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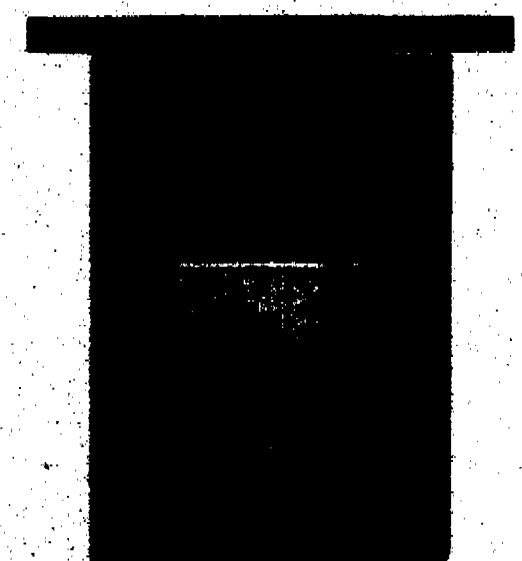
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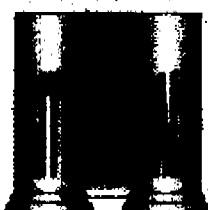
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Senior director gambles, loses



Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, director of the Senior Resources Department, has been suspended by Mayor Robert Thomas after it was discovered she and two employees visited a Detroit casino during work hours.

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Facing an unpaid, two-week job suspension, Westland's senior citizen resources director Tuesday made a tearful apology for gambling at a Detroit casino during work hours.

Weeping inside her office, Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek also accepted blame

for two employees who accompanied her and for using a city van for gambling outings.

"I made a poor judgment, and I'm very sorry," she said. "I'm going to take my punishment as directed by my mayor."

Mayor Robert Thomas placed the longtime senior director on a two-week suspension that started Wednesday.

saying her "improper use of time and a city vehicle" at Motor City Casino will cost her \$2,754 in pay.

Thomas conceded that Kozorosky-Wiacek made "several" improper trips from the city's senior Friendship Center to the casino, but he said he believes she has learned from her mistake.

"If she did it again I'd terminate her, and I think she knows that," the mayor said.

Thomas announced a one-week, unpaid suspension for Friendship Center maintenance employee Mike Sigworth, who drove the van, and for part-time worker Nancy Guetta.

"I take full responsibility for both of them," Kozorosky-Wiacek said, "and I am sorry."

She said Tuesday that she and the employees gambled with their own money. She conceded going to the casino "on occasion, several times" and said she played the 50-cent slot machines.

"I want to take my punishment and get it over with and get on with my life and my work," Kozorosky-Wiacek said, tears rolling down her cheeks.

"I feel that I have embarrassed my staff ... and I am sorry for my family, the mayor and all my friends," she

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Looking good: Brittney Neighbor (center) and Leanna Moland (right) practice at the Bailey Center with the rest of their team, the Westland Stars.

STAFF PHOTOS BY MATTHEW TAPLINER

Stars have reasons to cheer!

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
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Cheerleading is a lot more than a bunch of pretty girls jumping up and down and yelling.

It's about athletics, teamwork, building self-esteem and mustering up courage, according to Toni Lay, coach of the Westland Stars cheerleading and dance team offered through Westland Parks and Recreation.

The team will use all those virtues March 5 during the Showcase America state and regional championships.

"I always tell the girls, 'It's not if you win or lose, but did you have a great dance?'" Lay said. "I'm not a

win-at-all-costs coach. They should be learning, growing, having a good time and enjoying what they do."

But winning is good, too, Lay said, explaining that she vividly remembers what it was like to be on a softball team that captured the state championship when she was 17.

"When we made the last out it was like everything was in slow motion," Lay said. "I tell the girls that there is nothing that feels as good as knowing that you were the best and reached your goal. It's like you've won the Stanley Cup or World Series or anything like that."

The girls agree.

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A pause: Co-captain Tara Freni (clockwise), captain Melissa Richards and Brittney Neighbor take a break to play a counting game.

Probation program praised

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Arrested twice for driving drunk, a 39-year-old father of two credits a Westland court program for helping him stay sober for 18 months now.

Tom, who didn't want his last name used, thought he'd face a big fine and monthly visits to an unearring probation officer after his second arrest.

"It's pretty much a revenue issue for a lot of cities," he said. "They just want your money."

Tom didn't realize that Westland 18th District Court, according to local judges, has one of the most intensive probation programs in southeast Michigan.

Judge C. Charles Bokos forced Tom to report every week - rather than every month - for probation appointments. Tom's other choice - jail.

Tom had to blow into a Breathalyzer each probation visit and often had to give urine samples to prove he was clean.

"The probation officers wanted to know what was going on in my life. They seemed genuinely interested in seeing that I stayed out of trouble. Tom, a home improvement store salesman, said, "When you're reminded every week, it helps."

"It didn't take long to figure out that this is probably a damn good program," he said. "If I hadn't had this program, I probably would've been in trouble again in no time."

Tom had to stay in the program for a year, although the court gradually reduced his visits from weekly to monthly.

"The whole time they're weaning you down," he said.

Tom also had to attend a meeting and listen to people who lost family members in drunken driving accidents. And he had to visit a therapist.

"The jury's still out on the therapy

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Signature-seekers work toward an elected clerk

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Westland residents angered by the firing of City Clerk Patricia Gibbons embarked Monday on a petition drive, amid hopes of making the council-appointed post a voter-elected position.

Residents will have 90 days to collect

the 2,715 voter signatures they need to seek a ballot proposal on whether the clerk's job should become an elected post, starting in November 2001.

"I don't think it will take us too long to get the signatures," proposal supporter Brenda Gracin said. "The way I and others see it, the city clerk is just below the mayor in importance, and we

believe it's a position the people should decide."

The issue arose after a four-member council majority fired Gibbons on Jan. 18 - four days after President Charles "Trav" Griffin placed her on leave, took her keys and ordered her out of her office.

The actions angered residents who

now want to seize the council's authority for choosing a clerk by pushing a ballot proposal to amend the city charter.

"I think the clerk should be answerable to us, and we should be able to put our city clerk in office," Gracin said.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc, who

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Observer wins awards for photos, editorial page

The Westland Observer has received two first-place awards from the Suburban Newspapers of America. They are for Best Editorial Page and best feature photo story or series, for photographer Tom Hawley's series on skater Danielle Hartsell.

Hartsell, a U.S. pairs figure skating champion, graduated last year from John Glenn High School. Hawley's story was titled "Danielle: A Day in the Life."

Community Editor Julie Brown is

responsible for the editorial page.

The contest covered Oct. 5, 1998, to Oct. 5, 1999, and included suburban newspapers in the United States and Canada. Different Observer editions received a total of 16 awards.

"We are proud of the recognition we receive from the SNA, a competition with our peers in the suburban newspaper business," said Hugh Gallagher, Observer managing editor. "It affirms that we are doing a good job in serving

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Winners: Danielle Hartsell (right) was the subject of a photo story by Tom Hawley. He documented the skater's senior year.

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A time to listen



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Coffee's on: Congresswoman Lynn Rivers (D-Ann Arbor) meets with constituents Monday morning at Leon's Family Dining in Westland. Rivers holds coffee hours periodically to hear constituent concerns.

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said.

A 23-year city employee, Kozorosky-Wiacek, 65, has accumulated numerous national and state awards for her leadership in providing senior citizen services. She has served as Friendship Center director since 1987. Her annual salary is \$71,625.

"I love my job, and I love the people," she said Tuesday. "I need to be surrounded by people that are loyal and dedicated to the center."

The gambling outings occurred in a van donated by local auto dealer Red Holman, and general sales manager Steve McGowan said the company will not take the vehicle away from the Friendship Center.

"That would be the last thing we would want to do — make any impairments to our seniors," McGowan said.

The van is used to provide services such as home-delivered meals for shut-in seniors and for senior field trips.

In a letter to Mayor Thomas, Kozorosky-Wiacek on Tuesday said, "I am filled with sorrow that my actions have made this city, the city I love, the city that I call home, look bad. I have created a black cloud that now hangs over this city. I apologize to the citizens, you mayor, my family and anyone else who may have suffered as a result of my very poor judgment."

The gambling trips became public on television Monday night when Fox 2 news aired a story showing Kozorosky-Wiacek and her two employees at Motor City Casino.

Reporter Scott Lewis confronted the three employees last week at the Friendship Center, prompting Kozorosky-Wiacek to confess the gambling trips to the mayor.

"I talked to Sylvia last Friday," Thomas said. "She was so discomfited and upset that she couldn't talk. All she could do



Kozorosky-Wiacek

was cry.

"She's sorry," he said, "and she knows what she did was not proper."

The gambling trips have been "going on for a length of time. I think she made several trips down there, but I don't know how many," Thomas said.

"It's unfortunate," he said. "It's one of those unhappy things that happen. It won't happen again, I can guarantee it."

Councilman Glenn Anderson said Tuesday he didn't believe Kozorosky-Wiacek's actions necessarily warranted her firing.

"But it is a serious problem, it sounds like to me, and I hope that a complete investigation will be done (by the mayor) and that the appropriate action will be taken," Anderson said.

Anderson said he hopes the mayor will treat the situation as seriously as he did several years ago when a former parks and recreation director was accused of embezzling city money to support a gambling habit.

Thomas fired Charles Skene, who was found innocent of embezzling charges by a Wayne County jury.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc said he objects even to organized casino field trips for seniors, although he said his position may not be popular.

LeBlanc suggested the Friendship Center should host its own Las Vegas-style night if gambling is perceived as a necessary entertainment.

Thomas, meanwhile, said he hopes the public will remember that all three employees who visited the casino have "unblemished records."

He singled out Kozorosky-Wiacek as "a distinguished career of excellent service to the city for over 23 years."

OBITUARIES

JOSEPHINE MAGOLICK

Services for Josephine Magoulick, 91, of Westland were Feb. 28 in St. Theodore Church with burial at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. Magoulick was born May 9, 1908, in Greenland, Mich., and died Feb. 25. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Daniel (Diane) and Thomas (Nancy); daughter-in-law, Pauline; several nieces and nephews; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Magoulick was preceded in death by her husband, John, and son, John.

Arrangements were handled through L. J. Griffin Funeral Home.

GENEVA A. WALSH

Services for Geneva Walsh, 71, of Wayne were Feb. 23 in Uth Funeral Home.

Mrs. Walsh was born Sept. 23, 1928, and died Feb. 21 at her home in Wayne. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Edward; sons, Glen, Gordon (Ruth), Brian (Linda), Patrick (Mary) and Edward Jr. (Jessica); daughters, Audrey (Kevin) Fox, Gloria (Daniel) Sills, Theresa Sills, Colleen (the late James) Raymond of Westland and Tracy Wohlfeil; sisters, Loretta Seay, Virginia Walsh, Zelma Short, Neoma and Louella; 28 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Walsh was preceded in death by her son, Mark; sisters, May and Rose Clark; and brother, William Clark.

ADELE M. CAMEN

Funeral arrangements for Adele Camen, 83, of Westland, formerly of Dearborn, were handled by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth Township with burial at Northview Cemetery in Dearborn.

Mrs. Camen was born Nov. 16, 1916, in Trenton, N.J., and died Feb. 29 in Westland. She was an executive secretary in the automotive industry.

Mrs. Camen lived all her life in Dearborn, where she graduated from Fordson High School in 1934. She worked 30 years with Ford Motor Co.

Surviving Mrs. Camen is her son, Richard Camen of Sedona, Ariz.

Mrs. Camen was preceded in death by her son, Donald Camen.

DENNIS W. KENNEDY, O.D.

A memorial service for Dennis

Kennedy, 57, of Plymouth Township will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 11, in Christ Church, Grosse Pointe. Interment will be in Thamesford, Ontario.

Dr. Kennedy was born Oct. 22, 1942, in Detroit and died Feb. 21. Dr. Kennedy, optometrist and authority in laser vision correction/dry eye syndrome, died after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was a graduate of Leelanau School for Boys, Detroit Institute of Technology and Illinois College of Optometry, receiving his bachelor of science and doctor of optometry degrees. He served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force as chief of Optometric Services at the 170th USAF Hospital in Altus, Okla., and was adjunct professor for Ferris State College of Optometry and optometrist/advisor for the VA Hospital in Allen Park.

In 1975, he opened his private optometric practice (Vision Associates of Westland) and served as a contact lens consultant for many area ophthalmologists. In 1981, fellow optometrist Randy Houdek joined him in his practice.

He was a lifelong baseball enthusiast, coaching many years for the Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League, winning several division championships. He watched his sons, Christopher and Scott, play varsity baseball as pitchers for Plymouth-Canton High School (and Scott playing professionally for the Toronto Blue Jays and Detroit Tigers farm clubs). Dr. Kennedy was a Civil War enthusiast.

He was an expert and lecturer on various forms of laser refractive surgery and dry eye syndrome in the U.S., Canada, and the U.S. Virgin Islands for TLC Laser Eye Centers.

Dr. Kennedy was past president of the Wayne County Optometric Association, a member of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons, director of Metropolitan Detroit Optometric Association, and a member of the Michigan and American Optometric Associations and National Advisory Board of TLC Laser Eye Centers.

Surviving are his wife of 33 years, Sandra; sons, Christopher (Maria), Scott (Kimberly), sister, Carol (Jac) Purdon. Both daughters-in-law are expecting the couples' first child.

Dr. Kennedy was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Carroll Kennedy.

Arrangements are being handled through Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth Township.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, March 7, 2000, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions on impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M. at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
1989	DODGE	SPIRIT4 DR	BLUE	1B3BA46KSKF482905
1985	PONTIAC	GRAND PRIZ2 DR	WHITE	2G2CJ37A0P2284849
1991	MAZDA	4 DR	WHITE	JM1BG2249M0297730
1988	TOYOTA	CAMEY4 DR	GRAY	4T1B234E9KU068331
1984	CADILLAC	CIMARON4 DR	WHITE	1G6AG08P2EJ417062
UNKWN	TRAILER	TRAILER	UNKNOWN	0176445

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 A.M. at Westland Car Care, 4775 Hix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
1990	OMC	UTILITY/PICKUP	WHITE	TCT2A1560902
1990	LINCOLN	CONTINENTAL DR	BLUE	1LNLM97477P786107
1990	FORD	THUNDER DR	GRAY	1FAPP044K1H06113
1990	FORD	TORINON DR	WHITE	8H0H3000266
1990	BALDA	GRAY DR	BLACK	JM1OC9118D1616781
1990	FORD	TAURUS	BLUE	2B7H8971H0309043
1990	FORD	ACCORD DR	GREEN	1N0CA894J4A0118996

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

NOTICE OF AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the following items will be auctioned after April 21, 2000, unless it is otherwise notified prior to that time:

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Melissa Richards, captain of the Westland Stars, is in the seventh grade and has been with the team since she was in the fifth-grade. The 12-year-old Westland resident said that being on the team not only built her cheerleading skills, but also helped her make more friends.

"And it taught me that in order to accomplish something with other people you have to work as a team," she said.

There are 12 members on the Westland Stars and they range in age from 10 to 14 years old. They live in Inkster, Livonia and Westland and are learning cheerleading skills and a variety of five dance styles in the class. Team members have come from a number of area communities and have also included boys.

Unfortunately, Lay said, a lot of people mistakenly think cheerleaders are giving the wrong message about themselves because they're on the sidelines.

"Being an athlete, myself, in high school and college and being a fan of professional sports, I know these cheerleaders work harder than any football or basketball male counterpart, whether it's for a game or a competition," said Lay, who started the team 17 years ago.

"Cheerleaders and the fans are the heart and soul of a team," said Lay, an art teacher at Madison and Jefferson-Barns elemen-

tary schools in the Wayne-Westland district.

"If you talk to any professional sports team player, they'll tell you that the cheerleaders and fans mean a lot to them," she said. "The cheerleaders are the spark on a stick of dynamite that helps get the fans behind the team."

And just like all athletes, cheerleaders must learn the importance of teamwork. To drive the point home, Lay constantly repeats that there isn't an "I" in "team."

"That they learn teamwork is my ultimate goal," she added.

This year, a member of the Westland Stars is carrying on a legacy started by her mother, a former cheerleader from Churchill High School in Livonia.

"When I watch her, I see how much pride she takes in being a cheerleader and I know that comes from her mom," Lay, 37, said. "You can see a lot of the skill that her mom has passed on to her daughter. Perhaps that girl's daughter will be a cheerleader, also."

Explaining some of the character building attributes to cheerleading, Lay tells a story about a captain who was competing at a state championship when her knee gave way due to a previous medical problem — a dislocated kneecap.

On the last routine she forgot



STAFF PHOTO BY MATTHEW TAPLINGER

Practice makes perfect: Brittney Neighbor, 10, extends her arms during a number at practice. The girls, members of the Westland Stars, were rehearsing a piece for an upcoming competition.

to put on her knee brace. Her knee popped and she was in excruciating pain, but she got up and tried to continue until it hurt too much.

"She had the fortitude to walk

out the back of the gym, because she knew that if she didn't, the team would be disqualified," Lay said. "That's where she collapsed. She was a person who led by example. Always do your

best. Always put forth the effort."

Years later, the girl wrote Lay letters explaining how cheerleading gave her the courage to believe in herself and to know

that she could do anything if she tried.

"I watched her blossom from a very shy girl into one of best cheerleaders in terms of leadership, poise and skill," Lay said.

Nursing home is sold

A Westland nursing home has averted a possible shutdown after failing several state inspections last August.

The former Nightingale West Nursing Home, 8365 N. Newburgh, has been sold to new owner Charles Dunn and renamed Four Seasons Nursing Center of Westland.

"This facility is an absolute opportunity of a lifetime," Dunn said Wednesday.

The changes will allow the facility to continue receiving federal funding and remain open.

Otherwise, Dunn said, "all of the (150) residents would have been relocated by this coming Friday." He said some residents who already had been taken to hospitals are returning.

Dunn said the state has placed "very strict conditions" on what has to be accomplished at the facility. He also owns a Detroit

nursing home and said he is eager to improve Four Seasons Nursing Center.

"The new owner has a new attitude," he said.

Dunn said 90 percent of the former employees will keep their jobs, and the rest are being replaced.

He said the facility was saved through the efforts of state regulators, Service Employees Local 79, attorneys and staff members.

Man waives court exam

A Wayne man was ordered to stand trial on a charge of stalking his former teacher after waiving preliminary examination Monday in Garden City's 21st District Court.

Derek Ingle, 17, is charged with one count of aggravated stalking, a five-year felony. A \$200,000 cash bond was continued and Ingle remains incarcerated.

The teacher called police after receiving a telephone call at her Garden City home from another student who allegedly contacted her on behalf of Ingle. Police said the woman only had contact with Ingle as his teacher at John Glenn High.

Problems with Ingle were reported by the teacher starting in August. She obtained a personal protection order barring Ingle from contacting her or coming onto school property. Police caught Ingle at the school more than once and also at the teacher's home.

In December, Ingle pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor stalking charge and was sentenced to 89 days in jail along with two years probation. Westland police arrested him for a probation violation after he was in contact with the friend.

Circuit court arraignment for Ingle is scheduled for March 13.

He promotes civil rights

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The Rev. Virgil Humes knows that activism and civil rights mean vigilance and noncomplacency.

When three of his churchgoers at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Wayne were ticketed for being parked between the sidewalk and the curb near his church Feb. 6, he and members of the community reacted, receiving statewide publicity. Church members weren't given any warning, Humes said. A polite request to move the cars was all that was necessary, he added. About 350 people attended that service so parking was at a premium.

"I went to Wayne City Hall to make a statement asking for dialogue with that city to work together," said Humes, a Plymouth Township resident for five years. "I asked that they not act aggressively or hastily toward any church in the City of Wayne, that we talk about issues first."

The city manager and city police chief suggested that the tickets be sent in, admitting responsibility, but with explanation, he said. A letter has been sent asking the city not to prosecute the \$20 tickets.

"They could have responded in another way," Humes said. "They have given more respect to bar patrons and house parties. Friends don't write friends tickets. We were not impeding traffic."

Humes said the Lord led him to Plymouth Township to add diversity. With George Ward, another Plymouth Township resident, and Jim Netter, a member of the Western Wayne chapter of the NAACP, he asked the township board during its Tuesday meeting to honor Martin Luther King's birthdate next year with either a resolution or closing township offices.

"Why not display and recognize to the citizenry, as well as the personnel who work for the township, the works of Dr. King?" Humes asked. "If he were alive today, he would say to the township of Plymouth, 'You still have a way to go.'"



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HERNIMANN

Leader: The Rev. Virgil Humes is pastor of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Wayne.

PEOPLE

King's struggle continues, he said. "There still exists that glass ceiling that African-Americans can't get through and women can't get through," Humes said.

Even in 2000, Humes says young people still use the "n" word against him on the street.

"Why should I have to be bothered by those types of insults in 2000?" Humes asked. "These types of sentiments are taught and encouraged by adults, by parents. Each person needs to make a personal effort to befriend someone from another culture to understand that culture, background, and differences."

As a student of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Humes recalled his shock when he went to a downtown department store in 1978 and he could still see the writing behind the paint near two water fountains: "Whites only" and "Colored only."

"That really bothered me," Humes said. He returned to Detroit realizing the struggle King experienced still exists today. "Sometimes we in the north hide behind the facade that everything is well," Humes said.

In 1996, Humes' church was badly vandalized with swastikas painted on the back wall. Though the hurt still remained, Humes agreed to a Wayne County Circuit Court judge's request to allow one of the two vandals to do community service within Humes' church. The other man was sent to jail.

At first Humes questioned whether he wanted "a racist" doing work in his church. "I thought to myself, I'm in the business of changing people," Humes said. "If anyone was to change his mind about African Americans, we as a church should be able to do that."

Though the 19-year-old man did chores around the church, Humes was more interested in "changing his heart." A better relationship resulted and the man admitted he made a poor choice of friendships, Humes said. The other man never showed remorse.

Following that vandalism, Humes attended and submitted written congressional testimony on May 24, 1996, at U.S. Congressional Judiciary hearings on church burnings and vandalism.

He recently received the Michigan Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's Year 2000 Outstanding Civic/Religious Leadership Award.

The church broke ground in December for a new location on Michigan Avenue near Venoy that will be 24,000 square feet, three times larger than the present facility on Wayne Road in Wayne. The church has 700 members.

Humes and his wife, Kimberly, a professional engineer, have two children, Tiffany Rose, 15, who attends Plymouth Canton High School, and Virgil Phillip, 15, a Central Middle School student.

Humes, by profession, has also worked as an engineer for General Motors and a buyer for Ford Motor Co.

"Every now and then, communities need a wake-up call," Humes said. "I'm just trying to make the world a better place to live in. That's my purpose."

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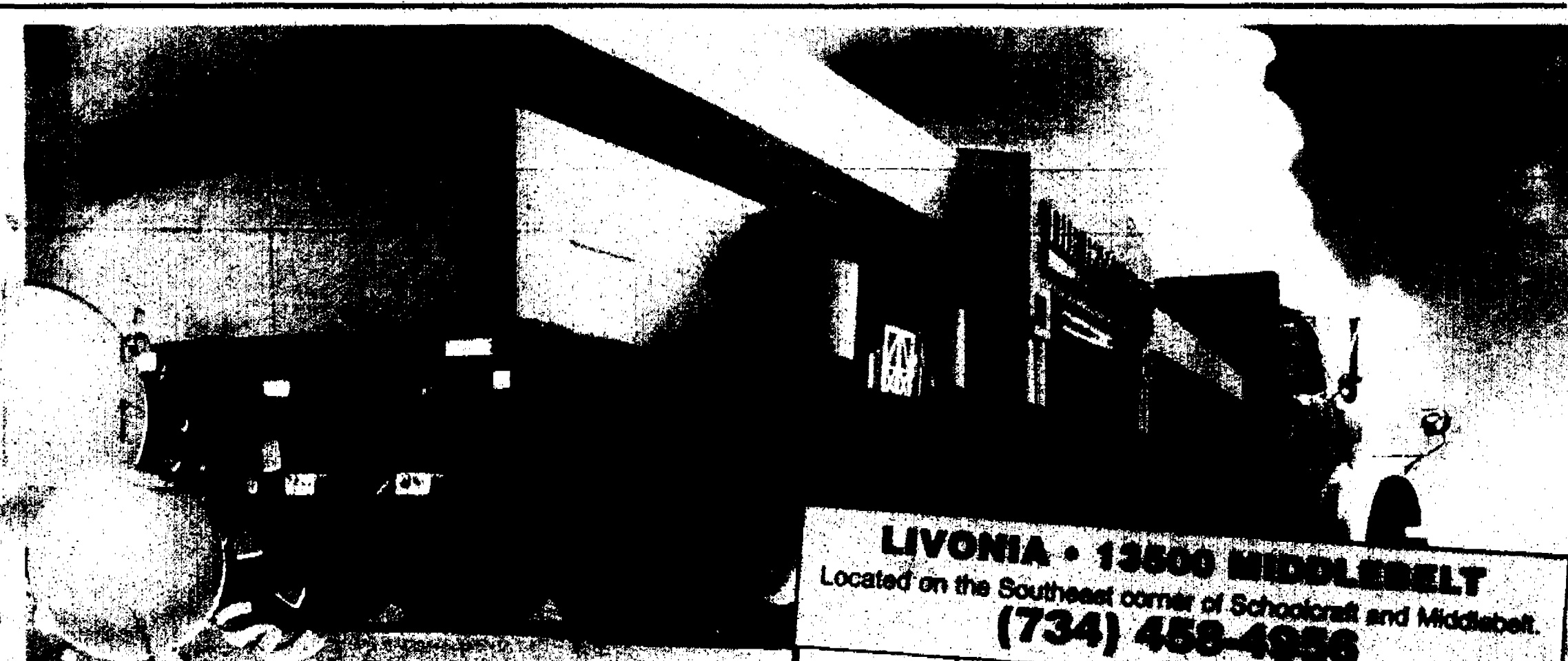
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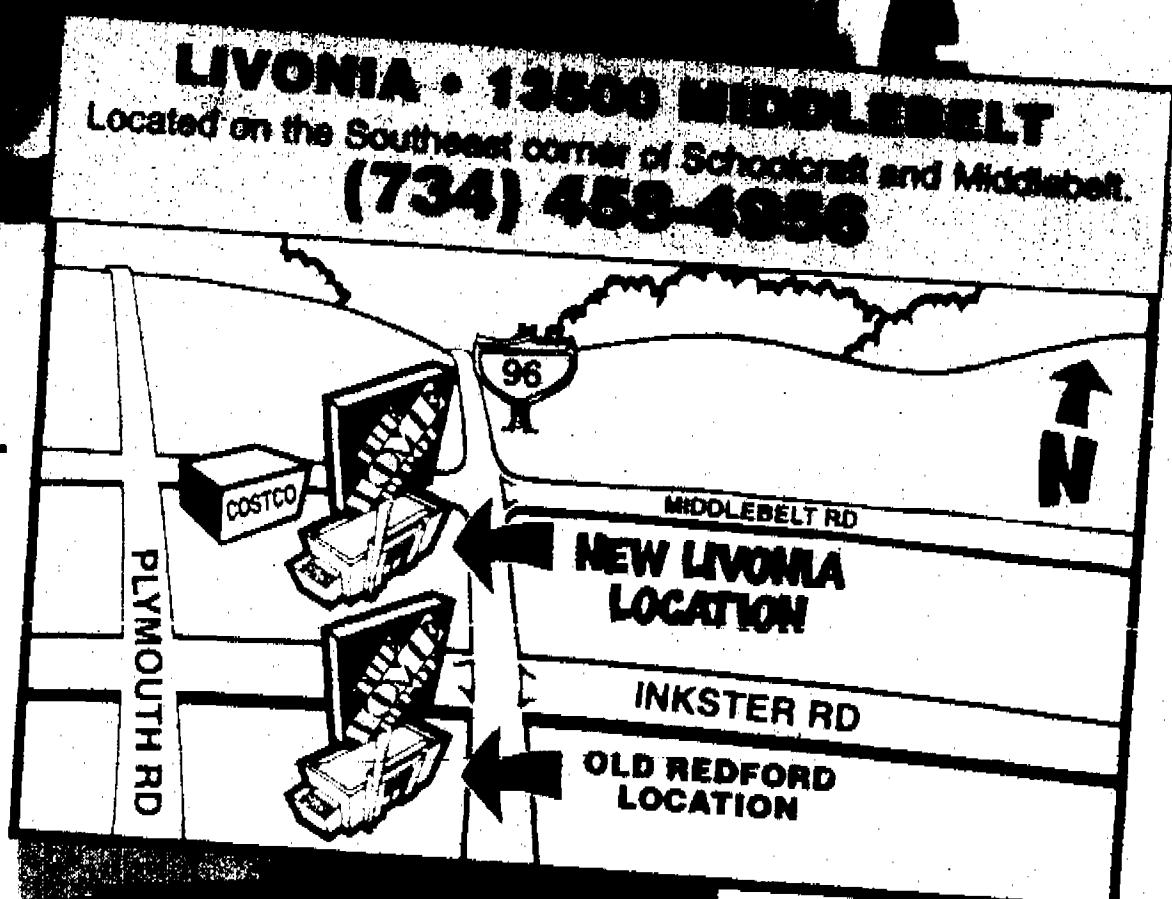


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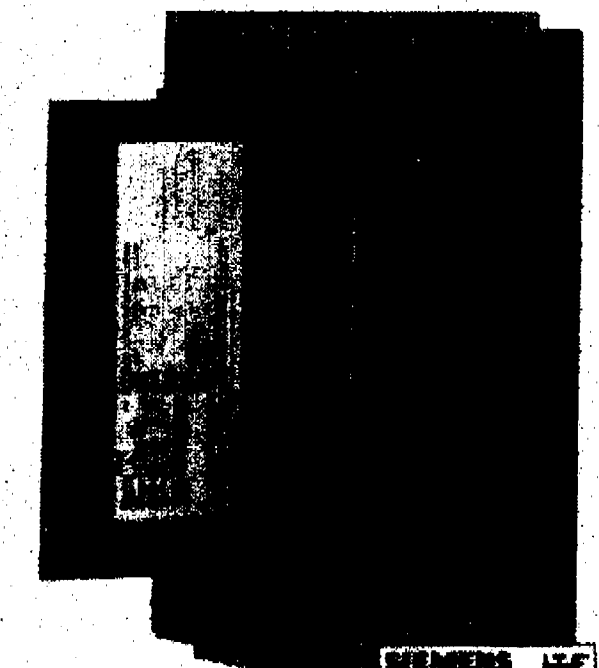
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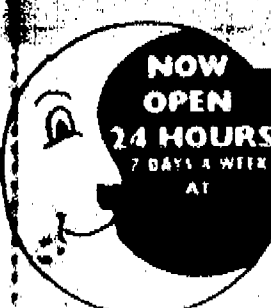
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ACHIEVERS

Several Westland residents received scholarships for the 1999-2000 academic year at Madonna University in Livonia.

Tiffany Clemons, a senior majoring in biology, was awarded a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Scholarship for \$1,000. The scholarship was established to encourage students to pursue college degrees and careers in science and health-related fields.

Junior sociology major Bridgett Johnson received a Standard Federal Bank Scholarship for \$1,000. The scholarship was established to assist minority students in their pursuit of higher education.

Mary Ketegwe, a sophomore and business major, was awarded the Bishop Moses B. Anderson, SSE/Dr. Frank Hayden Scholarship for \$1,000 and the Monika and Robert Kimball Scholarship.

Lisa Wojciechowski, a senior in nursing, was awarded the Bargman Foundation Scholarship for \$1,000.

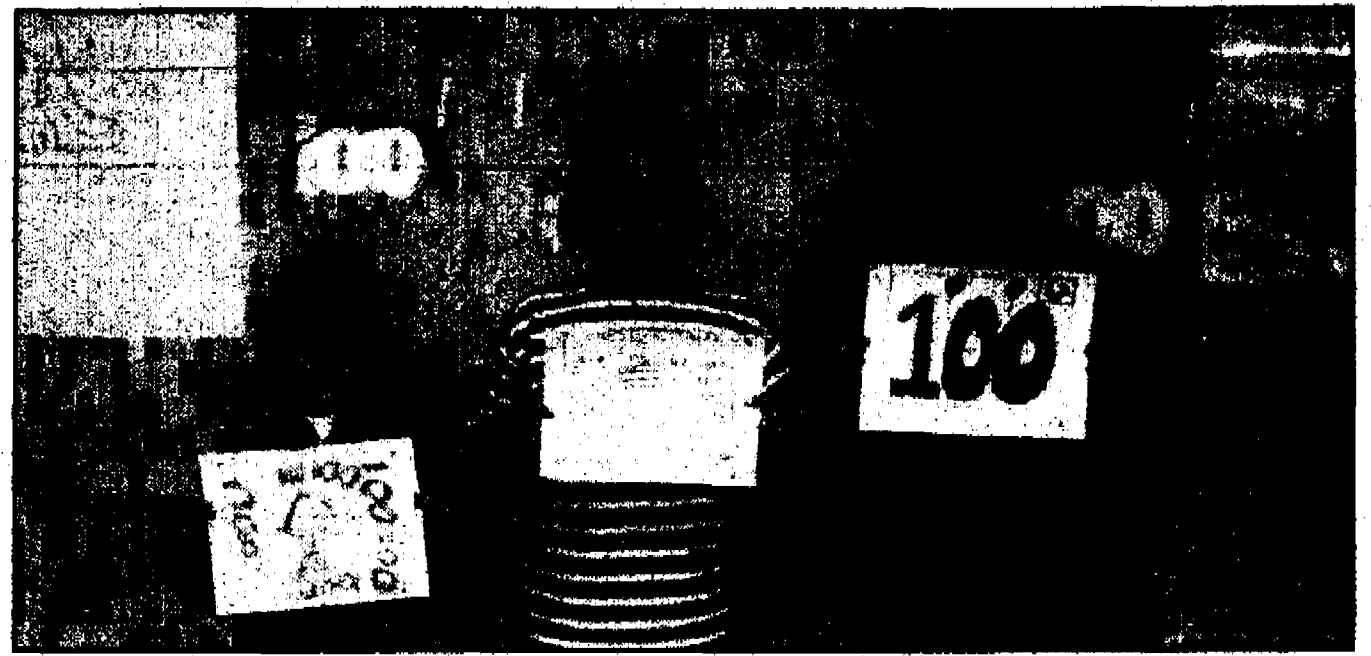
Andrea L. Thomas has been named to the fall dean's list at Grand Valley State University. The honor required students to maintain a 3.5 grade point average or higher while taking at least 12

credits.

Westland students have been named to the dean's list for the fall in the College of Arts, Sciences and Letters at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. They are: Caitlin Shea, a senior in mathematics; Nathan Goodrich, a junior in mathematics; Richard Berger, a freshman with no major decided; Kelly Dixon, a senior in communications; John Bobee, a freshman in psychology; Christopher Minor, a senior in English; George Angelovic, a freshman in political science; Meghan Chatham, a junior in communications; Timothy Barry, a junior in communications; Nancy Hetrick, a freshman in anthropology; Tricia King, a junior in history; Tasha Cronenwett, a freshman with no major decided; Elizabeth Usiondek, a junior in environmental science; Andrew Raisanen, a senior in mathematics; Alexa Vandegrift, a sophomore in communications; Tameka Guyton, a freshman in psychology; Carrie Manfre, a freshman with no major decided; Natalie Rozell, a sophomore with no major decided.

Students were required to maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average while taking at least 12 credit hours.

At Hamilton



Award-winning designs: Hamilton Elementary students (from left) Halee Endicott, kindergartner, Tim Frost, third-grader, and Linda Ross, fifth-grader, show stamp designs incorporating the number 100 for 100s Day. The Hamilton students recently studied 100, with a visit by Zero the Hero. The design winners received lunch and a tour of the Westland post office.

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

March is Women's History Month and the Public Library of Westland, along with the Madonna University Library, offers a series of presentations and discussions of select books on important women and issues. Presenters of this Discussion Series are Madonna University faculty members. Four books and one multimedia presentation will be featured and discussed in the series. The library will host each program 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in March in Community Meeting Room A. There is no fee for this program. No registration is required. You may participate in any or all discussions. For more information, or to reserve your book copy, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

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An interesting site for employers and employees. It contains links to corporate profiles, an online bookstore, "Career Links" and others. This appears to be a good job search site.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Women of Distinction
Informal book discussions in celebration of Women's History Month. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in March, Meeting Room A. March 8, New Visions of Georgia O'Keeffe, a multimedia presentation by Ralph F. Glenn. No fee. No registration required. Light refreshments will be served.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Reading Contest
Through Friday, March 31, Children's Service Desk. To help observe National Reading Month, there's a

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context. If you read three books in a variety of categories, you will receive a Toammina's Pizza coupon. Your name will also be entered in a drawing to win a \$20 gift certificate from Waldenbooks. Pick up an entry form at the Children's Service Desk. No fee.

CREATION STATION

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

AFTER SCHOOL SPECIAL

3-5 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, Children's Activity Room. This drop-in program is held each Wednesday 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.

FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, Meeting Room 8. Come in and enjoy an evening of fun and games. Lots of your favorite games will be available for your use. No fee. No registration required. Light refreshments will be served.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library need a member for their board of trustees. If you are interested in helping the Friends provide important programs for the children and adults of Westland, this position may be for you. For more information, call Julie Chwalek, Friends liaison, at (734) 326-6123. The Friends board meets the second Tuesday of the month to discuss fund-raising and program planning. All are invited to attend. Stop in and find out how you can help in providing quality programs at the library. The next meeting is 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 14.

GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PUBLIC NOTICE

Garden City Public Schools is soliciting proposals from qualified contractors for Parking Lot Replacement at Burger School, North and West Parking Lots. For additional information contact Nancy Burke at (734) 762-6306.

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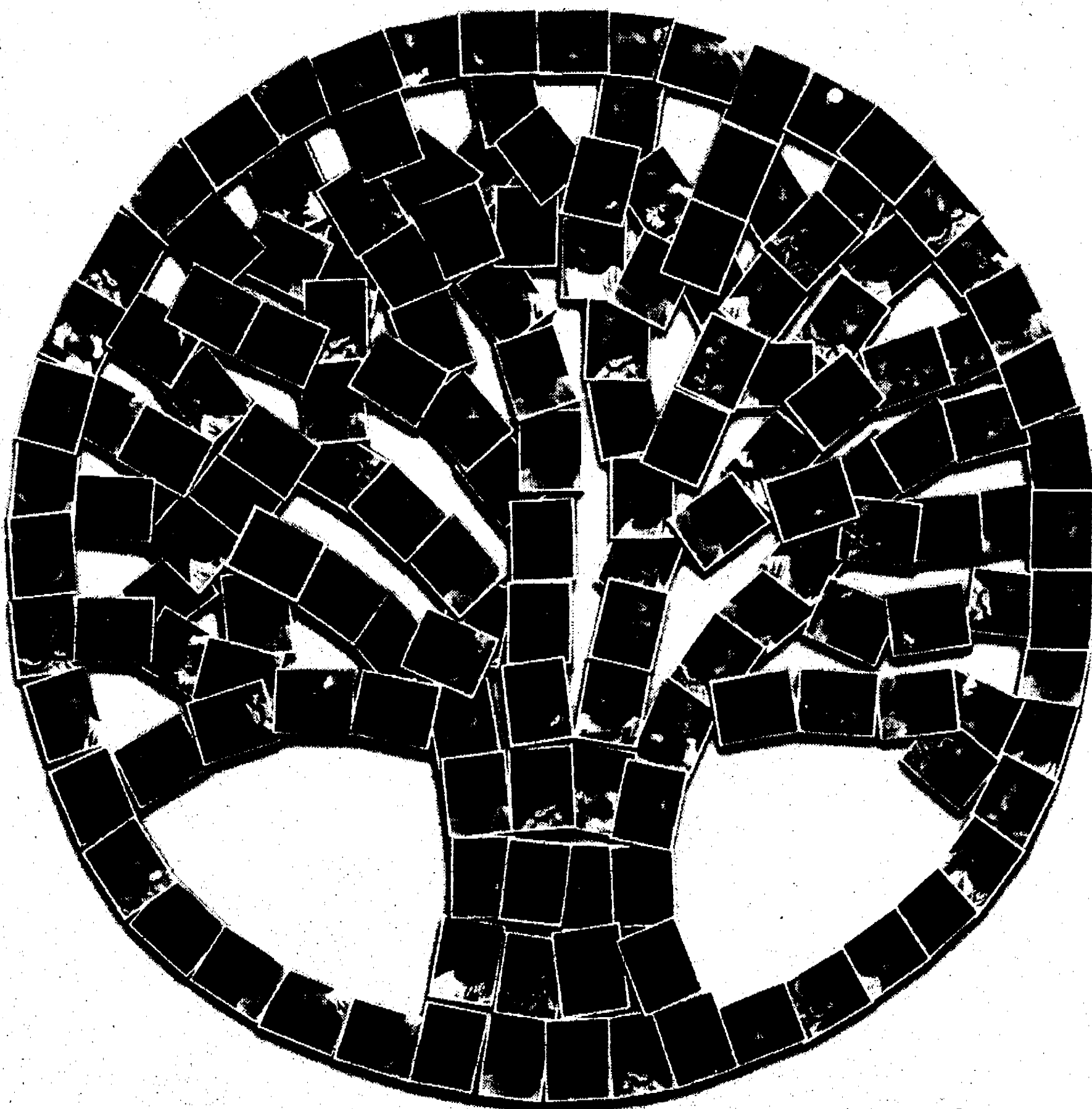
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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on **Tuesday, March 7, 2000** at 9:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185.

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1986 Mercury Topaz	2 Dr	2MEBP72X3QB843604
1996 Ford	2 Dr	3FALP1139WR117807
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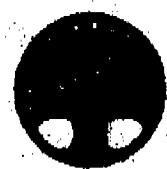
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Churchill team state champs

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supported Gibbons, became the first voter to sign a petition on Monday. He had earlier suggested placing the elected clerk issue on a ballot on May 9, when residents will decide a 1-mill incinerator tax.

The same majority that fired Gibbons — Griffin, David Cox, David James and Sharon Scott — refused the May 9 clerk proposal and chose to appoint a committee to study the issue.

"There are a number of people in town who wish to have the right to elect their city clerk," LeBlanc said. "The fact that some of them have taken it upon themselves to be involved in a ballot campaign to force the

Churchill High's pompon team always came close in state competition, but a special bond is what put the squad over the top this year's championship.

On Sunday, the Chargers crew captured the top spot in the Class A division of the Mid-America Pompon Championships at Saginaw Valley State University. Churchill finished ahead of eight schools, amassing 333.5 of 360 points.

Stevenson High finished fourth and Franklin sixth.

Churchill High School's 1999-2000 state champion Pompon Team members are Emily Arent, Lindsey Brake, Kelly Burnett, Courtney Cross, Teresa DeVore,

Michelle Ewing, Katie Fraser, Sarah Gorski, Stacey Harrison, Lauren Hodges, Courtney Malo, Jillian McDonald, Kristin McGowan, Kelli McIntosh, Lea Medlen, Carri Miller, Paula Mishowski, Shelley Mitchell, Melissa Peckham, Heather Petres, Dayne Petroskey, Katie Proctor, Heather Reed, Jamina Ramirez, Emily Tatro, Jacqui Thibault, Katie Webster and Lizz Wright. Head coach is Judy Nouhan, assistant coach is Vickie Middleton.

"Our team unity is strong," said Melissa Peckham, a Churchill senior and one of three squad captains. "That's what got us through."

"We've always been a close team."

During the past three seasons, Churchill's pompon unit has been within finger's reach of the chalice but couldn't take the prize. This time, all 28 team members gave it a bear hug.

Last season, the squad finished third. The team was second in 1998 and came in third in 1997.

Coach Judy Nouhan's Churchill teams captured state championships in 1992 and '95.

For seniors, Sunday's competition was the final chance to establish their legacy for the stellar program.

During the past two months, the team

practiced four hours a day, six times a week. The pompon team also performs during boys basketball games as well as football and soccer events in the fall.

With no school Friday, pompon members went through two vigorous three-hour workouts. They broke for lunch, with all 28 members eating at the Red Robin in Westland.

Such cohesiveness became a rallying point. "You can see it at practice. It's not just a bunch of cliques," said Dayna Petroskey, a senior and another captain of the unit. "We all sit in a big circle. Everyone is so focused."

—by Larry O'Connor

Awards

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our readers with the kind of community news they need. The judges have recognized our editors, writers, photographers and artists for outstanding work in features, hard news, photography and editorial leadership. We'll use these awards as an inspiration to do even better work in the year ahead."

Other awards include: Best Entertainment/Lifestyle Section, first place for Arts & Leisure, second for Entertainment; Best In-Depth Reporting, Observer Newspapers, "A Report on District Court"; Best Environmental Coverage, second place for Rouge River, coverage by Ken Abramczyk; Best Young People's Coverage, Observer Newspapers, Sue Mason and Christina Fuoco.

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issue," he said. "I'm sure there are good therapists out there. I'm just not sure if I got a good one."

Bokos and his colleague, Judge Gail McKnight, started the court's intensive probation program in October 1998 with a \$54,000 grant from the Federal Office of Drug Control Policy.

"The purpose of the program is to try to motivate people to motivate themselves to change," McKnight said.

Tom would've been jailed and possibly kicked out of the program if he had failed a Breathalyzer or urine test during a probation visit. He also had to show up on time for appointments.

Tom's second drunken driving arrest occurred in Westland, less than a year after he was arrested the first time in Taylor.

Tom said the Westland program, geared toward repeat offenders, worked for him.

"Me and drinking and driving just don't work," he said. "The drinking had started to become a problem. Anytime you get caught drinking and driving two times

in one year, you've got to wake up and smell the roses."

Rather than routinely locking up alcohol and drug offenders, local judges try to help them change their lives with intensive probation, drug testing, outpatient therapy and, if necessary, measures such as domestic violence counseling.

"We can lock them up — and we do in many cases — but it really doesn't solve the problem," Bokos said.

Since late 1998, judges have assigned 148 people to intensive probation.

Of those, 28 graduated from the one-year program and — like Tom — have remained alcohol- and drug-free, 18th District Chief Probation Officer Christopher Raymond said.

Another 23 people violated their probation and got kicked out, while others assigned to the program still are enrolled, Raymond said.

Judges don't automatically boot out offenders who relapse. They consider whether people have genuinely tried to make

lifestyle changes — or whether they've shown a blatant disregard for court orders.

Most people assigned to intensive probation are — like Tom — family members who have jobs and loved ones to support.

"The one thing they fear most is jail," Bokos said.

"They may be able to work," McKnight said, "but they might spend all their money on drugs and alcohol and not pay their bills."

Bokos stressed the importance of drug and alcohol testing of repeat offenders during their probation visits, amid hopes of keeping them clean "so they don't go out and kill somebody."

Tom praised the program for helping him stay sober and become a better family man for his children, ages 5 and 10.

He lauded the efforts of Westland judges and probation officers.

"If you really want help, they're going to force you to do the right thing. If you don't want help, you're going to end up in jail," Tom said. "They're going to

catch up with you. They're going to know you're playing games with them."

"I got treated with respect and a genuine interest in what was happening with me," he said. "I started out in the program because I had to, but I ended up doing it because I wanted to."

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Plymouth man sets Schoolcraft record

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER
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Stanley Kovacheff of Plymouth isn't kidding when he says he's "curious about everything."

Since 1992, the retired General Motors engineer has taken 99 courses through Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education program — the most of any student in the program's history.

"I just like to get information and learn about things," says Kovacheff, who starts each day by reading two newspapers and working crossword puzzles. "I like to keep learning."

Kathy Uhlich, a Schoolcraft spokeswoman, says though a few students have taken 90 or so courses, Kovacheff is "by far the leader."

His courses are "all over the curriculum," she adds: From tap dancing, guitar and piano to Spanish and Russian and from Tai Chi and typing to calligraphy and computerizing.

He's also studied investing, water aerobics, cartooning and both creative and journal writing.

Sherry Zylka, assistant dean of the college's continuing education department, calls Kovacheff's accomplishment "exciting."

"His course selection is so well-

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rounded and diverse," she says. "He's the epitome of the lifelong learner."

The 74-year-old also is a prime example of the not-very-"retiring" retiree.

The student, father and stepfather to five sons also swims and walks regularly, does folk dancing, sings in choirs and also performs in musical theater.

What's more, he's flown a glider, gone parasailing, climbed a mountain and explored a gold mine and, since last summer, has worked as a program coordinator of the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

In the part-time position, Kovacheff helps both longtime residents and newcomers, ages 55 and up, find personal services and helpers and also senior-friendly merchants.

While he enjoys being productive and says working with seniors is "very rewarding," the job also lets him utilize some of his Schoolcraft learning: He's publisher and editor of the PCCA's monthly newsletter.

He puts in about 40 hours a month on his home computer for each six-page, legal-sized issue, in part trying to get his readers

"off their duffs" to become more "socially active" — not surprising, given his own lifestyle.

Born in Niagara Falls, N.Y., Kovacheff and identical twin Leonard, now a retired GM product engineer, came to Detroit at age 6, brought here by their Bulgarian-born parents.

Both parents had been teachers in Europe and Stan says he was "a studious youngster because I wanted to be a good student."

His "A" average got him into Cass Tech. After earning his engineering degree at the University of Detroit, he worked for GM by day and earned a master's in industrial engineering from Wayne State University at night.

Stan and first wife, Anne, who died of cancer at age 45 in 1975, were married 22 years and had four sons. In 1988, the year after he married Christine and became stepfather to her son, Kovacheff retired from GM as a senior project engineer.

It was he and Christine who tried the gliding, the parasailing and other things like watching whales at sea. "We're not daredevils," he says. "We just like to try something different."

But it was Christine's full-time job as a senior manager at Media

One cable television that eventually got him to Schoolcraft.

"I wanted to be mentally active," he says, and there were things he'd never had time to do, like learning the guitar.

Schoolcraft is just three miles away, he says, "so it was really handy," says Kovacheff. "And, of course, they offer a discount for seniors, which in some cases is as much as 50 percent."

"So I figured, 'What the heck, they've got all these courses that are attractive to me, I might as well start taking them.'"

Christine's job even provided material for his cartooning.

Required to develop a comic for class, Stan created "Mort and Martha," a strip about a retired man with an employed wife.

"But I only drew five panels" before "another interest came along and the cartooning got sidetracked," he says.

Kovacheff soon will start his 100th class — tap dancing, which he's taken almost every semester. "You tap for an hour and a half, you know it's a workout," says the 5-foot-9, 190-pounder.

And Schoolcraft will honor its top continuing education student by putting No. 100 "on the house": Kovacheff will tap tuition-free.



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Ol' No. 99: If they gave numbered jerseys to Continuing Education students at Schoolcraft College, Stan Kovacheff could wear the same number as former Michigan great Tom Harmon because he's taken that many classes.

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Service guides Jaycees to observe this milestone

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

From a mayor to a real estate agent to a newspaper employee and an order clerk, residents in all walks of life praise the Westland Jaycees as being responsible for their personal and professional growth.

As members launch the group's 41st year, many look back and are happy to be part of an organization that does so much for charitable causes.

Past Westland Mayor Charles Pickering was active in the group nearly 25 years ago and still credits a lot of his success to the organization, which has the motto: "Training Tomorrow's Leaders Today."

"The whole purpose of the

Jaycees is to help you grow in different areas, working on committees, decision making, taking on challenges and following through with things from the beginning to the end," said Pickering, who is now broker and owner of Pickering Real Estate in Belleville. He also served for 12 years on the Westland City Council.

"It gave me confidence and the courage to run for public office when I did," he said. "If I had not been in the Jaycees I probably would not have done what I've done to this point."

A sales agent with Pickering Real Estate, Mike Kehrer, said the group helped him develop skills in his everyday life and as a citizen.

"They gave me the training

and opportunity to learn to speak in front of groups and how to get things done," said Kehrer, who is past president of the Westland Jaycees and chapter historian.

"The Jaycees gave me the opportunity to meet a group of concerned and aggressive young men and women who are active in their community and who are involved with everything from leadership training and ballot proposals to community fund-raising," Kehrer added.

Deep roots

The Westland chapter of the national organization was started when the community was called Nankin Township. In fact, members were instrumental in promoting the charter amendment to make the township a city. Between 50 and 210 members yearly have been active in the group that elects new officers annually.

One of the Jaycees' biggest accomplishments is the development of Jaycee Park at Wildwood and Hunter. Members bought the land from money raised during fund-raisers and donated the parcel back to the city to make sure it would be maintained, Kehrer said. The Westland Jaycees also deliver between 100 and 200 food baskets every Christmas and annually raise about \$50,000 for national and local charities.

The Westland Jaycees were also instrumental in the late '60s and early '70s with starting the red ball symbol placed in children's bedroom windows so firefighters would know that there was a child in that room," Kehrer said.

The group was also the first organization in the state to run a haunted house fund-raiser 30 years ago, he said, adding that city restrictions, however, prohibit them now.

Michele Austin not only met



Party fun: In January, last year's Westland Jaycees board enjoyed the President's Party revelry.

her husband, Danny, at a Jaycee function, but learned important skills that she partially credits with helping her earn a promotion to become Observer & Eccentric home delivery manager for Farmington and Farmington Hills.

"It's a tremendous feeling to help someone who is not as privileged as we are," said Austin, who has been a member of the Westland Jaycees for five years and was president last year.

The group raises money to help others in a number of ways, including a weekly bingo event beginning at 6 p.m. every Sunday at the Wayne Ford Civic League on Wayne and Ford roads.

Some money also goes to host community events like an annual Easter egg hunt, buying presents for a family at Christmas and providing school clothes and supplies for a child to go back to school.

"We had a family who needed assistance with their son because he had a wheelchair that wouldn't fit in his mom's

van," Austin said, adding that the Jaycees held a bowling function and earned enough money to make the family van wheelchair accessible.

Current leader

Current Westland Jaycee president Bryan Lakatos is equally enthusiastic about the group and the benefits he's seen.

An order clerk for Advantage Logistics stocking trucks with products for Kroger, Lakatos said the Jaycees organization has improved his life.

"I used to be a person who never kept dates or a schedule and I did things as they came along," he said. "Now I do keep a schedule. They've taught me self respect and I've met a lot of new friends."

He likes working on community events the most.

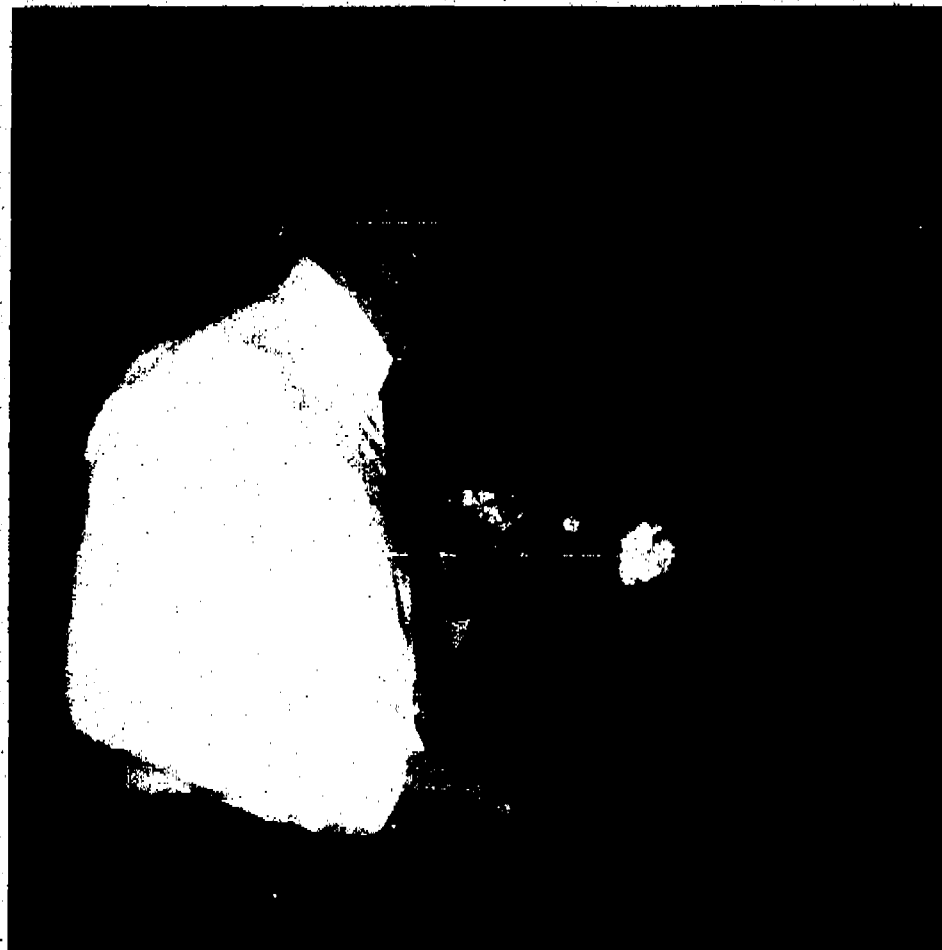
"We're always looking for new faces and new ideas," Lakatos said. "The more input we get from people outside for things that we can do to help the community, the better. The biggest

thing is to have as much fun as you can. I know I do."

The Westland Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday monthly at VFW Bova Hall on Hix Road. The Jaycee hotline number is (734) 480-4984.



Leader: Mike Kehrer is past president of the Westland Jaycees and a senator for the organization.



Jaycees in action: Michele Austin, last year's 42nd Westland Jaycees president, gives an award to member Bob Dorsey during the President's Party in January.

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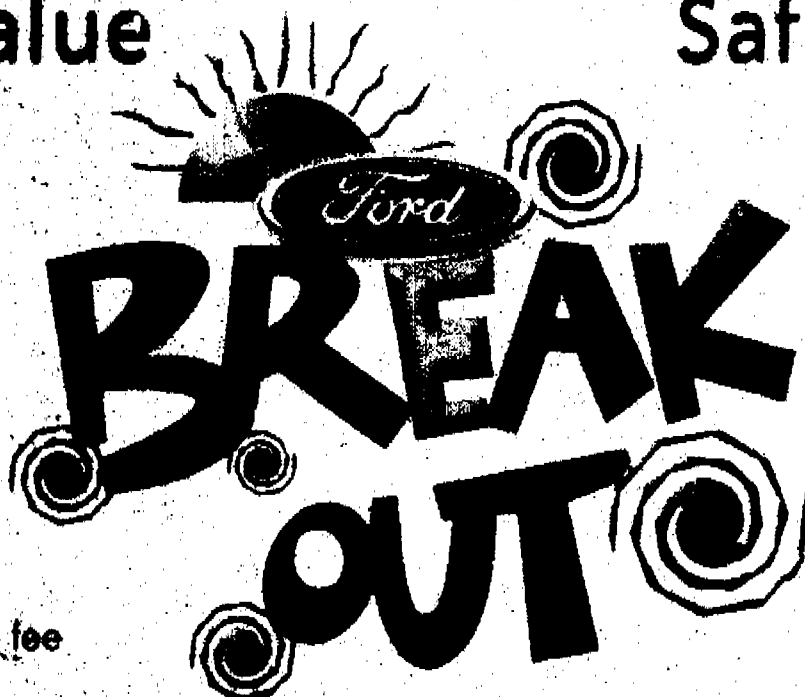
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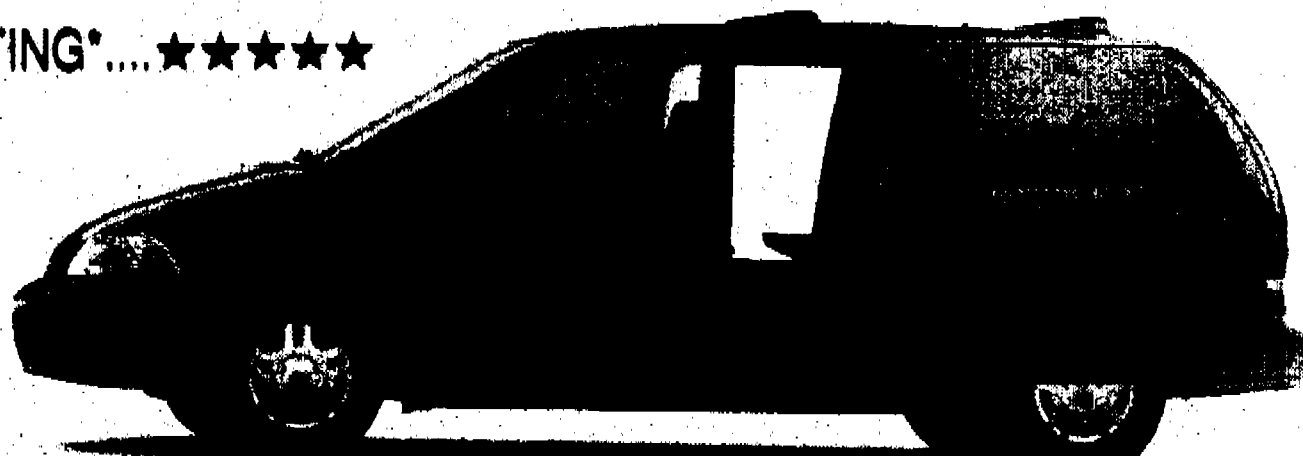
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Schoolcraft helps residents handle information deluge

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The virtual flood of information created by the computer age has given rise to a simple truth:

When it comes to continuing your education and personal growth, you can't do it all yourself.

And that, says a Schoolcraft College official, is where the school's Continuing Education program comes in.

"In the last 10 years, people have come to recognize (that) with all the information out there, they can't sometimes learn it all on their own and they need to be updated," says Sherry Zylka, assistant dean for Continuing Ed at Schoolcraft.

"It's too hard to do on their own, and continuing education is

'In the last 10 years, people have come to recognize (that) with all the information out there, they can't sometimes learn it all on their own and they need to be updated.'

Sherry Zylka

Assistant Dean, Schoolcraft Continuing Education

just another option for them" in getting the needed information.

"It's a way for people to learn something new and apply it now," says Zylka.

In fact, she says, continuing education is "a good example of" Schoolcraft's new motto: "An education that works."

Schoolcraft seems to be doing something right: From just over 12,000 students at the beginning of the 1990s, its enrollment reached 16,000 by 1998.

And, according to an informal survey by Continuing Education

Dean Ron Griffith, that makes Schoolcraft's program the largest among Michigan community colleges.

In 1996 and '99, more formal surveys asking why students chose the Livonia main campus on Haggerty Road north of Six Mile or the Radcliff campus in Garden City for such classes both returned the same results, says Zylka: No. 1 - location; No. 2 - cost.

"We're very good at what we do in continuing education," she says, with not a little pride.

Zylka, who began her association with Schoolcraft 20 years ago as a student manning the switchboard, notes Continuing Ed isn't just "underwater basket-weaving" anymore - far from it.

"Formerly, it was just arts and crafts," she says, "but now a lot more professions" and services - from teaching, law enforcement, firefighting and real estate to pesticide application and food service - "are requiring continuing education as a means to maintaining certification."

In fact, Schoolcraft works with a Grand Rapids company to offer pesticide classes there, Zylka says.

Continuing Ed also complements regular college, she says.

In Schoolcraft's nursing program, for example, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class is required to get into the program, she says, and it's also required to keep one's license.

But Schoolcraft also offers leisure-time classes "for people that just want to have fun," she says.

Offerings range from the traditional, such as fine arts, crafts, music and dance classes and foreign languages, to sports offerings such as golf, fencing, ice skating and skin-diving and such modern, New Age-type subjects as Tai Chi and Developing Your Intuition.

There also are classes on Michigan boating basics and motorcycle safety and even Schoolcraft's unique equine arts and sciences program, which teaches proper horse-care. There's even a summertime "Kids on Campus" program.

Zylka, who took the motorcycle class 10 years ago and plans to

update her knowledge with it this year, says what's frustrating is the wide range of course offerings: "I can't take all the classes" because "there just aren't enough hours in the day."

A graduate of the old Cherry Hill High School in Westland and of the University of Michigan who now lives in Wixom, Zylka was officially named associate dean to that position last Friday after 10 years as a C.E. program coordinator.

She couldn't be happier.

Continuing Education, she says, "is really an exciting field that's finally coming into its own."

And Schoolcraft "is a great place to be. We wouldn't trade it for anything."

Local drivers seem aware they have to buckle up

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Driver-awareness of the new seatbelt law seems pretty strong in both Wayne and southern Oakland counties, according to law officers who conducted stepped-up enforcement efforts last month.

Tickets issued Feb. 6-19 for not "buckling up" - a secondary offense now, but a primary one as of Friday, March 10, and thereafter - were down in some jurisdictions from previous periods with extra traffic patrols, according to an Observer survey.

Officer Steve Hundersmark of Plymouth, whose city issued no tickets or warnings Feb. 6-10, said, "I think it is a good sign that people in the Plymouth area are buckling up their children on their own."

"I would rather see these numbers as opposed to high numbers in which violations were issued," he said.

In Redford Township, where 67 seatbelt and 27 speeding tickets were issued, Traffic Officer Scott Corso said it "sounds like more people are coming around to the idea."

"There are some people who don't like the idea" of mandated seatbelt usage, he said. "But the fact is, it just cuts down on injuries."

Citations issued in Farmington Hills "were down a little bit from last time," said Traffic Bureau Lt. Gary Hawald, who reported a total of 46 adult and child seatbelt violations and 29 for speeding.

"People are starting to hook up the seatbelts, which is the right way we want to go," he said. "Bring speed down and seatbelts up."

In Livonia, where officers issued 77 violations to drivers

and vehicle occupants not properly restrained, usage of seatbelts increased slightly after the enforcement period.

Traffic Sgt. Wes McKee said a post-enforcement survey showed a 62-percent compliance ratio, compared to 60 percent before enforcement.

Of the total tickets issued, two were for drivers who failed to buckle-up children under age 3 and two others for youngsters age 4-15 not belted.

In Westland, officers wrote 114 tickets for both seatbelt and speeding violations and issued eight seatbelt warnings - a high number, considering police worked the special patrols only during morning hours, said Traffic Sgt. Pete Brokas.

Officers discovered, however, that "most people thought, surprisingly, that not wearing a seatbelt was already a primary violation."

Canton Township's Lt. Pat

Nemecek reported six citations for children ages 4 to 15 being unbelted and 61 tickets for adults ages 16 and over Feb. 13-19.

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department reported 108 seatbelt violations in 80 hours.

Westland's Brokas also gave drivers and others a tip: Don't think officers don't see you putting on the belt late.

"People think if they reach up with their left hand and pull down" the shoulder harness-seatbelt, officers won't see it, he said.

Mike Wiggins, Farmington deputy director of public safety, said it's especially easy to spot during daylight hours.

And, he added, "When they do have a collision with another car, that will be the ultimate detector" of someone not buckling up, he said.

If they get hurt, the repercussions from that "are greater than

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Work together

Galka's viewpoints count, too

People are voted onto their local school boards to represent and act on behalf of the entire community, study the issues and vote their conscience.

Working with their fellow board members is implied as part of the deal, but going along with something they don't agree with should not be required. For that reason, we understand and support Kirsten Galka's decision not to work on the "Say Yes to Kids" committee set up to "educate" residents about the upcoming school district tax elections.

With a name like "Say Yes to Kids," it's obvious where that committee's sympathies lie, even though it's supposed to be informational and educational, and it in fact cannot urge people to vote in favor of the two millage renewals and the \$30 million bond issue to add new secondary school fieldhouses and athletic facilities.

Galka didn't attend those "Say Yes" meetings, even though she was assigned to them by school board President Ken Timmons. Galka said she believed it would be a conflict of interest and might be illegal to serve on the group. Besides, she would later vote against putting the issue on the ballot for voters, saying she believed there hadn't been enough community input on the issue.

Serving on such a group - especially one called "Say Yes to Kids" - would at the very least be uncomfortable, since it was contrary to her own viewpoint on the bond issue.

Timmons, whose position as board presi-

dent gives him final say on committees, says he wanted the finance committee chair - at that time Galka - to serve on the "Say Yes to Kids" group to provide financial input.

When Galka didn't show up at several meetings, Timmons said he decided to remove her from the finance committee chair position. It was because he wanted the finance chair to serve on the bond committee, he said. Galka said Timmons told her he was removing her because she didn't favor putting the bond issue on the ballot. He said she's lying.

Without tape recordings, it isn't possible to figure out who's right or wrong. Both board members do their homework and are well-informed on the issues.

It's possible Galka could have more clearly communicated her opposition to serving on the committee to Timmons.

Timmons, on the other hand, could have easily handled the board's finance committee information or asked Trustee Frank Kokenakes to serve as a member of the "Say Yes" committee, rather than kick Galka off the finance committee entirely. Otherwise, what he claims isn't punishment for her vote sure looks like just that.

To voters and the rest of the district, this board committee shuffle may seem like a minor political tussle. While we haven't decided on our bond issue position, we certainly encourage Galka to continue to provide an independent voice on the school board.

Open primaries best choice

In nine days, on March 11, Michigan Democrats will finally have a say on their party's presidential nominee. Well, some Democrats, anyway.

Those who have a few hours to spare on a Saturday can head for a closed caucus site in western Wayne County. That is assuming they can find one. Caucus sites are often union halls or Elks lodges, not the local elementary school, city hall or fire station where polls are usually located. (City and township clerks have a list.)

Once there, after signing a piece of paper declaring their party affiliation, caucus participants will choose sides - just like in junior high school. One side of the room will be for Al Gore, the other Bill Bradley. But this still doesn't constitute a "vote." Only after hearing impassioned pleas (or, more likely, tedious speeches) by local Democrats supporting their party's candidate, will participants be asked to cast a ballot. The vote at some sites will be on an anonymous paper ballot. At others, it will be a show of hands.

But then going through all this trouble is certainly worth it to help choose our next president, don't you think? Except that by the time the state's Democrats weigh in with their choice, the nominee will likely be a foregone conclusion.

Nearly a dozen large states, including delegate heavyweights Ohio, New York and California, will hold presidential primaries on March 7, four days before the Michigan caucuses. If Vice President Gore translates his commanding lead in most polls into wins in those states, the Michigan result - whatever it is - will amount to a blip on the nominating radar.

Democracy at its finest? Hardly. More like presidential politics at its lowest. Both Gore and Bradley withdrew their names from last

week's Michigan primary ballot, helping to create the quirky "open" election that the state's Republican establishment wanted but now tries to disavow because their guy, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, didn't win. The Republicans are steamed because some Democrats and many independents voted for Arizona Sen. John McCain. The turnout helped McCain capture 52 of the state's 58 delegates to the Republican convention.

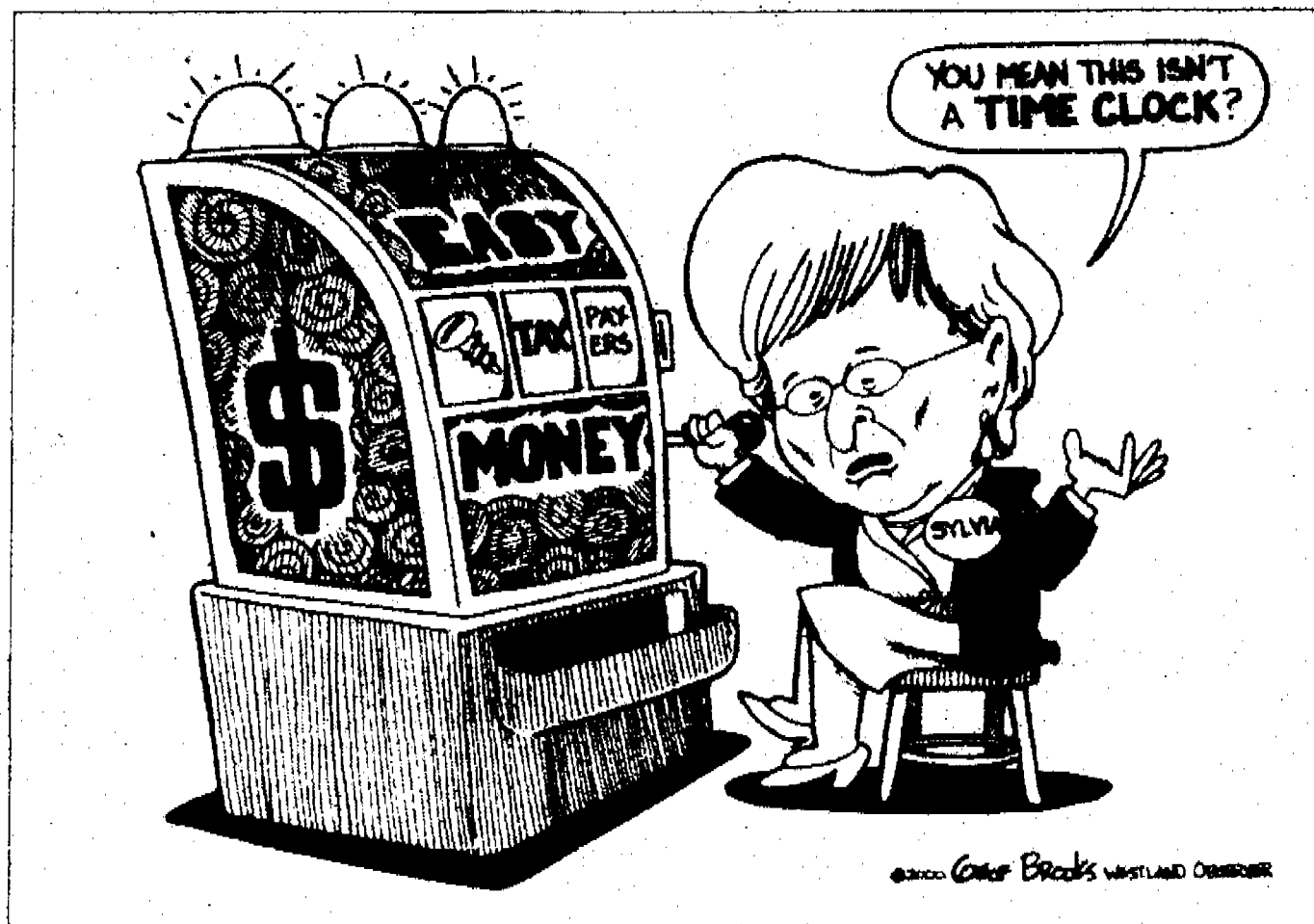
In the wake of that embarrassment, some party officials and state legislators began calling last week for a closed Republican primary. We think that would be a serious mistake.

Gov. John Engler and his minions can moan all they want about "borrowed" voters who won't be on the Republican side come November. But they have short memories. What about the "borrowed" Republicans who previously voted for Democratic presidential candidates Jesse Jackson and George Wallace, or even Geoffrey Fieger in the Democratic gubernatorial primary just two years ago? And the last time we checked, "independent" voters were just that - free to cast a ballot for whomever they choose, regardless of party affiliation.

Bully for the voters, we say. More than 1.3 million, about 28 percent, turned out, more than for any Michigan presidential primary since 1960. That figure will probably be double or even triple the turnout for the March 11 caucuses.

The Observer believes both Michigan Democrats and Republicans should hold open presidential primaries, preferably on the same day and at a point in the election year when the votes of state residents can make the most difference. To do otherwise would further complicate an already Byzantine presidential nominating process.

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LETTERS

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Take back city

A Westland Fairy Tale ...

The story is all too familiar. Dorothy (Sharon Scott) is lost again. She and her puppy (Justine Barnes) try to find their way back to Kansas (Westland). On the way, they encounter many people. Some are good, some are bad. Dorothy (Sharon) and Toto (Justine) find themselves in Munchkinland (Romulus) where they have landed in a real pigpen (Cox's house) of a mess.

They are soon approached by the Good Witch Glinda (Pat Gibbons). Glinda (Pat) gives Dorothy (Sharon) a pair of Ruby Red Slippers and suggests she go off in search of The Wizard (Mayor Thomas). The Wizard is in Emerald City, the Land of Oz (Thomasville) "because of the wonderful things he does." No sooner are Dorothy (Sharon) and Toto (Justine) off down the Yellow Brick Road (the TIFA District) than they meet up with a few other people.

Dorothy (Sharon) first meets the Scarecrow ("Trav" Griffin), who has no brain. Poor guy. But don't worry, they meet up with others that can help.

Pretty soon, along comes the Tin Man (Dave Cox). He has certain problems, too. The Tin Man (Cox) has no heart. He claims to have a brain, but he's definitely heartless. As such, he must rely on the Scarecrow ("Trav") for compassion.

Last member of the Fab Four is the Cowardly Lion (Dave James). The Cowardly Lion (James) cannot help being such a sissy. After all, he has NO Courage and has to rely on a guy without a brain (Trav) and another guy (Cox) without a heart. What has Dorothy (Sharon) gotten herself into?

Anyway, the Fab Four make their journey to the mythical Land of Emerald City (Thomasville) to see the Wizard (Mayor Thomas). It seems the Wizard (Mayor) is the only one who can help Dorothy (Sharon) find her way home. Once they meet The Wizard (Mayor), he says he will help only if they can get him additional campaign donations.

So as they try to wrest campaigns from contractors and businessmen, it is a rough road (much like our streets). Working their way through the Haunted Forest, the Flying Monkeys (city directors, Fire Chief Mark Neal and the nonresident deputy mayor who lives in Canton) create havoc. Also, it seems as though

the Wicked Witch of the West(Land) (Sylvia) keeps messing with them.

In quite a surprising move to most of us, Dorothy (Sharon) has the Witch (Sylvia) disintegrated and gets the campaign donations. Too bad, for with all of her evil tricks the Witch (Sylvia) would have made a fantastic ally to the Fab Four.

It's also worth noting that during their travels, Glinda (Pat) also helps the Fab Four with a sprinkling of snow. For all of Glinda's help, they still discard her. Eventually, they get what the Wizard (Mayor) wants. When they finally demand to see the Wizard (Mayor Thomas), they find he's just a mortal, hiding behind a supposed empire. Once exposed, now what will he do?

Eventually, with the help of Glinda (Pat), Dorothy (Sharon) clicks her heels and finds herself back in Kansas. Oh, if everything was that easy!!

Taking off our rose-colored glasses brings us out of the Wizard's (Mayor's) Technicolor World and allows us to view everything in black and white. Let's all click OUR heels and bring sanity back to Westland.

Remember, "There's no place like home," and this is NOT the place to be. So long as we have politicians like Dorothy (Clueless), Scarecrow (No Brain), Tin Man (Heartless), Cowardly Lion (Wimpy) and The Wizard (Control Freak), we must stand up to them.

Westland is OUR home. Let's take back our city!

Christine Millisor
Westland

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Garden City



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Kristy Mckeen
Westland



"They're outrageous and, yes, I've cut back on my driving."

Vivian Lyles
Inkster



"I'm upset. I'm a retiree and I've had to cut back on my driving because of the price."

Stanley Pajk
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Response to Cox

At the last city council meeting, I was "slammed" by Mr. Cox at the end of the meeting with no chance for a rebuttal. He picked this time of the meeting knowing I would have no chance to speak. He obviously had it planned, and even had copies of articles to hold up to the camera. He could have brought it up when I was at the podium if he chose to give me a chance to defend myself.

Please let me present my side of the facts, and the citizens of Westland can decide on their own. First of all, I would like to thank Mr. Cox for mentioning my good showing in my first attempt at elected office and the fact that I will be trying again in the next election. I personally would never have used the public podium for this purpose.

Secondly, to say that "I am not a concerned citizen, I am a politician," I don't believe is accurate. I have been on several commissions and task forces for the city. I have worked with community groups and charitable organizations. I have volunteered an average of 10 hours a week, one whole day every week, for over 20 years of my life. AND I have NEVER been paid for any of it.

I don't know about your definition, but my family's has always been that "concerned citizens" volunteer their time for what they believe in and POLITICIANS get paid for their work. I have also stated that if I am ever elected I will continue my volunteer work - the same as I always have.

Furthermore, if I cannot be a "concerned citizen" because I attempted elected office what does that make him and the elected officials? Anyone who has been watching this please play back your tapes. I have only spoken on the special millage election, which they say "will cause severe cuts in police and fire protection."

Special elections have always irked me especially when we are held for ransom on police and fire protection when there are dozens of other departments and hundreds of areas where cuts can be made besides the

protection that we deserve for our tax dollars. I also tried to be the voice of reason, speaking out on the rude comments that have been made both in the newspapers and at the meetings. I defended the democratic process of speaking out, but asked everyone to be polite and give everyone else a chance. This is all that I have used the public forums and the podium at the council meeting for.

He also said, "If anyone can tell me how better we could have made our decision, let me know." Well, the first thing that comes to mind (but I'm just an amateur) is simple. When they felt they did not have the votes to reappoint Ms. Gibbons, why did they not postpone or table this agenda item and have a study session of THE FULL COUNCIL to discuss the issue? They do this quite frequently on other items and there is nothing in my copy of the charter to prohibit this. They then would have realized as a full body that it wasn't going to work and they all could have come up with options of what to do next (buyouts, severance packages, another evaluation, etc.).

Most citizens and political observers can look at all the allegations from both sides and understand the reason that most of us are upset, and it boils down to one thing and one thing only:

In our charter, we have a seven-member council and NO ACTIONS may be taken by any members, unless it is discussed BY ALL. I don't care if they broke the Open Meetings Act officially or not. If I was representing the citizens and was not consulted on the "firing" that day (and you cannot call it Ms. Gibbons' reappointment because there was no vote taken on the action or the "buyout package"), I would be outraged and also feel like the people who voted me into office had no say in the matter either.

This type of behavior would not be tolerated by the school board, the legislatures, any of our elected bodies, or at any union hall. It would not even be tolerated in the boardroom or by stockholders in private industries. Therefore, why does ANYONE think this is OK in Westland, when it is not

acceptable under a democracy, anywhere else in America?

Yes, I am a concerned citizen, and now I see why I have to work even harder than before.

Mike Kehrer

A reply

In response to Mr. Steve Johnson's "Seek truth" letter in this column last week, I would like to point out a few statements that need to be questioned. I do believe it is a question that possibly the Wayne County prosecutor should be asking him.

First and foremost, it was revealed at the last city council meeting by Carol Black that she had sat in the hallway next to Mr. Johnson for the entire three hours that citizens were behind the closed doors per Mr. Griffin's orders. At no time did anyone in that hallway say that Mr. Anderson or Mr. LeBlanc had "rallied" the troops or had suggested that they attend that city council meeting. This is in direct contrast to the notices which were posted in the police department telling officers to attend the city council meeting and take up seats.

Obvious to many attending when attempting to get a seat one hour prior to the council meeting was that they were already taken by city employees. Some citizens when entering were asked point blank if they were "for Griffin." Each citizen who has come to the floor to speak on behalf of any of the four under investigation were indeed employees of the city, related to employees of the city, prior employees of the city, or campaign contributors to these four. We know, we checked. So I think Mr. Johnson needs to consider his own position as far as his attendance at that council meeting and who "rallied" him to be there.

As for questions needed to be asked of Mr. Johnson, I would like to see the prosecutor inquire as to how he read Mr. LeBlanc's evaluations of Mrs. Gibbons, when until Mrs. Cicirelli found copies in her basement, after

Mr. Johnson submitted his letter to this paper, the originals were indeed missing. The only thing available were composites, with no council member identified. His continuing assertions that Mr. LeBlanc's and Mr. Anderson's evaluations of Mrs. Gibbons were the "scathing" comments have been proven untrue by my revelation at last week's council meeting, and by this paper's story on her evaluations this past Sunday.

Another question I would like to see Mr. Johnson answer is just exactly how he read Mrs. Gibbons' letter to the prosecutor. I didn't realize the ordinary citizen was privy to this kind of information. Do campaign contributions and support of a candidate allow you privileges that other citizens do not have? His comment to the effect that we check to find out about mailing labels from the city clerk leaves me pondering whether his relationship with our interim city clerk allows him access to information that others do not have also.

As for Mr. Johnson's declarations of being a business owner who employs many in this city, we did our homework, his stepfather, Mr. Glenn Shaw, owns the business, another large contributor to the four being investigated. Mr. Johnson is perfectly welcome to speak his views at the council meetings, but to stand and represent himself as not having been sent by anyone to do their bidding is a farce in light of the facts he himself presented in his letter to the Observer. Mr. Griffin and the others are merely digging their own political graves by allowing others to speak for them without thought or regard to the words they speak or write. I do believe the prosecutor would be very interested in hearing what Mr. Johnson has to say and his explanations as to his special privileges.

Finally, we do have the petitions printed and ready to be signed to put the issue of electing our city clerk on the ballot. If you would care to sign the petition, or would like to work with us on this initiative, or the recall issue, please call 729-2805. It is not "tearing" down your city to demand ethics and honesty in government, it

is building it. Restoring our community to serving the people with integrity, and not one's own self-interests could only be good for our city, not bad.

Brenda Gracin

McCain support

I am one of the many independent voters from Michigan who passionately support Sen. John McCain for president. I find it offensive to be labeled a meddler who will return to the Democratic camp in November.

It is a mistake of the Republican Party establishment to exclude people like me ...

Sen. McCain is a man of character who lives it through his actions. He is willing to stand up for what he believes in spite of the opposition he might face (e.g. campaign reform, anti-tobacco stance in South Carolina).

He does not take the easy way out unlike George W. who chose to remain silent about the racist policies at Bob Jones University. He makes difficult choices ...

This is the logical and moral choice because, if I have a debt in my family budget, I am obligated to pay it and not leave it as a burden for my children.

Despite the campaign rhetoric, both candidates are conservative. Both are pro-life. Both believe in the philosophy of local decision making. Both believe in a strong military however. Sen. McCain has the military experience and credibility as a Vietnam War hero.

The Republican Party needs to take off its blinders. Just because the old establishment has hand-picked George W. does not mean the rest of the Republican Party feels the same. Come this November, I plan on voting against Al Gore. However, I hope I get the opportunity to vote for my true choice, Sen. John McCain.

Mary Arrasmith
Canton

Can Engler handle GOP split?

The only person I know who expected Sen. John McCain's big win in last Tuesday's Michigan Republican primary election was State Sen. John J.H. (Joe) Schwarz, McCain's Michigan campaign chairman.

"I really didn't know what would happen until we got to Traverse City on Monday," Schwarz told me. "But when I saw the way McCain was connecting big-time with all those people, somehow I knew what was going to happen."

McCain took on Texas Gov. George W. Bush and virtually the entire Michigan Republican hierarchy, headed by Gov. John Engler, and beat them badly. Bush won only six of 58 Michigan delegates to the GOP national convention, despite early loose talk by Engler that Michigan was a "firewall" against further Bush slippage after losing the New Hampshire primary.

Most subsequent media coverage focused on the obvious - and obviously wrong - story: Whether the election showed John Engler was suddenly a political has-been. The Detroit News, for example, headlined: "Party splintering, Engler's lameduck status may hurt in fall."

The only people I know who think that are a few reporters and headline writers for the big-city newspapers. John Engler remains the most politically skilled governor in recent Michigan history. With three more years to go in his last term, anybody who thinks Engler has lost it had better think again.

Where Engler & Co. bungled, however, was last year when they figured the threat to Bush would come from Steve Forbes and the right wing of the Republican Party. Carefully managing Bush's image as a "compassionate conservative" who could appeal to the political middle, they set the rules so as to open the Michigan Republican primary election to moderate Democrats and Independents. Back then, nobody imagined the real challenge to Bush would come from McCain and would involve countless thousands of energized Independents and conservative Democrats.

That miscalculation raises the main issue: How willing are Engler and the Michigan Republican Party to court defeat in November in pursuit of party orthodoxy and a pre-anointed presidential candidate?

On the one hand, you have Sen. McCain who has demonstrated extraordinary appeal to Independents and Democrats. On the other hand, you have Gov. Bush who has moved to the right to capture the Republican base, but at the risk of terminally alienating voters in the center. And you have the entire GOP hierarchy swearing up and down that Bush is their guy and that he'll do fine in November. I don't understand it. Sen. Schwarz agrees: "A majority of the vot-



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ers do not feel represented by either traditional party, Republicans or Democrats. Last Tuesday, you had a record number of first-time voters, of young people 18-25 years old, and around 65 percent of Independents announcing they'll stick with McCain in the fall.

"But you have Bush moving to the right, bringing out all those virulently aggressive spokespeople and isolating himself from the mainstream of American politics. And the Republican Party hierarchy continues to support Bush, cutting him and the party off from a majority of the electorate."

"They just don't get it," Schwarz concludes. I think he's right. The threat to the Michigan Republican Party has always been the ideological split between hard-right social conservatives and much more moderate and pragmatic mainstream Republicans. It has been only John Engler's extraordinary political skills and toughness - coupled with general and persistent incompetence by the Democrats - that have held the GOP together over the years.

It took the unexpected emergence of McCain as a wildly attractive personality with a compelling reformist message to expose to full public view the fissure that has lain quiescent at the core of the Republican Party.

John Engler did not cause the fissure. He succeeded in managing it for years. The question now is can he control it?

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Voucher amendment looks like a go for November

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A proposal to set up a voucher system for students in an estimated 30 "failing" public school districts is apparently headed for the November ballot.

Kids First! Yes! the organization sponsoring the drive for the constitutional amendment, submitted petitions to the state Thursday, Feb. 24. Jeff Timmer, senior adviser to Kids First, said the group gathered well over the necessary number to make the ballot. Although signatures have not yet been certified by the state Elections Commission, Timmer said he has "no doubt" they will have enough to get on the ballot.

"We had to gather 302,000 signatures in six months. We got 302,000 signatures in just three months," he said. "We turned in 463,000" with more than a month to spare.

The most controversial aspect of the proposal is that it would create "Opportunity Scholarships," vouchers, in failing school districts that could be cashed in for tuition at private, even religious, schools.

A troubled school district, qualifying the vouchers, is defined in the proposed constitutional amendment as one that has a "four year graduation rate of less than two thirds," as reported by the state Department of Education. That means that the schools are graduating less than 66 percent of those students who enter the eighth grade. The amendment keys on graduation rates in 1998-99 and districts that improve in later years would not be able to drop out of the voucher program, Timmer said.

Thirty school districts across the state have rates under 66 percent. In southeast Michigan, those districts include Detroit, Inkster, Wayne Westland and Pontiac schools, Timmer said.

The proposed amendment would also allow any other district in the state, based on a vote of local residents, to set up a voucher system within their district.

For those districts that have the voucher program, it will be worth half of the state's per pupil expenditure in that district, which could then be carried

to a private school to cover tuition costs.

The proposal also requires teacher competency testing, which would apply to all public school districts as well as those private schools that accept the vouchers.

The proposal would also guarantee funding to schools, on a per pupil basis, at a level that would never drop from the 2000-2001 state allocation.

The proposal has drawn the fire of the Michigan Education Association, as well as many local school boards, which argue

the proposed amendment could harm districts by drawing money away from public schools to private schools. In the failing districts, according to the MEA, the problem would be worse. They argue that drawing money away by students leaving for private schools would make it all the more difficult for the already distressed districts to provide a good education to the students who are left behind.

Timmer argues the cost to public schools has been over estimated. He says the proposal will cost less than a third of a per-

cent of the state's overall expenditure on schools. The cost would likely be \$60 million the first year, and Timmer says the state education fund has a surplus well over that amount.

Gov. John Engler has predicted the amendment will be rejected by voters at the polls, saying initial support for the concept is too low.

"This has not been Engler's best week for predictions," Timmer responded.

Steve Mitchell, Mitchell Research & Communications, Inc., has also said polling indi-

cates initial support is too low for the amendment to pass. A proposal has to start with more than 60 percent initial support, because typically such proposals lose support as election day nears.

Timmer argues polls put initial support at 58 percent. "And any pollster who says there is a difference in polling between 58 and 60 percent isn't being honest," he said.

Next will come the launch of a campaign, aimed at convincing voters to support the measure. Timmer said plans include tele-

vision ads, direct mailing, phone banks, forums and debates. But voters won't likely see any hard campaigning until much closer to the election. Ads have not yet been prepared, Timmer said.

"We have said all along that \$5 million will be needed to run a successful statewide campaign," he said.

Members of Kids First however will be available participate in forums and debates immediately. To contact the group for information or to arrange for a debate participant, contact the group at 1-888-330-KIDS.

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Fees for picnic areas are \$25, picnic shelters \$100. Baseball diamonds, which carry a \$25 reservation, are free when booked along with a picnic area or shelter.

Each park facility has a grill and recreational areas for children.

Park picnic-area capacities range from 25 to 50 people while shelters accommodate up to 100. Areas may be reserved with a permit from the county parks office in Westland.

For additional information, either call Wayne County Parks at (734) 261-1990 or visit its Web site, www.waynecounty-parks.com.

Stargazers gather Friday

Mike Best will present a "Spring Skies and Space Update" astronomy lecture and indoor slide presentation from 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 3, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

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Parental involvement key to success

Sandy, a mother of two teens, admits that she's not the brightest person in the world, but she really did one thing right.

Raised in Kentucky, her parents didn't push any of their seven children to get an education, subsequently none went any further than high school. Sandy's husband, a sheet metal fabricator, never aspired to be anything more than a factory worker, always satisfied with operating the punch press.

In spite of their upbringing, Sandy and Tom made an important decision about their children's education. While in the dentist's office one afternoon, Sandy read an article about which children do well in school. The thing that hit home for her was how parents who may not have a strong educational base themselves can have children who have a voracious appetite for learning.

The game plan seemed simple enough: get involved at your children's school and your children will do well in school. The article went on to say parental involvement improves children's test scores. So Sandy set out to test this principle. Though she worked part-time, she took time each week to volunteer at the school. Sometimes she wouldn't even see her kindergartner because she'd be working in the library. She was astounded with the results. Her kids learned how to read in a snap and loved going to school.

It wasn't long before Tom asked if he could volunteer at the school. The principal was thrilled. "Rarely," he commented, "do we have dads who get involved in volunteering at school. It's a gift when we do." Tom was able to work the afternoon shift so that he was free to work in the computer room during the morning.

Both Sandy and Tom were pleased with the results — the kids continued to love school and kept coming home with good report cards.

By middle school, they discussed giving up their volunteering. As they told the principal how they had regularly volunteered at the elementary level, he shared with them the middle school parent drop-away syndrome.

"What is that about?" asked Sandy. Well, it seems that parents think that their kids don't need for them to be as involved with school as they were in elementary, and it's the time when parents back away from their kids' schooling.

The principal went on to say that his dream was for as many parents to be as involved at the middle school level as at the elementary. He suggested that maybe they could help make that happen by jump-starting his weak PTA. So Sandy and Tom manned a table during open house night. Their banner above read: Help your child be successful in middle school ... join the PTA. By the end of that year they'd gained over 100 members.

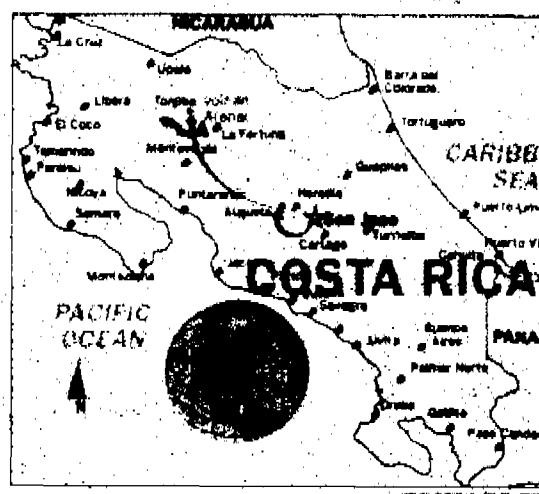
By their first child's freshman year of high school, they agreed it was time to stop volunteering. Their child's grades plummeted. They thought that it was a fluke because of the difficult transition from one school to another, but in the back of their minds they wondered if it could have been about the volunteering.

"I wanted to think I didn't need to participate at school anymore, but the thought kept nagging at me ... if I drop away, the kids take school less seriously," Maggie admitted.

So they reconnected at the high school level by joining the band boosters.

By January, their son's grades were back on track. And what was their reward for all this diligence? Their son received four acceptances to three big-10 schools by senior year. As phenomenal as this story may sound, this is not unusual for students whose parents are involved in school. You get involved, and your children will do well in school. You don't get involved and it's a game of roulette. Why play roulette? You can't always win.

Charitable work Mother, daughter volunteer in Costa Rica



BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Lindsay Dolin's parents say they couldn't refuse their daughter's request to travel to Costa Rica in January after she told them it was her "dream to go."

Dolin's attraction to a country located just north of the equator wasn't for the warm climate or tropical countryside but for the much needed work being done by an assembly of area Methodist churches whose members have been traveling overseas to do missionary work for years.

Dolin and her mother, Mary, made the trek with members of their church, Garden City United Methodist, and five other Methodist congregations including Nardin Park of Farmington Hills, First United Methodist of Birmingham, Byron, Swartz Creek and Springville United Methodist. Team leaders Bob and Joan Suda, formerly of Livonia, guided approximately 15 members to the mountainous Indian village of Tonjibe (pronounced Ton-hee-bay) in Costa Rica from Jan. 17 through 31.

"We had at least three meetings before we went to Costa Rica to orientate us with the work we'd be doing, learn the do's and don'ts relating to clothing, know what the weather would be like and what to pack," said Mary Dolin. "We were told it would be 90 degrees, hot and sunny but it ended up raining nearly everyday and we all had to buy boots because it got so muddy."

The trip to Central America wasn't the first for a Dolin family member — Kevin Dolin, Mary's husband, did missionary work there 14 years ago.

"I grew up hearing about his trip," said Lindsay, "and of the work my dad did there."

Aside from following in her father's footsteps and working alongside her mother, Lindsay was the first teenager allowed to make the extensive trip with the adult volunteers as part of the "Volunteers in Mission" project.

Mary said she thinks it was a combination of factors that enabled Lindsay

to be the first student to participate, including the four years of Spanish she's taken as a second language in middle and high school. Garden City United Methodist also paid the \$1,000 fee by sponsoring Lindsay's trip to Costa Rica.

With one bag each packed — "it was actually a crate," said Mary — the pair left from Detroit with the members of their team and had a brief layover in Houston before landing in San Jose, Costa Rica, approximately 7 1/2 hours later. Team members stayed overnight in Alajuela before making their way northwest to the rural village of Tonjibe, at least a five-hour drive from San Jose due to the rocky and isolated country roads common to the region.

"The country is beautiful ... like paradise," said Mary.

The 15-member team set up lodgings in Tonjibe's Iglesia Evangelica Metodista Church. Pews were moved aside and the Americans set up air mattress beds with mosquito net canopies and called it home for the next two weeks. A Costa Rican family who has been working with the Methodist missionary groups for years joined team members and took care of many of the domestic responsibilities, namely meal preparation and laundry.

"A woman named Ophelia cooked all our meals," said Lindsay. "The food was great. We ate the best fruit I've ever had like plantains, coconut, mango, watermelon, papaya and lots of gallopinto ... rice and beans mixed together."

Rise and shine

A typical day for the group required them to rise between 5 and 6 a.m. gather for morning devotions, eat breakfast and then work until lunch around 11:45 a.m.

The "Volunteers in Mission" team, and a team of missionaries who picked up where they left off, were working to erect a multi-purpose building adjacent to a school in Tonjibe. The concrete structure, approximately 400 square feet, will include a kitchen pantry and work area. The building, whose walls were made of heavy concrete slabs, was being used because termite infestation is such a problem in the area.



New experience:
Lindsay Dolin, a Livonia Stevenson High School junior, removes the excess mortar from the wall of a soon-to-be multi-purpose building in the village of Tonjibe, Costa Rica. Right, better view of the progress made.



"The original school in the village is falling down because of termites," said Mary. "You can see from our pictures that they have just eaten right through the wood. They have plans to tear it down soon."

No skill level was required to be eligible for the mission so Lindsay took it upon herself to become an expert in "tuck pointing," or filling the space between slabs of concrete with mortar then scraping off the excess material. "I loved it. I'm ready to go do it again," said Lindsay.

After lunch and a short rest period the team was back at the site working with Ophelia's son, the contractor on the job and a local minister who has to supplement his income by doing construction work in order to feed his family.

Surroundings

Costa Rica borders both the Caribbean Sea and the North Pacific Ocean, lying between Nicaragua and Panama. The climate is tropical and the terrain is made up of coastal plains separated by rugged mountains such as those surrounding Tonjibe. While the poverty rate has been reduced over the last 15 years, there are still vast regions of rural countryside where people, like the Malekus, get by with very little.

Lindsay said approximately 37 Maleku families make up the population of Tonjibe but that some Costa Rican families live adjacent to the village.

In addition to the manual labor the volunteers perform for the village, they bring a significant amount of products to donate to the villagers and the Iglesia Evangelica Metodista Church such

as uniforms for school children, 46 pairs of shoes, hygiene products and toiletries, Spanish books, first aid products, clothing and crafts.

"They made plans for us to purchase wares and crafts many of the women from Tonjibe make," said Mary. "We do everything we can to help the locals." Some of the handcrafted items the Dolins brought back to the states with them were jicara (pronounced hick-oor-uh), tree gourds that are used domestically as well as for decoration and commercial purposes. The gourds are harvested while they are still green and later carved with things like broken saw blades, said Lindsay, who was invited into the home of a Maleku and encouraged to try carving.

"I tried but it was really hard," said Lindsay. Different techniques are used to produce intricate pieces of art that include elements like jaguars, turtles, birds and leaves as well as the names of the elements in Spanish and Maleku.

Back to work

The team worked everyday until at least 5 p.m. and returned to the church to get in line for the showers before dinner at 6 p.m. The remainder of the evening was left for volunteers to do things on their own time but Mary said much of the time was spent with the families of Tonjibe.

"We showed Disney movies in the evenings and had at least 100 people come out every time, plus Lindsay and others did things with the kids like vacation Bible school, played games, crafts and sang songs," said Mary. "I had lot of little friends," added Lindsay. "The kids liked to come down and watch everything we did. They were very curious and very friendly."

The trip wasn't all work either — the team was able to make trips into a nearby Costa Rican city for shopping and ice cream. They also hiked up the infamous Arenal volcano just south of Tonjibe, and spent the night at a Central American bed and breakfast where they relaxed and swam in a hot spring pool.

"We had a great time and accomplished a lot as a team," said Mary. "The people of Tonjibe lead hard lives and I think what groups in the past and present have been able to do has been both rewarding for us and immeasurable for the Indian village."



Moving forward: A Costa Rican construction worker observes Livonia resident Mary Dolin as she shovels dirt on the worksite.

Zonta Club prepares for charitable fashion gala



The Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi area will sponsor its 6th Annual gala: "First Step Stepping Out in Style" benefit from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, March 26, hosted by Parisian, located in Laurel Park Place, Livonia.

Zonta Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for First Step — the non-profit agency and shel-

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ter aiding survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. They have donated over \$140,000 over the past five years, \$30,000 last year alone.

Join them in viewing spring fashions for men, women and children in a spec-

tacular fashion show, while sampling gourmet foods from over 20 local restaurants, cash prizes, gift certificates for lunch and dinners at fine restaurants, free hotel stays, entertainment, special demonstrations, private

"after hours" shopping at Parisian, exciting raffle prizes, and fun for all ages.

All proceeds will be used to support and enhance the services and programs offered by First Step, Western Wayne County's Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Ticket price is \$25 (cash, check or charge in advance, tax deductible) or \$30 (cash at the door). Register by phone: 734-453-0822 or 313-538-8043.

Photographs preserve a history we can only relate to in pictures

**HISTORICALLY
OPENING**



**VIRGINIA
PARKER**

While rushing out of the bookstore, I glanced down at the stacks of close-out books on the floor. A black-and-white 19th century photograph grabbed my attention.

The book, "Country House Camera" by Christopher Simon Sykes, was a wonderful find. It gives a peek at life in Britain's and Ireland's grand country houses through a collection of photographs found in attics, trunks and dust-covered albums.

Part of what makes the photos, taken from the 1850s through the 1930s, so remarkable is that the 19th century photos were taken by amateur photographers. After all, photos were a costly item for the aver-

age Victorian, but these wealthy photo buffs had the luxury of snapping lots of pictures just for fun.

As we look at the prints, some conclusions jump right off the page. For example, there on a vast expanse of manicured lawn is an elderly man, who has decided to take up the newest rage: bicycling. To accommodate his whim, he enlisted servants — men who were themselves well along in age — to run alongside!

Another side of servant life emerges in the snapshot of a pressing room, which reveals that a separate plant was necessary to keep up with laundry demands. The two-story room was equipped with a large stove to heat irons, each of which, as it cooled, had to be replaced with a newly heated one.

Laundry was draped high overhead on wooden racks that could be raised and lowered — a great space-saving device.

Both men and women enjoyed

sports, albeit in a more genteel fashion than we pursue them today. Tennis, anyone? For that, men wore dress shirts and ties, and women did not shed their corsets.

Boating along a lazy river was popular. The same attire prevailed, and women sat politely, shaded by their parasols. There were, of course, times when women weren't content to ride along passively. We find pictures of women, still corseted, rowing their own rowboats and kayaks.

We think of the Victorians as a serious lot because they didn't smile in portraits. Many of these photos, which show folks clowning for the camera, dispel that notion. A young man stands on his hands; elsewhere, a fellow is apparently skinny-dipping. One young woman in an ankle-length skirt takes a spirited leap over a railing, another climbs the rigging of a sailing yacht, and yet another dives — belly flops, really — into the river.

Three other dignified women, Lady Alice Egerton, Lady Elizabeth de Ros, and Lady Katherine Egerton, do not let their titles stand in the way of fun. They take turns on a seesaw, having to sit sidesaddle to accommodate their hoop skirts.

Thinking things out

Some of the amateur photography was downright creative. One whimsical picture, "Ghosts at Hyde," used a double negative to allow two transparent specters to menace a gentleman in a top hat.

The wealthy also loved picnics, and they did it in style with fine china and linen. Of course, the pictures don't show the servants' long hours behind the scenes. They had to prepare the meal, transport it to the picnic site, carry and set up the tables, lay out the china and silver and linen, serve the meal, gather up the dirty dishes and linen, pack up the leftover food, cart it all

back to the mansion, and scour everything there!

Even for the landed gentry, not all was fun, as the photos record. Children died of diseases that today we control. One young boy, dressed in short pants, is laid out in his casket. Taking such a picture was customary among Victorians.

Even the clothing posed a deadly threat, as the text relates about two of the young women pictured, Lucy and Charlotte Bridgeton. They died in 1858 when a spark from the fireplace landed on Lucy's crinoline — not an uncommon risk for ladies in tightly fastened, voluminous clothing. When Lucy's billowy skirt burst into flames, Charlotte rushed to her sister's aid, and her own clothes caught on fire. Family history notes that they were ever after referred to — rather insensitively, it would seem — as "The Burnt Aunts."

And, in time of war, large homes were often turned into

hospitals. The book contains pictures of World War I soldiers recovering in makeshift wards and exercising on the lawns of the country estates.

Luckily, the photographers made sure to capture their own images. We discover that both men and women were enthusiasts of the pastime, which included developing their own plates. Sadly, one of the talented photographers was the same Lucy Bridgeton whose life was cut short so tragically.

Because these amateurs pursued their hobby so avidly, we have a preserved photographic history that delights and enlightens us today. And if I hadn't taken that moment to pause and glance down as I breezed by in my daily rush, I would have missed it.

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

REUNIONS

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

ALL SAINTS
Class of 1950
Is planning a "Millennium Reunion" for November 2000. Unable to locate Margaret Kluk and Mary Frances Perdue. Any information please call Veronica (248) 437-9735

BENLEY
Class of 1950
Is looking for alumni.

(248) 932-1722, (248) 548-5359 or (248) 393-1233

BIRMINGHAM HIGH
Class of 1955
A reunion is planned for Oct. 27 at The Northfield Hilton in Troy. Call Pete Kass (248) 336-5472 or e-mail MESLK@aol.com

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

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

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM
Class of 1970
A reunion is planned for July 1.

(510) 523-0906 or by e-mail at HubSpauld@aol.com

BISHOP BORGESS
Class of 1975
A 25th year reunion is planned from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, June 17. Cost is \$5. Contact Steve Anderson by e-mail at sparky39@prodigy.net visit their Web site at <http://pages.prodigy.net/sparky39/borgess> or write Steve Anderson, 11418 Arnold, Redford, MI 48239.

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

BRIGHTON
Class of 1980

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

CLARKSTON
Class of 1960
A reunion is tentatively planned for August. (248) 627-4549, (248) 933-1670 or dlmiller@flash.net

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

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

DEARBORN HIGH
Class of 1960
A reunion is planned for Aug. 12

at Henry Ford Museum/Lovett Hall. Call David Gordon at (313) 278-7061 or e-mail dgordon@mich.com

DENBY
Class of 1950
Seeking alumni for June 25 reunion at Penna's of Sterling. Call (810) 773-3286 or (248) 585-2083

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

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

DETROIT COOLEY
Class of 1980
A reunion is in the planning

stage for the summer of 2000. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please call Shirley Lipscomb (313) 834-3010.

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

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

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

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, has called a special election to be held in the school district on Monday, April 10, 2000.

TAKE NOTICE that the following proposition will be submitted at the special election:

A. MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This millage will allow the school district to continue to levy not more than the number of mills necessary and required to be levied on all property to ensure combined state and local revenue per membership pupil to equal the school district's foundation allowance as certified by the Department of Treasury under Section 1211a of the School Code of 1976, as amended.

Shall 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000.00) on taxable valuation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property and .75 mill (\$0.75 on each \$1,000.00) on taxable valuation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all homestead and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, in Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, which millage will expire with the 2000 tax levy, be renewed for 5 years, 2001 to 2005, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect from such taxes if the millage is approved and levied in the 2001 calendar year is approximately \$32,900,000?

B. MILLAGE PROPOSAL, BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2000 to 2004, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and developing and improving sites (this is a renewal of millage which expired with the 1999 tax levy); the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2000 calendar year is approximately \$4,100,000?

C. BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Eight Million Six Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$28,660,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, for the purpose of:

- erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to, and partially remodeling Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson High Schools for athletic, physical education instruction and community use; relocating, constructing and equipping outdoor physical education/athletic facilities; and developing and improving the sites therefore; and
- erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to, and partially remodeling Emerson, Frost and Riley Middle Schools; constructing and equipping outdoor track and field facilities at Emerson and Holmes Middle Schools for athletic, physical education instruction and community use; relocating, constructing and equipping outdoor physical education/athletic facilities; and developing and improving the sites therefore;

The bonds are expected to be outstanding for a maximum of 35 years, exclusive of refunding. It is estimated that 40 mill (\$4.00 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) will be levied for the bonds in the first year. The estimated annual average debt service cost for the life of the bond issue is .40 mill (\$0.40 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditures of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance of state, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

THE LAST DAY OF VOTE FOR THE SCHOOL ELECTION IS MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2000. VOTERS MUST BE REGISTERED BY THE LAST DAY OF VOTE. VOTERS MUST BE REGISTERED BY THE LAST DAY OF VOTE. VOTERS MUST BE REGISTERED BY THE LAST DAY OF VOTE.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office in your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with an absentee ballot, city or township clerk must complete the form and have it signed by the clerk's office for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan.

JOSEPH A. KAPLAN
Secretary, Board of Education

Public: March 1 and 2, 2000

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.com.

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 Parenting Ministry 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; Light-house Cafe, a coffeehouse setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

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, Hagerty 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.

BYOS
Bring Your Own Sneakers...

Saturday, March 18 at 8 p.m. at the Livonia Family YMCA. Join us for swimming, volleyball, tennis or racquetball. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. For more information call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

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.

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George-Rensi

Ron and Marilyn George of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Susan, to Michael Richard Rensi of Trenton.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Nursing. She works at University Hospital in Ann Arbor as a registered nurse.

Her fiancé, son of Richard and Janet Rensi of Trenton, is a 1993 graduate of Trenton High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Engineering. He works at Johnson Controls in Plymouth as an engineer.

A June wedding is planned at Mayflower Meeting House in



Plymouth. The couple will take a wedding trip to the Caribbean and Disney World. They will make their home in Canton.

Lane-Wiebusch

Charles Lane of Livonia and JoAnne French of Pinckney announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Alice Lane, to Jesse Lee Wiebusch.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Churchill. She attended Schoolcraft College and is now attending Madonna University. She works at Phillips Service Ind.

Her fiancé, son of Roy and Janet Wiebusch of Brooklyn, Mich., is a 1990 graduate of Saline High School. He works for R&B Machine Tool Company.



A May wedding is planned at Trinity Lutheran in Saline.

Majeske-LaBelle

Bill and Connie Majeske of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol, to Brett LaBelle of Hamburg Township.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Northwood University and works as a financial analyst in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a 1992 Purdue University graduate and works as a quality control manager in Ann Arbor.

An August 2000 wedding is planned at Northridge Church in Plymouth.

**Starr-Coseo**

Cynthia Roberts announces the engagement of her daughter, Christine Marie Starr to Scott Michael Coseo of Brighton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cleary College and works for Whiteline Express.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Coseo and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Winkler of Canton, is a graduate of Cleary College and works for Lear Corporation.

A wedding date has not yet been set.

**Zarosley-Haller**

Mr. and Mrs. John Zarosley of Howell announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Anne, to Scott Haller of Brighton.

The bride-to-be will graduate from Northwood University in May.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey L. Haller of Brighton and formerly of Livonia, works for Ford Motor Company Vehicle Operations as a supervisor of assembly.

An October wedding is planned at St. Patrick's in



Brighton.

Devers-Conant

Georgia Conant of Westland and Tony Conant of Wixom announce the engagement of their son, Tony J. Conant to Shannon L. Devers. The couple resides in Portland, Oregon.

Tony J. Conant is a 1992 graduate of Madonna University. He received his master's degree from the University of Florida in 1995 and is employed at Intel Corporation as a management consultant.

Shannon L. Devers, the bride-to-be, is a 1992 graduate of the University of Central Florida. She received her master's degree from the University of Florida in 1995 and works as a Human Resources Representative for



Target Corporation. An April wedding is planned at St. Mary's Orthodox Church in Livonia.

Deschaine-O'Connor

Thomas and Nancy Deschaine of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Rose, to Kevin Patrick O'Connor of Kalamazoo.

The bride-to-be is a Western Michigan University graduate and works as a registered nurse at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo.

Her fiancé, son of John and Susan O'Connor of Grand Rapids, is a Western Michigan University graduate who is currently pursuing his degree in biomedical science.



A May 27, 2000 wedding is planned at St. Richard's in Westland.

Autemberge-Rich

Erwin and Judy Autemberge of Macomb announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Beth, to Brian Patrick Rich of Livonia.

The bride-to-be, a Grosse Pointe resident, is a 1990 graduate of Lutheran East High School, a 1994 graduate of Valparaiso College, where she studied elementary education. She works at St. Peter's Lutheran School in East Point.

Her fiancé, son of Robert and Mary Rich, is a 1990 graduate of St. Agatha High School in Redford and a 1996 graduate of Schoolcraft College. She works as an O.R. nurse at Pontiac



Osteopathic Hospital. A July wedding is planned in Detroit.

Marinos-Rosati

Chris and Frances Marinos of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Alaina, to Carlo Paul Rosati.

The bride-to-be is a Ladywood High School graduate and an Oakland University graduate. She works as a mortgage loan consultant at Norwest Mortgage Co.

Her fiancé, son of Paul and Concetta Rosati of Rochester Hills, is a Rochester High School graduate who also attended Lawrence Technological Institute. He is the president of Rosati, Inc., an industrial and commercial masonry company.

A November wedding is planned at St. Nicholas Greek



Orthodox Church in Troy. A reception at The Athenium Hotel in Detroit will follow. The couple will reside in Macomb, Michigan.

AMAZING feats

Karen and Michael Coleman of Canton announce the birth of their daughter **Kalie Marie** born Feb. 10 at Oakwood Hospital - Annapolis Center. Kalie joins brother Michael Shaun. Grandparents are Robert and Josie Lemanski of Garden City and Richard and Karen Coleman of Belleville.

Evonne Todd and Clyde William Dexter Jr. of Canton announce the birth of their son **Anthony Lee** born Feb. 5 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center. Wayne. Grandparents are Ida and Bill Denton of Canton, and Stacie and Jake Thomas of Westland. Great-grandparents are Richard and Yvonne Olmstead of Westland and Myrtle O'Brien of Wayne.

Carol Jahnecke and Joe Echols of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter **Emily Marie** Echols born Feb. 5 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Chrs Alman of Romulus and Ron and Lynn Jahnecke of Ypsilanti.

Andrew and Cara

Marie Sherman of Ypsilanti announce the birth of their son **Benjamin Anthony** born Dec. 17, 1999 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Larry and Janice Fontana of Plymouth and Pete and Margaret Sherman of Ypsilanti Township. Great-grandparents are Rose Ravetta of Livonia, Silym and Frances Rezinella of Livonia, John Dawson of Ypsilanti, Leonard and Betty Thomas of Ypsilanti, Harold and Marian Sherman of Ypsilanti. Great great grandmother is Ruth Sherman of Willis.

Valerie Nicole Valentine and Gary Dean Gower II of Detroit announce the birth of their son **Gary Dean Gower III** born Feb. 23 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Marguerite Gower of Detroit, Robin Gough of Detroit, Yvonne Godair of Westland and Julio Valentine of Detroit. Great-grandparents are James and Jane Godair of Detroit.

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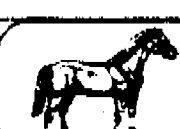
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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AN

UPCOMING EVENTS

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/swap-ping 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.

GOLF OUTING
The Westland Rotary Charities Golf Outing will be held Thursday, May 18, at Golden Fox, west of Plymouth. Participants will play 18 holes of golf, with registration 8:30-10:30 a.m. and an 11 a.m. shotgun start. There will be a continental breakfast, lunch and beverages at the turn, and a filet mignon dinner/banquet. Registration forms will be mailed in early April. For information, call Kim Shunkwiler, (734) 728-5533. Tom North, (734) 421-1300, John Toye, (734) 729-TOYE, Ken Belanger, (734) 721-1810, or Dick Isham, (734) 729-5401.

AT THE LIBRARY

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

WESTLAND CENTER

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

RECREATION

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

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

VOLUNTEERS

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 CHHC's 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 one-on-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 information, call (734) 728-0527.

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

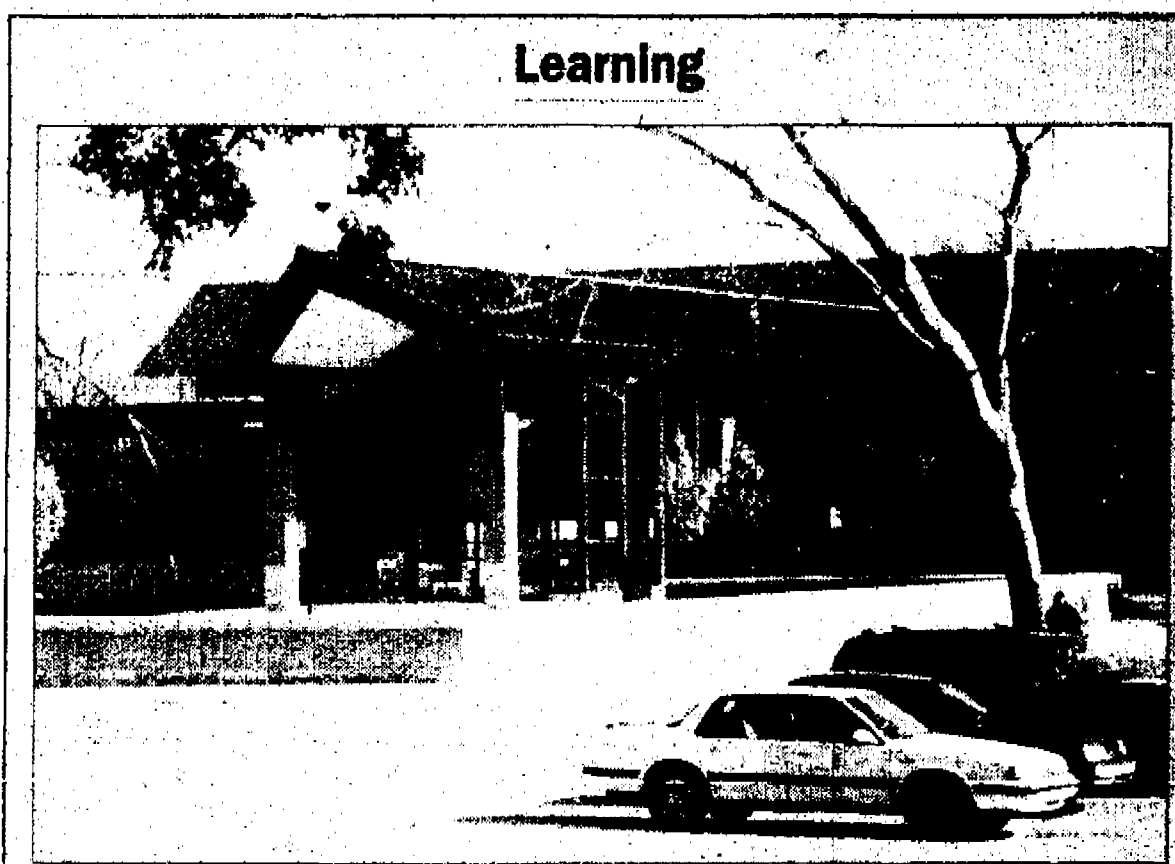
PET-A-PET
The Pet-A-Pet animal visitation program provides pet therapy with the help of volunteers. Pets should be friendly, well-behaved, and must have current vaccinations. There is a \$5 membership fee. Volunteer opportunities are available at Hope Nursing Care Center, 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (Margaret Martin, (734) 721-2821) and Marquette House, 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month (Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1681). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (Stacy Suida, (734) 438-4392).

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-old class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Classes run from September to May. Parents are required to help out at the school. All classes take place at Newburg United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. For more information, call April at (734) 207-7889.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Included are an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a pre-primary impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration 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



Learning
Books and more: The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is a great place to visit and learn. Current library hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Karin at (734) 522-3714.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL
The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is 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. Tot 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
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 Co-op Preschool is enrolling in programs for 3- and 4-year-

olds. For more information, call (734) 422-1176.

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

GARFIELD CO-OP
Garfield Cooperative Preschool offers programs for children 18 months to 5 years 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-year-olds. A Pre-Kindergarten Readiness class for 5-year-olds and a Parent/Child Toddler class for 2-year-olds are offered. Call (734) 421-7359 for registration information.

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

TUTORIAL PROGRAM
A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on partici-

pating 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 co-op, 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/LUNCHEON
The Friendship Center

(Westland Senior Resources Department) will have a card party 10 a.m. Friday, March 24, to chase the winter blues away. It will be at the center, on Newburgh near Marquette in Westland. There will be prizes. A luncheon will be served. Tickets, at \$10, will be available at the front desk. "Driving Miss Daisy" has been canceled. For more information, call the center, (734) 722-7632.

TIGER GAMES
The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) will sponsor several trips to Detroit Tigers baseball games this season. Dates are June 9 against the St. Louis Cardinals, July 14 against the Houston Astros, Aug. 18 against the Oakland As and Sept. 1 against the Texas Rangers. All are Friday night games and will be played at Comerica Park. Those interested should sign up at the center's front desk, on Newburgh at Marquette in Westland. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

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

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

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

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

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE
The Wayne-Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal for people 50 and older 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road two blocks south of Ford. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. 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) 422-1062.

DYER CENTER
The Wayne-Westland

School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday through Thursday at the center, located 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 takes place at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

CLUBS IN ACTION

WESTLAND ROTARY
The Westland Rotary Club meets 12:15 p.m. Thursdays at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy east of Middlebelt in Westland.

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

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

T.O.P.S.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M128, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Call Jackie at (734) 722-7225 for more information.

T.O.P.S.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Opti-mEye, 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.

BINGO

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

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

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax to 734-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

Event:

Date and Time:

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Use additional sheet if necessary

Women's History Month holds much significance in history



WISE WORDS

ROBERT JEFFERY

What is the impetus behind women's progress?
■ Where is it taking us?
■ Should men be threatened by it?

Over the centuries women have been kept "in their place" by various theories that limited women's potential and were justified on the basis of some "law of nature."

Women journalists, for example, were often disparaged: even noted author Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote "I wish (all women) were forbidden to write

on pain of having their faces deeply scarified by an oyster shell."

The 19th century saw the beginning of a rebellion against such "laws" of limitation. It wasn't until 1841 that the first women were graduated from college in the U.S., the first woman doctor was only licensed in 1849; it was 1863 before the first woman was ordained by a denomination. These advances didn't occur because women were somehow genetically evolving, but because the abilities they already had were being revealed.

For instance, did you know that Eli Whitney had considerable help in the development of the cotton gin from a woman, Catherine Green, and that the McCormick Reaper did not work until a West Virginia woman invented the mounting for shears which made it a success? Clearly women have always had the capacity for invention, for rational and insightful thinking and so forth.

Today women take their place beside men in many professions. And just look at the world-class talent on display in women's sports like soccer and basketball!

What caused this overturning of the status quo that had been enforced for centuries? Some might attribute it to advancing technology that allowed women to escape from the drudgery of household chores. But human progress is not just a social phenomenon, nor the result of a random mutation; it is the plan of our Creator.

A prayerful reading of the Bible has led some spiritually minded thinkers to conceive of God, divine Spirit, as both our Father and Mother. (See Genesis 1:27) And the Bible plainly tells us that man was made in His/Her own image and likeness. So the real core of our identity is spiritual, not molecular. Progress is inevitable when people glimpse their spiritual identity. The Bible is a record of centuries of human progress stem-

ming from a growing understanding of the nature of God and His/Her impact in human lives.

Important role

Women's active role in God's scheme of things is part of that record. The revolution in women's rights started when women - and men - began to better perceive themselves as subject only to God's laws.

One important 19th century reformer saw that rebelling against "laws" of limitation was not just for the benefit of women, but for all mankind. She recognized the importance of the spiritual account of creation in the first chapter of Genesis, which provides a basis for liberating everyone. She saw the practical effect in human affairs that comes from acknowledging God as our true source, and then letting God's qualities be expressed in our daily lives without regard to the general consensus con-

cerning gender roles. This frees women to express their natural intelligence, orderliness and courage, and frees men to express their inherent tenderness, poise and humility without fear of being less manly.

The reformer who pursued this line of emancipation is Mary Baker Eddy, and the book setting forth her ideas and their extraordinary results is "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures."

Human history can be fascinating and can teach us much. But the best way to progress is to know more of God's true nature, laws, and our relation to Him/Her. Science and Health makes the observation, "The true theory of the universe, including man, is not in material history but in spiritual development. Inspired thought relinquishes a material, sensual, and mortal theory of the universe, and adopts the spiritual and immortal."

Looking deeply into our God-like, spiritual nature will bring continued progress, with true honor and strength, usefulness and productivity, happiness and freedom, to all mankind. This is certainly worth celebrating not just for a month but forever!

Robert W. Jeffery graduated from M.I.T. and spent over 20 years in engineering. He resigned from his position as director of engineering to enter the full time ministry of Christian healing as a public Christian Science practitioner. In this capacity Bob has been available to help others through prayer to meet all types of human needs. For 14 years he traveled on five continents lecturing on the subject of spiritual healing and problem solving. He now directs the Christian Science Committee on Publication office for Michigan. He can be reached at micompub@aol.com.

Mary Kay fashion extravaganza to benefit women's cancer research

Ann Arbor area Mary Kay sales directors will present a fashion extravaganza to benefit women's cancer research Saturday, March 4, at the Sheraton in

Ann Arbor.

Join area women for an elegant breakfast and fashion show. Half the proceeds raised from the event will go directly to

the Cancer Research Fund of the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation - A Cure for Women's Cancers.

Highlights of the day include

fashions by Ann Taylor, Elizabeth's Boutique and OK2BEME designs by X. Zanne of Adrian (one-of-a-kind fashions). A special guest speaker from St.

Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann

Arbor will make an appearance. For tickets call Louise Karmen at (810) 227-3822. The event will be held in the new Michigan

Room at the Sheraton Inn, 3200

Boardwalk in Ann Arbor, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$20.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

If you would like to announce an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique - items can be sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homestead.com.

CHURCHILL PTSA CRAFT SHOW
Churchill High School PTSA is currently accepting applications for their 12th Annual Spring Craft Show which will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11. We are located at 8900 Newburg Road, just north of Joy Road. \$1 admission. If you would like an application or information, please contact us at (734) 523-0022.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE CRAFTS

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

SCHOOLCRAFT CRAFT SHOW
Premier area craft show set for March 11 at Schoolcraft College. Perhaps you need stained glass stepping stones for your garden, copper lawn ornaments, nautical furniture or a birdfeeder for the backyard. You can find all of these and more among the 150

crafters who will be on hand in the Physical Education Building between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Profits from the show help fund student scholarships. The wide variety of items range from upholstered foot stools, to stuffed and dressed bunny toys to wacky women pins. Perhaps an original etching, a Fabergé egg made from ostrich egg shells or a cedar rocking chair will fill that empty spot in your house perfectly, or you need hand embroidered clothing for the new baby in the family. For the more whimsical at heart, consider a wooden cat scratcher, a light spinner, a spun glass angel or a soft cloth doll. Refreshments will be available, there will be hourly raffles for prizes and the parking is free.

Admission is \$1.50 for adults and children 12 years and older, and 50 cents for children five to 12 years old. Children under five are admitted free. Call (734) 462-4417.

ST. JOHN'S ARTS/ CRAFT SALE
St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland is hosting an arts and crafts sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 25 at the church, 555 S. Wayne Road. Vendors are needed. To reserve a table call (734) 729-1605. Hot dogs, chips, pop, etc. will be sold.

DEARBORN EXTRAVAGANZA
Dearborn High School (19501 Outer Drive) hosts an Arts & Crafts Extravaganza - Spring

2000 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 25. Applications and/or information call (313) 561-0402. This event is sponsored by the Band Aid Booster Club and proceeds will support the DHS marching band, flag corps, orchestra and jazz band. Admission is \$1 for person 12 and older. Ample free parking is available and food will be sold.

GARDEN GALA CRAFT SHOW
Crafters are needed who specialize in yard and garden related crafts for the first "Garden Gala," May 20, at Memorial Elementary School in Garden City. If you are interested in participating call Rhonda, 734-762-

0183.

CHELSEA SUMMER FEST
Applications are currently being sought for arts and crafts vendors at the Chelsea Summer Fest, July 28 and 29. Booth hours are Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you are interested in obtaining a booth, contact Penny (734) 433-0354 or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 580, Chelsea, MI 48115.

Local bands featured 'Live'

The third annual "Friday Night Live" coffeehouse takes over the gymnasium at Memorial Church of Christ on Friday, March 17 showcasing the talents of four local bands that combine music with ministry.

Acts scheduled to perform include Son of Adam, Sanctus Real, Code Bloom and Keri Noble.

Son of Adam is a five-piece alternative rock group made up of members from Livonia and metro Detroit while Sanctus

■ **'Besides complimentary coffee in a variety of flavors and styles, the coffeehouse will offer soda drinks and snacks.'**

Real hails from Toledo.

Code Bloom features Brian and Heath Buddenburg and Dave McConnell, all from Garden City. They have released two CDs and been featured on a number of college radio stations. Keri Noble, who performs a softer sound, is from Dearborn Heights.

Besides complimentary coffee in a variety of flavors and styles, the coffeehouse will offer soda drinks and snacks. Pizza will be available at 50 cents per slice and orders will be taken at the door.

The event is open to all ages with doors opening at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 at the door or \$4 in advance. Send an e-mail to mbolen@mediaone.net or check out the Web site at memorialchurchofchrist.org/coffeehouse for advance ticket information.

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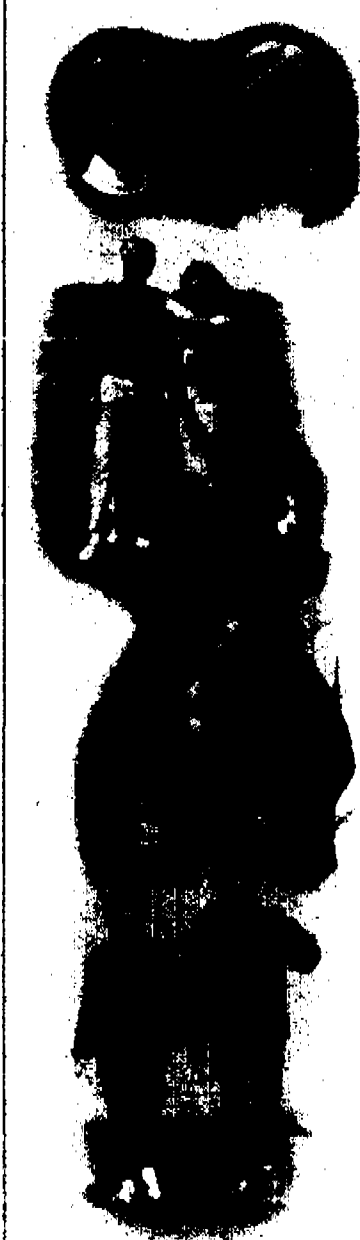
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RAILROADIANA

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

ST. PAT'S DANCE/AUCTION

Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. will host their 8th annual St. Patrick's

Dinner Dance & Auction Saturday, March 18 at St. Mary's Cultural Center on Merriman Road in Livonia to benefit the work of CHHCS. To make a donation or for ticket information call (734) 522-4244.

MOM 2 MOM SALE

A mom to mom sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at Sacred Heart Church Activities Center (29125 W. Six Mile Road) on Six Mile just east of Middlebelt. Children's clothes (newborn and up); maternity; toys, and baby furni-

ture. Bake sale. For more information call Jennifer (249) 426-6227. Please tell and bring a friend.

ST. AGATHA VEGAS NIGHTS

St. Agatha will hold Vegas Nights from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday March 31 and Saturday, April 1 at 19750 Beech Daly Road in Redford. Free admission. Black Jack, craps, roulette, big wheel, and 50/50 raffle. Food and bar. For more information call (313) 531-0371.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Mom to Mom Sale at Newburg United Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 29. Hot dogs, drink, bake sale and clown with free face painting. Rent 8 foot tables (racks also available). Free childcare for table rents and free lunch ticket for table renters. Call the church at 422-0149 or Vicki at (734) 513-0167.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Mark your calendars May 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 6 from 9 a.m. to noon is the Spring Rummage Sale at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500

Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia. Call 422-0149 for information.

MOM 2 MOM SALE

Spring is just around the corner and so is the St. Edith/St. Kenneth's MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Mom's Sale. Rent a table at the sale and turn your child/children's gently used items into cash. The sale will be held at St. Edith's Parish Hall from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 13. St. Edith is located just south of Five Mile on Newburgh Road. Call Karen to reserve a table (734) 266-6182.

Amazing

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■ **Victoria and Scott Maki** of Canton announce the birth of their son **Jacob Scott** born Aug. 6, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Dennis and Carol Pagnano of Wayne; Gary and Mary Jo Maki of Westland; and Monty and Susan Lewis of Westland. Great-grandparents are Bernice Maki.

■ **James H. Fielhauer III** and **Jennifer Lynn Stafiej** of Westland announce the birth of **Kody James Stafiej** Jan. 3 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Kody joins sister Kalei Elizabeth Stafiej, 2. Grandparents are James Fielhauer of Ypsilanti, Patricia Fielhauer of Trenton, Mike Stafiej of Garden City and Kathleen Stafiej of Westland.

■ **Tim and Danita Ouellette** of Westland announce the birth of **Theresa Marie** Jan. 21 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins brother Timmy Jr., 8. Grandparents are Mary and Paul Ouellette of Westland and Dianita and Gary Ritchie of Garden City.

■ **Gary E. Hoover Jr.** and **Erica M. Saren** of Taylor announce the birth of **Ashley Helan Ann Hoover** Jan. 22 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins sister MacKayla Paige, 18 months. Grandparents are Colleen Brazil of Taylor, Gary Hoover of Willis and Bill Saren and Nora Hoover of Melvindale.

■ **Bret and Tammy Konol** of Plymouth announce the birth of **April Madelynn Mae** Jan. 22 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins sister Natalie, 12. Grandparents are Doris Konol of Livonia and Judy and Gale Stites of Traverse City.

■ **Hesham Moustafa** and **Lori Wilamowski** of Dearborn announce the birth of **Alex James Moustafa** Jan. 22 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are James and Diane Ralls and Mohamed and Almaza Moustafa of Dearborn.

■ **Joe and Kim Schema** of Garden City announce the birth of their son, **Jordan Michael** Jan. 22 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins sister Samantha, 7. Grandparents are Gregory Wright of Canton, John and Pat Schema of Sterling Heights and Kevin and Beverly Melas of Tampa, Fla.

■ **William George Stapleton** and **Lori Kay Talis** of Garden City announce the birth of their son, **Jeffrey Adam** Jan. 24 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins siblings Billy, 20, Jenny, 16, Jennifer, 16, Sarah, 13, George, 8, Melissa, 8 and Lindsay, 7. Grandparents are Ann Stapleton of Garden City and Bill and Joan Oliver of Westland.

■ **Dwight Barton** and **Lisa Vincent** of Royal Oak announce the birth of their daughter, **Sarah Briana Barton** Jan. 27 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are John and Kathy Vincent.

■ **Dave Adkins** and **Renee Truax** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Halee Ann Adkins** Jan. 27 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins sisters Nicolette Vertin, 8 and Courtney Tomis, 3. Grandparents are Nancy Adkins of Westland and Verna Paine of Southfield.

■ **Brendan and Sarah Holmes** of Inkster announce the birth of their son, **Zachary J.** born Jan. 31 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins brothers Anthony, 4 and Nathan, 2. Grandparents are Steve and Laura Penny and Ralph and Pat Holmes, all of Farmington Hills.

■ **Charlie Fee** and **Lisa Harris** of Wayne announce the birth of their daughter, **Jordyn Lorraine Fee** Feb. 2 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Danny and Lorraine Harris of Garden City and Chuck Fee Sr. of Wayne

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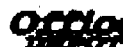
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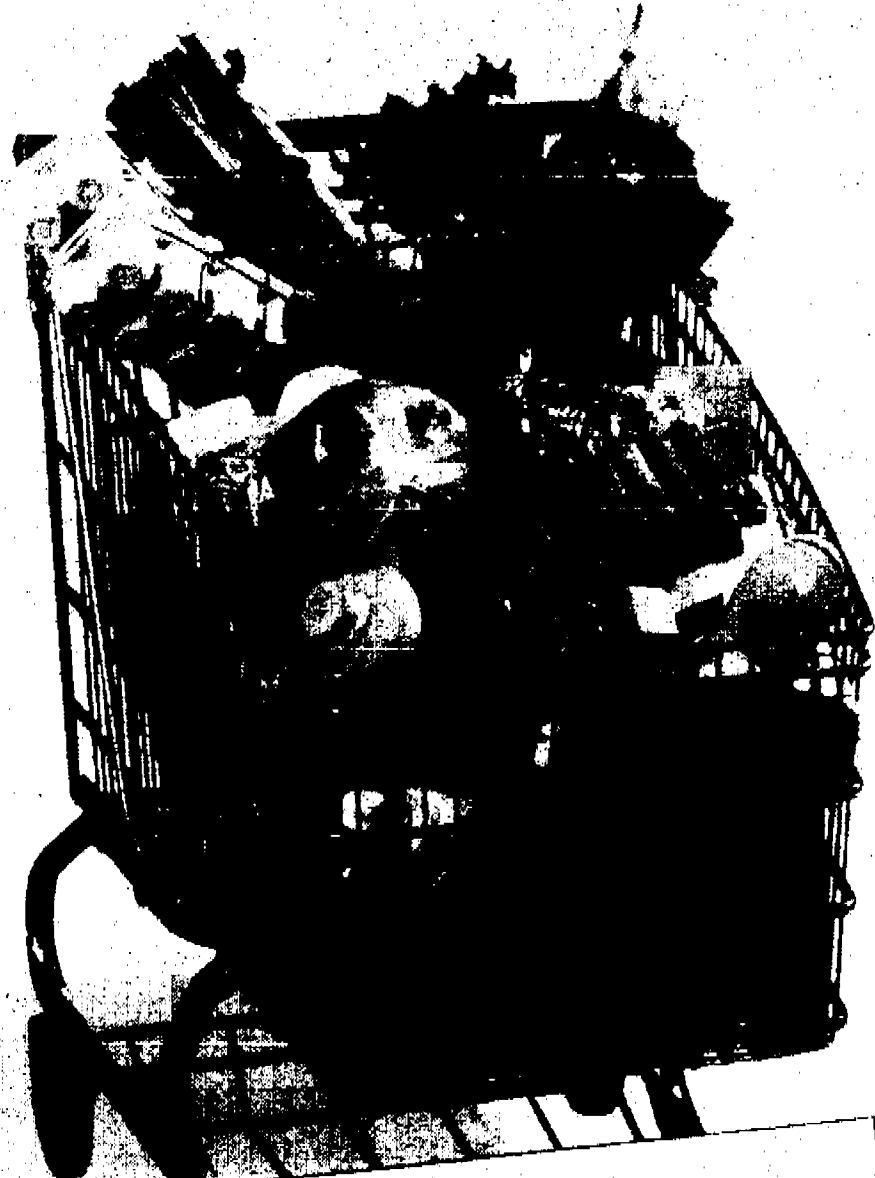
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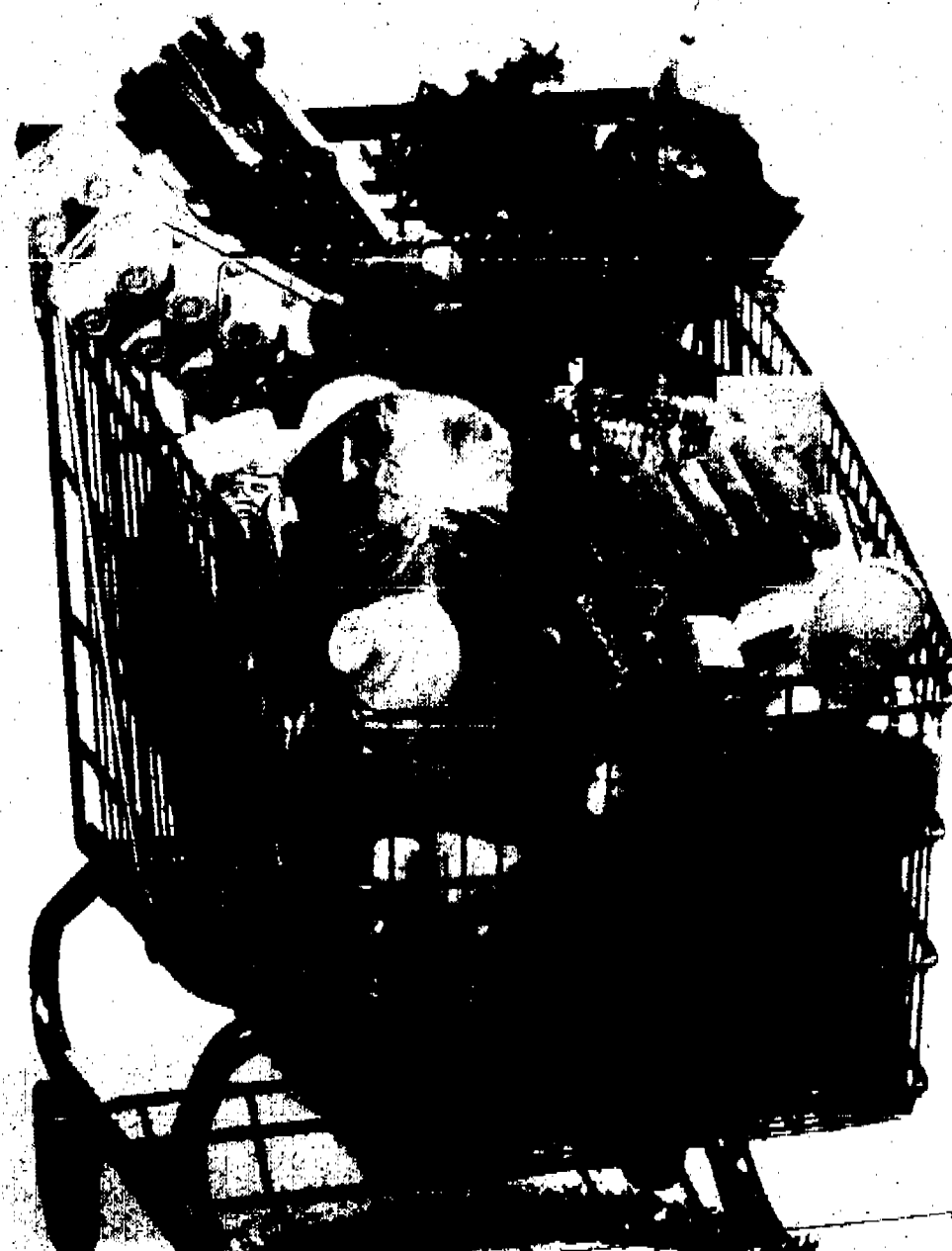
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Brown's 32 not enough for Ocelots Vincennes spoils SC Region quest

It was a tall order, but Schoolcraft College made a valiant effort in the semifinals of the NJCAA-Division I Region 12 men's basketball tournament Tuesday night at Vincennes (Ind.) before succumbing to the 10th-ranked Blazers, 96-83.

The Ocelots finish the year 24-7 overall, while Vincennes, 27-4, moved on to Wednesday night's Region 12 final against Cincinnati State.

"Schoolcraft has nothing to be ashamed of," third-year coach Carlos Briggs said. "Three years ago we would have lost to a team like this by 40 or 50 points. We're just one or two big fellas away from being nationally competitive."

"I'm proud of the guys and their season."

Nobody played bigger, however, than Schoolcraft's Rob Brown.

The 6-foot-4 Oak Park product poured in a game-high 32 points (on 11 of 18 shooting) to go along with 14 rebounds and six assists.

"Rob was really a warrior out there," Briggs said. "He proved he belongs out there with some of the best JUCO players in the country."

Swingman Lamar Bigby (Detroit Northern) added 16 points, 10 coming in the first half as SC trailed 48-44.

The Ocelots stayed close throughout the second half, but Vincennes got

Please see OCELOTS, C4

Chargers triumph in ice return

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Unscheduled three-week layoffs can do one of two things to athletic teams: bless them with rest, or curse them with rust.

Consider the Livonia Churchill hockey team blessed.

The Chargers, who had been idle since their controversy-marred game Feb. 4 against Livonia Stevenson, opened the state tournament Tuesday night with a convincing 6-0 victory over Plymouth Canton.

The win earned Churchill (14-9-2) a spot in tonight's regional semifinal game against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The only rust on the Dearborn Ice Skating Center surface Tuesday could be found on the Zamboni that smoothed the ice between periods.

The Chargers played liked the well-oiled machine that had engineered a 13-5-2 record before their season was brought to a screeching halt following the post-game brawl with Stevenson.

Canton's inaugural season ended with an 11-10-2 mark.

"During the time we were off, the kids practiced hard every day and they did everything they were told to do, including five hours of community service," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "We made some mental mistakes in the second period tonight, but otherwise I thought we played well."

Despite the loss, Canton coach Dan Abraham was upbeat as he reflected on the Chiefs' first season on the ice.

"I am very happy with how the first season went," Abraham said. "We met a number of goals this year, the most important being that we stayed united and we set the standard for Canton hockey by building a consistent work ethic."

Churchill made the Chiefs work hard for everything Tuesday night.

Anchored by defenseman Nate Jakubowski and Sean Szostak, the Chargers didn't allow a shot on goal until the midway point in the second period.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUESCHMANN

Congratulations: The Livonia Churchill Chargers celebrate their first goal of the game in Tuesday's Class A regional opener against Canton at Kilpatrick Arena in Dearborn.

Even though they were outshot, 23-4, after two periods, the Chiefs trailed just 2-0 thanks to the brilliant play of goalie Brad Arsznov, who repeatedly turned back point-blank shots.

The Chargers opened the scoring at the 8:46 mark of the opening period when Szostak rifled a slapshot from the blue-line.

Arsznov made a kick save, but the puck deflected right to Adam Krug, who flicked it past the sprawling goalie to make it 1-0. Rory Cesarz was credited with an assist on the goal.

Churchill doubled its lead with just 50 seconds left in the second period when Sean Smith stole the puck from a Canton defenseman at center ice, outskated another defenseman and wristed the puck past a helpless Arsznov.

"Brad was outstanding," Abraham

said. "There is no question he kept us in the game tonight."

Aaron Jakubowski iced the game for the Chargers in the third period, scoring twice in a six-minute span to up Churchill's lead to 4-0.

Cesarz and Adam Jakubowski finished off the scoring for the Chargers with third-period goals.

Churchill goalie Matt Williams was flawless in handling the handful of shots he faced. Churchill outshot Canton, 34-8.

Now the Chargers have a rematch with an Ann Arbor Pioneer team that rallied to beat them 4-3 back on Jan. 14 at Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena.

Churchill had a 2-0 lead in that game after two periods, but surrendered four third-period goals.

Stevenson turns back Allen Park

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Back from its month-long hiatus, Livonia Stevenson lives to play another day.

Off since Feb. 4, the Spartans shook loose the cobwebs to earn a 2-1 victory over Allen Park and move into the Division I regional final, 8 p.m. Saturday at Redford Ice Arena where they will meet tonight's other semifinal winner between Redford Catholic Central and Farmington Unified.

Suspended their final five regular season games for a post-game brawl with city rival Churchill, the Spartans needed a third-period goal by Mike Pelaino on an assist from Mark Nelson to turn back the pesky Jaguars.

Stevenson is now 13-10-2 overall, while Allen Park bows out at 9-13-2.

"We knew nothing about Allen Park, we kind of came in blindfolded," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "They worked extremely hard, one of the hardest working teams we've faced. They maybe didn't have the talent, but they were just good enough to get in our way."

Junior goaltender Ryan DeVoe got in the way of 34 Stevenson shots including 18 in the opening period.

Meanwhile, Stevenson netmin-

Please see SPARTANS WIN, C2

Clarenceville's Metro title dreams denied by Cosmos

Eli Warren couldn't be stopped Tuesday in the Metro Conference boys basketball championship game.

The 6-foot-5, 215-pound senior swingman hit 13 of 15 shots en route to a game-high 30 points as the host Cosmos captured the title with a 55-35 victory over Livonia Clarenceville.

Hamtramck is 14-3 overall, while Clarenceville is 13-7.

Clarenceville, which tried to spread the floor and use time on the clock, trailed 24-10 at intermission.

Hamtramck then created some breathing room with a 23-11 third-quarter run as Warren scored 13, including a three-pointer at the buzzer.

"He's just way too good," said Clarenceville coach Bill Dyer of Warren. "He's unflappable, never gets rattled."

Irman Islamovic added 11 for the Cosmos.

Joe Keough and Scott Carr scored nine and eight, respectively, for Clarenceville.

Hamtramck, unbeaten in the Metro, beat Clarenceville in an earlier meeting, 63-30.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 43, LUTHERAN NORTH 34: Senior guard Charlie Hoelt scored a game-high 12 points Tuesday Lutheran High Westland (10-8) wrapped up third place in the Metro Conference Tournament with a win at Macomb Lutheran North (8-11).

Junior forward Nate Meckes contributed eight points for the victorious Warriors, who jumped out to a 10-0 first-quarter advantage and never looked back.

"It was a nice defensive effort and we're glad to be the top Lutheran school among the four in our conference," Lutheran Westland coach Dan Ramthun said.

WAYNE 65, ROBINCHAUD 64 (OT): Wayne Memorial (9-10) went overtime Tuesday to win its Mega Red-White Division consolation game against visiting Dearborn Heights Robinchaud (11-8).

Justin Gains' three-pointer at the buzzer sent the game into OT at 55-all. He finished with 15 points.

Wayne outscored the Bulldogs 10-9 in the extra session as Gary Johnson's free throw with eight seconds left proved to be the difference.

Johnson finished with a team-high 24 points. Jermaine Gae-

BOYS BASKETBALL

ner added 12, while Shane Nowak had eight.

Robinchaud's Chris Walker, who missed a shot at the buzzer in OT in an attempt to win it, led all scorers with 28. Ronald McGrew chipped in with 10.

JOHN GLENN 45, FRANKLIN 33: On Tuesday, Michael Franks scored 14 and Yaku Moton added 12 to propel Westland John Glenn (4-15) past host Livonia Franklin (5-15).

Glenn jumped out to a 14-1 first-quarter advantage and never trailed the rest of the way.

Senior Derek Schema led Franklin with 14 points.

The Patriots made just three of 12 foul shots.

NORTHVILLE 65, CHURCHILL 50A: fourth-quarter fade doomed the Chargers.

"We were not on with our outside shooting," Coach Rick Austin of Livonia Churchill said, "and we live and die with our outside shooting."

Churchill had a 14-7 lead after one period but Northville began asserting itself in the second quarter and chopped the deficit to 24-22 at halftime.

The Mustangs outscored the Chargers, 19-14, to take a 41-38 lead into the final quarter.

Randall Boboige paced the Chargers (10-10) with 21 points. John Bennett was limited to 11 and Avery Jessup scored eight.

Dave Gregor, a 6-foot-6 center, scored 21 points for the Mustangs (10-10) who also got 17 points from 6-foot-10 sophomore Thomas Knapp and 10 from Tim Fering.

"Northville got some great inside play from Gregor," Austin said. "He was a monster out on the floor. We did a poor job of containing him."

Churchill hit three of five free throws, while Northville went 12-for-17.

W.L. CENTRAL 60, STEVENSON 52: Scott Keeler and Paul Pavelich scored 16 points apiece Tuesday, leading Walled Lake Central (8-12) past visiting Livonia Stevenson (5-15).

Steve Horn added 12 points, while Ryan Rabish contributed 10 for the Vikings, who outscored the Spartans 20-12 in the decisive fourth quarter.

Stevenson got 16 points from Keshay McChristian and 15 from Chris Severson.

"The kids played hard, we just didn't shoot well enough from the perimeter," Stevenson coach Tim Newman said.

Top swimmer Livonia Stevenson's Rob Brown competes in the 100-yard freestyle relay during the Western Lakes swim meet at Plymouth Canton. Brown, a member of the Livonia Stevenson 400 freestyle relay team, set a WLAA record of 1:00.00.

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HIGH SCHOOL STATE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

State champions open impressively

CC blanks Pats, 10-0

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REGIONAL

Defending state Class A hockey champion Redford Catholic Central would have no part in any upset plans by Livonia Franklin in Monday's regional opener.

Make that no miracle on ice. The top-ranked Shamrocks, who watched Farmington Unified hand Redford Unified its first loss of the season in the opener of a double-header at Redford Ice Arena, moved to 22-2 overall with a convincing 10-0 victory over the Patriots.

The game was stopped with 7:29 to go when Brett John scored to invoke the 10-goal mercy rule.

Franklin finished its season 12-10-3 overall.

"You're always surprised when the playoffs start," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "Franklin was feisty, they worked hard and skated hard. They did a nice job. They never quit and they have gutsy kids."

The Shamrocks, however, unloaded 50 shots on Franklin goaltenders Rob Williams and Chris Garbutt.

The Patriots had just five shots on the CC net.

"CC is an excellent hockey team all the way down," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "We've got talent, but we're young. Everybody went over and above for us as far as effort, desire and pride. I'm probably more proud of this team than any other game this season even though we got beat 10-0."

"Both our goalies, our defense-

men and our forwards played extremely well. But also lost three key players to injury and that doesn't help either."

"But the bottom line is that we just got out-talented."

Senior Brandon Kaleniecki led the CC offensive assault with three goals and two assists.

Junior Jared Ross contributed two goals and two assists, while John and Mike Ratigan, both juniors, had two goals and one assist apiece.

Other CC offensive producers included Dave Moss, who recorded four assists, and Ryan Yost, who chipped in with one goal and two assists.

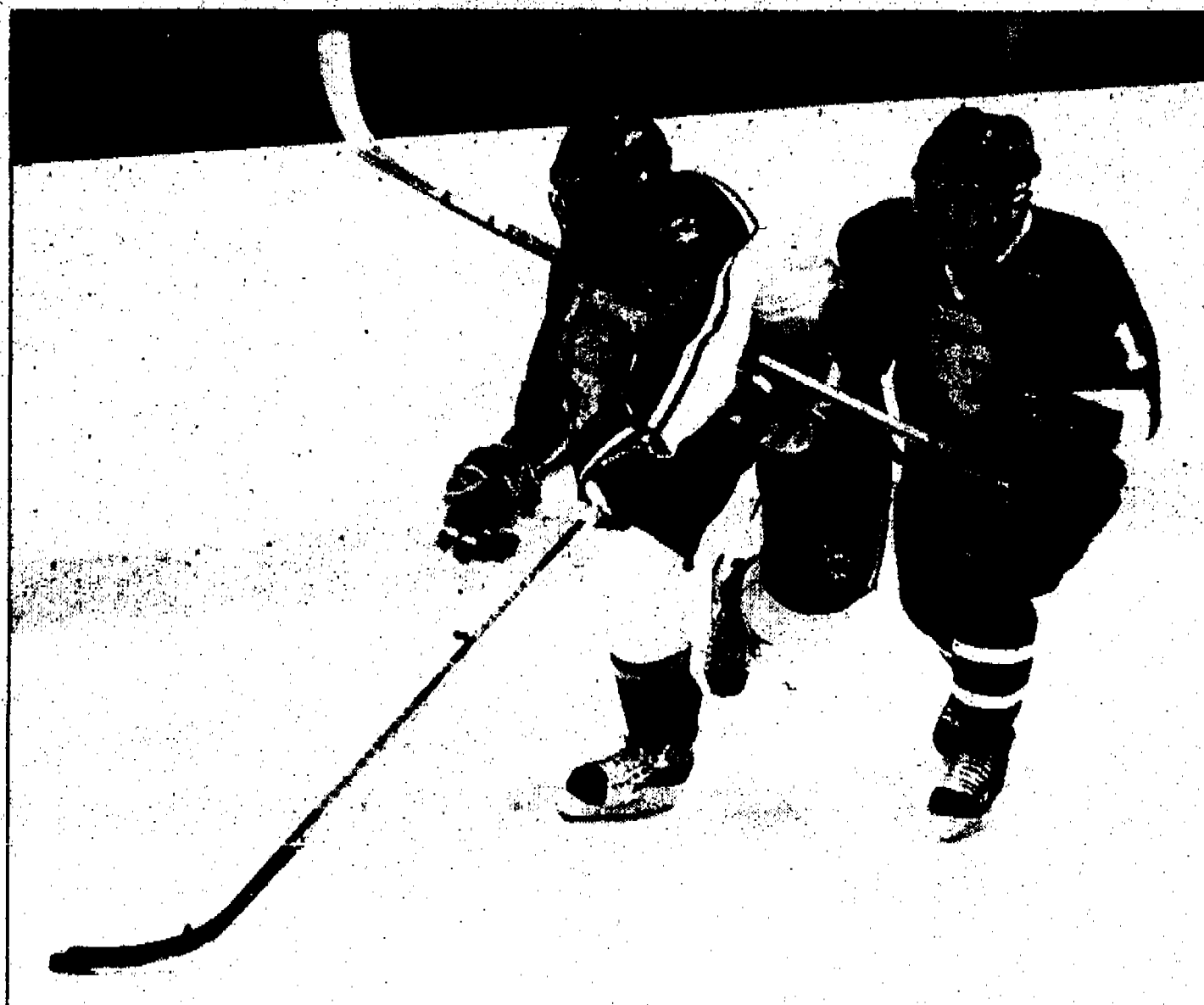
Shamrocks Andrew Eggert, Joe Hillebrand, Brian Williams, Joe Moreau and Derek Genrich each contributed one assist.

Meanwhile, St. John was stunned by Farmington Unified's 4-2 win over Redford Unified in the first game.

CC and Farmington Unified (18-6-1) will meet 8 tonight in the regional semifinals at Redford Ice Arena.

"I was shocked," the CC coach said. "I hadn't seen Farmington play, but I know Redford had won about 23 in row and I expected them to come out like tigers."

"I'm sure all the talk for them three games ago was that if both our teams (CC and Redford Unified) got there... that was going to be the game. I'm guessing maybe they got caught looking ahead."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Checkmates: Livonia Franklin's Ryan Tracy (left) gets tied up by Redford Catholic Central's Brian Williams during Monday's Class A district hockey opener at Redford Ice Arena.

"But I'm looking forward to playing Farmington because if they can beat Redford, they can play the game."

CC's big key in repeating its state title run is defense.

"We really have to pay attention in our defensive zone," St. John said. "We've got to work on

our defensive zone coverage and breakout."

"Offensively I think we'll be OK."

The Shamrocks were more than good enough on both ends against the Patriots.

"I feel bad for the seniors, guys who went to the wall for me two,

three and four years," Jobbitt said. "My assistant coach, Tim Olschanski, is also resigning. He's going to school and he's going to be with his family. He's been there since 1991."

"It's tough to lose my right arm."

See regional pairings.

Spartans win from page C1

der Kevin Marlowe faced just 15.

"We got a lot of shots, but we didn't have any traffic in front of the net and we weren't really attacking the net," Harris said. "Their goalie had a good trapper (glove), but he had a clear view of most of our shots. We made him look like Terry Sawchuk."

After a scoreless opening period, Allen Park took a 1-0 lead with 7:26 left in the second period on Ray Cline's goal from Jess Mielen and Mike Draper.

But Stevenson's Bobby Zagata, firing

from a sharp angle on the left side, knotted the score at 1-1 at the five-minute mark of the same period. Mark Blazok assisted on the power play goal.

Then Peraino, the Spartans' leading scorer, notched the game-winner on a nifty two-on-one play with Nebus.

"That second goal was a great effort," Harris said. "Peraino has a knack for putting the puck in the net."

"Even when we were down a goal, our kids kept working hard and eventually I thought we'd wear them down."

Although the Spartans had the momentum and the lead, things got a little tense during the final two minutes. Stevenson had to finish the game killing off a penalty.

"We didn't have guys down on the puck, but that happens with a young team, we have only five seniors and it takes time to get things going," said Allen Park first-year coach Frank DiCristofaro, who pulled DeVoe for a two-man advantage in the final minute. "I thought our kids played well and DeVoe was outstanding. They came to play, but Stevenson is a great skating team."

To start the month-long hiatus, Stevenson did not practice the first week.

"We had a team meeting and took a vote," Harris said. "It was unanimous. Everybody wanted to come back although their hearts were broken. We took a week off and wanted to let the dust settle."

"The kids went back to work. I was happy with the performance. They played with a lot of heart and emotion."

"We look forward to the next game because the kids want to keep playing."

Whalers run win streak to 12

OHL REPORT

Sixty minutes of playing time on the ice, but it only took 20 seconds of that to make the difference for the Plymouth Whalers.

Who, by the way, remain the hottest thing on skates — at least in the Ontario Hockey League. The Whalers collected their 12th-straight victory Sunday by scoring twice in 20 seconds of the third period, beating the host Windsor Spitfires 3-2.

Combined with Saturday's 6-1 trouncing of the Spits at Compuware Arena, the Whalers improved their West Division-leading record to 38-17-4; their 81 points is second in the OHL only to Ottawa's 86.

Plymouth has now won 12-straight; indeed, the Whalers went through the entire month of February without a loss. Since mid-January, they have won 15-of-16 games, with only a 2-1 loss at Ottawa Jan. 29 to mar their

record.

On Sunday, a power-play goal by Windsor's Jeff Martin gave the Spits a 2-1 lead with 10:30 left in the second period.

The Whalers overcame that at 4:26 of the third, when Tomas Kurka notched his 31st goal of the season to tie it at 2-2. Justin Williams assisted.

Twenty seconds later, Andre Robichaud made his second goal of the season a game-winner; it was unassisted.

Windsor could not get the equalizer after that against a tough Whaler defense, anchored by Rob Zepp in goal. Zepp stopped 26 of 28 shots.

Ryan Aschaber was in goal for Windsor, saving 20 of 23 shots.

The Spitfires opened the scoring, getting a goal from Ryan

Courtney 10:39 into the opening period. The Whalers knotted it at 14:19 of the first when Shaun Fisher scored on the power play, assisted by Kurka.

On Saturday at Compuware, Eric Goody scored two goals and assisted on two others to lead the Whalers to victory. Goody has nine goals and 35 points for the season.

Stephen Morris also scored twice for the Whalers, with Williams and Kurka also getting goals. Damian Surma added three assists, and Kris Vernarsky and Libor Ustrnul each contributed two assists apiece.

Zepp made 23 saves in earning the win. Mike Leighton had 22 saves in the Windsor net.

Ambassadors in shootout

Goals by Dan Knapp and D.J. Vogt in the extra session boosted the Compuware Ambassadors to a 3-2 win over the Cleveland Barons last Wednesday (Feb. 23) at Compuware Arena.

It was the ninth win in 10 games for Compuware, which leads the Eastern Division in the North American Hockey League. On Feb. 25, the Ambassadors lost to the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians 2-1 in overtime.

On Feb. 26, the Ambassadors avenged their loss to the Indians with a 3-0 win. Mark Cannon scored two goals and Craig Kowalski stopped 30 shots for Compuware in earning his fourth shutout of the season.

The Ambassadors game against the Grand Rapids Rockets, scheduled for Sunday, has been relocated to Compuware Arena. Game time is 2 p.m.

The Rockets membership in the NAHL is currently for sale. Larry Clark, owner of The Summit in Lansing, has had two other Rockets games re-scheduled to be played there in an attempt to gauge interest in the team.

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Vikings upstage Pats again

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It was supposed to be Livonia Franklin's day in the sun, but Walled Lake Central stole the limelight by capturing the Western Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball championship at Northville.

The Vikings, who entered Saturday's tournament as the No. 2 seed behind top-seeded Franklin, dropped the opening game of their semifinal match with Livonia Stevenson, but rallied for a 10-15, 15-11, 15-8 victory.

Central then met Franklin in the championship match and emerged with a 15-13, 15-4 triumph.

"We played very well on Saturday, these kids just don't give up," Central coach Mike Lindstrom said. "We dropped the first game to Stevenson in the semifinals and I think they realized that this was it and they came back and played well the rest of the way."

"It was a warm day and it was warm in the gym, but I think our depth and balance helped us in the long run."

Franklin (42-7-2) was trying to avenge its only WLAA loss of the season on Feb. 21 to Central, but the Patriots had to play an extra match after tying Stevenson in pool play.

In the quarterfinals, the Patriots whipped Plymouth Salem, the only team to beat Central in the WLAA this season, 15-4, 15-8. Franklin then downed Livonia Churchill in the semifinals, 15-7, 15-4.

But Franklin could not sustain its momentum against the Vikings.

"It was a combination of physical and mental fatigue," Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel said. "Temperatures were high and we started to lose focus."

"It was a little frustrating because we ran out of energy at the end. It was disappointing to end on that note, but I thought our players played well through-

SEMI-FINALS	
Walled Lake Central vs. Livonia Franklin	15-13, 15-4
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Walled Lake Central vs. Livonia Franklin	15-13, 15-4

out the day. It was just one match too long."

Central posted a 5-1 record in pool play, splitting only with Livonia Churchill (9-15, 18-16). The Vikings also stopped Northville in the quarterfinals by scores of 15-13, 15-4.

Central had a number of players make noteworthy contributions led by senior setter Colleen Saldana, who served 34-of-36 and recorded 113 assists and 30 digs.

Senior outside hitter Christina Tudor went 105-of-122 attacking with 59 kills and 24 blocks, while junior middle blocker Heather Lippert collected 41 kills and 34 blocks. Senior outside hitter Kelly Henzie served 65-of-66 with five aces and added 57 digs and 46 kills.

Senior Andrea Kmet was Franklin's top attacker with 45 kills. She also had nine aces serves. Senior Tera Morrill added 30 kills, 14 aces and 30 digs, while junior Kerstin Marshall was 38-for-38 on attacks with 20 kills. Senior setter Lyndsay Sopko had 104 assist-to-kills and 31 digs, while senior Alexis

Bowman contributed 29 digs. Stevenson (30-13-2 overall) made a strong case for itself going into Friday's Class A district at Franklin.

The Spartans split with the Patriots, 8-15, 15-9, in pool play.

"We definitely made progress and played more like the way we're capable of playing," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "This time we didn't back down and didn't give up against Franklin."

Stevenson was on the verge of eliminating Central in the semifinals, but couldn't hold a slim second-game lead.

"We beat ourselves," Graham said. "The second game we made mental mistakes, and some hitting and serving errors."

Senior Kate LeBlanc led Stevenson with 36 kills, 10 solo blocks and 12 aces on the day.

Other Spartan contributors included junior setter Kelley Hutchins, who was 43-for-43 serving with 67 assists; Carly Wadsworth, 19 kills, seven aces and 29 digs; Cassie Ehlerdt, 11 kills; Katie Drews, seven kills and three solo blocks; Julie Pfeifer, 28 digs; Christine Matheson, 22 digs; and Megan Urbats, 17 digs.

Churchill (25-13-3), another semifinalist, was led by sophomore Sheila Gillies (22 kills), Amy Cadovich (19 kills), Shannon Munn (18 kills) and Meagan Sheehan (13 kills).

Munn and Sheehan combined to serve 13 points against Central in a pool play match.

Setters Colleen Guardiola and Kristin Loszczynski also stood out for the Chargers, according to coach Mike Hughes.

Salem, undefeated in Pool C after carving up Farmington Hills Harrison (15-7, 15-11), Farmington (15-4, 15-3) and Northville (15-11, 15-11), fell flat against Franklin for the third time this season.

The Rocks, now 39-11-1 overall, were led by Amanda Suder's team-high 37 kills and 30 digs. Kelly Jaskot had 36 digs.

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LIVONIA STAVENSON

The Livonia Stevenson volleyball team won its first ever title in the 15-15 open league at the Livonia Stevenson tournament.

The Spartans captured their championship, 15-13, in the semifinals over Livonia Franklin. The Spartans defeated Livonia Churchill in the quarterfinals, 15-7, 15-4.

Other members of the Livonia Stevenson team include: Stefanie Turner, Westland; Bailey Brandon, Morgan Currier, Carolyn Duggan, Jennifer Gateley, Kayla Johnston, Kaylee McGrath, Amand Moody, Julianne Purcell, Samantha Reaney, Katie Rini and Cody Seiter, all of Livonia.

The Blazers are coached by Mike Duggan, Laurie Whalen and Bob Turner. The team manager is Toni Brandon.

STINGERS CAPTURE CROWN

The under-7 Stingers a co-ed red team which normally plays out of the Livonia YMCA and coached by Mike Colton and Jim Findlay, finished undefeated during the second session at the SoccerZone in Novi.

Members of the Stingers, coached by John Hanba and Sandy Redfield, include: Max Pucheta, Daniel Monti, Kyle Keller, Jason Gluck, Joey Hanba, Andrew Clark, Joey Kosiński, Andrew Pearson, Patrick Colton, Joey Buccellato, Ryan Findlay, Kyle Redfield, Scott Coppola and Robert Parker.

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Warriors turn back Crestwood

Lutheran High Westland, behind seven kills and four aces served from Sarah Marody, captured its regular season girls volleyball finale with a 15-11, 14-16, 15-4 triumph Monday over host Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

The Warriors, who on Friday will host a Class C district tournament, improved to 14-15-9 overall.

Marody served 10 points, while Jen Dash added 16 service points (including two aces) and three kills. Kelly Pruchnik added four kills and served three points.

Other standouts for the Warriors included Liz Unger, two kills; Anna Rolf, six points (two aces); setter Heather Haller, 10 superb sets and four points (one ace); setter Krissy Rose, three points.

On Saturday, Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, the eighth seed, captured the Metro Conference tournament at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Harper Woods eliminated Lutheran Westland in the opening round, 15-12, 15-17, 15-5.

Livonia Clarenceville took

third with wins over Northwest (15-11, 15-5) and Harper Woods (9-15, 15-8, 15-7), while losing to Macomb Lutheran North (5-15, 8-15).

Rachael Koernke had 11 kills and 58 digs on the day to lead the Trojans.

Ashley Pearson added 28 digs, while Sarah McNeilly had nine blocks.

On Feb. 23, Lutheran Westland spotted host Grosse Pointe Liggett, then got things together and posted an 11-15, 15-10, 15-7 victory.

Marody, a senior, served 10 points with three aces and also put down six kills and had four blocks. Pruchnik, a junior, had a pair of kills and a pair of blocks.

Rolf served eight points and had four digs while Dash served seven points, had five kills and nine digs. Both are seniors.

Senior Heather Haller had 15 assists-to-kills and served five points while Rose, a junior, served eight points and had 19 assists.

The Warriors finished Metro Conference regular season play at 4-4.

Hawks block Warriors

Stacie Graves and Rachel Zahn each recorded six kills Tuesday night, leading host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran to a 16-14, 15-8 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win over Southfield Franklin Road Christian at Livonia St. Paul's.

Lauren Merian added five ace serves for the victorious Hawks, now 11-4 overall and 7-3 in the MIAC.

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Mott wins state final vs. S'craft

Heartbreaking 88-87 setback

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COLLEGE HOOPS

One big play, one ordinary basket, one critical possession — that's all that separated Schoolcraft and Flint Mott CC in Saturday night's Michigan Community College Athletic Association championship game.

"This time it was Mott that got to cut down the nets, squeezing out a heart-stopping 88-87 home-court victory over the defending state champion Ocelots.

Mott, which won the season series against SC two games to one and raised its overall season record to 25-4, moves on to the NJCAA-Division II region tourney at Owens Tech in Toledo, Ohio.

SC, 24-6, got saddled Tuesday night with the NJCAA's 10th-ranked team in Division I, 26-4 Vincennes (Ind.). See related story.

"This is going to be tough to deal with when you're one point away from your goal," said SC third-year coach Carlos Briggs, who guided the Ocelots to their first-ever outright MCCA-Eastern Conference championship this season, breaking Mott's five-year stranglehold. "But we always play hard and we were mentally strong in a tough environment. We just didn't close the game."

SC fell behind by 14 early in the first half as Mott made 12 straight shots after missing its initial attempt of the game.

The host Bears, playing before a near-capacity and highly partisan crowd, shot 72 percent in the opening half (18 of 25), but found themselves tied at 49-all.

"Mott came out strong and shot a great percentage," Briggs said. "We took their best shot early and weathered the storm."

"Our kids showed poise and patience when we took the lead."

Even with starting point-guard Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) banished to the bench with his fifth personal foul with 11:15 to go in the second half, Schoolcraft overhauled the Bears and took a nine-point lead, 80-71, on a twisting 35-foot three-pointer by swingman Lamar Bigby with 7:26 remaining.

The Ocelots led 83-75 with

5:17 to go on another three-pointer by the 6-foot-5 Bigby, who led all scorers with 24 points.

But SC went cold down the stretch, making just two more shots and turning the ball over on three critical possessions.

Schoolcraft led still 87-84 on Mike Williams' hoop with 1:44 to play, but Mott stormed back to go ahead by one, 88-87, when Gary Solomon converted a three-point play with just under a minute left.

Despite four straight missed free throws by Mott guard Richard Bryant in the final 37 seconds, SC could not convert the go-ahead basket as Bigby's drive to the glass fell off and Reggie Kirkland's short baseline jumper with four seconds to go grazed off the front of the rim.

"We just turned it over it over too much," said Briggs, whose team had 15 turnovers. "They also got some transition layups off their defense and that hurt us."

Robert Brown, the 6-4 leaper from Oak Park, added 23 points for Schoolcraft. Dwight Windom and Mike Williams each came off the bench to score 11, while center Nick Evola had nine.

Ronnie Jenkins led Mott with 20, while Solomon added 16.

Alonzo Evans, a freshman guard from Louisville, Ky., scored 13, while pint-sized backup point-guard Tony Beauchamp, who stands 5-8, added 12, including three triples. Nate Brown contributed 11.

"We were on the verge of being out of it," said Mott coach Steve Schmidt, who bagged his third state playoff title since 1995. "It was gut-check time and we just had to hang in there because there's only so much you can do versus a Brown or Bigby. I admired their effort."

"But we didn't crack and our guys persevered." It was a classic state final game.

Schoolcraft won the first meeting this year, 78-74, but Mott took the rematch in Flint, 94-80.

Big turnaround:
In his three seasons as head coach at Schoolcraft, Carlos Briggs' teams have compiled a record of 74-20, including one state title (1998-99) and one outright Eastern Conference championship (1999-2000). The Detroit Benedictine High School product was an All-American at Schoolcraft and a standout guard at Baylor University.



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some breathing room late. The Blazers hit 27 of 34 free throws on the night, while SC was seven of 11.

Vincennes was 31 of 59 (52 percent), 10 of 24 behind the arc. Schoolcraft made 34 of 81 shots from the floor (41 percent), but only eight of 30 in triples.

Reggie Kirkland contributed 11 points and five assists, while Mike Williams had eight points. Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) grabbed seven rebounds.

Schoolcraft outrebounded Vincennes, 41-37.

Five Blazers scored in double figures led by Purdue transfer Cameron Stephens. The 6-8, 220-pound Fort Wayne, Ind. native had 19 points and 14 rebounds.

Three others had 18 points apiece — 6-7, 220-pound Aaron McGhee, 6-5 guard Alan Goff and 6-8 point guard Andre Horton. Jon Knoche added 13.

McGhee played 31 games last year for the University of Cincinnati and is now headed for Oklahoma University.

"They're legitimate, they're a really good team," Briggs said of Vincennes. "People told us we were probably one of the best three teams they have played this season."

"I'm proud of our guys and the season. But now it's time to focus on school and books. I'd also like to thank the administration and faculty for their support all year."

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3. Salem (Dan Jones, Mark Winiowski, Ben Dzialo, Eric Lynn) 2:20.66 (state cut)	4. Northville (Dan Jones, Mark Winiowski, Ben Dzialo, Eric Lynn) 2:20.66 (state cut)
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Rocks' depth yields crown

Spartans finish 2nd

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WLAA MEET

It comes as no surprise that Plymouth Salem emerged on top at last Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association Swimming and Diving Championships, which the Rocks hosted.

And it's even less of a surprise that they did it while winning just one event.

"I told you it's going to be a close meet," said Salem coach Chuck Olson, whose Rocks won their eighth-straight championship. "Yes, we were supposed to win, and that's what we did."

"As I recall, it doesn't have anything on any of these banners that says the score."

In other words, the victory was a bit of a nail-biter. Salem totaled 518.5 points; second-place Livonia Stevenson had 490, and third-place North Farmington netted 426 (see statistical summary).

"It wouldn't have taken much for me to be trying to explain to you what went wrong," Olson said.

What went right for Salem? Out of 36 entries, 33 of them scored points.

That was the difference for the Rocks.

"It was fun," Olson added, "but nerve-racking as well."

North and Stevenson were the top-runners in this meet; the Raiders got wins in five events, while the Spartans had four first-place finishes.

North's Brandon Digia and Stevenson's Joe Bublitz each won two individual events. Digia's came in the 200-yard freestyle (1:46.87) and the 100 free (48.19). Bublitz won the 200 individual medley (1:59.79) and the 100 backstroke (54.53).

The Raiders also got a first from Adam Farber in the 100 breaststroke (1:01.18) and won two relays: Jim Gabriel, Farber, Chris Clayton and Jon Zald in the 200 medley (1:38.88) and Sermet Alver, Clayton, Digia and Zald in the 200 free (1:30.06).

Stevenson's other wins came from Brad Buckler in the 50 free (22.42) and from Bublitz, Buckler, Justin Ketterer and Rob Cambridge in the 400 free relay (3:19.72).

Salem's only winner was fresh-

man Ben Dzialo, who was first in the 100 butterfly (55.13). He was also second in the 500 free (4:59.21), something not uncommon for the Rocks. They had four other second-place finishes in the meet, and three thirds.

Other wins went to Walled Lake's Chris Gawronski, who defended his title in diving (483.95 points), by a wide margin (89.5 points), and to Northville's Scott Whitbeck in the 500 free (4:52.07).

"I was talking with Chuck (Olson) after the prelims, and there were only about two or three of his swimmers where he didn't score," said North coach Pat Duthie. "That's what it takes. It takes a number of kids scoring, and I think Stevenson and Salem were better balanced than we were."

"We had some events where we were obviously strong, but they scored pretty solid throughout the meet."

The Raiders and the Rocks were involved in the two closest races of the meet. In the 100 fly, Dzialo narrowly beat North's Farber, 55.13 to 55.16.

In the 200 free relay, North's foursome edged Salem's by two one-hundredths of a second, 1:30.06 to 1:30.08.

"When it's that close, you can't even tell who won without looking up at the scoreboard," said Duthie. "That (200 free relay) and the race Farber was in in the butterfly, it's just a matter of who's going to touch the wall first."

"That's always the case but when it's that close you wish you hadn't cut your fingernails the night before."

No doubt Olson shared Duthie's views. Eric Lynn placed second twice, in the 200 IM (2:01.87) and in the 100 back (55.33) — both times to Stevenson's Bublitz. And Mike Johnson was second in the 50 free (22.71) and third in the 100 free (50.00).

"Winning our conference meet means an awful lot to the guys on this team," said Olson. "We swam hard — and that's what we were looking for."

MEGA-WHITE SWIM MEET RESULTS

MICHIGAN MEGA CONFERENCE
WHITE DIVISION
BOYS SWIM MEET
Feb. 23-25 at Taylor Truman

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 244 points; 2. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 199; 3. Trenton, 190; 4. Redford Union, 183; 5. Wayne Memorial, 175; 6. Garden City, 125; 7. Taylor Truman, 109; 8. Southgate Anderson, 94.

Wayne Memorial finishers
200-yard medley relay: 5. Chris Webber, Josh Raub, Greg Sarkoz, Mike Stafiej, 1:15.79.
200 individual medley: 2. Kyle Scott, 2:15.43; 5. Webber, 2:21.36; 6. Raub, 2:24.22.
50 freestyle: 6. Sarkoz, 24.38;

9. Stafiej, 25.45.
Diving: 9. Rob Bolish, 180.45 points.
100 freestyle: 5. Sarkoz, 54.32; 6. Scott, 54.67.

500 freestyle: 7. Jeremy Johnston, 5:41.75; 11. Jeremy Bowling, 6:03.17.

200 freestyle relay: 4. Scott, Stafiej, Johnston, Sarkoz, 1:38.48.

100 backstroke: 3. Webber, 1:01.53; 10. Brad Chasson, 1:08.31; 11. Bolish, 1:12.94; 12. Johnston, 1:13.53.

100 breaststroke: 3. Raub, 1:08.76; 10. Stafiej, 1:13.47.

400 freestyle relay: 4. Scott, Webber, Raub, Johnston, 3:44.26.

BEST BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING PERFORMANCES

(UPDATED Tuesday, Feb. 29)
200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

North Farmington 1:38.88
Livonia Stevenson 1:39.03
Plymouth Salem 1:41.02
Redford Catholic Central 1:42.26
Plymouth Canton 1:44.35

200 FREESTYLE

Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 1:46.87
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:48.36
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 1:48.83
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 1:50.82
Matt Winiowski (Canton) 1:51.13
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 1:51.93
Jim Ross (Salem) 1:51.96
Brad Nelson (Canton) 2:04.21
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 2:05.20
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 2:06.54
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 2:06.75
Greg Panko (N. Farmington) 2:08.34
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 2:10.33

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:56.29
Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:01.87
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:03.87
Brad Nelson (Canton) 2:04.21
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 2:05.20
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 2:06.54
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 2:06.75
Greg Panko (N. Farmington) 2:08.34
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 2:10.33

50 FREESTYLE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.31
Brad Buckler (Stevenson) 22.42
Ed Leana (Redford CC) 22.51
Mike Johnson (Salem) 22.61
Dan Zombardo (John Glenn) 23.03
Aron Shelton (Salem) 23.10
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 23.11
Aron Reeder (Canton) 23.20
Eric Lynn (Salem) 23.22
Matt Winiowski (Canton) 23.24

DIVING

Chris Trotten (Garden City) 295.00
Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 260.80
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 248.15
Dave Sutton (Redford Union) 225.80
Greg Kubacki (Salem) 219.45
Mark Moretto (Redford Union) 212.85
Scott Clark (John Glenn) 207.55
Lake Brunner (Canton) 209.25
Joe Ronda (Redford CC) 199.50
Derek Bell (John Glenn) 195.75

100 BUTTERFLY

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.29
Brett Macdonald (Redford CC) 55.02
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 55.02
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 55.13
Bryant Smith (Redford CC) 55.43
Brandon Truscott (Stevenson) 57.28

Rob Cambridge (Stevenson) 57.78
Geoff Lowes (Stevenson) 57.87
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 57.99
Garrett Stone (John Glenn) 58.07

100 FREESTYLE

Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 48.19
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 48.80
Ed Leana (Redford CC) 49.76
Brad Buckler (Stevenson) 49.80
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 49.96
Mike Johnson (Salem) 50.00
Brad Nelson (Canton) 50.03
Mark Witthoff (Salem) 51.18
Dan Zombardo (John Glenn) 51.31
Dan Jones (Salem) 51.34

500 FREESTYLE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 4:56.41
Brian Mertens (Salem) 4:57.12
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 4:59.21
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:01.05
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:01.42
Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 5:03.58
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 5:05.44
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 5:06.06
Jim Ross (Salem) 5:06.90
Matt Winiowski (Canton) 5:06.93

200 FREESTYLE RELAY

North Farmington 1:30.06
Plymouth Salem 1:30.08
Livonia Stevenson 1:31.58

Farmington/Harrison 1:32.03
Redford Catholic Central 1:32.34

100 BACKSTROKE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.53
Eric Lynn (Salem) 55.33
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 55.47
Brad Nelson (Canton) 55.89
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 56.16
Aron Reeder (Canton) 56.98
Aron Shelton (Salem) 57.30
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 58.27
John Kern (N. Farmington) 58.57
Garrett Stone (John Glenn) 58.67

100 BREASTSTROKE

Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:00.80
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:02.42
Chris LaFord (Redford CC) 1:03.16
Chris Clayton (Stevenson) 1:03.18
Ed Lindow (Canton) 1:05.45
Jon Zald (N. Farmington) 1:05.78
Geoff Lowes (Stevenson) 1:06.26
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:06.55
Chris Clayton (N. Farmington) 1:06.95
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 1:07.10

400 FREESTYLE RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 3:19.72
North Farmington 3:20.09
Plymouth Salem 3:20.40
Redford Catholic Central 3:26.15
Farmington/Harrison 3:26.58

No. 1 St. Mary's rolls by CC

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With a second straight Catholic League Central/AA boys basketball championship secure, Orchard Lake St. Mary's can now focus on yet another high-profile opponent.

The Eaglets travel to Calihan Hall on Saturday - the same arena they posted a 79-56 win over Redford Catholic Central in last Sunday's Central/AA final - for a matchup with Detroit Public School League champion Detroit Renaissance in the Operation Friendship championship game. Tip-off is scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

Top-ranked St. Mary's (19-0) and No. 4 Renaissance (18-1) are arguably the state's top two teams in Class B. OLSM's current 19-game winning streak includes victories over Class A powerhouses Lansing Waverly and Flint Northwestern. The Phoenix, meanwhile, captured the school's first PSL championship with a 41-37 triumph over Detroit Redford on Feb. 18.

Renaissance boasts Missouri-bound senior Rickey Paulding, a 6-foot-5 guard who scored 20 first-half points in the win over Redford.

BOYS HOOPS

St. Mary's head coach George Porritt admits it will be a tough game for his team, particularly since the Class B state tournament starts two days later. Incidentally, the Eaglets and Phoenix could meet again later this month in the Class B regionals.

"It's a hard game to play, because the state tournament means a lot," Porritt said. "But we've got Renaissance on Saturday and they're a very good team. They've got one of the most outstanding players (Paulding) in the state and this is a big game. The city championship is a big game for us, so we have to prepare for them and hopefully we can play a good game."

"We really haven't watched film on them yet, but we know they are a pretty good team," OLSM senior forward Jermaine Gonzales said of Renaissance. "They won the PSL title and we know we just have to come ready to play."

The Eaglets were ready to defend their Central/AA championship this past Sunday. Gonzales poured in a game-high 23

points and junior center Charles Davis had a double-double with 22 points and 14 rebounds.

Catholic Central (9-10) watched the Eaglets score the game's first eight points and the Shamrocks would find themselves on the short end of 38-22 score at halftime.

"We wanted to hit some early 'threes' and get some momentum and maybe get a lead," said Catholic Central coach Rick Coratti, whose team suffered a 71-40 loss to St. Mary's on Dec. 17. "But it didn't work out for us today. St. Mary's has so many weapons, but Davis really hurt us today."

OLSM, which finished with a 39-21 rebounding edge, continued its dominance in the second half. The Eaglets led by as many as 33 points (76-43) following a Ryan Hobbs layup with 1:50 remaining.

Senior guard Maurice Searight chipped in 17 points, 11 in the first half, for the Eaglets.

The Shamrocks received 10 points apiece from senior forward Matt Loidas, junior guard Ryan Celeskey and sophomore reserve Tom Jakacki.

CC sank eight 3-pointers on the day, two each by Celeskey and Jakacki.

Churchill cheerleaders sparkle



Churchill cheerleaders sparkle
The Lincoln Park High School cheerleaders finished first in the first cheer and creative dance routines, along with taking first place in a Western Lakes Activities Association competition Feb. 26 at Farmington High. Members of the team include (front row, from left) Jessica Roberts, Mandy Carr, Jessica Richmond, Michelle Lounson, Kari Kotzian (co-captain), Audrey Tutro (co-captain) and Maria Beaver; (back row, from left) Becky Connors, Christina Rupert, coach Kristen Grant, Megan Phillips and Heather Nowinski.

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British brass: Keith Kohring leads the Motor City Brass Band as they play music in the British brass band tradition, which originated during the Industrial Revolution.

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Get 'lost' in brilliant new Second City revue

In honor of The Second City Chicago's 40th Anniversary, Detroit's Second City presents critically lauded "Paradigm Lost" in an open run, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. All shows on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday are followed by a free improvisation set. Tickets are \$10 Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, \$17.50 Friday and \$19.50 Saturday. Call (313) 965-9500.

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The subconscious mind can be a frighteningly funny place to explore. Or so it would seem, judging by the latest main stage revue at The Second City in Detroit.

"Paradigm Lost" is a two-hour romp into the mind of a man — portrayed swiftly by Marc Evan Jackson — who, after a quick and lively introductory number, falls into a coma. What follows is a virtually seamless collection of comedic sketches, one melting into another, centered around the ideas and feelings bubbling

Each skit dissolves neatly into the next, giving the cast a wide array of opportunities to toy with the audience's imagination.

up inside his head.

The first of these sketches begins with a typical water cooler discussion where employees of a copier equipment company anxiously discuss a possible corporate takeover. They soon learn the firm is about to "go Country and Western." That's right, neckties and power suits are soon to be replaced by belt buckles, big hats and a heavy Southern twang. This prompts one nervous employee to declare "I'm not so sure if my favorite Daniels are Charlie and Jack!"

But it doesn't end there, the employees envision future paradigm shifts — to "German Industrial," "Amish" and even "Italian Runway Model" motifs. Perhaps the true humor comes from the idea that it's not that impossible or absurd after all in today's constantly-changing business place.

Each skit dissolves neatly into the next, giving the cast a wide array of opportunities to toy with

the audience's imagination. Meet Antoine McKay who uses subtlety to his advantage when talking about fatherhood — even though he hopes to share his drinking and gambling habits with the youngster. Say hello to his son Jaime, played by Detroit native Keegan-Michael Key, who makes a most convincing part-gargoyle kindergartner. Emitting squeals and squeals, he terrorizes his teacher and classmates.

Kindergarten is where anyone could end up if he or she dares speak out of turn in fourth grade homeroom at Spiro Agnew Grammar School. You see Mr. Syhockey — known otherwise as funny man Marc Warzecha — is a no-nonsense homeroom teacher with a noticeable limp. Warzecha draws the audience into the show, beginning of course with role call, and answering whatever questions his "class" will dare raise their hands to ask. Be sure to ask why he has a prosthetic leg.

Maribeth Monroe shows abun-

dant energy and diversity when she acts the part of the ultra-subordinate wife to a Middle-East leader, and later a nun who can't keep her mouth shut.

The revue also transports its audience into a YMCA, where a old man and friendly employee discuss their dreams, then allows a look into a man's apartment where he's hired a stripper — a stripper who insists she's a dancer and demands respect.

Nyima Anise Woods shifts from that role into a very convincing, very professional National Public Radio reporter and a hysterical wife who agrees to give blood to her husband, shrieking in anticipation of the pain.

"Paradigm Lost" knows no boundaries. In this is the fast-paced world of sketch comedy, nothing is sacred. The minimalist set design and in-your-face lighting, provided by Allison Abraham and Shatha Faraj leaves the focus on the plot-like development and complements the cast's ability to respond to one another. Musical director and newcomer John Edwardowski brings the show to life by setting the musical tone in any circumstance. While the performances, directed by Joe James,



Goin' Country: Lose yourself in laughter at Second City's latest revue, "Paradigm Lost." Here cast members (left to right) Marc Warzecha, Marc Evan Jackson, Keegan-Michael Key, Antoine McKay, Nyima Anise Woods and Maribeth Monroe act out a country-style business takeover.

will make you laugh out loud, they also reflect some side of life that's easy to relate to — a colleague who speaks circles around himself, agreeing with

any argument, a parent who loudly embarrasses her teenage daughter in public. It's a carnival mirror for daily life. And it's just strange enough to be plausible.

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whistle at age 6. He spent hours teaching himself to play just so he could "join in" on jam sessions, which were the major form of entertainment in the countryside. He still uses the tin whistle to write music. Moloney's soundtrack for a film with Angelica Houston, titled "Agnes Browne," comes out in March.

"My grandmother's house in the midlands of Ireland, to me it was a kingdom," Moloney said. "It was a small farm house. The locals would come in and sit around and tell tall stories, and then the melodeon would come

off the dresser and my grandfather would play the flute and there would be tapping of the feet on the floorboards."

A few years would pass before Moloney picked up the uilleann pipes that embody the sounds of his heritage.

"It's elbow pipes or uilleann in Irish," said Moloney. "Unlike the bag pipes, they're an indoor instrument with a much more mellow tone. They were invented by Irish in the 17th century and played sitting down."

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at the turn-of-the-century. We use very traditional instrumentation, but the concept is a little more modern."

History

Founded in 1996, the Motor City Brass Band rehearsed at the Salvation Army Church in Plymouth for two years before moving to the Southfield Centre for the Arts. The band's repertoire spans a wide range of musical styles from Rutter's "Gloria" to selections from "Riverdance."

"It's actually the diversity that attracts the members," said Pete McAteer of Orchard Lake, who is the band's chairman. "We play

■ 'It's actually the diversity that attracts the members. We play classical and light classical — from pop, jazz and blues to serious classical.'

Pete McAteer
Band chairman

classical and light classical — from pop, jazz and blues to serious classical. What makes us unusual is that we're all volunteers. One of the enabling threads is that everyone attends rehearsals and helps out with whatever needs to be done for the love of it."

This year the band hopes to share its music with a wider audience. The Motor City Brass Band also performs throughout the metro area at summer parks

series and for events as varied as Southfield's Christmas Tree lighting ceremony, but members would still like to find other venues to spread the sound of British brass bands.

"Brass band music is not as well known as we'd like it to be; that's one of the missions for the new year," said McAteer, who was the principal trumpet in his high school band in New Hampshire. McAteer also played with the Oakland University Concert Band before joining the Motor City Brass Band. "Over the next year, we hope to develop an audience base and eventually want to put out a CD."

Strain built a recording studio (Hidden City Recorders) in his home and has produced a variety of music ranging from heavy metal to classical.

"We also hope to institute an outreach program to the schools over the next two years," said McAteer.

STAY TUNED...

It's the end of an era, sort of. The Twistin' Tarantulas played the last of their regular Sunday gig at Royal Oak's Fifth Avenue Billiards this week. But don't bid them good-bye just yet. The Tarantulas are heading out on a cross-country tour and will surely head up some premier nights at the venue.

Grab a paczki and pop in "Mardi Gras Essentials," a who's who in New Orleans music. Check out "Little Liza Jane" by The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, "Hey Mardi Gras" by Chuck Carbo and "Jock-A-Mo" by Sugar Boy. The time has come for a little indulgence.

Speaking of indulgence, the word is Romeo's own Kid Rock will host this year's Detroit Music Awards and scheduled performers include fellow hip-hop sensations Eminem and Paradime. We'll keep you updated.

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☐ Russell Crowe

☐ IN THE INSIDER

☐ Richard Farnsworth

☐ IN THE STRAIGHT STORY

☐ Sean Penn

☐ IN SWEET AND LOWDOWN

☐ Kevin Spacey

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☐ Denzel Washington

☐ IN THE MURDERMINE

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☐ Michael Caine

☐ IN THE CIDER HOUSE RULES

☐ Tom Cruise

☐ IN MAGNOLIA

☐ Michael Clarke Duncan

☐ IN THE GREEN MILE

☐ Jude Law

☐ IN THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY

☐ Haley Joel Osment

☐ IN THE SIXTH SENSE

BEST ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE:

☐ Annette Bening

☐ IN AMERICAN BEAUTY

☐ Janet McTeer

☐ IN TUMBLEWEEDS

☐ Julianne Moore

☐ IN THE END OF THE AFFAIR

☐ Mary McCormack

☐ IN MUSIC OF THE HEART

☐ Hilary Swank

☐ IN BOYS DON'T CRY

BEST ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE:

☐ Toni Galt

☐ IN THE SIXTH SENSE

☐ Catherine Keener

☐ IN BOYS DON'T CRY

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS:

☐ Sam Mendes

☐ IN AMERICAN BEAUTY

☐ Denis Leary

☐ IN THE CIDER HOUSE RULES

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Theatre Guild's 'Godspell' entertaining, insightful

Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford presents "Godspell" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, and March 10-11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. Tickets \$12, discount for groups of 10 or more, call (313) 531-0554.
BY ROBERT WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford's "Godspell" is an entertaining and insightful rendering of the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Thirty years ago, "Godspell" (and "Jesus Christ Superstar") blazed a new trail in musical theater — the rock opera. The goal of John-Michael Tebelak (music and words by Stephen Schwartz) was to present religious themes to a younger generation in terms they could understand. Its timeless message cre-

ated a much wider audience, accounting for its continued popularity over the years.

Though some have taken great liberties with interpretation, director, Jennifer Rembisz has fashioned essentially a straightforward production for the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford.

The ensemble cast of 15 give rousing and energetic performances. Though one wishes their style was more spontaneous, with a less-rehearsed quality, as the disciples learn of Jesus' joyous message of faith, hope and love.

The musical unfolds as a series of parables: the sower, the good Samaritan, the prodigal son, and so on — in the form of pantomime, song and dance.

Kevin Hentkowski's warm and humane persona serves him well in the role of Jesus. He could use

a little more edge at times, however, to create a more charismatic character.

Caleb Gilbert is very good in multiple roles; principally, John the Baptist and Judas.

Other players include Dennis Day, Jim Digs, Karen Kelly, Teri Giordano (also vocal director), Linda Gozdick, Bryon Harvey (also assistant director), Melissa Leininger, Annette Ripper, Matt Ripper, Sue Schuler, Jennifer Schuler, Jane Teachout and Dennis Michael Whaling.

Keri Wayne does a nice job with the choreography, especially considering the size of the cast and limited space. Musical director Julie Yurconis, with Andrew Fanco, Matt Vorhees and Ted Miller, support the cast not only with solid rock, but with jazz, vaudeville, swing and revival tunes.



Musical: "Godspell" cast members take a break from rehearsal at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford.

The show's most famous number is "Day by Day," performed radiantly by Sue Schuler, Linda

Gozdick had fun with her boogie in "Turn Back, O Man." Kevin and Caleb do a catchy soft-shoe rou-

tine in "All for the Best" — which by the way includes a strobe.

Cast showcases their comedic flair in 'The Skin of Our Teeth'

The Bonstelle, Wayne State University's undergraduate theatre company, presents the Thornton Wilder classic, "The Skin of Our Teeth" until Sunday, March 5. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5. The Bonstelle Theatre is at 3424 Woodward Ave., call (313) 577-2960.
BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

Thornton Wilder's comedy about George Antrobus and his family is a rambling, rollicking comedy that spans the history of mankind and survives good times and bad "by the skin of their teeth." They are Adam and Eve, or John and Jane Doe. They have survived fire, flood, pestilence, the seven-year locusts, the Ice Age, the black pox, a dozen wars and as many depressions. They are alternately calm or panic-stricken, heroes or clowns, but they are always optimistic.

Thornton Wilder designed "The Skin of Our Teeth" to be set in any town familiar to the theater patrons, so the Bonstelle compa-

'The Skin of Our Teeth' is a clever comic romp, with easy laughter, and insight if you want to look for it. The talented Bonstelle company pulls off this performance with skill and ease — certainly not by the skin of their teeth.

ny cleverly made references to Ferndale, Detroit, and other Michigan locales. Written in 1942, "The Skin of Our Teeth" is an allegorical fable that takes the average suburban family through time, with frequent references to the Bible and other historic events. The play takes place in three acts, which are roughly divided by disaster: Ice age, flood, and war.

The large cast takes full advantage of the wackiness in "The Skin of Our Teeth" to showcase their creative and comedic flair. Many of the crowd scenes are presented with controlled chaos and excess energy. They represent Moses, the muses and majorettes.

The show is narrated by the seductive housekeeper Sabina, played with enthusiasm by

Angela Hogue. Although all the characters step out of their roles at times, Sabina steps out of character and establishes a rapport with the audience, telling them her problems, and amusing them with her on-stage arguments with the long-suffering stage manager, played with indignant rage by Blair Franklin.

Mr. Antrobus, played by Randy Barrett Topper of Farmington Hills, was a cross between an absent minded professor and Fred MacMurray's portrayal of the clumsy father in "My Three Sons." Bumbling but sturdily protective of his family, he kept busy inventing the wheel, tending off Sabina's advances, and surviving war and a host of historical annoyances.

Mrs. Antrobus, played by

Kristi Sorkin, is the long-suffering but tenacious Eva. Sorkin brought a spunkiness to the role that made us cheer her on when she went head-to-head with the lascivious Sabina, bartered for fire, or kept infidels and other strangers at bay.

The costumes brought to mind the post-war period of the 1950s, when people defined their role by the trappings of suburbia,

and a fur was a victory of the hunt in more than one way.

The set was like a colorful surrealistic painting, which enhanced the wacky and creative tone of the play. The chimney rose and fell according to the demands of the plot, the window dropped to odd angles, and a convenient trap door mid-stage led to a bomb shelter. The fireplace was capable of appearing lit, an

important detail, since our ancestors depended so greatly on a warm hearth for survival — and much wailing occurs when it was allowed to go out.

"The Skin of Our Teeth" is a clever comic romp, with easy laughter, and insight if you want to look for it. The talented Bonstelle company pulls off this performance with skill and ease — certainly not by the skin of their teeth.



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CENTURY THEATRE: "Always...Patsy Cline" continues in an open-ended run, at the theater. Detroit. \$12.25-\$17.25 through Tuesday, March 7, \$24.50-\$34.50 beginning Wednesday, March 8. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: "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

FISHER THEATRE: "Fosse," the Tony Award-winning musical spotlights the work of legendary choreographer/director Bob Fosse through Sunday, March 19, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$37.50-\$65.50 for Friday-Saturday, \$35-\$62.50 Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday evenings. (248) 645-6666

FOX THEATRE: "Smokey Joe's Cafe" starring Gladys Knight opens Tuesday, Feb. 29 and continues through Sunday, March 5, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$20-\$45. (248) 433-1515

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through June 25, 2 p.m. and 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

JET: Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass" previews Wednesday-Sunday, March 8-12, show dates March 15-19, March 22-26, March 29-April 2 and April 5-9, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "All My Sons" continues to Sunday, March 5, at the theater, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

MUSIC HALL: "The Irish...And How They Got That Way," Tuesday-Sunday, March 7-12, at Music Hall, Detroit. (313) 963-2366

PERFORMANCE NETWORK: "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" through Sunday, March 5, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 408 W. Washington, Ann Arbor. \$18 Friday-Saturday, \$15 Thursday and Sunday; \$3 discount for seniors for all performances. (734) 663-0681

COLLEGE

WSU BONSTELLE: "The Skin of Our Teeth" Friday-Sunday, March 3-5, at the theater, Detroit. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY: "Five by Tenn" opens March 10 continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS: "Moon Over Buffalo" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, 10-11 and 17-18 and Thursday, March 16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5 and 12, at the theater, Rochester Hills. \$13. (248) 808-9077

HARTLAND PLAYERS: "Steel Magnolias" March 10-11 and 18-19, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Hartland Music Hall. \$8, \$7 students/seniors. (810) 632-5849

NOVI THEATRE: "Fiddler on the Roof" 7:30 p.m. Friday and Sunday, March 10 and 12 and Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$12. (248) 347-0400

PLANET ART: "Comedy of Errors," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, March 3-4, March 10-11 and March 17-18, 8 p.m. Thursdays March 2, 9 and 16, and 7 p.m. Sundays, March 5, 12 and 18, at the theater, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: "Nightwatch" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, 10-11 and 17-18, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the theater, Dearborn. \$11. (313) 885-7878

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: "Oliver," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, at the Water Tower Theatre, Northville. \$12, \$8 students. (248) 349-7119



Skating extravaganza: Mickey and Minnie welcome one and all to "Disney on Ice Celebrates 75 Years of Disney Magic," through Sunday, March 5, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. The show features beautifully choreographed figure skating to your favorite Disney music. Performances 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; additional shows 11 a.m. Thursday, 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday; 1 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$35, \$18.75, \$16.75 and \$13.75 available at the box office, or call (248) 645-6666. To buy tickets online, visit www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, call (313) 983-6606 or online www.olympiaentertainment.com. Learn more about Disney on Ice by visiting www.DisneyOnIce.com on the Web.

Auditions: Be a Disney On Ice figure skater. Auditions are 3-5 p.m. Friday, March 3, at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. Male and female candidates who are high school graduates or 18 years or older will be judged on skating ability and availability to travel. Personality, appearance and an ability to learn intricate routines are important. Bring a resume, photo, name, address, phone number, age and height information and current Figure Skating Association test levels. Wear appropriate figure skating attire. For more information call Lisa Scuffle (941) 349-4848.

STAGECRAFTERS: "Forever Plaid," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4 and 10-11, 7 p.m. Sunday, 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" continues through Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Redford. \$12. (313) 531-0554

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: "Oklahoma!" opens 8 p.m. Friday, March 10 at the theater in Troy. Show dates are March 10-11, 17-19, 24-26, 30-31 and April 1. Friday-Saturday shows 8 p.m.; Sundays, 3 p.m. (248) 988-7049

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$25 Thursdays and Sundays, and \$30 Fridays-Saturdays), and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

FOX LAKE DINNER THEATRE: Presents "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a hilarious comedy runs Saturday nights only, 8 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth. \$29.95. (734) 453-7272

RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE: "Fools," a comic fable by Neil Simon, opened Thursday, evening Feb. 3 and continues on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. \$25. (248) 544-0283

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

PERFORMERS: "Purrn Shier," a rod puppet musical based on the Book of Esther 2 p.m. Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18 and 25, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 561-7777

THE RISING STARS: "Little Luncheonette of Terror," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, March 8-9, Andover High School. \$3 at the door. (248) 433-0885

SARA SMITH PRODUCTIONS YOUTH THEATRE: "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Community House, Birmingham. \$7 (general seating), \$9 at door, \$30 reserved. (248) 644-5832. Proceeds benefit Sara Smith Productions Youth Theatre at The Community House.

YOUTH THEATRE: "Amelia Bedia Goes Camping" and other stories 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$8 advance, \$9 at door. (313) 963-2366.

SPECIAL EVENTS

DETROIT SPORTFISHING & TRAVEL EXPO: 4-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 2-3, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, until 6 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the Palace, Auburn Hills. \$7.75, \$3.50 ages 6-12.

MARCH MADNESS DINNER DANCE: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4 followed by dancing to the swing music of The Warren Commission, and dance contests, winning dancers will go on to the national competition of the American Lindy Hop Championships. \$35. (313) 869-8385

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 School 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

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Center, Ann Arbor. \$24-\$32. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or www.ums.org

OUTDOORAMA: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4, until 6 p.m. Sunday, March 5, and 3-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 2-3, at the Novi Expo Center. \$6.50, \$3 ages 12 and under. (800) 777-6720

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BENEFITS

BATTLE OF THE BANDS: The Michigan Jazz Festival committee presents a Battle of the Bands that showcases the different jazz styles of Larry Nozero, Matt Michaels with Johnny Trudell, and Tom Saunders' Detroit All Stars. 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Clarenceville High School auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia. \$15. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454. Proceeds go to the Michigan Jazz Festival (Sunday, July 16, at Schoolcraft College), and the Clarenceville Schools Alumni & Friends Association.

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR: Present "Hearts & Voices for the Homeless" concert to benefit Doorstep Homeless Shelter, 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores. \$10 recommended donation. (313) 341-3466/(810) 447-4221

CLASSICAL

ARTHUR CAMPBELL: The clarinet performs 8 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Violinist Einar Oliveira performs 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 10:45 a.m. Friday, March 3, and 8:30

p.m. Saturday, March 4; Yan Pascal Torleier conducts "Pictures at an Exhibition" 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 9-10 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$14-\$50. (313) 576-5111

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Musical Pictures" concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy, Livonia. \$15, \$10 students/children. (248) 645-6666/(734) 464-2741

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: Frank Sinatra Tribute 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through March, at Dunlevy Z River Place, 267 Jos. Campau, Detroit. (313) 259-0909

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PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: Auditions for "My Fair Lady" will be 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 6-7 at the Players Guild, near Outer Drive and Monroe. Production dates are May 5-7, 12-14, 19-21 and 26-27. Call (734) 525-7293.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: Auditions for "Squabbles," a comedy by Marshall Karp, 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 13-14, at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile between Haggerty and Northville roads. Performances take place May 5-6, 12-14 and 19-20. For more information, call director Kirk Haas at (248) 570-2708 (pager - enter your number plus 555) or the Guild at (248) 349-7110

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: Auditions for "Moon Over the Brewery" 7 p.m. Monday, March 6, at the playhouse, Troy. For performances May 5-21. (248) 549-8553

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

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD: Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM: 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

CHORAL

RENAISSANCE CHORUS: "Through the Years," a performance of barbershop harmony 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, Livonia. \$12 at the door, \$11 adults and \$10 students in advance. (734) 421-1425

KENNY GARRETT QUARTET: With Kurt Elling Quartet 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$16-\$62. (313) 576-5111

GEN JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-8800

MARTY MORTSONERY & DOUBLETAKE: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

CHRIS SPEED'S YEAH NO: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999

JANET TENAL: 9 p.m. Saturday, March 11 and Friday, March 24, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

WORLD MUSIC

LIAM CLANCY: The legendary Irish

musician performs 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$20. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

CHUCK BRODSKY: 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, at the Green Wood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8558

JAN CHRIST: Performs as part of the Folk Vespers series 6 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550

FLATLANDERS: 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$20 advance, \$23 day of show. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

RFD BOYS: 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 member/student/senior. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

THE WRITER'S VOICE: The YMCA's 18th annual Colloquium Series and the Detroit Public Library's 6th annual International Women's Day Reading 7 p.m. Monday, March 6, features Diane di Prima, Chris Tysh, Anca Vlasopolos, and Melba Joyce Boyd, at the main branch of the Detroit Public Library. Free. (313) 267-5310, ext. 338

YMCA'S 18TH ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM SERIES: Continues with Barry Wallenstein, jazz musician Faruz Z. Bey, Bob Hicok, and Terry Wooten, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at the Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. (313) 267-5310, ext. 338 or www.ymca-artsdetroit.org

DANCE

ANN ARBOR DAWN DANCE WEEKEND: Friday-Sunday, March 3-5, at Scarlett Middle School. (734) 623-0624

BALLET D'AFRIQUE NOIRE: "The Mandinka Epic" 8 p.m. Thursday, March 9-10, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$34. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or www.ums.org

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

GENDER FREE CONTRA DANCE: 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, beginners teaching session at 1:30 p.m. at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$6, \$5 students. (734) 975-2312

STARDUST BALLROOM: Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, Southfield. \$8. (248) 356-5678

WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM DANCING: 8-11 p.m. Friday, March 3, in Waterford. (248) 673-4764

COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Jeff Brannon with Sal Demilio & Dee Proffitt, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4; Mike Green with Rob Little & Dee Proffitt, at the club Commerce Township. Call (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Steve McGraw, also Kirk Noland Thursday-Saturday, March 2-4; Big Mo Alexander, also Seth Buchwald and Rich Higginbottom Wednesday Saturday, March 8-11, 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 PABANO'S: Taylor Mason Thursday-Sunday, March 2-5, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Kozak, Thursday-Saturday, March 2-4, also Kevin McPeck; Kozak also does a children's magic show 3 p.m. Saturday, March 4; John Bowman Thursday-Saturday, March 9-11, also J.R. Remick, 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 improv set 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.

Guays a Week

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at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington Hills. \$25. (248) 553-2955
THE ARK: Suzanne Westenhoefer 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: WalkWorks, a self-directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and young visitors to become Super Sleuths, debuts Saturday March 4, the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6. \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Historic church tour Monday, March 6 and Behind The Scenes Dinner Series at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House 6 p.m. Thursday, March 9 (313) 833-4727. "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 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or

<http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: Discussion, "Spirit Portraits: Shaman Paintings of the Korean Choson Dynasty (1392-1910)," by Wonyoung Koh, co-curator of the new gallery of Korean art in the Royal Ontario Museum, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, in the lecture hall at the museum, Detroit. Free with museum admission. (313) 833-4249/(313) 833-7900 or www.dia.org

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," extended hours through March 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Friday and 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, 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 ZOO: Mosaic Youth Theatre performs works about amphibians 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theatre; 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 of 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: 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

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," opens and continues through August, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9 Dan Hershberger presents a program, "Hitting the Road: Early Automobile Touring in America," also "Let's Go Gly a Kite" a family oriented program designed for kids to learn about the history and science of kites and kite flying 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, kite kits for coloring and making your own kite available for \$3, at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

SPRINT 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; 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, March 10-11. Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

BRYAN ADAMS: 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, State Theatre, Detroit. \$29.50-\$39.50. (248) 645-6666

THE ALLIGATORS: 10 p.m. Friday, March 31, Rochester Mills Beer Company, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

AMERICAN HI FI: 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (248) 645-6666

LORI AMEY: 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. Sold Out.

ASPERA: With Jumbos Kill Crane, H2 Doap & The Maypops, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 996-8555

AUNT RALPH'S RECIPE: With Mad Peeps and Donkey Punch, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$3. (734) 996-8555

BUGS BEDDOW BAND: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, Beale Street Blues and BBQ, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

MARCUS BELGRAVE: Headlines 10th annual Mardi Gras Masquerade Party with a tribute to Louis Armstrong, 8 p.m. Tuesday, 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 Lounge, Westland. www.bennyandthejets.com

BETTER DAYS: Saturday, March 4, 25, Coyote Club, Pontiac. (248) 332-4695

BLUE HAWAIIANS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

DJ FRANKIE BONES: With DJ Bassick and DJ Brooks Mosher, 9 p.m. Friday, March 3, Science, Detroit. Cover charge \$10-\$15. 18 and over welcome. (313) 438-4146

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CHUCK BRODSKY: 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Green Wood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-8558

BROKEBACK: Wednesday, March 8, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

BROKEN HALO: Saturday, March 11, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190 (Classic rock)

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16; 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Edison's, Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150

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

SCOTT CAMPBELL: Will host an acoustic open mike jam every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Carbon, Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. Free admission, free parking, 18 and over. (313) 366-9278 or www.scottcampbell.net

CJ CHENIER & RED HOT LOUISIANA BAND: 7 p.m. Sunday, March 5, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12. (248) 645-6666

CLOUD NINE: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 10-11, Bogey's Bar and Grille, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441

BRUCE COCKBURN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$26.50. (248) 645-6666

COMPANY OF STRANGERS: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 10-11, 5 p.m. Friday, March 17, Cowley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

DEATHGIRL.COM: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (313) 961-MELT.

DEEP BANANA BLACKOUT: 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

THE DONNAS: With The Snugglers and The Plus-Ones, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8 advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700.

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) 645-6666.

EL TOPO: With Bonk and UAW, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 3, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

FACE: Saturday, March 4, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190 (rock)

FIGHTING GRAVITY: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$7. (248) 335-3540.

FOSSIL CIRCUS: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31, April 1, Bogey's Bar and Grille, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441

SUE GARNER AND RICK BROWN: Thursday, March 9, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

GHOSTFACE KILLAH: With Inspecta Deck and Cappadonna, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$20 advance. All ages. (249) 645-6666

GIVE: Saturday, March 11, The Attic, Hamtramck.

G LOVE AND SPECIAL SAUCE: 8 p.m. Sunday, March 12, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$11.50-\$16.50. (248) 645-6666

GOLDIE AND MC RAGE: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Motor, Detroit. \$10 advance. 8 and older. (248) 645-6666

HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 13, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

INDIGO SWING: 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

INDIGO SWING ORCHESTRA: With DJ Del Villareal, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$8 advance. (734) 996-8555

JILL JACK: With Jason Fisher, 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, Khedos Cafe, Ferndale. \$5. Children 12 and under free. (248) 399-3946

JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Sundays. Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368; 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 3, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

JOCELYN B: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. \$5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856

CLUB CIRCUIT

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BIRD OF PARADISE: 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

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BULLDOG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

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COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

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FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

FLYING FISH TAPES: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge: 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com

GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com

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STATE THEATRE: 2115 Woodward Ave. Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com

24 HOURS CLUB: 28049 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

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XENOS CAFE: Sixa Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club. 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946

ZIM'S WINE BEVER: 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

RANDY JOHNSTON: 9:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 9-11, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 862-8310

KGB: 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. \$5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856

KINA: 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. Free. www.961melt.com

KNEE DEEP SHAG AND 60 SECOND CRUSH: Spring Breakout 2000 with Soot, Eliza and Face, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

ROBBIE KRIEGER: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$17. (248) 544-3030.

KRUST: With Morgan, Dynamite MC and Yuval Gubay of Soul Coughing, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Motor, Hamtramck. \$10. 21 and older. (313) 369-0080.

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. (248) 335-5089. See Landis and Rick Matle every other Wednesday at Woodruff's Supper Club, Royal Oak. Free. Call (248) 586-1519 for details (jazz).

LARVAL: With Master Puppets, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

LIT: 22 Jacks, Revv, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

DJ MARQUIS: 9 p.m. Thursday, March 2, Science, Detroit. No cover for ladies. Cover charge \$10-\$15. (313) 438-4146

RICKY MARTIN: 8 p.m. Friday, June 30, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$35-\$85. (248) 645-6666

'The Whole Nine Yards' a fun-filled adventure

BY TED ANTHONY
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Bruce Willis? Often annoying. Matthew Perry? Often extremely annoying. Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry together in the same film? Surprise: VERY entertaining.

"The Whole Nine Yards" has assorted reasons to fail. It's filled with oh-so-trendy actors. It's based on a highly unlikely premise. It descends into slapstick now and then. But something clicks, and performers, plot and script come together to form a lively, even charming caper flick.

Nick "Oz" Oseransky (Perry) is a harried dentist who lives in a

suburban subdivision outside Montreal, and he's not exactly having a great year. His chain-smoking Quebecois wife (Rosanna Arquette) and mother-in-law sit at the breakfast table mocking him. He owes thousands of dollars that were embezzled by his late father-in-law.

And now, the last thing he needs is happening: A contract killer has moved in next door.

Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski (Willis), a Chicago gangland figure, has settled in suburban Montreal after serving a five-year prison term. He's killed 17 men, but he's a nice guy. That, of course, doesn't assuage Oz, who's terrified. "It's not how many people I've killed," Jimmy tells him.

"It's how I get along with those who are still alive."

From there, the plot spills forth like a beer poured too quickly. Suddenly Oz, his wife and even his perpetually perky dental assistant Jill (Amanda Peet, who's the best thing about this movie) are involved in an underworld caper that involves Yanni Gogolack (Kevin Pollak), the Balkan mob boss of Chicago. What's more, Oz gets involved with Jimmy's estranged, femme-fatale wife Cynthia (Natasha Henstridge) and another dangerous killer, Frankie Figs (the inimitable Michael Clarke Duncan).

A movie like this is a risky venture. With any action-comedy,

especially one about mobsters and regular schlubs who get into situations not of their own making, the ground is well-trodden and the question hangs: Why do what's already been done? (Not that moviemakers are ever stopped by that.)

But this turns on characters and script, and both work. Though the dialogue is corny at the outset, and there's next to no chemistry between Perry and Henstridge, virtually everything else works. They're likeable characters, and — despite the amoral profession of many of them — most (with the exception of Arquette's character) are admirable in a strange way.



PIERRE VINET

Comedy:
Matthew Perry (left to right), Bruce Willis and Amanda Peet star in "The Whole Nine Yards."

Willis has clearly learned something from his superior per-

formance in "The Sixth Sense." His trademark smirk is still employed and still irritating, but he's augmented it with other expressions and reins it in enough to allow a unique personality to emerge. He's a far better actor than he was five, even two years ago.

Perry, who's got the young-adult-male-inadequacy schtick down (he's been doing it for 1 1/2 years on "Friends"), shows here that he can expand his one note to carry a full-length feature. His nervous tics, elastic body movements and martini-dry irony combine here to create a likeable, if reluctant, hero.

Perry's body comedy is at its best here; though it may sound like merely, much of his physical comedy is drawn straight from Buster Keaton. The way he employs it, it's keyed as much to the "relief" part of comic relief as it is to the comedy itself. Even as you laugh, you feel for him.

Duncan, fresh from a career performance in "The Green Mile," lights up the screen. Physically, he's utterly terrifying. But he can shepherd his face from grinning and warm in less than a second; it and he are a joy to watch, especially when he and other professional killers engage in a running gag about admiring each other's work.

Henstridge is fun as a neo-noir gang moll with a heart of gold, and Pollak, one of today's finest character actors, is ideal as the mob kingpin. He's clearly having a great time with a whole palette of lip curls, arched eyebrows and linguistic mishaps.

Peet, though, steals the show as Oz's assistant, who has, suffice it to say, other ambitions. Only Arquette doesn't seem to be having much fun.

Full of fun moments and little scenes within scenes, "The Whole Nine Yards" probably won't win any awards. But it's more than the sum of its parts: It's engrossing and rollicking in the best caper-flick tradition.

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The Brothers Groove have 'got that thing'

Chris Codish knows the power of words and the passion of playing music. As the voice and key-boards behind Detroit-based The Brothers Groove, the tall, blond 28-year-old has been

surrounded by music most of his life. From the early influences of his family, to high school rock bands, and his days working with legendary blues talents like Johnnie Bassett and The Blues Insurgents, Larry McCray and Thoretta Davis, Codish committed himself solely to a career in music in the early '90s. Last fall, he made a decision that would draw on all of his experiences.

"I wanted to get back to having my own band," said Codish. "I was tired of being a sideman."

By incorporating the musical talents of his bassist Jim Simonson and drummer Michael Caskey, The Brothers Groove was born. Simonson, a Clarkston native, met Caskey at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp as teenagers. When the guitarless trio came together September 1999, the Brothers immediately recorded a four-song demo fusing blues, rock and funk.

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Codish said he's far from his days of catering to older crowds with traditional blues. "I love that music, but I also like Led Zeppelin just as much, or P-funk or James Brown... there's elements of that."

Simonson admitted he's "in love with the Chili Peppers," but he doesn't want to lose that traditional jazz, either.

Caskey, honed his skills playing in jazz bands, but said he no longer has to live up to other people's expectations. "I actually have a part in the tunes."

The Brothers weren't the only ones to catch the resonating effects of that vintage sound. The band was awarded \$2,200 from a Jim Beam program, Benefiting Emerging Artists in Music. Chairman of the advisory board for B.E.A.M. and Smitherens vocalist, Pat DiNizio, chose The Brothers Groove along with 26 other unsigned musicians across the country. "I'm extremely

impressed with The Brothers Groove's talent and dedication to its music," said DiNizio in a press statement. Entering the final competition of the 1999, the band was one of ten winners in a pool of 100 applicants, and the only recipients from Michigan.

Hearing about the grant program from a friend, Simonson mentioned it to Codish, and the singer went online to apply — writing about his influences and why his band deserves the grant. In late December, he was interviewed by DiNizio. Just one day later, the band got the grant. "I was thrilled when they told me," said Codish. "The grant really helped."

The Brothers Groove are using the money to design a Web site, purchase promotional materials and studio gear. "You gotta view



Like family: From left, Michael Caskey, Chris Codish and Jim Simonson are The Brothers Groove. The band has proven itself worthy of a national grant and are garnering local attention.

CYNTHIA COHEN

it as a business, that's the thing creative people don't like."

Codish writes the band's lyrics as if he's overheard "a meeting between Frank Zappa and Harry Connick Jr." His deep voice pulls it off onstage without a hitch, especially with catchy tunes like "You've got that thing" and the funkified "Fat Daddy."

"We definitely don't sound like anyone else," added Simonson. From cover bands to the house band at Walt Disney World, the 1994 Clarkston High School graduate has finally found his niche.

The band's focus is on its own music and growing fan base. Codish said more people are making it to shows and they

often tell him "they don't know what we sound like, but they know they like it." That's the essence of The Brothers Groove, a group of musicians who are close enough to be "brothers" in music — if not relation.

Look out for a debut CD around May. As Caskey said: "We basically feel like we need a product, a CD, before we can take it on the road." While momentum builds beneath them, Codish remains calm and confident: "I want to take it as far as it can go."

Caskey agreed: "It would be

nice to get a killer record deal... The bigger plan is to teach people how to listen differently."

See *The Brothers Groove* 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Edison's, Birmingham. Free show. (248) 645-2150; or 9:30 p.m. Sunday, March 5, Dick O'Dow's, Birmingham. (248) 642-1135. Check the Web at www.thebrothersgroove.com.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for *The Observer & Eccentric* newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130 or e-mail at scasola@homecomm.net.

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RALPH ECHTINAW

David's New York Deli has been a fixture on the southwest corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads since 1982 and one of my regular take-out stops for more than a year.

The place is owned and operated by Livonia resident Dan Ayyash, who named it after his father David because he put up the seed money.

Pre-deli Dan had had no experience in the restaurant business and, in fact, had been pouring concrete for a living. His first idea was to put up an office building but eventually decided on a deli. The odds of success must have been long considering Dan's lack of relevant experience but he got some professional guidance and learned well.

Having a great location didn't hurt. Dave's Deli is a popular lunch destination for many of the office workers in central Livonia. There is a small dining area — and a parking lot not much bigger — but much of the

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Observer typesetter Cindy Wald always orders the egg salad sandwich when I go to Dave's. "It's the best egg salad in the world," she said. "I always order two; one for today and one for tomorrow."

A receptionist raves about the spinach pie (\$1.25). "There's a lot of spinach and cheese in it," she said. "It's not just all crust. And the crust that is there is a real flaky, light crust."

Reporter Richard Pearl considers the turkey breast deluxe a good value for less than \$6.

Personally, I like the grilled cheese and the chili.

But love for Dave's deli isn't universal. Reporter LeAnne Rogers sometimes orders from Dave's if that's where I'm going

but said it's "nothing special" and she would "never go there on purpose."

I've generally had good luck with Dave's as far as getting my orders right. But one time they charged me for a liver sausage sandwich that was never put in the bag. I had to settle for a "free" one the next time I ordered.

In fairness to Dave's, though, every take-out place makes mistakes. It's just part of the package if you're going to get take-out food for your office crew.

Ralph Echtenaw welcomes your comments and/or questions about take-out lunches. Call him at (734) 953-2054. Write him at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. E-mail him at rechtei-naw@oe.homecomm.net.



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Celebrate the end of winter and the coming of spring in true New Orleans style at a gala Mardi Gras celebration Saturday, March 4 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Join fellow revelers as they dine on a traditional New Orleans meal, listen to the SCool Jazz singers' mellow tones and dance to music of Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars.

The dinner menu includes andouille sausage with chicken gumbo, salad and sweet potatoes, Bourbon Street pork over jambalaya, corn with peppers, cornbread and southern pecan pie. The celebration begins at 7 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center. Schoolcraft College's vocal ensemble, SCool Jazz, will harmonize on jazz standards and the Detroit All-Stars will inspire dancers to fill up the floor.

Tickets \$35 a person, call (734) 462-4417. VISA, MasterCard or Discover cards are accepted. Proceeds support student scholarships.

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Road just west of I-275.

Here are some other Mardi Gras celebrations:

■ **Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe Restaurants** are planning Fat Tuesday celebrations on March 7. Marcus Belgrave headlines at Fishbone's Greektown's 10th annual party 8 p.m. to midnight. Join the 10th annual Mardi Gras "Fat Tuesday" Masquerade Party at 8 p.m. Expect the most elegant and creative costumes in town. Prizes for best costume range from \$500 to \$1,500 and will be deter-

mined by celebrity judges. Cover is \$20 and includes a New Orleans Mardi Gras buffet. Cash bar available. Call (313) 965-4600 for more information. **Fishbone's Southfield** hosts John Davis and Smooth Vibrations 7-11 p.m., (248) 351-2925; **Fishbone's St. Clair Shores** hosts an all star Dixieland Band 7-11 p.m. (810) 498-3000. Call the restaurant of your choice for details.

■ **Mac & Ray's** harborfront restaurant in Harrison Township hosts the fifth annual Michigan Food and Wine Extravaganza 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, March 7. Proceeds benefit the Michigan Culinary Team and scholarship fund for local culinary arts students. Tickets \$85 per person (general admission), \$125 per person (gold patron), available at the door, or call (810) 463-9660, Ext.

429. Gold patrons receive evening-long admission to the VIP room, which includes special appetizers, an open bar and table seating.

Guests will enjoy tastings from more than 20 local metro Detroit restaurants, specially paired wines and live entertainment. Participating local restaurants include Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills, and East Mario's in Livonia. Mac & Ray's is at 30675 North River Road, three miles east of I-94 on Lake St. Clair's Anchor Bay.

■ **Jack's Waterfront Restaurant** hosts its sixth annual Mardi Gras bash beginning at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7. Dixie Belle & the Dixie Jazz Cats will provide live music. The restaurant is at 24124 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Call (810) 445-8080 for information.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor, Features Group, Observer News-Papers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwgonik@oe.homecomm.net. We're putting together a list of St. Patrick's Day celebrations at local restaurants. If you're planning something special on Friday, March 17, let us know.

■ **Too Chez Restaurant** — You can save 25 percent off every

bottle on the wine list, over 300 labels, at Too Chez Restaurant, 27155 Sheraton Dr. in Novi, Monday-Thursday, through May 2000. Discount offered with meals only, wines by the glass are excluded. Call (248) 348-5555 for reservations and information.

■ **D'Amato's** — with restaurants in downtown Ann Arbor (734) 623-7400, and Royal Oak (248) 584-7400, has designed an online newsletter as part of its Web site. To check it out, visit www.damatos.com

■ **La Bistecca Italian Grille** — offers live jazz featuring Larry Nozero and Friends, starting at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of every month. The restaurant, which specializes in Piedmontese Beef, is at 39405 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 254-0400 for reservations/information.

■ **The Pasta Stop** — for dinner to go visit The Pasta Stop, 23631 Farmington Road (at the corner of Grand River), (248)

477-7600. The menu offers subs and sandwiches, homemade Italian food including lasagna, ravioli, and stuffed shells, your choice of many different pastas, and sauces. Pasta Party Pans and salads also available. Meatless entrees and kid's meals, and catering available.

Dine-in or carry-out, restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2-8 p.m. Sunday.

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