friday, Feb. 18 at the Masonic Temple in Detroit.

Pierson is already an old hand when it comes to theater. The Redford Thurston High School senior began acting in 1990 at the Redford Youth Theater. He's been involved with The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford, Lunch Bunch Players and productions at his high school. He met Cable, a sophomore at Troy Athens High School, while playing Rooster in Tinderbox Productions' presentation of "Annie" earmer tom vear

"I really like playing Mark Anthony in "A Chorus Line," said Pierson. "He's 20 years old and this is his first audi-

White Tinderbox Productions' adult ensemble presents "A Charus Line." Where 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 1819. Feb. 25-28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 and Feb. 27. Where Machic Temple Scottish Rite

Cathedral Theatre, 500 Temple, at 2nd Street, Detroft.

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tion. The musical is all about an audition. This is his first so it's very exciting. He's very optimistic. My favorite song is "What I Did For Love." It means a lot to me and shows what people have done for theater."

Falling in love with Val, the girl next to him in "A Chorus Line" came easy to Pierson as an actor. He did the show part last year with The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford, Tinderbox Preductions' adult ensemble, in cooperation with Tams-Witmark, is presenting the original Broadway show directed and

choreographed by Michael Bennett. "The challenge for me is the ballet,"

said Pierson. "I haven't had much ballet. It's cool. I just wish I could do it

Cable is still adjusting her schedule to accommodate rehearsals for the show directed by Stephanie Stephans. The adult ensemble is practicing its steps every day.

"You have to make time for it," said Cable. "But I love theater It's the sense. that anything can happen because you have live people in front of you performing."

Cable plays Judy Turner in her secand Tinderbox Production. Unlike the characters in "A Chorus Line," Cable was new at auditioning when she wona role in "Annie" Ballet studies since kindergarten helped her secure the

"It's been a challenge learning all the dances and polishing it up in time. said Cable "Darren and other people in

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Hoofin' It: Laura Cable (left). Darren Picrson, and Shannon Van Esley put on their dancing |shoes for "A Chorus Line"

# **Escape** winter

# Experience 'A Comedy of Errors,' film and visual arts



I've always found the dead of winter to be the time that the mind is most receptive to new ideas. Could it be the succession of dreary days that generally occur in February that has us looking for a bit of escapiam?

For those who like to escape with laughter, the Planet Ant Theatre offers "A Comedy of Errors." Royal Shakespeare Company alumna Gillian Eaton directs the production, that

brings an on-line twist to the bard's beloved comedy. Set in the virtual world of ephesus, "A Comedy of Errors' is a quirky diversion worthy of the always unique cultural center of Hamtramck. The production begins Thursday, Feb. 24 and runs through Sunday, March 19.

### Film

Maybe you'd like to immerse yourself in perverse perspectives on reality. As a maker of non-fiction films, Errol Morris may never be a household name. His works, however, rank with the most unforgettable films of the past quarter-century. Critic Roger Ebert calls his 1978 mas-

**III** If your method of escape is through the visual arts, consider the "Shanghai on the Move" exhib-It currently running at the University of Michigan.

terpiece "Gates of Heaven" one of the 10 greatest films ever made. Newsweek's David Ansen describes him as a "true original."

Now there's "Dr. Death: The Rise and Fall of Fred A. Leuchter, Jr.," showing Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27 at the Detroit Institute of Art's Detroit Film Theatre. It's the story of a selfstyled "execution technician," who repaired and designed prison execution equipment -

only to become part of a movement of "revisionists" who claim that the Holocaust never happened. Compare "Dr. Death" to the current film "The Green Mile," which also uses a death row setting to illuminate the extremes of human nature. What you get with Morris is less of the "Hollywood" feel, but not necessarily less style.

Another example of his mastery is "The Thin Blue Line," a much-acclaimed 1988 film.

Janet Maslin of the New York twenty years. Hu Jie Ming, a Times called the work "brilliant...a vision that is both poetic and perverse." Morris describes it as the only movie ever made that solved a murder. It's showing Monday, Feb. 28 at the Detroit Film Theatre.

### Exhibit

If your method of escape is through the visual arts, consider the "Shanghai on the Move" exhibit currently running at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The show features several prominent figures on the contemporary art scene in China, which has seen an explosion of avant-garde art in the past painter and video artist, uses his talents to examine the distortions and expectations about Chinese culture in the Western media.

Hu Jie Ming's fresh perspectives are also revealed in a segment on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. It's an edition that includes an interview with Errol Morris, and a look at Planet Ant's "A Comedy of Errors.'

New ideas? They happen all the time in theater, film, and the visual arts.

Welcome them like the first breath of spring.

# Oliver from page E1

in professional theater for 10 years.

There's no way to close the curtain so we had to develop something that has levels," said Bloom, referring to the bridge, "se we won't be doing a lot of set changes."

Since the 6-foot-tall bridge has to sold several children, the crew spared no time in construction. It sook nine members four, 10her Saturdays to complete. Frends and relatives also helped along with children in the cast.

Theater is good because you make friendships," said Andrea Helen of Plymouth.

"That's what's neat is we're really getting to know each other," added Jamie Deitsch, a chorus member from Farmington Hills. "We're all friends."

"It's so fun," chimed in Meghan Symons of Canton. "We all came Saturday and sang our "Oliver!" songs while we were painting."

Like Guerreso, chorus members have sacrificed to participate in community theater. In the final weeks before opening night, the cast was rehearsing six days a week.

"The challenges are fitting in school and listening for your | locations around town including

cues," said Brittany Norris of Plymouth. "You have to know when to respond."

Toby Booker's faced a different set of problems in his role as Mr. Bumble, the hard-hearted windbag who likes to assert his authority over the orphans. He has plenty of experience under his belt. In addition to acting in the Guild's "It's a Wonderful Life" earlier this season, Booker has been in productions with the Farmington Players and SRO Productions in Southfield. He also plays Tony in "Tony and Maria's Wedding" in various

Summit on the Park Community Center in Canton. The next show there is scheduled for Saturday, March 18.

"The fat suit I wear underneath is hot," said Booker, "and learning the cockney accent."

Marc Rosati doesn't mind the costume and beard he has to wear to play Fagin, the harsh man who truly loves the guttersnipes in his charge. A substitute teacher for Farmington Schools, Rosati has been in community theater 10 years, and did small skits as a student at St. Mary's of Redford.

"I think it's the best character

in the show," said Rosati of Walled Lake. "He's funny and sings comedic songs.

Ariana and Keith Prusak's real life relationship is the exact opposite of the one they share on stage. Married 2 1/2 years, the Prusaks met and fell in love at Eastern Michigan University. This is their fourth show together. Keith plays Bill Sykes, Ariana the role of Nancy.

"He's as rotten as they come, and I'm trying to kill my wife again," said Keith Prusak referring to the role in "Wait Until Dark" where he stalked a blind

"She's a girl of ill-repute but has a heart of gold," said Ariana of Livonia. "She can't let go of this guy that abuses her."

A 50-50 raffle last year paid for the new spotlights used for the first time in "Oliver!" Kuna is hoping the 50-50 raffle will pay for a new sound board and amp to be used for the first time during "Oliver!"

"This is a cement room with poor acoustics," said Czaplicki. The new sound board and amp will help the sound because feedback has been a tremendous

# Ensemble

hope about the person who is

Since its inception in the summer of 1991, the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble has been dedicated to the performance of a ditire range of contemporary dance works, and showcasing the work of talented choreographers. The company, based in Rochester Has, has toured theaters throughout the Midwest, the East Coast, and St. Petersburg, Rugsia.

passing - a celebration of their educating and informing the coming of age for the company," public about the art of dance and encouraging the community to explore dance as a source of cultural and physical enrichment.

> "This is the only concert that we do in this area," said Bak of the Feb. 18 performance. "We're trying to perform at throughout the area. We had a nice turnout last year."

The company received a good review from the New York Times after its Dance Theatre Work-

They are also committed to shop. "It was a rite of passage, a said Bak.

> This has been a pivotal season for us to see what we can do to keep the momentum we created from our New York tour going. We're focusing on further developing our local audiences this season."

> Next year, the company hopes to tour California and Arizona.

### Upcoming performance

If you can't make the Friday concert, you can see the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble at 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts in Clinton Township.

That program, entitled "Motown in Motion," will celebrate the music of Motown in a "razzle-dazzle evening of dance and music." Tickets are \$18 and \$22. Call (810) 286-2222 to reserve yours.

# Kick up from pageE1

me. I like the character I play. he shie to participate She's a lot of fun. She's excited about show business but kind of scatter-brained."

Cable's father Bill will be sitting in the audience just as he and his wife did for "Annie." A music instructor for Utica Public Schools and a professional trumpet player, he's proud of his daughter's newly-found career.

"I'm excited for her to be able to participate in quality theater and that the opportunity is

the cast have helped by teaching | II 'I'm excited for her to in quality theater.

> Bill Cable Parent

available," said Bill Cable, "They work hard. They have fun. They're very disciplined."

"A Chorus Line" is not recommended for young audiences because of some of the language.

### STAY TUNED...

For more than three decades. Cher has soldified Diva status in the entertainment world. VH-1's The List' declared her the number one diva of all time. To

celebrate the Cher we knew back in the 70s. Universal Music of Cher" as part of its millenni-

Group has released "The Best

um collection. Songs like "Gyp-

sys, Tramps and Thieves' "Half-Breed" and "Living In A House Divided" are brought back to life.

Cher's former husband - no. not Sonny Bono - Gregg Allman, has made it to the same CD series with "The Best of The Allman Brothers Band." Hits like "Ramblin' Man" and "Midnight Rider" represent the band's heyday, 1969 to 1979.

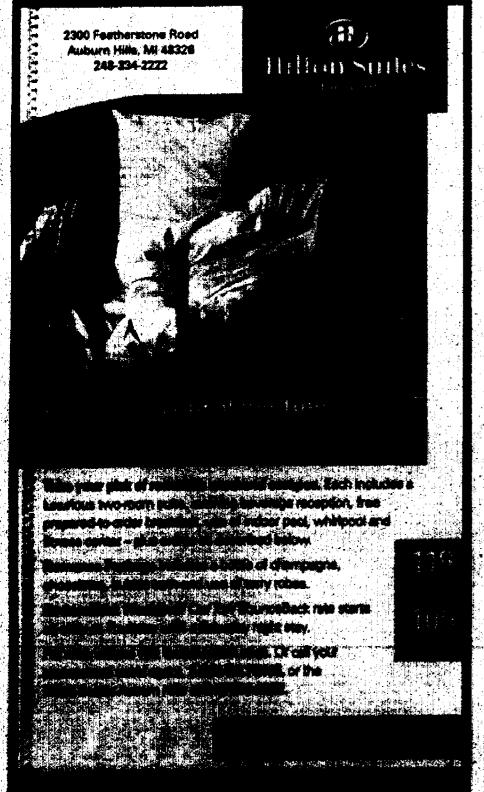
Who do The Who think they are? MCA Records has released "BBC Sessions," bringing 25 previously unreleased radio broadcast performances to their fans: Re-live the rock phenomenon with renditions of "My Generation," "The Seeker" and "Pm Free." Who knew, in 1964, the band would be reaching yet another generation? That's Rock 'n' Roll for you.

For Madonna, what's old is new again. The Rochester Hills native and pop diva is back with a new single, "American Pie," from the soundtrack to "The Next Best Thing." Due out Tuesday, Feb. 22, the 1971 Don McLean cover song was the most added track on Top 40 radio last week.

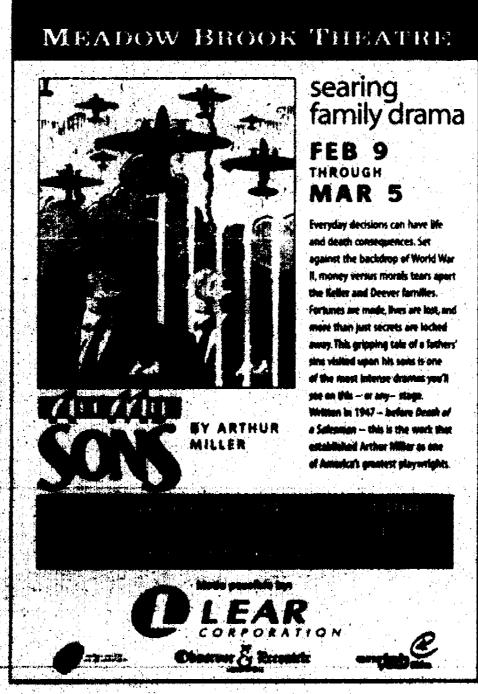
What does Don McLean think about all this?

"It is a gift for her to have recorded 'American Pie,'" said McLean according to Maverick Recordings, Madonna's label. "I have heard her version and I think it is sensual and mystical... I hope it will cause people to ask what's happening to music in America."

--- By Stephanie A. Casola



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# Meadow Brook carries torch with Miller's morality play

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER

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By the middle of act one in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "All My Sons," the notion that contemporary theater is foremost about providing mindless entertainment and appealing to the masses is resoundly dismissed.

By then, the audience is fully wrapped into Miller's morality play, and the result is a rekindled hope that the stage can be a social laboratory, whereby the great issues of life are contemplated and dramatized.

Choosing Miller's play couldn't have been easy. On the one hand, Miller is among the most revered playwrights of the 20th century. On the other hand, his work requires intense focus and an ability to navigate the torrents of powerful storytelling with characters often standing at the moral abyss.

And perhaps most telling about the state of theater. Miller's work deals with heavy, unfashionable themes like responsibility, morality and the

Tinderbox

productions

meaning of life. Not the kind of subject matter that attracts blockbuster crowds.

To their credit, Meadow Brook hasn't flinched from the challenge 'Director Henry Woronicz. making his Meadow Brook debut, clears a path so the storytelling remains front and center.

And the storytelling in Miller's 1947 play unfolds with a tautness that reveals a master craftsman at work.

"All My Sons" was Miller's first critical and popular success. Two years later, he wrote "Death of a Salesman," followed by "An-Enemy of the People," "A View From The Bridge," and "The Crucible."

"All My Sons" is set in postwar America, whereby idealism fostered by war heroes and practical realities faced by war profiteers are finding an uneasy alliance. On the broadest level, the play

is a moral dilemma created by two partners in a machine shop that sent out defective airplane engine parts causing the death of 21 men.

The guilty and more resourceful partner, Joe Keller (Dennis) What: "AlLMy Sons," a three-act play by Arthur Miller. When: Through Sunday, March 5; performance times vary, call the

theater for information.

Where: Meadow Boook Theatre, Wilson Hall. Oakland University

campus. Tickets: \$19.50-\$35, call (248) 377-3300

Robertson), pins the crime on his business friend. Like a cancer, the crime continues to eat away at the fundamental relationships of his family.

Meanwhile, one of Keller's two sons was killed in the war in an airplane crash, and his surviving son, Chris (Raymond L. Chapman), has returned home to work alongside his father, who has profited greatly from the war

The drama is further complicated by Chris' love for his deceased brother's former girlfriend, Annie (Robin Lewis of Livonia).

Eventually, the truth is revealed to all, and the consequences laid bare to all those who fail to live up to their own moral responsibility.

Like the works of Shakespeare and Ibsen, Miller's words are

prophetic and timeless. The challenge is to root his profound observations within the everyday lives of the play's characters. While several actors have yet to fully discover the subtler

discounting their effort. Miller's layered play offers a universal theme, but is clearly set in the late 1940s. The scenic design by Peter Hicks and costume design by Barbara Jenks

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of their characters, there's no

creates a compelling backdrop that invites audiences to peer over the wall into the Keller's backyard that soon turns into a moral quagmire.

The cast dons the restrained mannerism of the time, and invokes the intimacy of a compelling family drama. By the play's climax, the ensemble is indeed a representation of the family of man, twisted in an utterly strangling moral prob-

Moments between father (Robertson) and son (Chapman) are chillingly magical, as are the exchanges between brother (Raymond Schultz) and sister (Lewis), and mother (Mary Benson) and son (Chapman). Even the stargazing Frank Lubev (Scott Crownover), and the wise neighbor, Dr. Jim Bayliss (Geof-

frey Beauchamp) elevate the relevance of the play.

While it's not easy to sustain the indignancy at the heart of the play, Chapman's restless. energy, and Robertson's calm duplicity infuse each scene.

Director Woronicz proves repeatedly that he knows how towring drama from the dynamic relationships in Miller's play.

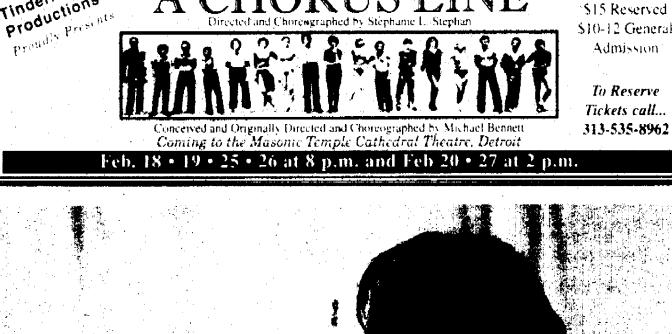
In a region with an unforter nate lack of professional theat companies, Meadow Brook is the standard bearer. By choice default, the university-affiliate professional theater company carries the heavy responsibility of making the public case for the invaluable role of theater

Appropriately, with "All My Sons," Meadow Brook proved up to the task in carrying the torch.



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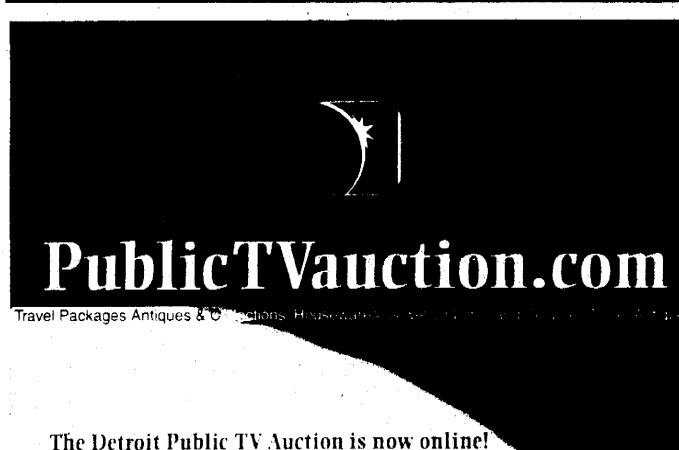
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### THEATER

"Valley Song," through Sunday, March 19, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

GLAR THEATRE: "Escanaba in da Monfight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through March 26, 2 p.m. ar 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800 MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "All My Sons" continues to Sunday,

My Sons" continues to Sunday, March 5, at the theater, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

### COLLEGE

HFCC: "Bachelors," 8 p.m.
Thursday-Friday, Feb. 17-18, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center Adray Auditorium on campus, Dearborn.
\$15. (313) 526-3278 or e-mail to SAlexProd@msn.com

U-D THEATRE COMPANY: The Dumb Waiter and More" continues to Feb. 27, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the OnStage Theatre on the University of Detroit campus. \$10, \$2 discount for seniors/students with ID. (313) 993-1130

### COMMUNITY THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. \$12. (248) 553-2955

PLANET ANT: "Comedy of Errors." 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 25-25, March 3-4, March 10-11 and March 17-18, 8 p.m. Thursdays March 2, 9 and 16, and 7 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 27 and March 5, 12 and 19, at the theater, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948
PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: "A Soldier's Play" 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 PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD:

"Oliver," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, 25-26 and March 3-4, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Water Tower Theatre, Northville. \$12, \$8 students. (248) 349-7110 ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS:

Agatha Christie's "Unexpected Guest," continues 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12; Feb. 18-19; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, 1/2 block east of Lahser. Tickets \$10, discounts for seniors and students. (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010

STAGECRAFTERS: "Forever Plaid," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, March 3-4 and 10-11, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 and March 5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak, \$9. (248) 541-6430

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA
REDFORD: "Godspell" opens Friday,
Feb. 18 and continues through
Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m.
Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m.
Sundays, at the theater, Redford.
\$12. (313) 531-0554
TINDERSOX PRODUCTIONS: "A
Chorus Line," 8 p.m. FridaySaturday, Feb. 18-19 and 25-26
and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 and
27, at Scottlah Rite Cathedral

### DINNER THEATER

Theatre in Masonic Temple,

Detroit. (313) 535-8962.

Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Seturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, and \$30 Fridays Seturdays), and "Tony n" Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Seturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

POX LAR DINNER THEATRE:
Preserits "Murder at the Howard
Johnson's," a hillerious comedy
ruse Saturday nights only; 6 p.m.
cocktaile, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club,
Plymouth, \$29,95, (734) 453-7272
RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE:
"Foois," a comic fable by Neil
Simon, opened Thursday, evening



is one of the featured dancers in the American Graham Tour 2000, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts. 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$30-40, available at the box office, (313) 963-2366 or Ticketmaster

Graffam Tribute:

Christine Dakin

Feb. 3 and continues on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. \$25. (248) 544-0283

### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

KIDS KONCERT: "Desparado," one of Michigan's best contemporary Black cowboys, takes kids on a journey through the Old West 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022 PUPPETART: "Kolobok," the Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man," 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 19 and 26, at the Detroit Puppet Theater. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

### SPECIAL EVENTS

CABARET EVENING: Features
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church
soloists singing music from
Broadway and movie scores 6:30
p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in the
Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse
Pointe War Memorial, \$35,
includes dinner. Must be purchased
by Sunday, Feb. 20, (313) 8825330

"COLLAGE" CONCERT: Henry Ford Community College concert spotlights more than 250 musicians in HFCC's music program Sunday, Feb. 20, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15. (313) 845-6470

DETROIT CAMPER & RV SHOW: 2-9 p.m. Wednesday Friday, Feb. 16-18, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 and until 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at the Novi Expo Center. \$6.50, \$4.50 seniors on Wednesday, Feb. 16 only. (517) 349-8881 or www.marvac.org

### FORD FREEDOM AWARD:

Installation 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, dinner at 6 p.m.; Scholar's Lecture 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit.

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION: "Put a Little Jazz in Your Life," 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4, dance the night away to the sounds of Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars Band and enjoy delicious New Orleans cuisine, vocal choir SCool JAzz will also perform, in the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft College campus, Livonia. \$30 if purchased before Friday, \$35 afterwards. (734) 462-4417/(734) 462-4435 ONE WORLAN SHOW: Eva Black performs "The Life and Times of Harriet Tubmen\* 1 p.m.

## FAMILY

Bookstore: Southfield. (248) 557-

Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Truth

That PHOMER assempts E: Join the appears in Kennedy a musical concert for children and 1963. He musical concert for children and 1963. He murder of result, his petting zoo in the lobby beginning at 2 p.m.; at the Michigan Theister. Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10 students/chil-

dren. (734) 763-8587/(248) 645-6666

### BENEFITS

JAZZ DANCE THEATRE: A dance concert featuring established repertory works and a recent premiere 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$8 students/serniors. (734) 995-4242

### CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Mendelssohn Meets Ellington" 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$22. (313) 576-5111 MADONNA UNIVERSITY: The faculty performs a recital 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, in Kresge Hall on campus, Livonia. \$5, and supports the music scholarship fund. (734) 432-5709

MURRAY PERAHIA: Performs an all-Bach program 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Hill
Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$55.
(734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229
PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA: "All That Jazz" features drummer Pete Siers, 8 p.m.

ORCHESTRA: "All That Jazz" features drummer Pete Siers, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, free for students through grade 12. (734) 451-2112

### OPERA

canton Project Arts: Presents the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, a special presentation of the history of opera in America precedes the concert at 2:30 p.m., an artists reception follows the concert, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. \$15. (734) 397-6450

### POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY:
"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m.
to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays
through February, at Andiamo Italia
West, 6676 Telegraph Road at
Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-

### AUDITIONS

AVON PLAYERS: Auditions for "Sweeney Todd" 7 p.m. Saturday: Sunday, Feb. 19-20, at the playhouse, Rochester Hills. For performances April 28-30, May 5-7, 12-13 and 18-20. (810) 781-8270 **DESTINATION EARTH LLC:** An independent production company is: seeking extras for the science fiction film "Nobody Knows." Filming will take place in Detroit and surrounding cities in late February and early March. The film is about a man from the year 2039 who appears in Texas on the day of the Kennedy assessination, Nov. 22. 1963. He is able to prevent the murder of the president and as a result, history changes in surprisingly different ways. For more information, call Nicole Sylvester (248)

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Auditions for 5 male parts for "Kiss Me. Kate" 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the barn, Farmington Hills. (248) 553-2955

outlets, (248)

*645-6666*.

NOVI THEATRES CHILDREN'S ANNEX (AGES 10-13): "Charlotte's Web," 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 22 & 24, Novi Civic Center. Production dates May 19-21; actors must pay \$125 participation fee once cast. (248) 347-0400

PLOWSHARES THEATRE: Auditions for the world premiere of Jeffry Chastang's "Full Circle" Monday, Feb: 21, 6-8 p.m. (equity) and 8-10 p.m. non-equity, at the Holistic Development Center, Detroit. (313) 872-0279

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: "Guys and Dolls." 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 21-22 at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, 1/2 block east of Lahser. Be prepared to sing a song of your choice. Call Ralph Rosati. (248) 669-0436 for information.

information.

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@aol.com

STAGECRAFTERS: Auditions for "The King & I" noon Sunday, Feb. 27 (registration at 11 a.m.); at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak, For performances May 12-4, 18-21, 25-28, and May 31-June 4. (248) 541-4832

REDFORD: Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others intereste in musical comedy theater. Call

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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.

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF

\*EIRMINGHAM: Auditions for Forever Plaid,\* requires 4 strong male vocalists, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday, March 5 and 7, at the theater. For performances May 12-27. (248) 540-6950

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)

voices in Time: Has a limited number of openings in all voice parts, rehearsals for spring/summer season begin in late February. (248) 449-6540

455-8895

CHORAL

BRAZEAL DENNARD CHORALE:
And the Detroit Symphony
Orchestra 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18,
8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at
Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$19-\$50.
(313) 576-5111
CANTATA ACADEMY: 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 26, at the
Southfield Centre for the Arts.

\$15, \$12 seniors/students. (248)

358-9868

PARADE OF HARMONY: Features one of the Barbershop Harmony Society's top-ranking quartets 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at Clarenceville High School's Schmidt Auditorium in Livonia. Tickets \$13 for Friday's performance, and \$15 for Saturday's. All seats reserved. (248) 559-7082

ST. THOMAS CHOIR: Of Men and Boys from Thomas Church in New York City performs 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23 at Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills. \$12 general admission, \$6 students seniors at the door or call (248) 626-2515

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC: The University Symphony Orchestra, University Choir and Chamber Choir present Verdi's "Requiem," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, Free. (734) 764-5580

### ORGAN

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY:
Organ students of local universities in concert, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the Alexander Music Building on campus, Ypsilanti.
(734) 381-1314
DAVID WAGNER: Presents "Music For Meditation" part 3, the organ music of Felix Mendelssohn, noon Thursday-Friday, Feb. 17-18, at St. Paul's Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### JAZZ

B'JAZZ VESPERS:

Features Janet Tenaj and the Sven anderson Trio 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at First Baptist Chruch, Birmingham, Free. TODD CURTIS: Thursdays, at Elie's, 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham, (248) 647-2420

gem JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vocalist Sunny Wilkinson 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Ron's
Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover.
Reservations recommended for the
Jazz Room. (734) 762-7756
RICH K. TRIO: 8 p.m. FridaysSaturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town
Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-

JANET TENAJ TRIO: 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 and Friday, Feb. 25, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield

6350

### WORLD MUSIC

BLACK BRIMMER: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at O'Malley's Tavern, Auburn Hills. (248) 373-4500 TRIAKEL: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS (Swedish folk trio)

### FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ERIC ANDERSEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$14. (734) 763-TKTS

MOXY FRUVOUS: The alternative folk artists from Canada perform 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$24, \$19. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

RFD BOYS: Friday, Feb. 18, at The

Ark, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-TKTS

### POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

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, 32777
Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.
(734) 762-7586

### DANCE

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:15 p.m.: Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734): 662-5158
MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE

COMPANY: American Graham Tour 2000, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. \$30-40. (313) 963-2366/(248) 645-

6666 STARDUST BALLROOM: Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, \$8, (248) 356-5678 WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DANCE: "Approaching Extremes," the 71st annual Spring Dance Concert features works by the Detroit Dance. Collective, Alan Danielson.& Dancers, Erica Wilson-Perkins, and Am King/Chavez/Parks, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, at Music Hall for the Performing Arts, Detroit. (313) 577-4273

### COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Bill Hilldebrandt with Kevin Zeoli and Dee Profitt 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, at the club, Commerce twp. (248) 624-1050 FOX THEATRE: "Comic View All-Star Comedy 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: Norm Stulz Tritursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, also the Real John Kind and Bill Bushard; Brad Lowrey Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 23-26, also Randy Eply and Rich Higginbottom, 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: Jackson Perdu Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 17-20, Victoria Jackson Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Dan Wilson and Steve Bills Thursday Saturday, Feb. 17-19, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday. are followed by an improviset at no additional cost. \$10, Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com SECOND CITY TOURING COMPANY: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, at the Farmington Players Barri, Farmington Hills, \$25, (248) 553-2955

### 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

"On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum, Detroit, Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages

(313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include. "Tropical

11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays.

Rainforest\* at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun , at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week. at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at the center, Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older. free for children ages 2 and younger, IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400 DETROIT 200: Mosaic Youth Theatre performs works about

amphibians 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. Theater; the exhibit. "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring" continues through Jan. 2, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students. \$4.50 ages 2

12. (248) 398-0903

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM:
Visit the newest exhibition "Folk
Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing

zuays a week

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.

on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

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: 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 at Van Hoosen Farm, Rochester Hills, \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656 4663 **SPIRIT OF FORD:** Interactive automotive science and technology

experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village Dearborn, \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

U-M MUSEUM OF ART: "The Orchid Pavilion Gathering," an 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

ALBERTA ADAMS: 7 p.m. Friday: Saturday: Feb. 18-19, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills, Free, All. ages. (248) 644-4800. LORI AMEY: 7-9 p.m. Thursday. Feb. 17, 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.



FIONA APPLE: 7:30 p.m. showtime. Friday, March 10, State Theatre. Detroit All ages. Ticket price to be announced, (248) 645-6666.

APOLLO FOUR FORTY: 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit, All ages, \$8.50 advance/\$10 day of show. (248) 645-6666.

THE BACON BROTHERS: Starring



Kevin and Michael Bacon, with Jeffrey Gaines, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, Royal Oak Music Theatre.

Royal Oak, \$20, (248) 645-6666 **IMARCUS BELGRAVE: Headlines** 10th annual Mardi Gras Masquerade Party with a tribute to Louis Armstrong, 8 p.m. Tüesday, March 7, Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, Greektown Detroit. (313) 965-4600

BENNY AND THE JETS: Tuesdays with Karaoke Cowboy Robert Murphy, Reiser's Keyboard Lourige. Westland, www.benny. andthejets.com

BLACK OCEAN DROWNING:

Featuring Dead By 28 and Degenerative Velocity, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Sheden Detroit: All ages, \$7, (248) 645 6666

BLACK SHEEP: Featuring Das Fish Mountain Climbaz 8 p.m. Thursday Feb. 24. St. Andrews Hat Jacobs. All ages, \$15 advance: \$18 day of show, (248) 645 6666

BLUE RAYS: 9 pm. Thursday Feb. 17. Arbor Brewing Company Ann Arbor: Free 21 and over 334

213-1393.

BRANDED: 10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, Blind Pig. Ann Arbor, No cover. 19 and over. (734) 996-8555. JAMES BROWN: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Concert to benefit Ann Arbor. Summer Festival, \$25-\$60 at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival Box Office, Burton Memorial Tower Ticket Office, Michigan Union Ticket office or Ticketmaster outlets. (734) 764-2538 or (248) 645-6666. A pre-concert dinner will be held at Rackham Auditorium. Tickets \$150. (734) 647-2278. THE BUSINESS: Featuring Beer Zone, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, The Shelter, Detroit, \$10 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

CASH MONEY MILLIONAIRES: Featuring Juvenile, The Hot Boys. 'Lil Wayne, B.G. and The Big Tymers, Ruff Ryders with Eve. DMX, Lox ad Drag-On, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Palace, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666. BRUCE COCKBURN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak, \$26,50,

(248) 645-6666. COLD BLUE STEEL: Featuring Rick Warner, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Lake Point Yacht Club, Livonia. Free. (734) 591-1868.

COMMANDER CODY: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, Magic Bag. Ferndale, \$13, (248) 544-3030. CUBANISMO: 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor, \$25 advance. (248) 645-6666. DENNIS CYPORYN: 8 p.m. Friday,

Feb. 18, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 335-5089 (bluegrass). DEEP CUT: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Wayne

Brewery, Wayne. (734) 722-7639 (classic rock) -DETROIT BLUES PIANO SUMMIT III: Featuring Al Hill, Joe Hunter and Bob Seeley, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb.

19, Scarab Club, Setroit, Free, All ages. (313) 831-1250.

JOHNNY DILKS: Thursday, Feb. 24. Velvet Lounge. Pontiac.; 2481 334-7411

THE DONNAS: With The Snugglers and The Plus-Ones, 7 p.m. Detroit, \$8 advance. All ages.

Thursday, March 23, Magic Stick, 313) 833-9700. DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With Hello

Dave and Carl Black Fiasco, 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. CHRIS DUARTE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale, \$12.

(248) 544-3030. E TOWN CONCRETE: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, Shelter, Detroit. \$7 advance. All ages. (248) 645-

FIGHTING GRAVITY: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 7th House, Pontrac, All ages, \$7, (248) 335-

3540. 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.

LESLIE FREDERICK: 8 p.m. Eriday. Feb. 25, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills, Free, Atl ages. (248).

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# 'The Beach' is hardly a paradise for film-goers

By JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

The groans of the girls said it all. Not moans of desire, mind you, but groams of bewilderment and disappointment. This is the project the "Titanic" one waited two years to make? "What was Leo thinking?" said one young film-goer, hurrying off as if the memory would fade more quickly that way.

Well, what, indeed, was Leonardo DiCaprio thinking when he committed to "The Beach"? And why such reaction from its audience?

After all, they'd just seen Leo. as Richard (no one has a last name in this movie), an aimless

luck, winds up traveling in the company of a beautiful girl and her companion. In due course, his natural charm wins the girl away from her jealous beau. And not long after that, he and the girl end up underwater together.

Sounds like an unsinkable story, doesn't it? It worked for Beach," however, is anchored down by its vapid characters, senseless plot and lame humor. Charm alone can get you just so

In this hybrid of "Apocalypse Now," "Lord of the Flies," "Blue Lagoon" and, if unintentional, "Titanic," too, Richard runs away (from what?) to Bangkok, seek-

American who, by a stroke of ing "something more beautiful and exciting and dangerous." Before his first night in town is over, he drinks snake blood with some local lowlifes, checks into a fleabag motel and smokes pot with the guy in the next room, a flamed-out druggie named Daffy, as in the duck.

Daffy tells Richard about a Leo once before, didn't it? "The hidden island paradise. The next morning Daffy slashes his wrists, but not before he's taped a map to this super secret hideaway onto Richard's door. Not slipped it under the door, you understand, but right there out in the hall. You can't expect anyone called Daffy to think of such things.

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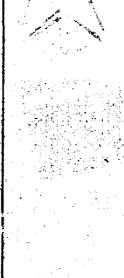
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French couple two doors down to go with him: the beautiful Francois (Virginie Ledoyen) and boyfriend Etienne (Guillaume Canet). Swimming through miles of shark-infested waters, they reach the island and discover its secrets. On one side: cannabis fields forever, guarded by Uziwielding Thais right out of Central Casting. On the other side: two-dozen descendants of Gilligan, Ginger, the Professor and Maryann.

Paradise, they come to realize, is good for maybe a week, ten-

days tops. DiCaprio's descent into his own personal "Heart of Darkness" includes imagining himself in a video game and imagining he's as good an actor as Martin Sheen in "Apocalypse Now." Delivering narration lines like, "I tried to remember the person I used to be, but I just couldn't" doesn't help his cause.

DiCaprio as action hero still seems a stretch, but he does have a convincing way as an international girlfriend-stealer. British actress Tilda Swinton is the strongest presence on the

screen as Sal, the commune's despotic leader.

But even her character is ridiculous; Sal refuses to let anyone go for help when one of the flock needs serious medical attention, but she has no problem jumping into a boat and making for the mainland when they need batteries for their Gameboy.

It's hard watching the screen when you're so busy rolling your

### **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. PITCH BLACK

When a police officer, prisoner and pilot crash land on a nightless, lifeless planet, the group finds its a struggle to survive when an eclipse brings night to the planet for the first time in 22 years - giving life to lethal nocturnal creatures. Stars Vin Diesel and Cole Hauser.

This political thriller is set in 2008 and tells the story of a incumbent president of the United States who becomes trapped in a Colorado snowstorm when and international incident occurs. Stars Kevin Pollack.

A retired prize fighter embarks on a journey with his son and grandson to search for 13 long-lost diamonds. Stars Kirk Douglas, Lauren Bacall and

Den Ackroyd.

Kung Fu meets hip hop on the seedy waterfront of Gakland California, when a shaky truce between Asian and African American crime gangs disintegrate. Stars let LI and Delroy Lindo.



Pitch Black: Stars (left to right) Keith David, Rhiana Griffith, Rhada Mitchell and Vin Diesel.

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS

Nicholas "Oz" Oseranksy is a nice den tist living in suburban Montreal. His new neighbor, Jimmy 'The Tulio' 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, Bruce Willis.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 25

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 Charlize Theron.

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 Notte. WONDER BOYS Film adaptation of the Michael Chabon novel stars Michael Douglas, Francis McDormand and Katie Holmes, Douglas plays English professor, and novelist Grady Tripp who is struggling with problems caused by a stolen car, a dead dog and an unfinished 2,600-

# 'Boiler Room' a wild journey into unethical money-making scam

By Lana Mini STAFF WRITER

lmini@oe.homecomm.net Midway into the "Boiler Room," an arrogant gang of money-crazed stockbrokers guzzles beer, and together recite lines from the movie "Wall Street" as it plays on a big screen

television. The scene initially makes sense that unethical stockbroker/telemarketers hold Michael Douglas' seedy "Wall Street" character as their inspiration to scam a quick million bucks. But a later scene in "Boiler Room," where the movie's main characters ruin a restaurant's pleasant atmosphere ala "Goodfellas atyle" - with loud profanity, Mafia-style suits and even a Joe Pesci character who's ready to beat up anyone at any moment gives a cheap twist to a script with a fascinating concept: the fast world of illegal, fly-by-night-

stockbroker firms. While it's true that a group of young, wild, disrespectful, money-grubbing men willing to suck anyone of their life's sayings, could in fact behave as rudely as a "Goodfellas" character, most of "Boiler Room's" char-

acters seemed too predictable.

Those who say that money is the root of all evil, don't have any.'

"Boiler Room"

only adds depth to the movie, but also makes it enjoyable.

Ribisi portrays Seth, a collegedropout who runs an efficient illegal casino from his small Queens apartment. His clients are neighborhood teenagers whom Seth treats with sympathy while sucking their meager college funds and lunch money (frustrated blackjack losers are comforted with free falafel sandwiches and Cokes.) His business infuriates his judge-father (Ron Rifkin). To win his approval, Seth decides to become a stock-

broker. Instead of working his way slowly up the corporate ladder. Seth lands a job at the smarmy J.T. Marlin company, where his boss (Ben Affleck) tells the new crew of telemarketing/brokers that they will earn a cool million dollars within three years.

"Those who say that money is the root of all evil, don't have any," is the line Affleck uses to

woo his new employees lead character Seth Davis, not unethical and forces Seth to worthwhile

make a moral decision, on behalf of his father and the people he scammed on the heels of an FBI

Those attending New Line Cinema's "Boiler Room" because of Ben Affleck will be disappointed as his role in the movie is

Written and well directed by Ben Younger, the movie takes viewers on a wild ride into the immoral lives of get-rich-quick scam artists who care more for new Ferraris than the families. they destroy. The remance between Seth and Abby (Nia Long) is undeveloped and unnecessary, but the plot of the lucrative brokerage scam - and the well-shot fast scenes of the scam artists working their cruel magic

- is intriguing. A huge illegal business, the struggle for approval between son-and-father, and charismatic characters like Seth and sneaky What he doesn't tell them is mentor Chris 'played by Vin But Giovanni Ribisi, who plays the business is (Hegal and Diesel) make "Borler Room"

# 'Uncut Detroit II' showcases blues, the Detroit way



Steve Schwartz die hard bluesman He won't mind.

"I was only 12 years old when I heard music," said Schwartz, a Farmington Hills resident.

"It took a hold of me. This is all I listen to It's music from the heart, music from the soul."

As guitarist for The Alligators, he's one reason the Detroit blues scene remains vital. It's that sort of passion that keeps the blues alive, even if it doesn't get the recognition it deserves. Schwartz gaid Detroit blues has never

Go ahead, call really gotten its due. In the 1940s and '50s, people associated the blues with places like Chicago, not the Motor City - never mind Detroit legends like John Lee Hooker, whose influence is felt today. "Detroit continues to influence music as a whole," he said. There are a lot of great artists in the city still."

> A collection of six such artists can be heard on "Uncut Detroit II," a compilation recorded live last October at Henry Ford Community College's Pagoda Room. The Venture Pecords release is a follow-up to the 1997 "Uncut Detroit: Live Blues in the Night."

> The CD benefits WHFR 89.3 FM, an independent, non-commercial radio station which supports emerging local talent. It features soulful blues by Priscil-



Schwartz. Wailin' Dale and Pete Kiss play the blues

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la Price and the Kenny Miller Band, Detroit's own "Queen of Blues" Alberta Adams, more modern sounds from Al Hill and The Love Butlers, and Mystery Train featuring guitarist Jim McCarty. All artists donated

their performances for "Uncut Detroit II.

Jo Ann Korczynska, blues director at the station, said she's "always been a really good friend" to local music and the blues community. A coordinator from the beginning, Korczynska is a firm believer in the idea that "Detroit blues needs more recognition."

We have a wonderful blues scene in Detroit," she said. The new CD reflects what's going on in and around the city. "I was always looking for the most diversified look at the blues," added Korczynska. "Every one of (the artists) is completely different. That's what I like."

Executive producer George Bednar came up with the idea to create a series of "Uncut Detroit" CDs. He's a member of the foundation board at the college. "Part of the purpose of the CD is to raise money for the station." said Bednar, of Venture Records. "I believe there's so much good talent in Detroit that doesn't get the recognition they deserve nationally. This second CD has already gotten national distribution. We're getting requests from all over the country."

The money raised by the sale of the CD will fund future recording projects for the station.

Alberta Adams said she thinks. the CD came out beautifully. "Everywhere you go it's the blues. Blues Jone took over.

"I'm thankful they picked me out," added Adams. "I love what I do." And it shows, but Adams is only part of the story.

"It gives you a nice feel for what's coming from Detroit," said Bednar.

Order "Uncut Detroit II" for \$10 by calling (313) 845-9676, or buy it at area record stores, including Harmony House.

# Stroke 9 hits big with 'Little Black Backpack'

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

Drummers. They don't often get the attention they deserve. Sometimes we just can't see them behind that drum kit, But Eric Stock isn't about to let anyone forget about him.

Not only is he responsible for the heart-pounding back beats that keep San Francisco-based Stroke 9's songs soaring for the top of the modern rock charts,

he's also got a sense of humor. While on tour with vocalist Luke Esterkyn, guitarist John McDermott and bassist Greg Gueldner - Stock gave us the low-down on California's next big

thing: **O&E:** How is the tour going? Eric Stock: "It's going great. This is the second month of this outing. We're co-headlining. The whole West Coast has been sold

O&E: "Little Black Backpack" is getting a lot of attention. (Now at number six on Billboard's Modern Rock Charts: Do you feel it represents Stroke 9's sound?

Stock: "I think so, it's definitely one of the more unique songs, the time signature changes. The label definitely felt strong about it. It's pretty catchy, probably our best (song) live."

O&E: As the newest member of the band, how did it feel joining a group of high school friends?

Stock: "It was hell," he laughs. We had chemistry even before I joined. I came in with the inside jokes and obscure references that would generally annoy anyone. It was meant to be. A lot of bands have trouble on the road. It's hard enough to make this



happen. It's nice knowing these guys have a good history togeth-

O&E: Do you pay much attention to the music charts?

Stock: "We're psychos about that. Every week we call our manager to get the percentage. It's like little businessmen watching the stock market."

O&E: Tell me about working with producers Jerry Harrison The Verve Pipe) and Rupert Hine (Duncan Sheik), on the album "Nasty Little Thoughts"?

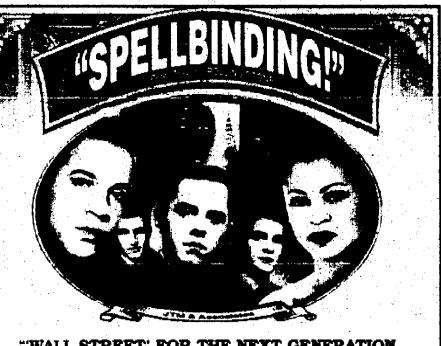
Stock: "It was really cool working with Jerry - we originally wanted him to do the whole thing. He worked with Live. We did six songs with him. So musically, the stuff just explodes. He's got great ideas...Rupert had a whole different approach. It was more organic. He let us do our own thing even more."

O&E: Do you have a favorite track on the album?

Stock: "Tear Me In Two." We tweaked it. There's a little jam in the middle that bursts and explodes. It's something we added, little nuggets, little treats for the people who come see us

Get your treats, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10. All ages. 1248:645. 6886. Check out www.stroke9.com.

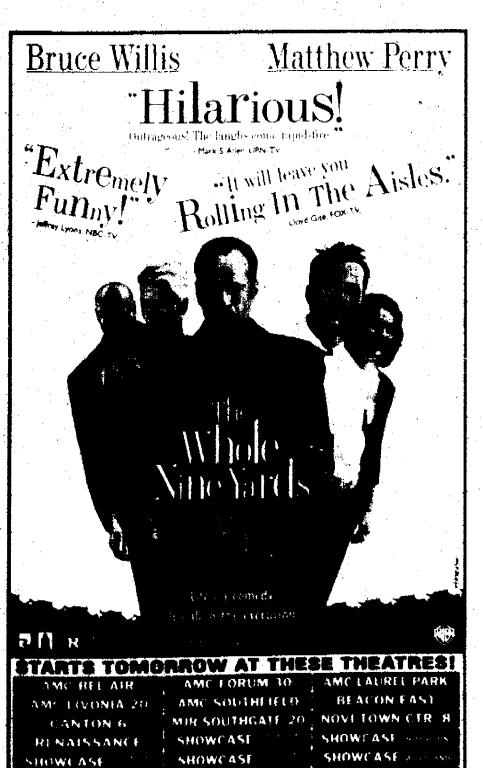
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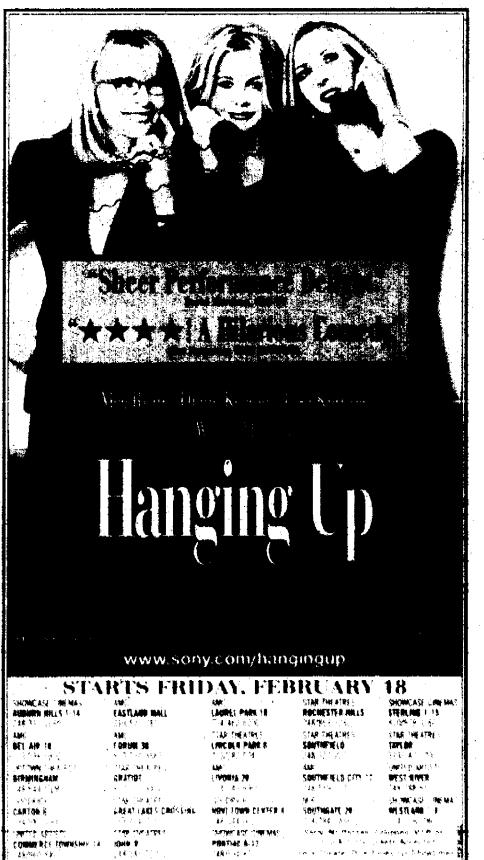
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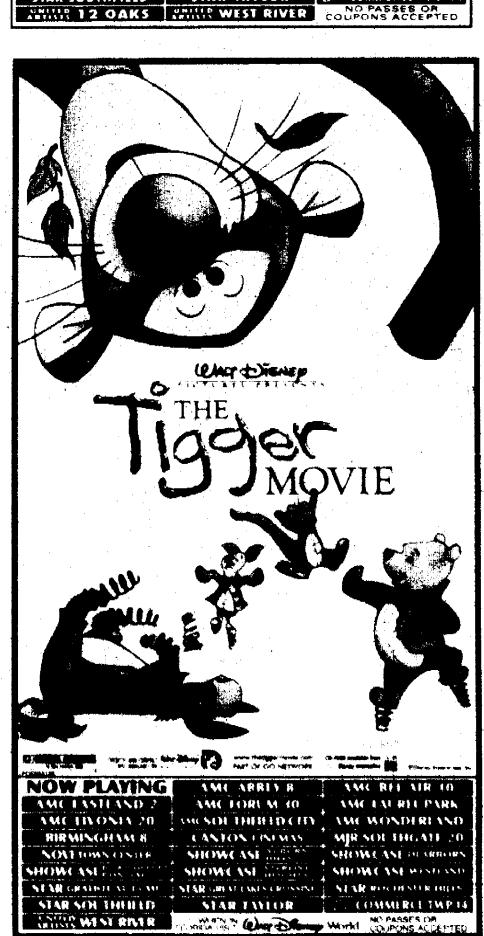


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# Fans follow La Shish to spacious new location

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@ce.homecomm.net

oe Weber and his mother, Joan, were enjoying lunch and each other's company in a booth at the newly opened La Shish Livonia.

"It's very nice; we came here last week, too," said Weber, a La Shish fan for "at least five years." He's eaten at La Shish restaurants in Dearborn and Farmington Hills and was happy when one opened in Livonia.

"Quality, variety and freshness are the reasons he keeps coming back. The service is polite; it's always good," he said. Weber enjoyed the chicken shish kabob he ordered, and his mom, a Livonia resident, had her favorite, chicken shawarma with salad.

The opening of La Shish Livonia was a much anticipated event. "People kept knocking on the door asking us when were going to open," said Charles Saad, vice president of operations.

"Every time we open a new location there's a half hour to an hour wait for dinner, 5-10 minutes for lunch," said Saad. "Weekends have been crazy." If you don't want to wait, order a carryout, or visit between 3-5 p.m. which is the slow, steady

The new Livonia La Shish is a beautiful restaurant, twice the size of the new Canton location. There's a mixture of comfortable booths and tables of four. Helping to create an Arabian Night atmosphere are custom arched windows, a gigantic brass chandelier, and fabric draped across the ceiling. Adding to a warm and welcoming feeling is a La Shish trademark, the scent of fresh-baked bread from the onpremise oven served warm at your table.

Executive Chef/senior vice president Jamil Eid is responsible for all of the food, and trains the chefs. "Before you taste the food with your mouth, you taste it with your eyes," said Eid explaining his philosophy about food. "Cooking is an art and I love cooking."

New items he recently added to the menu include Hummus with veggies, Mediterranean

La Shish Livonia

Where: 37367 Newburgh, corner of Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 464

Open: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday: 10 a.m. to midnight fri

Menu: Middle Eastern specialties including shish kabob, shish tawook, lamb chops, kibbee, hummus, tabbouli, spinach pie and grape leaves. Freshly squeezed juices, soups, salads and sandwiches. Combos and party trays also available.

Surprises: Some items you'll find on the menu, but wouldn't expect to lare a Caesar turkey salad, chicken kabob with lemon-oregano, quail, whole red snapper, and salmon fillet.

Seats: 250 people, semi-private area available Sunday-Thursday for parties of 40-50 people. If you're planning a party, call the restaurant for information. They're flexible, and will make every effort to accom modate your request.

Reservations: Not accepted, but you can call ahead Monday-Thursday to have your name placed on a waiting list.

Credit Cards: All majors accepted Carry-out: All menu items

Catering: Available, call La Shish headquarters, (313) 441-2900 for

more information. Other locations

Canton — 1699 Canton Center Road at Ford Road, (734) 983-9000

Farmington Hills — 37610 W. 12 Mile Road (at Halsted) (248) 553

■ West Bloomfield — 6303 Orchard Lake Road, (248) 538-0800 ■ East Dearborn — 12918 Michigan Ave., (313) 584-4477 Wast Dearborn -- 22039 Michigan Ave., (313) 562-7200

chicken wings, Shish Tawook (chicken kabob) with lemon and oregano, quail, and salmon fillet.

If you want to wow your friends, order the Flaming Tower — a spectacular Las Vegas-style showpiece of 12 skewers of shish kabob, shish tawook, kafta, shrimp, swordfish and vegetables, served with a large salad platter.

### Future growth

Customers like the Webers are one of the reasons Taial K. Chahine decided to expand his growing chain of Lebanese restaurants to Livonia.

Eleven years ago, a sense of responsibility, and pride in his homeland, prompted Chahine to open his first restaurant on Michigan Avenue in East Dearborn. He soon opened a second in West Dearborn, and then began following customers to other metropolitan Detroit suburbs.

In the nine years since he left a career in engineering to open his second La Shish restaurant,

Chahine has been satisfying a growing hunger in metro Detroit for good Middle Eastern food.

"I trust my taste buds," he said. "I can't be steering the publie wrong."

Now, as he approaches 400 employees, Chahine looks to the future, and "Inshaa Allah" (God willing) to more opportunities to expand his trademark "La Shish," which translated means "the skewer."

"If I can humbly state, I always envisioned a chain of restaurants," he said. Chahine has two potential growth patterns in mind: Entering franchise agreements with people in other states, and developing a new line of restaurants, La Shish Express, that would offer quick, top quality, healthy, value-oriented meals to go. He's actively looking for sites, and plans to open La Shish Express in the near future. "I have great hope and expectations for La Shish Express," he said. "Fast food doesn't have to be unhealthy."



STAFF PROTO BY MATTHEW TAPLINGER

Middle Eastern delights: La Shish executive chef/senior vice president Jamil Eid (left) and Charles Saad, vice president of operations, present some of the items you'll find on the menu at the new La Shish Livonia, and other La Shish locations. The Flaming Tower, (center) is a spectacular display of 12 skewers of shish kabob, shish tawook, kafta, shrimp, swordfish, and vegetables.

### **More Middle Eastern restaurants**

If you enjoy Middle Eastern cuisine, here are some other restaurants to try in your hometown. ■ Anita's Kitchen — 31005 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 855-4150. Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

■ Bushel's Cafe — 985 N. Mill, Plymouth, (734) 454-9404. Open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

■ Cleopatra's -- 7988 N. Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 427-2100. Open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday.

■ Pine Land — two locations, 8207 Middlebelt, Westland, (734) 421-4084; and 33320 Farmington Road, (at 12 Mile), Farmington Hills, (248) 324-1163. Open 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m. to midnight Friday-Sunday.

■ Panini Cafe and Grill — 42087 Ford, Canton, (734) 981-7000. Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, Closed Sunday,

If we missed one of your favorite Middle Eastern restaurants, send a note attention Keely Wyganik. assistant managing editor Observer Features, via e-mail, fax (734) 591-7279, or to the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, and we'll share the information with our readers next

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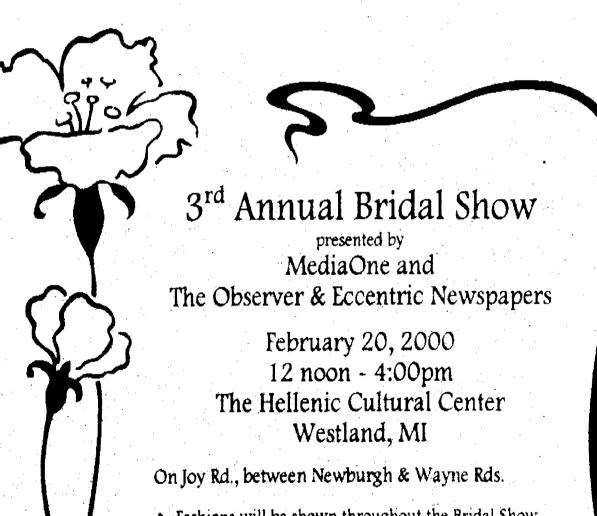
The Detroit Big Smoke, 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, Detroit Marriott. \$150 per person. Over 4,000 cigar lovers attended "Cigar Aficionado" magazine's Las Vegas Big Smoke Weekend and 2,500 enjoyed its New York Big Smoke. Now it's metro-Detroit's turn. This highly visual event is one where dedicated cigar lovers can indulge their passion and support CaPCure, a research organization seeking a cure for prostate

The Big Smoke features over 30 complimentary cigars per guest as well a food, wine, spirits and lots of fun strolling attendees. To order tickets: Fax to Detroit Big Smoke (212) 481-2523 or order online at www.cigaraficionado.com.

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.

m Mardi Gras Celebration at McMooleraft - celebrate the end of winter and the coming of spring in true New Orleans style et a gala Mardi Gras celebration 7 s.m. Saturday, March 4 in the Waterman Campus Center at Schoolcraft College: Tickets are \$35 a person, and may be ordered by calling (784) 462-417. VISA. MasterCard or Discover cards are accepted. Proceeds support student scholar-



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