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Listening: Owner Lorna Johnson of Westland has her dog, Tremor, a bullmastiff, sit at the class. Not pictured with Lorna Johnson is her husband, Arnold. The Johnsons, active with the Pet-A-Pet organization, volunteer their time taking their pets to visit nursing homes, hospitals and assisted living facilities.



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Calm: Brian Williams of Westland gives his dog, Sadie, a treat at the class. Behind is Brian's wife, Megan. The couple said they want to take the class to calm their golden retriever down.



The Humane Society classes are available in Westland, Farmington Hills and at the Michigan Humane Society pet education center in Rochester Hills. For more information, call (248) 650-1059.

the leash. That's especially true of Penny, who likes to pull her owners, Marianne Nailor, her husband, Mike, and two children, Susanna, 16, and Joshua, 5, down the street. The whole family attended the class. "She takes us for a walk for the most part," said Marianne Nailor, explaining that she also hopes to teach Penny not to run away every chance she gets. Last Wednesday was the first day of school for the 15 pups enrolled in "Manners for Life," which is geared for dogs at least 5 months old. Based on positive reinforcement techniques, there were a lot of sweet bribes passed out during the one-hour class as instructor Linda Thomas described what she expected the dogs to do. "This week, we see what the dogs are really like and week after week we see improvement after improvement," Thomas said. Owners, like Cheryl Messer of Westland, weren't expecting the type of behavior that would get their names in the "Guinness Book of Records." "She goes out in front and I just want her to listen," Messer said. Simple measures The same was true for the Darany family of Dearborn. They weren't looking to teach their pooch, Oliver, any fancy tricks. "We want him to come when you call him to come and we want him to stay when he's supposed to stay," George Darany said. His wife, Maria, and children, Adam, 14, Leah, 12, and Madelaine, 8, were also on hand to pick up ideas. In fact, Oliver owes his life to the Daranys, because they saved him moments before he was to be euthanized at the Humane Society. Tom and June Holdsworth of Westland adopted their dog from the Humane Society, too. Taking the class was the logical next step. Tom Holdsworth explained. "We think it's a good idea to have a well-behaved dog," he said. "We think the world of the program the Humane Society runs." Danielle Sollars sat in the corner

of the room with her father, Dan, and puppy, Socha. The Livonia residents want their 10-month-old Doberman pinscher to stop jumping on family and friends when they come to their door. As far as Jill and Victor West are concerned, their puppy, Buddy, couldn't be cuter and a lot of people seem to agree. In fact, his appearance in the window of their business - Vanessa's Flower Shop in downtown Plymouth - has increased foot traffic by 20 percent. They want to make sure his behavior is the best it can be since he's in the shop a lot. If Buddy is a working dog, it's nothing like the schedule Tremor, whose registered name is Actions on the Richter scale, keeps. This bullmastiff's owners, Arnold and Lorna Johnson of Westland, are members of the Pet-A-Pet organization. The Johnsons volunteer their time taking their pets to visit nursing homes, hospitals and assisted living facilities. In fact, Lorna Johnson tells a story about how one of her dogs was visiting a nursing home and a woman walked by and told the canine to get out of her way. Johnson later learned that these were the first words spoken by the woman during her stay at the facility. In fact, it was considered quite a breakthrough. Tremor's date book next week included being taken to visit a second-grade class on Tuesday and a psychiatric ward on Wednesday. 'Feel special' Across the room, Laura Major fed her dog, Henry, a few treats and explained that she enrolled him in the class, because she wanted to make him "feel special." If he learns to listen to her commands and turns into a well-mannered dog, that would be great too, according to the Livonia resident. Sitting next to each other, Brian and Megan Williams of Westland and Dan McManus of Canton simply hoped their pets would settle down at the end of six weeks. The classes are provided by the Michigan Humane Society through Westland Parks and Recreation at

the Bailey Center in Westland for \$100 if the dog was adopted from the Humane Society or any other shelter. Otherwise, the cost is \$120. "English is a second language for dogs," explained Lori Kane, Michigan Humane Society director of animal behavior and training. "Their first language is body language - they key off your body language, because that's what they do with other dogs," she said. "It's amazing how quickly they catch on, considering that we don't always teach it consistently. In one hour, we can't train your dog for you, but in one hour we can train you to teach your dog at home." Other classes offered by the Humane Society include "Puppy Classes" for dogs under 5 months. Instruction focuses on socializing puppies with other dogs and people; encouraging environmental confidence and addressing other common puppy problems, like house training and inappropriate chewing. "K9 Kollege" builds on basic and advanced obedience commands, like coming when called. "Tricks for Treats" is a fun class, Kane said, teaching dogs how to shake, wave, give a high-five and crawl. The class includes playing games, like "Lassie Says," to reinforce basic obedience skills, like sitting, down, stay and recalls. Private consultations, that usually take about two hours and cost \$120, are recommended to deal with more serious concerns, like aggression and separation anxiety. "I want a dog that's good to be around. No one wants a dog that's annoying," explained Livonia resident Lorraine Borovsky who was with her dog, Archimedes. The Humane Society classes are available in Westland, Farmington Hills and at the Michigan Humane Society pet education center in Rochester Hills. For more information, call (248) 650-1059.

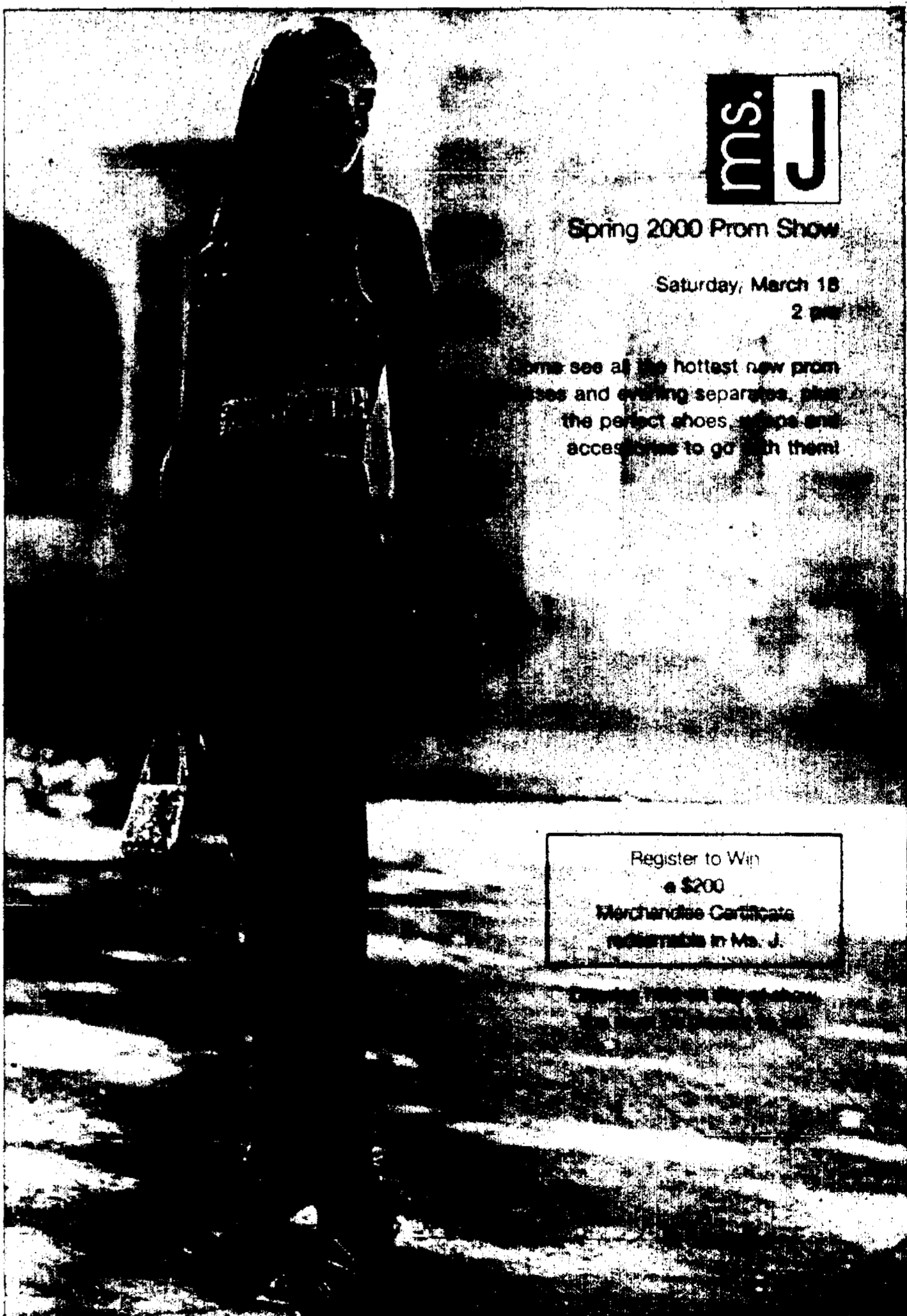
City provides reminders on trash, recycling topics

The City of Westland Rubbish Transfer Site, 37137 Marquette, will be available for use by Westland residents starting Friday, April 7, until Saturday, Nov. 4. The city will have free dump days Friday and Saturday, April 7-8. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. No commercial vehicles or contractors will be allowed. Identification is required. The fee paid will be based on the type of vehicle items are brought in, with \$13 charged for cars or minivans, \$23 for a small pickup or van, \$31 for a standard pickup or 4 X 6 trailer, and more for larger trailers. Regular garbage picked up at the curb will not be accepted at the site. Car or truck parts will not be accepted at the site. To schedule removal of household items from the curb, call the Department of Public Service, (734) 728-1770. Tree branches, shrubs, stumps, dirt and roof shingles will not be accepted. Used motor oil will only be accepted Friday and Saturday by an attendant on duty. In other developments: Westland will begin the Department of Public Service compost season Monday, April 3, and continuing through Friday, Dec. 15. Compost will be picked up the same day as regular trash. Compost must be in cans or brown paper bags specifically designed for yard waste. Leaves and other yard waste put in plastic bags will not be picked up. Compost should be separated by at least 10 feet from regular trash. All brush or limbs must be in bundles of three-foot lengths and cannot weigh more than 40 pounds. Cardboard boxes containing compost will not be picked up. Westland will begin chipping trees Monday, April 3. Scheduling will begin Monday, March 27. To use the service, call (734) 728-1770. The last call will be taken Friday, Sept. 29, for chipping Friday, Oct. 6. Beginning Saturday, April 1, through Tues-

day, Oct. 31, summer hours for the City of Westland Recyclable Materials Drop-off Center will be 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Items accepted include glass bottles and jars, newspapers, aluminum (metal that won't stick to a magnet), metal/steel that will stick to a magnet, plastics, batteries and used motor oil. Bottles and jars should be washed, with lids and metal rings removed and put in the metal bin. No plate glass is accepted, as are no ceramics, Pyrex cookware, dirty containers or mirrors. Newspapers should be neatly stacked at approximately 6-15 inches. They should be tied with twine or packed into paper bags. Newspapers must be dry and have no mold. No junk mail, catalogs, phone books, magazines, office/computer paper or cardboard will be accepted. Cans only are accepted, no scrap metal. Out-of-state beverage cans with no Michigan deposit are accepted, although foil and foil containers are not. Cans should be rinsed, with the labels removed, ends removed and flattened. No paint or aerosol cans are accepted. Plastic drink jugs and colored laundry detergent-type jugs, cleaned, are accepted. Lids, plastic bags, caustic material containers (such as drain cleaner) and oil/antifreeze containers are not accepted. Batteries (flashlight-type, dry cell, watch, camera, hearing aid and others) are accepted. Battery receptacles are at City Hall, the Friendship Center, Westland library, Dorsey Center and cable TV facility. No medical waste is accepted. For information on curbside recycling, call (313) 561-0303. Hazardous waste should not be disposed of until you contact either Painter & Ruthenberg at (313) 561-0303 or the Department of Environmental Quality at (800) 662-9278. In addition, the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority periodically offers a site for hazardous materials disposal. The number is (313) 292-8877.

Summit to boost business know-how

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce's Livonia Economic Development Partnership and the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center (MMTC) are co-sponsoring The Work Smart Summit on April 13 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The summit is designed to help companies learn more about integrated business and process management systems, and how to use continuous improvement for sustaining growth and increasing profit margins. It runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and features four tracks on Smart Planning, Smart Business, Smart Manufacturing and Smart People. Each session runs 45 minutes. The keynote speaker is Jack Tyson, director of quality and continuous improvement at Lear Corp. He will share his experiences and discuss the keys to continuous improvement for enhancing business operations. The luncheon speaker is Dwight Carlson, founder, chairman and former president of Perceptron Inc. Carlson will provide his perspective and experience on empowering and mentoring for teamwork. The registration fee is \$95 per person, or \$80 for two more people from one company, which includes breakfast, lunch and networking reception. Livonia Chamber members receive a special discounted fee. For information or to register, call Marva Bartell at (1-888) 414-6682, Ext. 4058, or visit the Web site at www.mmtec.org/summit. A not-for-profit organization, the MMTC is a member of a state and national manufacturing extension partnership dedicated to helping companies with management and technology issues.



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Local leaders oppose Motor Carrier Bills

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
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Eighteen Wayne County community leaders came together with a strong message for Lansing.

"The public policy being proposed is so bad, so ill-founded...it seriously compromises the best interest of the citizens in this state," said Jack Kirksey, Livonia mayor and chairman of the Conference of Western Wayne. CWW is an organization of the elected leaders of Western Wayne County, with 750,000 constituents.

CWW representatives argue that House Bills 4927-4932, also known as the Motor Carrier Bills, will endanger the lives of people who drive on local roads and will lead to the deterioration of our roads.

The Motor Carrier Bills, which have already passed in the House of Representatives, deny local governments the opportunity to enforce safety and weight regulations for the trucking industry within community limits.

Enforcement will become the responsibility of the State Police.

Additionally, the money collected in fines will no longer go to local governments for local amenities, but will be directed to three specific areas: County libraries will receive 40 percent, county courts will receive 30 percent and local governments will receive 30 percent to be used only for road repair. The bills restrict local governments from using any of the money to fund the expenses involved in safety road inspections.

Implications of the bills will be far-reaching according to Kirksey.

"Local governments, with the passage of these bills, will no longer have the funds to be able to provide this essential citizen safety service. This diverting of

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Jack Kirksey
Mayor of Livonia

local fines will significantly reduce local motor carrier enforcement," he said.

The legislation originated with a state representative from a rural area of northern Michigan. Sponsored by Rick Johnson (R-LeRoy), the Motor Carrier Bills are now before the Senate and could be voted on as early as next week.

Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard, (D-Westland) does not support the bills. She contends that if the bills pass, there will be less enforcement, which could encourage some trucking companies to load more cargo on the trucks. The heavier the truck, the more room they need to come to a stop before hitting whatever is in front of them.

"I've been concerned that these larger vehicles cannot stop in time. It's something all of us on the Commission are wary of," she said. "We need to be vigilant on the safety factor."

The legislation was proposed after trucking companies complained about being unfairly targeted in certain communities. Some truckers claimed to have been ticketed in more than one city on the same route for the same problem.

Kirksey countered, "If there are communities who are irresponsibly enforcing motor carrier operations, deal with them directly. Don't attempt to change the system to correct the actions of a few government units."

He alleged that this proposal is "designed to benefit the trucking industry" at the expense of residents welfare. "The resulting

reduction of highway safety would be an unacceptable price to pay."

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said that Michigan already has the most liberal weight restriction truck laws in America. He shared this information as well as many other statistics with senators who are now considering the bills.

"Instead of discussing carrier enforcement, this committee should be looking at reducing truck weights and improving truck safety inspection programs," he said.

Yack has a large stake in the passage of these bills. Canton is divided by Interstate-275, and has portions of Ford Road and Michigan Avenue in its boundaries.

"We are also home to an active landfill. Trucks from Canada, Michigan municipalities and private waste firms deliver waste to this landfill via I-275, Michigan Avenue and Wayne County roads," he said. "To my knowledge, no state motor carrier officer has ever been seen enforcing the state of Michigan weight or safety regulations on these roads."

Larger fight

These bills are part of a larger fight between local government and Lansing. If these bills become law, they will be another example of Lansing taking control of local issues from local officials.

"This is another example of

unnecessary and inappropriate involvement of the state into local matters," said Kirksey.

This on-going argument has inspired some municipal leaders to support a ballot initiative which would amend the state Constitution. The Michigan Municipal League is actively seeking signatures to put the amendment question before voters in November. About 80,000 signatures have been collected, but 325,000 are needed by July 10.

The MML is proposing an increase in the amount of support needed at the State level to make a bill a law. The Constitution currently requires a simple majority vote, but the amendment would require support from two-thirds of each house in the legislature. The CWW will vote on supporting the ballot initiative, called Let Local Votes Count, at their meeting next month.

Opposes bills: Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, as chairman of the Council of Western Wayne County, has taken an active role in opposing the Motor Carrier Bills, which he calls a danger to the public.

Task force holds hearing on senior long-term care

A special legislative task force studying ways to make it easier for senior citizens to receive long-term care and stay in their homes longer will be holding a public hearing 9-11:30 a.m. Monday, March 20, at the Thomas F. Taylor Towers, 36500 Marquette, Westland, said state Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, co-chair of the task force.

"Senior citizens in our community have made it clear that they would prefer to stay in their homes as long as possible, and not go to a nursing home," said Rep. DeHart. "This task force is studying how we can help make that possible for Michigan seniors because they deserve a secure retirement."

The task force will examine proposed tax credits for families who care for elderly relatives at home, expanding the Michigan Emergency Prescription Pro-

gram, providing coverage for in-home and emergency prescription fees, legislation to require criminal background checks on home health care workers, and having state-required training for in-home health care workers.

"The task force is interested in hearing the community's thoughts on these issues, as well as any ideas residents have to help seniors stay in their own homes longer," said Rep. DeHart. "My colleagues and I are interested in any proposal that makes it easier for families to take care of elderly relatives at home."

The task force is in the midst of a statewide tour to listen to Michigan residents concerned about long-term care for senior citizens. The task force will make specific legislative recommendations later in the year."

Schoolcraft hosts college reps on bachelor degree programs

That bachelor's degree you have always wanted isn't a dream. Area colleges offer accelerated bachelor degree programs for motivated adults with work experience and well-developed writing skills. Find out about these programs Saturday, March 18, at a special forum at Schoolcraft College.

The seminar will feature presentations and meetings with representatives from the following institutions: Central Michigan University, Cleary College, Concordia College, Detroit College of Business, Northwood University, Rochester College, Saint Mary's College, Siena Heights College, Spring Arbor College, University of Detroit Mercy, the University of Phoenix, William Tyndale College and Wayne State University.

The programs, in fields such

as business and health administration, trade skills and industrial professions, offer upper division courses during the evening and weekends. Students may receive as much as one year of credit for work experience or training and life activity.

Each institution's programs are different, so it is advisable to listen to all presentations. There will be time to ask questions, browse, collect materials and speak with program representatives. The seminar is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Presentations begin at 10 a.m. in room 200 of the McDowell Center.

For information or to make reservations, contact the Schoolcraft Counseling Center at 734-462-4400, ext. 5213. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Road just west of I-275.

Meeting on vouchers Monday

The Western Wayne County Republican Club will host an informational meeting on the pros and cons of Kids First Yes! school vouchers ballot issue 7 p.m. Monday, March 13 at the Golden Plate Restaurant, 670

Wayne Road, Westland (across from the YMCA).

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Virgil Smith announces he'll run for prosecutor

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Virgil Smith formally announced his candidacy for Wayne County prosecutor Thursday.

The announcement from the longtime Detroit lawmaker, who is trying to succeed the retiring John O'Hair, was widely expected.

Smith, 52, who has represented the Second Senatorial District for the past 12 years, ran against O'Hair in the 1992 and 1997 elections, and was narrowly defeated each time.

Even without O'Hair in the running, this year's election promises to be a difficult one with Livonia's Michael Duggan and Plymouth's George Ward expected to be Smith's main opponents.

All three men have powerful backers in the political world.

Duggan, who has already announced his candidacy, has the support of Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara.

Ward, who has said he will officially announce his candidacy on March 20, has been an assistant in the prosecutor's office for 14 years. O'Hair has endorsed Ward to be his successor.

Smith, who also spent 12 years as a state representative prior to being in the Senate, has secured the backing of Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and former Attorney General Frank Kelley.

"I want to fight for our children, for those who are trying to do the right thing and for those who have lost their way," said Smith, who made his announcement at Detroit's Dave Miller UAW Retirees Building.

"I want to ensure that our children, youth, and seniors feel safe to live, work, play and worship in their own neighborhoods."

Prospective candidates still have until May 16 to file their candidacy for the office.

Schoolcraft sets April 9 open house

Learn how to apply for college, choose classes, get financial aid and find a program that fits your career plans at Schoolcraft College's College Expo, Sunday, April 9.

Visitors can drop in from noon to 3 p.m., tour the campus, talk with current students and explore the range of programs available to lifelong learners.

The College's various divisions will present information for graduating high school seniors, adults who have not attended college or have some college but have not earned a degree, for those seeking personal enrichment classes, and for parents interested in summer enrichment courses for their children.

Prospective students can learn about admissions, financial aid, scholarships, career planning, tutoring, student activities, athletics, distance learning and Continuing Education Services.

The event includes free materials, a lab with computer-based course sampling, and faculty members available to answer any questions. Public safety will

display the police, fire and EMT vehicles. Culinary arts will have a table display. Computer assisted drafting and electronics will demonstrate software, and computer graphics technology will host a hands-on workshop. Biology will demonstrate techniques used in DNA fingerprinting, and Continuing Education Services will have materials available on its program for gifted and talented children. A group of students from communications arts will provide storytelling for younger visitors.

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For information, call the Office of Admissions at (734) 462-4426.

Seminar focuses on mental health and substance abuse

Madonna University will offer a substance abuse course this spring. "Dual Diagnosis: Substance Abuse and Mental Health" will be held 6-10 p.m. Friday and 8:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7-8. This is an introductory class to understanding the assessment and treatment of individuals who have a dual disorder of mental illness and chemical dependency. The non-

credit fee is \$100. Students can earn 1.5 continuing education units.

Madonna University is at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia. Students may register by mail, fax and in person. These courses are also available for degree credit, even if you are not an admitted student at Madonna University.

For information, call (734) 432-5731 or fax (734) 432-5364.

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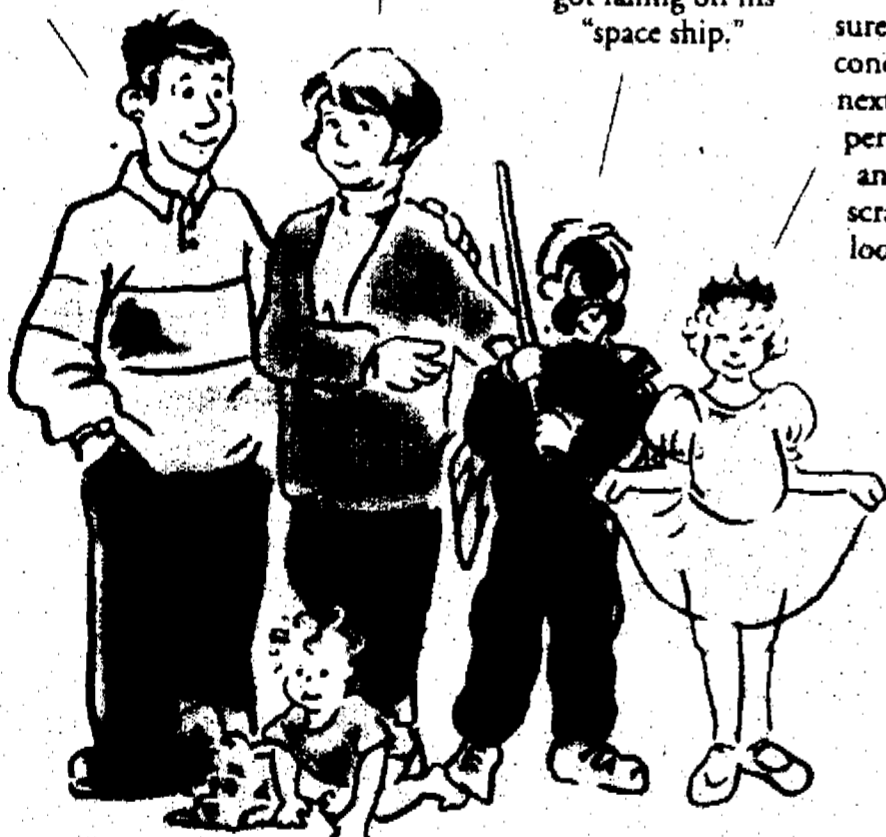
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BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER sbuck@oe.homedcomm.net

When a 12-year-old Plymouth Township girl confided to a friend that she had been sexually assaulted, that friend relayed information to a Plymouth-Canton school district counselor, who then called police Feb. 4.

As a result, Plymouth Township resident Brent Anderson and his girlfriend, the mother of the alleged victim, could go to prison.

Anderson and the woman, whose identity is being withheld to protect the daughter, were arraigned Wednesday and face a preliminary exam March 20 before 35th District Court Judge John MacDonal.

"We took the report, and then did the investigation," said Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township community resource officer.

At the arraignment, Anderson was charged with five counts of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree, which involves penetration. The felony charge carries up to a life sentence. Anderson was also charged with one count of criminal sexual conduct in the second degree, which involves contact only. Magistrate Eric Colthurst set bond for Anderson at \$500,000 cash.

The girl's mother was charged as an accessory. Colthurst set bond for the mother at \$20,000, or 10 percent. Police emphasize that the mother is not being charged with having sexual contact with the victim.

"My client vehemently denies any truth to the accusations," said Benton Richardson, an attorney for the girl's mother. The mother was expected to be released soon from Wayne County Jail, Richardson said.

John McWilliams, Anderson's attorney, called the charges "the accusations of a child that can be recanted."

In conjunction with the Westland Police Department, a warrant was written up for Anderson and the girl's mother, according to Senkbeil.

"The reason why Westland was involved in this is because the victim talked about an isolated incident that occurred in Westland," Senkbeil said.

Bowlers aid visually impaired

Things just roll along



Winner: Jill Jacobs (left) of Westland and Tiffany Taylor of Westland cheer after the event.

Bowlers and businesses spared nothing in terms of generosity, helping a Livonia organization that aids families of blind people raise more than \$10,000.

Livonia Parents of the Visually Impaired hosted its third annual bowling at Woodland Lanes Feb. 5.

Some 122 bowlers solicited donations while others like Livonia Family YMCA, Chris Furniture, Breadsmith, AMC 20 Theatres and Office Depot contributed prizes. Another 26 organizations also served as lane sponsors, contributing \$100 each.

Livonia Trophy donated trophies that were awarded to bowlers while Aid Association for Lutherans gave matching funds.

Money raised will sponsor a summer day camp, provide educational supplies and equipment, and support activities.

The organization serves blind and visually impaired children in western Wayne County, including those in Livonia, Wayne-Westland, Garden City, Redford Union and South Redford school districts.

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CARRIER OF THE MONTH: WESTLAND

Margaret L. Mueller, 11, of Westland is the Westland Observer Carrier of the Month for March. She is a fifth-grade homeschooler.



Margaret Mueller

She is the daughter of John and Claire Mueller and has three siblings, Joseph, 19, Elisabeth, 17, and Matthew, 7. She has delivered the newspaper since February 1999 in Surrey Heights.

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

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, McSEV, at (313) 535-6213. (Note: Bidders are issued 1/2 size plans. Plan scales are to be adjusted accordingly.) Additional plans may be ordered and purchased directly from Dunn Blue Reprographics Technology, (248) 353-2950. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McSEV. The bid divisions being bid is (are) to be identified on the outside of the envelope. There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on Thursday, March 16, 2000 @ 1:30 P.M. at the Wayne Memorial High School cafeteria. All bidders are encouraged to attend.

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

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of Garden City to sign the petitions to place the proposal on the ballot. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None. Item 02-00-040 Moved by Dodge, supported by Wiacok, RESOLVED: To support RESOLUTION FOR CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE RECREATION BOND PROGRAM. WHEREAS, the City of Garden City has prepared and adopted a Recreation Plan which has been approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. WHEREAS, the City Recreation Plan identifies specific projects to be implemented during the next five years in its Capital Improvements Schedule.

b. Waiver of Noise Ordinance 8. Housing Rehab Case #0029. Item 02-00-043 Moved by Kaledas, supported by Lynch, RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a Code Master 100 Monitor/Defibrillator from Luerdall Medical Corporation in the amount of \$7,447.50. AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None. Item 02-00-044 Moved by Dodge, supported by Lynch, RESOLVED: To approve Consent Agenda "A".

Ex-North American players saluted on 25-year-old team

The North American Hockey League has named its all-time all-star team, dating from the league's inception in 1975. Seventeen former NAHLers have gone on to play in the National Hockey League.

Of the 18 players on the all-time squad, several have local ties. The most recent is David Legwand, the Plymouth Whaler standout who is cur-

rently playing with the Nashville Predators.

Others named to the team are defenseman Don McSween, a Plymouth native who played at Michigan State and for the NHL's Anaheim Mighty Ducks, and goalie Brent Johnson, a Farmington native who played for Owen Sound in the Ontario Hockey League and the NHL's St. Louis Blues.

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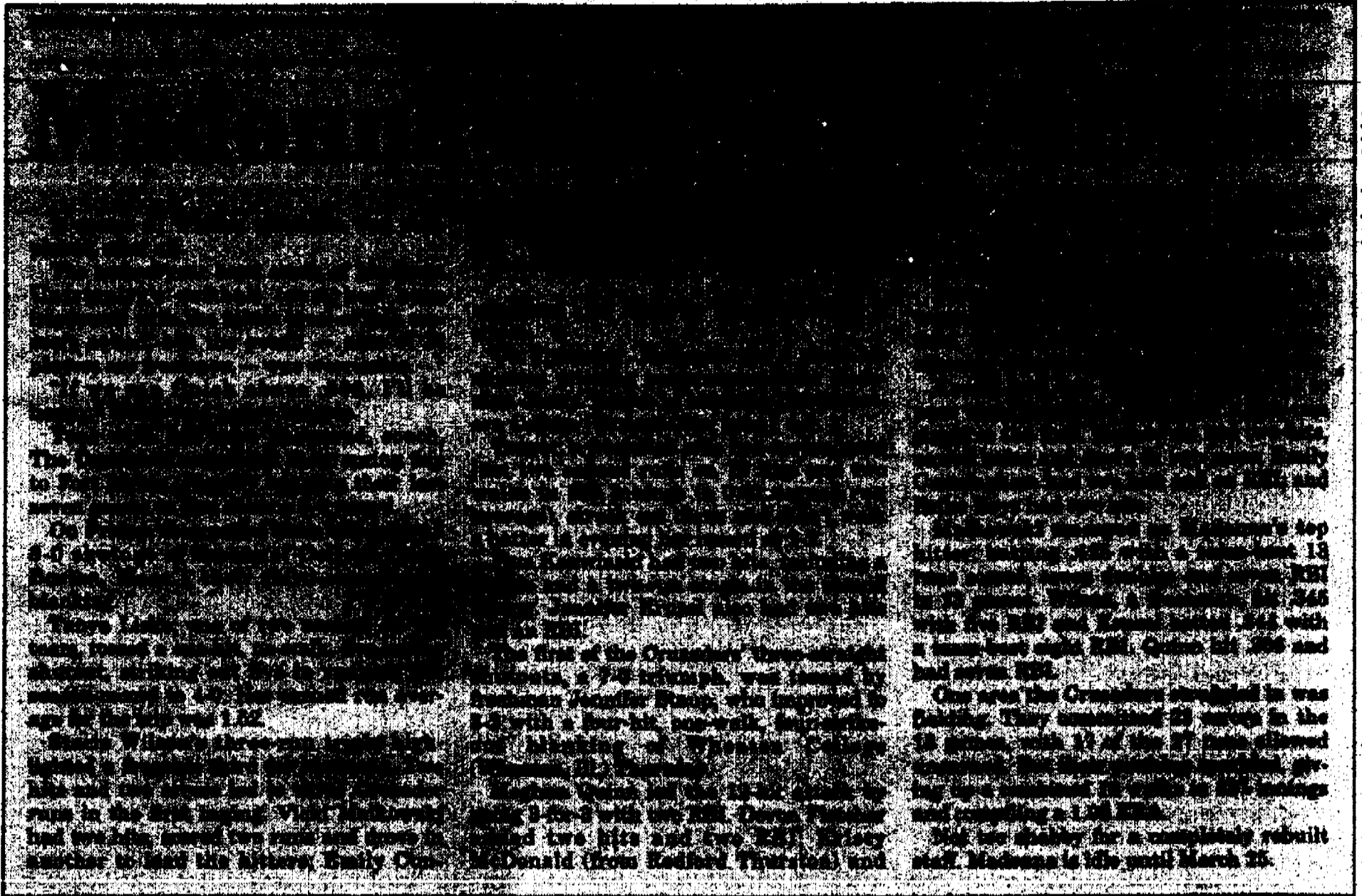
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Crusaders show success on Florida swing

Madonna University was in the process of winding up a very productive spring baseball trip in Cocoa Beach, Fla. The Crusaders defeated Way-

nesburg (Pa.) College, 4-3, Friday to improve their spring mark to 10-3-1. Earlier in the day Madonna played a seven-inning, 10-10 tie with West Liberty State.

BASEBALL

allowing 13 hits, walking two and fanning two. He was touched for seven runs, two unearned.

James O'Connor (Redford Catholic Central) worked an inning and gave up an unearned run while Derick Wolfe and Rabe each got an out.

The Crusaders scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to create the 10-10 tie.

Neil Wildfong (Plymouth Canton), Todd Miller, Wolfe, Jason Brooks and Lightle had two hits apiece for Madonna.

Nick Dedeluk (Redford Thurston) drove in three runs while Wolfe and Rabe had two RBI apiece.

Through 13 games, Rabe was the squad's leading hitter at .462 among those with 10 or more at-

bats. Dedeluk was next at .429 while Brooks had a .410 average.

The team was batting .339 but only had two home runs, one by Dedeluk. Brooks and Todd Miller led the team with 10 RBI apiece.

O'Connor had a 1.80 ERA to lead pitchers with 10 or more innings pitched. He was 0-1.

Mitch Jabczynski was 1-1 with a 2.13 ERA and Stevens had a 2-0 mark with a 2.57 ERA. The staff ERA was 3.10.

Highlights from earlier in the trip included a three-hit five-inning shutout by Westland John Glenn's Dale Hayes (one walk, one strikeout) in a 16-0 thrashing of Columbia Union.

Marfo D'Herin (Redford CC) had four RB in a 12-8 victory over Columbia Union and Jabczynski allowed five hits in seven innings of a 4-1 win over Bethel (Ind.) College.

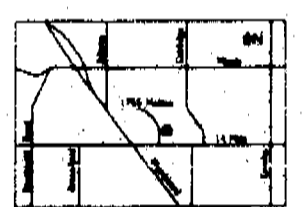
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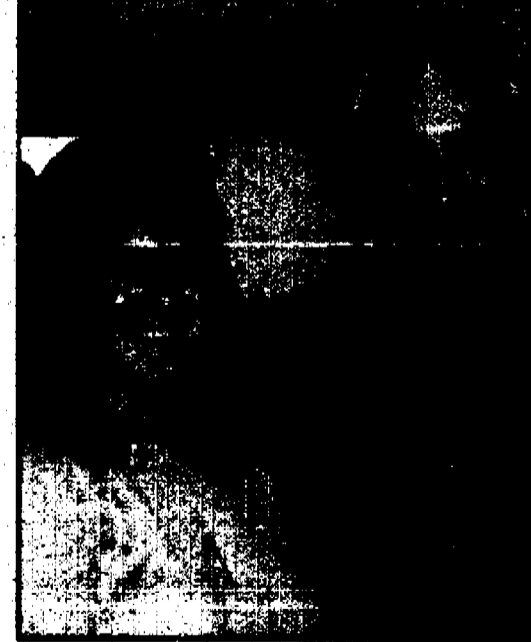
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Borgess prevails in finals

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Redford Bishop Borgess is on its way to the regionals. Detroit Benedictine took the long way home.

Bishop Borgess tumbled Benedictine, 62-51, Friday night to capture the District 75 title in the Class C segment of the state high school basketball tournament.

The next task for the Spartans will be in the Riverview Gabriel Richard regional against the winner of Saturday's night's district final at Flat Rock between the host team and Gabriel Richard.

"We told the kids that the road doesn't do anything but get harder from here," coach Charles Albright of the Spartans said. "This was just one piece of the puzzle and we've got two pieces ahead of us."

Also in the Gabriel Richard regional is Detroit St. Martin de Porres, a chief Class C contender and always a favored rival of the Spartans (10-12). It's not unthinkable to forecast a Borgess-de Porres regional final.

"This is the way it is every year," Albright said. "It seems like we always run into de Porres. We look forward to it."

"But at this stage of the season you have to take it one game at a time and take it from there."

The game turned late in the second quarter when Benedictine (13-8) watched a 22-14 lead unravel.

The Ravens missed their last eight shots of the quarter and six free throws in a row before finally hitting one with no time showing on the clock.

Albright scolded his team about its lax rebounding at one point and the Spartans immediately picked it up. They were outboarded, 14-4, in the first period and 50-33 for the game but from the mid-point of the second quarter on it was fairly even.

"The first half they were really killing us on the boards," Albright said. "The second half, we got a few key rebounds."

Donald Didlake made two free throws and a three-point play and Khalil Mims closed a 15-1 run with four straight free throws to help Borgess regain the lead, 29-23, entering the third period.

A key factor for the Spartans was the play of 6-foot-2 junior Jose Kincannon, who played both ends of the court at 150 percent of speed.

"He brought us back," Albright said. "He just plays hard. He gives us so many extra possessions."

"He's relentless. Sometimes we have to tell him to slow down. He plays too fast and too hard."

Kincannon scored nine points, third high on his team. Kendrick Jones scored 14 and Didlake led with 22.

Angelo Bell led the Ravens with 18 points, including a bundle of key hoops while scoring nine points in the third quarter. Junior Brandon Proby was next with 13.

Bell made a basket with 4:58 left in the third quarter, making it 34-29, and got into what looked to be an edgy but friendly smack-talking contest with Didlake before completing his three-point play with a free throw.

Bell got another three-point play to cut the deficit to 34-33 but Didlake answered with a critical triple from the right wing to stabilize his team.

"I knew we were in trouble," Albright said, "when I looked up in the stands and saw my mother telling me what to do."

Benedictine got within two, 37-35, with 3:10 left in the third quarter but Borgess made 4-of-6 free throws and Jones hit two baskets to send the Spartans into the final period with a 47-39 lead.

"We had to settle down," Albright said. "There was a lot of emotion in this game."

"A lot of these kids went to grade school together, live in the same neighborhood and just know each other real well. The biggest part of this game was settling everybody down."

Free throws played a big part. Borgess was sharp at the line until the final two minutes, making 21-of-34 overall.

Missing six free throws in a row in the second half of the second quarter hurt the Ravens and going 12-for-32 from the line in the game wasn't helpful either.

Lahser nips Falcons for district title

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER
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Pressure? No problem for Bloomfield Hills Lahser junior James Mathis, who scored the last point at the free throw line Friday to give the Knights a thrilling, 48-47 win over Farmington.

His three-point play in the final seconds enabled Lahser (17-5) to win its first district championship in boys basketball since 1996.

The Knights will play either Southfield-Lathrup or Birmingham Groves in a regional tournament game 7 p.m. Wednesday at Lathrup.

"The beauty of it is we didn't do anything different than we did the other 21," Lahser coach Chris Drogosch said. "I told the kids we had a good shot at winning, and we just had to keep playing hard."

Farmington's C.J. Whitfield had just made two free throws with 20 seconds left to give the Falcons a 47-45 lead.

On the ensuing possession, Lahser senior Brandon Cassar spotted Mathis open underneath the basket and delivered the ball from the wing.

Mathis made the layup and was fouled with 5.2 seconds on the clock. After a Farmington timeout, he converted the free throw for the winning point.

"Fortunately, I think two (Farmington) guys fell down and James was wide open," Cassar said. "I was surprised he was that wide open. I just tried to get it to him as quick as I could, and he finished beautifully."

"I was thankful my teammate

was able to give me the ball in that situation," Mathis said. "I knew I had to go out there and be a captain and sink the free throw."

That was the first of two big plays for Lahser at crunch time. The first was a three-pointer by Cassar with 1:37 to play that tied the score at 45.

"It was supposed to be a pick and roll for (senior) Joe (Finland) or James," said Cassar, who shot the ball from the same spot he later passed to Mathis.

"I was spotting up on the block. My man got caught in a double pick, and I was wide open. When I let it go I thought it was way right, but it edged in."

"Those were two of the set plays we've run all year," Drogosch said, adding Finland set screens on both. "They're nothing I drew up special. Joe, James and Brandon executed so well."

Following Cassar's three, Farmington made a turnover and Lahser decided to play for the last shot, but Whitfield stole the ball and was fouled going to the hoop.

After Mathis' three-point play and a Farmington timeout, Whitfield dribbled up court and was fouled on the floor with 1.7 seconds left. The Falcons attempted to inbound the ball, but Finland knocked it away as time ran out.

Mathis and Finland scored 12 points and had 13 rebounds apiece to lead the Knights, who also had 11 from Cassar. Junior Ryan Cassar tossed in five.

Senior Justin Milus scored a game-high 16 points for the Falcons (17-6). Junior Matt Mikel

had 13 (all in the second half) and Whitfield 10. Senior Chad Seaborn added six.

The Falcons took a 38-30 lead into the fourth quarter, but the Knights closed to 39-35 when Finland made three of four free throws — the last two on a technical foul.

He missed the first but was given another two-shot opportunity when a Farmington player raised his arms while Finland was shooting. That's when Farmington coach Denny Mikel received the T for being out of the coach's box.

"I was trying to get an explanation from the official why they were giving the shooter two more shots," Mikel said. "Usually they warn you or tell you to back up (when the coach is out of the box), but he didn't do that in that situation."

A 6-0 run on baskets by Finland, David Kemsley and Mathis tied the score at 41, but Milus and Whitfield answered with dunks to give the Falcons a four-point lead with 2:45 remaining. Another Finland free throw made it 45-42.

"We stayed with man and probably should have gone zone," Mikel said. "We didn't want to give them any open shots on the perimeter, but they ended up dumping it inside."

Lahser played well in the first half, leading by eight late, while Farmington seemed to struggle. But the Falcons got within two at halftime, 23-21, as Milus (four) and Whitfield combined for the final six points.

"We just didn't seem to get in sync," Mikel said. "We were hoping to get up on Lahser and have

them play catchup. We never did and weren't able to use some strategy."

"We would've liked to use more zone but were afraid to. We stayed with man and, for the most part, the kids did a good job."

The Falcons turned it around in the third quarter, hitting seven of nine shots (78 percent) and outscoring the Knights, 17-7. Matt Mikel had 11 points, including three triples, in that period.

"I felt pretty good when we were up by eight," Mikel said. "We were playing better and had momentum going our way. To their credit, the Knights came back and played us tough."

"In a game like that, whoever gets the breaks at the end is going to end up winning the game. The kid hit the foul shot, that was a big-time free throw."

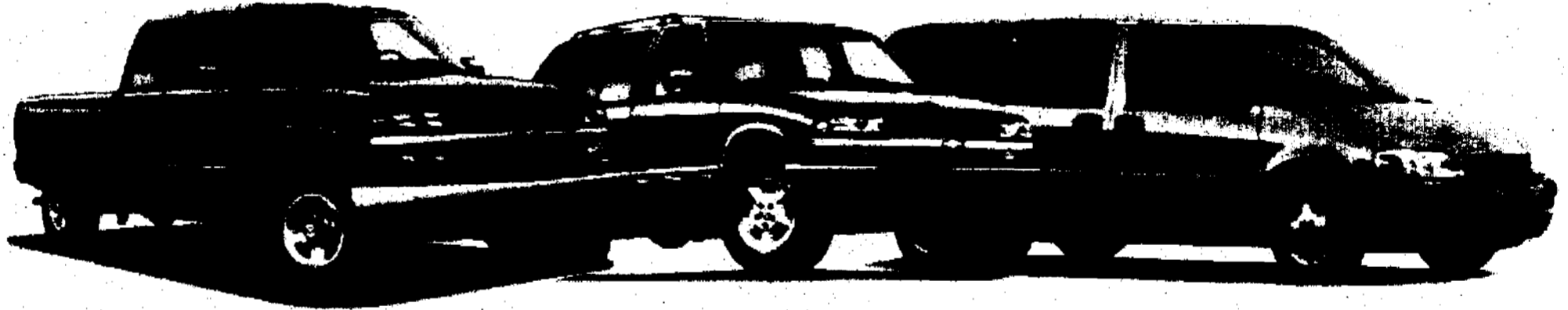
"When we got down 10, we took a timeout and said we knew we were going to face some adversity," Drogosch said. "We said 'Let's put that behind us,' and the kids responded very well."

The last time the Knights, Division 3 champions in the Oakland Activities Association, won league and district titles in the same year was 1976.

"Other years we lost to West Bloomfield in the first round," Cassar said. "After we got by Harrison, we knew we had a chance."

"After the last four years, I think we turned a lot of peoples' heads this year. We played Lathrup and Groves this year, and I think that's a very winnable game."

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CLASS B DISTRICT BASKETBALL FINAL

Top-rated St. Mary's Prep rolls by Redford Thurston

Redford Thurston basketball coach Brian Bates knew Orchard Lake St. Mary was arguably the best team in the state.

host Eaglets were Friday night as OLSM cruised to an easy 75-42 win in the Class B district final.

why they're the best," said Bates. "Personally, I think they were at the top of their game tonight. They hardly missed any shots. They must have shot 70 percent tonight. When they did miss, they got the rebounds.

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St. Mary (23-0) turned a 26-6 advantage after the first quarter into a 55-19 rout by halftime. The mercy rule went into effect for most of the second half as the Eaglets improved their lead to 62-27 by the end of the third quarter.

"We went right in against them and drove the lane and took our shots," said Bates, "but we didn't hit them early and kind of got down a little mentally. We were scrapping and we boxed out, but we were just undersized."

Dooley and Joe Wilson led the Eagles with nine points each, while Jared Kazmierczak added eight. Kazmierczak and Dooley also had six rebounds each.

Maurice Searight led OLSM with 24 points, while Jermaine Gonzalez had 13.

"We got a lot of open looks, we just couldn't knock down our shots," said Bates after his team ended its season at 11-11. "Maybe we were a little intimidated. There were a lot of nerves there; we'd never played that type of competition."

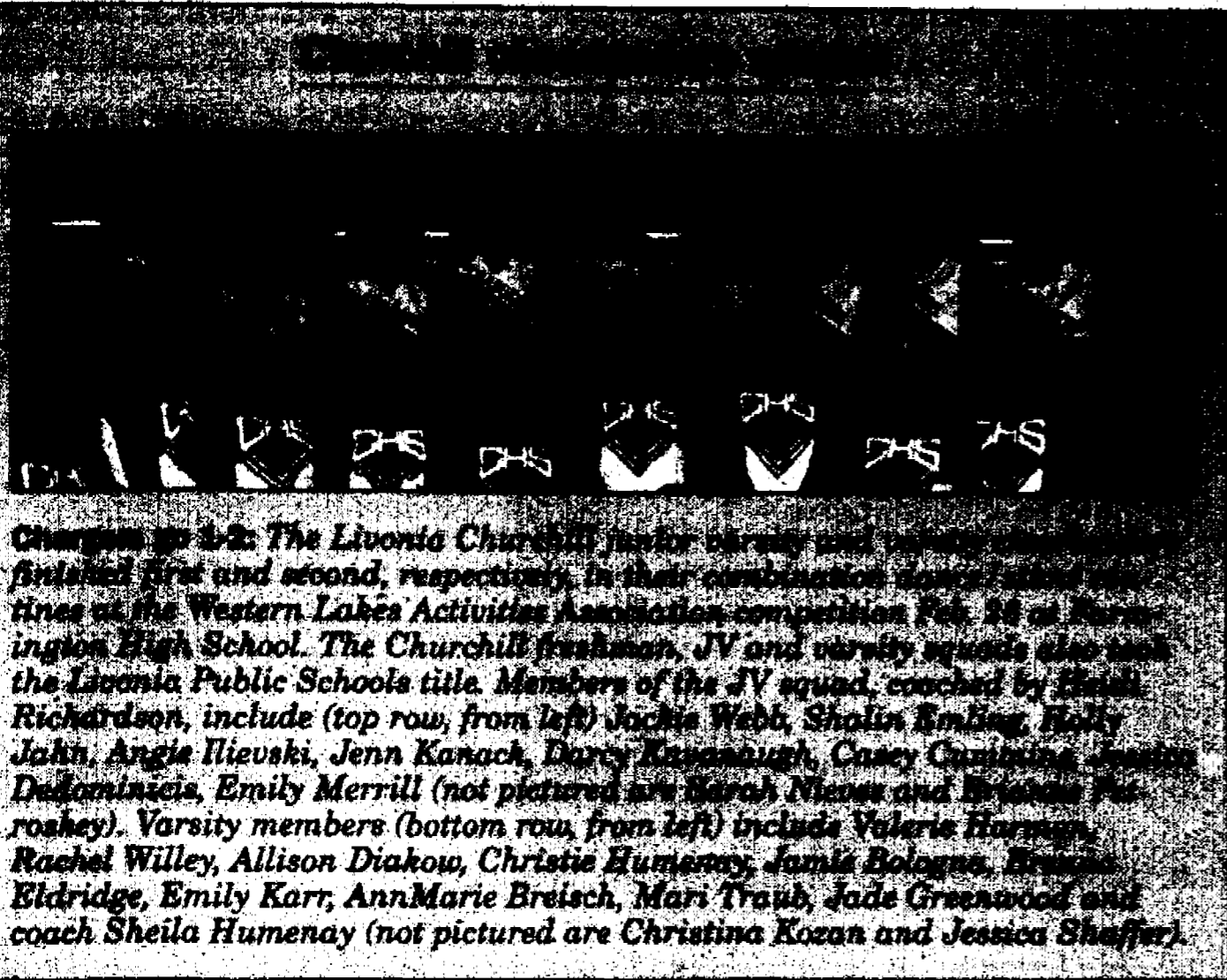
"We played hard, but it was a combination of their quickness and their caliber of play."

PCA coach Doug Taylor... The 51-point winning margin... The most revealing stat from the game... The district title was the second consecutive for the Eaglets... Thursday's win was the final home game for nine PCA seniors... Jackson Christian coach Bob Stanton was not about to disagree with that assessment... "They're a very solid team," Stanton said... Stanton said his team wasn't intimidated by PCA's gaudy record and lofty stature among the state's smaller schools... "I think our kids were fired up more than anything," Stanton said.

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CHAMPIONS OF 4-2: The Livonia Christian Middle School girls' basketball team finished first and second, respectively, in their combined appearance in the Area of the Western Lakes Activities Association competition Feb. 26 at Farmington High School. The Churchill freshman, JV and varsity squads also won the Livonia Public Schools title. Members of the JV squad, coached by Heidi Richardson, include (top row, from left) Jackie Webb, Shalin Embury, Kelly Jakin, Angie Ilievski, Jenn Kanack, Darcy Kavanaugh, Casey Cummings, and Dana Dabinzsis. Emily Merrill (not pictured) is Sarah Nemes and Melissa Parroskey). Varsity members (bottom row, from left) include Valerie Harney, Rachel Willey, Allison Diakow, Christie Humenay, Jamie Bologna, Bianca Eldridge, Emily Karr, AnnMarie Breisch, Mari Traub, Jade Greenwood and coach Sheila Humenay (not pictured are Christina Kozan and Jessica Sheffer).

SPORTS ROUNDUP

STING SIGNS REDFORD CC ICEERS

Two current members of Redford Catholic Central's hockey team have signed tender agreements to play next season with the St. Louis Sting of the North American Hockey League.

Senior forwards Brandon Kaleniecki and Dave Moss will play for the Sting, coached by former Detroit Red Wing Rick Zombo in 2000-01.

Through 24 games this year, Kaleniecki had 24 goals and 29 assists while Moss had 12 goals and 23 assists.

PISTONS/SKOCK CLINIC

Members of the Detroit Pistons and Detroit Shock will put on a basketball clinic Saturday at Ward Presbyterian Church, located at 40000 Six Mile (west of Haggerty) in Northville.

Boys and girls in the third-to-eighth grades are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$15.

Session I (grades 3-5) will run from 2:30-3:15 p.m. Session II (grades 6-8) will run from 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Arrive 15 minutes early to register, or pre-register at the Ward Presbyterian Church by Friday. Parents are invited to attend.

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Registration is now underway for adult spring recreational hockey leagues.

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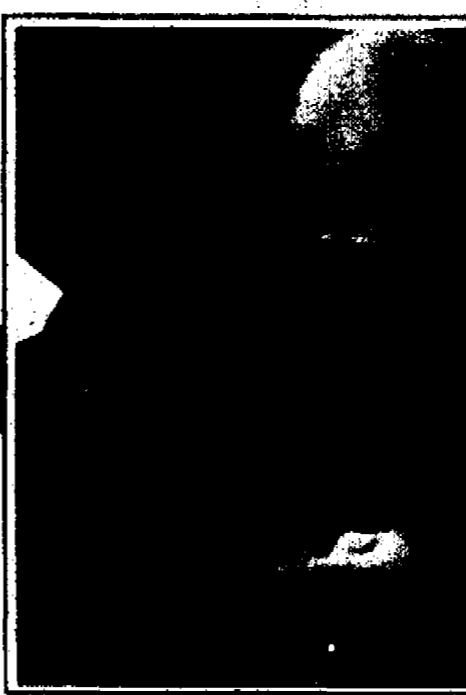
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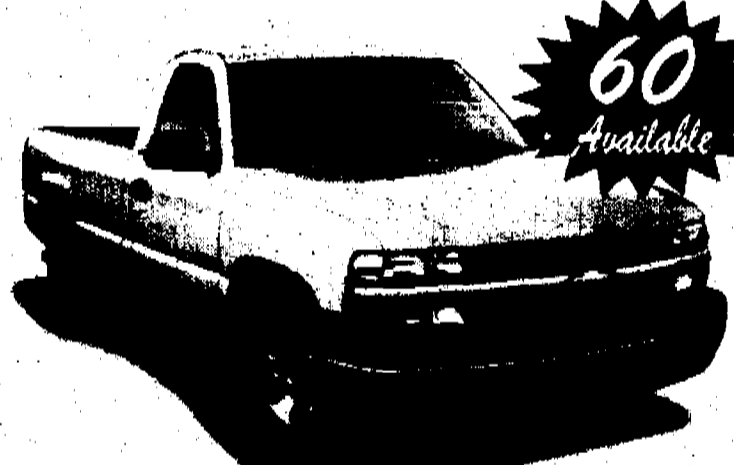
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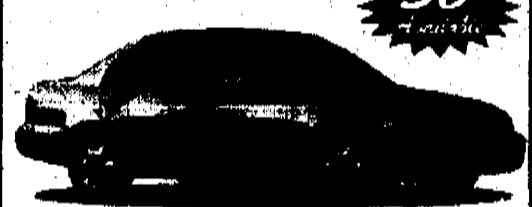
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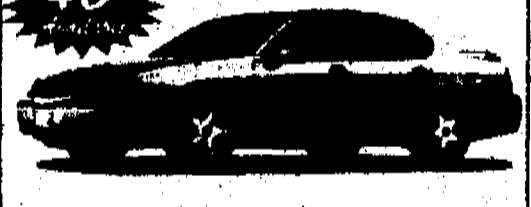
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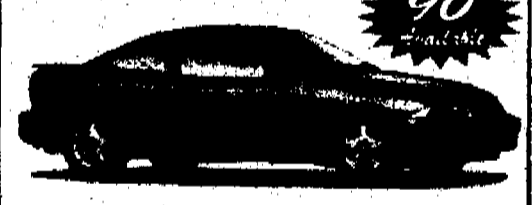
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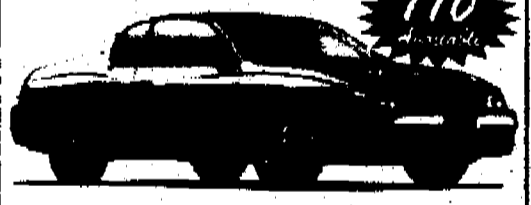
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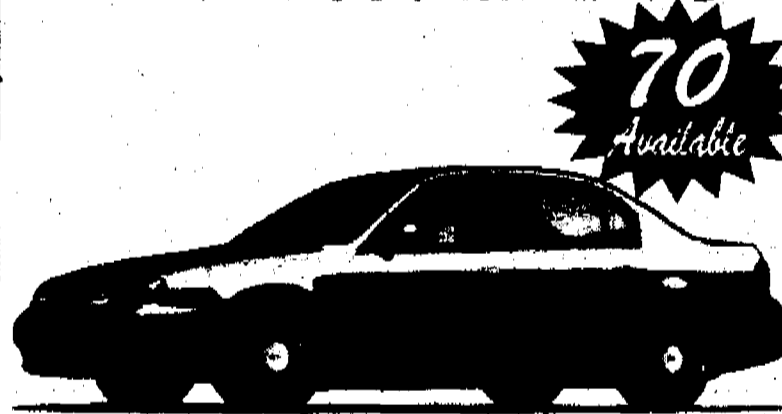
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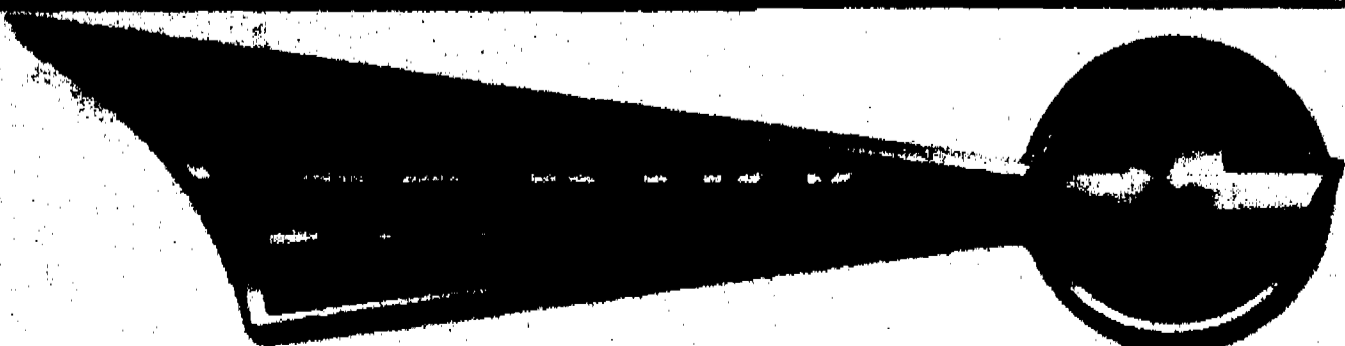
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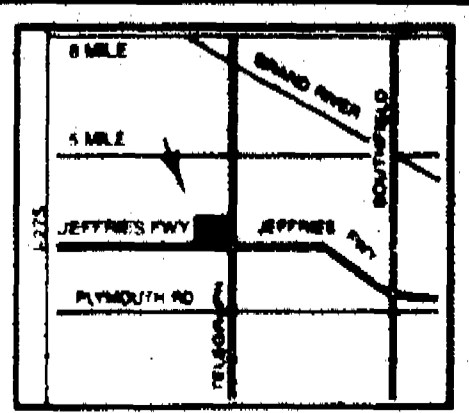
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Master class features former CAPA student

Gal Mack had tickets to see "Fosse" long before she knew her former student, Greg Reuter, was one of six principal dancers in the production, which continues through March 19 at the Fisher Theatre. Mack frequently goes to see shows at the Fisher, Gem and Fox to stay on top of her job as director of the Creative and Performing Arts program at Churchill High School in Livonia. But she never would have had the opportunity to coordinate a March 2 master dance class with Reuter if it hadn't been for Mary Murphy.

It was during a November class trip to Chicago to see "Fosse" that the CAPA dance instructor discovered Reuter doing some of the same steps he'd done in the CAPA production of "Sweet Charity."

Still, students weren't expecting Mack to begin the master class by reminiscing about how Reuter locked students in a props cabinet when a substitute teacher was filling in for one of her theater classes in the 1980s. Reuter's come a long way since his days in the CAPA program. This year the program is training 150 Livonia high school students in theater, dance and music.

Sharing experiences

"I think it's wonderful that students who've gone on to success come back to share their experience," said Mack. "For the dancers in CAPA it gives them the chance to dance with professionals and find out what's involved. For theater students, it exposes them to dance and musical theater."

After a brief introduction, a video of the production featuring "Big Spender" and "Mein Herr" was shown. Reuter and cast members Linda Bowen and Jennifer Savelli then led 40 CAPA students through a combination of steps from "Bye, Bye Blackbird." Afterward, during a question and answer session, students had the opportunity to find out what it takes to become a professional performer.

Did Reuter have a degree in theater? Yes, he earned a bachelor of fine arts in musical theater performance at Western Michigan University. Bowen, originally from Maryland, has a degree in dance and choreography. Savelli went straight from high school to performing with a ballet company.

How did they survive while auditioning in New York City? Bowen worked as a waitress on Second Avenue before she got a break. Reuter advised students to get a job and save money before leaving Michigan.

Getting the job

How did they get the job dancing in the production that showcases the works of legendary choreographer Bob Fosse? Through open calls. Before

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Dance Fest

WSU hosts

Great Lakes regional festival

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Linda Simmons is a little nervous, but nonetheless thrilled about the Great Lakes Region American College Dance Festival coming to Wayne State University March 15-18. More than 700 students and faculty members from 16 universities throughout the Midwest and Canada are participating in the event that exposes dancers to the latest techniques and choreography in master classes, lectures and performances. A faculty concert, Michigan Choreographers Concert and Gala Concert cap the festivities.

This is the first time WSU is hosting the event founded in 1973 to support

and affirm the role of dance in higher education.

An honor

"This is an honor for us," said Simmons, the WSU dance professor coordinating the festival. "We're excited about showing off the dance department at Wayne and all the great artists in the area. With our Michigan Choreographers Concert we wanted to showcase Michigan and show them our very best."

Simmons, and the staff of the university's dance department, invited established companies such as Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, Rochester Hills, Peter Sparling Dance Company, Ann Arbor; Detroit Dance Collective and Onyx Dance Company of Detroit to present the best of Michigan dance

on Friday, March 17 at the Detroit Opera House. Ann Arbor based-Bichini Bia Congo Dance Theater will add cultural diversity to the concert with its Congolese-flavored fare.

During the festival, faculty and student dance companies will present two choreographed pieces from each of the schools for judging by Luke Kahlich, dance professor at Temple University in Philadelphia; Gina Gibney, director of the all-female ensemble Gina Gibney Dance in New York; and legendary dance/choreographer Carmen DeLavallade.

The best of the student and faculty choreography will be presented at a Gala Concert on Saturday, March 18 at the Bonstelle Theatre on the WSU campus. Several of these companies will go on to compete in the national festival in Maryland in May.

Wayne State's dance department will perform "Sand People of the" by faculty member Erica Wilson-Perkins, and the student choreographed piece "Her," by Megan Brunke of West Bloomfield.

Preview

On Friday, March 17 the Peter Sparling company will preview the first section of "Possible Dances" which is scheduled to premier June 30 at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival in the Power Center. Set to poems written by Sparling and a score by Paul Epstein, the work features dancers moving to the sounds of nature. Sparling, who spent his teen years in Plymouth, will read the text for this multi-media piece.

"Every poem is a dance in a way," said Sparling, a University of Michigan dance professor who for the last couple of years has been working on his poetry during a summer writers retreat at Cranbrook Educational Park in Bloomfield Hills. "It's through imagery and the flow that a poem comes alive."

Tim Smola, a member of the Peter Sparling Dance Company, is looking forward

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Multi-media: Peter Sparling Dance Company previews the first section of "Possible Dances."

Great Lakes Region American College Dance Festival

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Passing Through: The Detroit Dance Collective performs a work by Barbara Selinger.

CONCERT

Jazz musicians ready to wail and do battle

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Midge Ellis remembers a time in the '40s and '50s when jazz greats such as Gene Krupa, Oscar Peterson and Ella Fitzgerald traveled all over the world just to play in a Battle of the Bands. Perched on a revolving stage that individually showcased each group, the hands would lay down licks, one as hot as the next.

On Sunday, March 19, Ellis is sounding the battle cry as a fund-raiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival at Schoolcraft College. Larry Nozero, Matt

Michaels with Johnny Trudell, and Tom Saunders' Detroit Jazz All Stars will go horn to horn playing everything from be-bop to swing and Dixieland in a Battle of the Bands at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

Ed Love, WDET jazz DJ and newly-named programming director for the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival, will emcee the battle.

"We're trying to bring that idea back," said Ellis of Livonia. "It was just the most fun. They would take turns wailing. It's a lesson in improvisation, and that's the mission of the Michigan Jazz Festival—to educate."

Matt Michaels remembers those days too. He and his trio with guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell will play jazz in the swing style. The trio, with various guest artists, can be heard every Wednesday night at Ron's Fireside Inn in Garden City.

"We're offering a choice of what they like," said Michaels, a Southfield resident and instructor at Wayne State University. "Guy Lombardo, Harry James, they all would engage in these. There'll be three different styles Tom

Saunders has quite a large following for Dixieland."

Saunders began playing coronet 54 years ago. For more than 20 years the jazz veteran's Surfside Six band was a staple in clubs around the Detroit area. It was during this time, Saunders met the legendary Wild Bill Davison, the musician who most influenced his style. Saunders went on to tour Germany, Switzerland, Ireland and England with Davison. He returns to Germany for a week of performances this summer after touring Switzerland for three weeks as leader of the Wild Bill Davison Legacy band.

But before he leaves, Saunders and Detroit Jazz All Stars Al Winters, trombone, Bob Pinterch, drums, Bill Meyer, piano, Don Bayberry, bass, and clarinetist Jim Wyse of Livonia will battle it out with Michaels and Nozero.

"We all know each other so it'll be fun," said Saunders. "Each band will play a main set and then their version of one specific song. I got hooked on Dixieland as a little kid. My brother played it. It was in the house all the time. I like it because it's happy music."

Festival debuts avant-garde productions

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Nearly everything about the Ann Arbor Film Festival is avant-garde—from the defiant sensibilities of the films to the actual location of the screening room, where an annual media preview of the entries is held.

Clearly, Ann Arbor isn't Sundance. Festival organizers loathe notions of commercial popularity or mainstream



Film spectrum: Over six nights, 114 experimental films will be shown at the Michigan Theater. Shown above is a scene from "The Bottomless Cup."

acceptance. The intent is to prod, provoke and challenge.

Experimental isn't just a concept used by filmmakers. It's the operating philosophy followed by festival director Vicky Honeyman, who graduated in film studies from the University of Michigan in the late 1960s, and maintains the fervent idealism of the counter culture.

By day, Honeyman is a hair stylist.

Every other waking moment she gives shape and style to the longest running experimental film competition in the country, held this Tuesday through Sunday at the 1,700-seat Michigan Theater in downtown Ann Arbor.

Against the current

Last year's preview venue was in the back room of Honeyman's hair salon a few blocks east of Main Street, which, by any standard, is a

bit cramped. Certainly, there's been an in-your-face hipness to previewing films in a room where you can also get your roots retouched and a few inches taken off the sides.

This year's preview was held next

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Stoppin' out: Greg Reuter shows CAPA students at Churchill High School a few dance steps from the musical "Fosse."

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they reached the stage however, dancers spent eight hours a day, six days a week in rehearsal with Fosse protégés Ann Reinking and Gwen Verdon. When students asked if he had to give up his social life Reuter replied, "there are sacrifices and you have to take care of yourself." While on the road, dancers work six nights a week with one day off. But Reuter never discouraged students. He told them if they're serious about a career in theater to go for it. That his "biggest lesson is that there's room for everybody in this business."

"These kids are great and it brought back a lot of memories," said Reuter afterward. "We wanted to give them exposure to the material so they could get a taste of what Fosse is all about."

Mack and Murphy were beaming with pride at the speed with which students caught on to the

'I really enjoyed the master class. I learned I like this type of dancing.'

*Meghan Dolan
CAPA student*

steps. Reuter said he was exposed to different dance styles by Murphy who was excited by his visit. She said, it was a feather in the cap of the dance program which brings in guest artists several times a year.

Murphy was most pleased to hear Reuter's answer to the importance of ballet in becoming a dancer on Broadway. The CAPA dance program is based on ballet with explorations of modern dance, jazz and tap.

"I'm thrilled for my students,"

said Murphy, who directs CAPA students in their Jazz Blowout dance concert Friday-Saturday, March 17-18 at Churchill. For tickets, call the CAPA office at (734) 523-8841. (CAPA will present "David and Lisa" at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford May 11-14.) "He offered them hope of being able to obtain a dream whether it's in dance or theater."

Junior Meghan Dolan was one of the CAPA students who saw the production in Chicago and had the opportunity to work with Reuter on stage in the dance session.

"I really enjoyed the master class," said Dolan who began tap lessons at age three. "I learned I like this type of dancing."

Jessica Reschke, a second year CAPA student, thought the information was something she'll eventually be able to use. A dance student for 14 years,

Reschke's goal is to one day dance on Broadway.

"I liked it because it was like an audition and gave me a feel for what I'm up against," said Reschke.

Leah Trzcinski, now in her fourth year of CAPA, echoed Mack's sentiments about Reuter's visit.

"It's really good to see CAPA-trained kids come back and give to the program."

"Fosse" continues through Sunday, March 19 at the Fisher Theater, Detroit. Tickets are \$37.50-\$65.50 for Friday-Saturday, \$35-\$62.50 Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday evenings. Call (248) 645-6666.

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All That Jazz: "Fosse" cast members Jennifer Savelli (right), Greg Reuter and Linda Bowen answered questions after a master dance class at Churchill High School.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

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to returning to the festival he participated in as a University of Michigan student. Smola's senior thesis was presented during the festival at Northern Illinois University two years ago.

"I enjoy the festivals a lot," said Smola, a Garden City resident. "There's a wide range with so many different colleges participating. You get to see what kinds of pieces other colleges are doing."

Like Smola, Anne Bak had her work chosen to be performed at the festival held at Oakland University in Rochester in 1993. This year, she's back as a member of the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble to perform "Catharsis," a dance choreographed by company founder Laurie Eisenhower. The large ensemble work is set to music by Phillip Glass with Brian Eno and David Bowie.

"Not only does it give you the opportunity to take classes from dancers around the region but also to have adjudication and a gala concert that shows the best," said Bak, a Lake Orion resident who's also associate manager of Eisenhower Dance Ensemble.

Paula Kramer is excited about the Detroit Dance Collective previewing Barbara Selinger's "Passing Through" at the Michigan Choreographer's Concert. The work premieres at an April 8 Music Hall concert which celebrates the company's 20th anniversary. Founded at the Midwest Dance Center in 1981, the company was in residence for 14 years at Oakland Community College in Royal Oak before moving to Detroit's theater district three years ago.

"It's fast paced with intricate patterns and set to the music of J.S. Bach," said Kramer, co-artistic director of the company with Selinger, a Farmington Hills resident. "It's a full-out moving piece that shows off technical skills."

Kramer and Selinger will be teaching several of the 40 master classes being given each day during the festival.

"The level of dance at colleges is getting close to professional," said Kramer. "The fun of the festival is the young people joining together. When that happens there's sparks flying everywhere."

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door to Honeyman's salon in a relatively spacious converted storage room with well-preserved hardwood floors. A screen was hung above a steam radiator that defied any attempts to be regulated.

Several armchairs were placed randomly in the room. Apparently, publicity agents and Hollywood producers weren't notified. Two years ago, Honeyman recalled, no one even showed for the screenings. This year, there wasn't enough press for a euclyre game.

A tepid media response hardly deters festival organizers, most of whom are volunteers with a passion for film and an against-the-current sensibility.

Longtime volunteer Michael Woodruff, who takes pride in the title "festival handyman," is a performance artist whose work can be seen in and around the Michigan Theater during the six-day festival.

A Birmingham Seaholm graduate of 1983, Woodruff considers avant-garde film a breeding ground for ideas that eventually make their way into the mainstream.

"A lot of the hip stuff you see

Experimentally intriguing

Notable films in this year's Ann Arbor Film Festival include:

- "Zyklon Portrait by Elida Schogt" — A chilling account of how the Nazis used Zyklon B in gas chambers. The clinical tone presents an eerie resonance of the rationalization of those who committed genocide.
- "The Light in Our Lizard Bellies" by Sarah Abbott — Follows a highly erotic dancer. Shot in black and white to the rhythm of breathing and chanting.
- "Sunday Afternoon" by Paul Charney and Marc Vogel — A comical dialogue based on the intention of language.
- "The Bottomless Cup" by Paul Bonner — A Kafkaesque/Twilight Zone story about a man who stops at a roadside diner for a wake-up cup of coffee and never leaves.
- "Grace" by Lorelei Pepi — Looking at the electric energy fields of the body in a highly-sensual exploration of the body.
- "The Day Stashi Ran Out of Honey" by Sonia Bridge - An allegory of the subtle relationship between the mundane of daily life and the bombardment caused by war.
- "Edgeways" by Sandra Gibson — A highly-experimental exploration of color and sound utilizing hand-painted cells.
- "Abandoned Dolls" by Karl Staven — A Toy Story with a seedy edge. Dolls with missing and broken parts appear forlorn amid abandoned urban setting.

— Frank Provenzano, Staff Writer

four-person review committee that watched each of the 350 submitted films.

This year, to broaden audience appeal, a screening room at the Michigan Theatre will feature documentaries, animated works and narrative films. In addition, four hours of film will be available for viewing at universities around the country.

All entries have been shot, edited or transferred to 16-millimeter film, which is probably most recognized as used in newsreels. The type of film is about half as wide as the 35-millimeter film used in feature movies. The choice of 16-millimeter film is also a practical consideration since it is relatively affordable for student filmmakers, said Honeyman.

Idea is the art

Over nearly four decades, the festival has persevered despite operating on a shoestring budget. This year's festival is funded largely by a \$12,000 National Endowment for the Arts and \$24,000 state grants and corporate support. Last year's main corporate sponsor, Absolut, dropped out, leaving the festival to rely more heavily on support from the metro Detroit film/video production community.

What's strikingly absent in the festival is flashy, high-tech polished imagery. Of course, that's hardly the point. Clearly, the festival isn't enamored by technology, nor is it looking to find further derivations of a popular theme.

For 38 years, the Ann Arbor Film Festival has been a place where the idea is the art. In an age of blockbuster movies and multi-million-dollar marketing budgets, focusing on the possibilities of film as an artform may be the most defiant act of all.

on MTV, commercials and (wide-distribution) films originated in the work of experimental filmmakers," he said.

A list of past entries in the festival read as a Who's Who of American Film, including Brian DePalma, Andy Warhol, Gus Van Sant and George Lucas.

Over six nights and 24 viewing hours, 114 films will be shown, ranging in length from one minute to two hours. The films cover a range of topics and explore the elements of film similar to how abstract painters express the elements of their art.

Generally, the films in the festival push the boundaries of genre and medium.

Some films fit into distinct genres, such as narrative, documentary or animation. Other films defy pigeonholing and can be best described as "visual paintings," said festival director Honeyman, who served on a

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FREE CONCERT

Brazilian guitarist Fabio Zanon will perform Scarlatti sonatas and music by Sor, Brouwer and Miranda noon Wednesday, March 22 during a concert in the Forum Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Schoolcraft, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 462-4403.

Zanon made his orchestral debut with the London Philharmonic in 1998. In 1999, he recorded the soundtrack of the French film "Les Enfants du Sicle" and premiered new works in the Czech Republic and Lon-

don. His CD of Villa-Lobos' guitar works was hailed as a reference recording and his debut recital CD was chosen as the best CD of 1998 by Gramophone Magazine.

OPEN AUDITIONS

The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford is holding open auditions for singers, dancers and specialty acts 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 25 at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford.

Performers should have at least 2-3 minutes of prepared material. All types of performers are encouraged to audition for this fund-raising event. Performance dates are May 5-6. Call (313) 531-0554.

GLASS BEADMAKERS WANTED

The Michigan Glass Beadmaker's Guild will hold an organizational meeting noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 26 in Room 251

of the Science Building at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Evergreen Road, between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue.

The program includes a bead-making demonstration by Plymouth glass artist Don Schneider in addition to the organizational meeting.

If you can't attend and would like to be notified of future meetings/events, call Anne Sheppard at (734) 261-2150 or Don Miller at (313) 593-5262 or e-mail him at drMiller@umich.edu.

HONORS RECITAL DEADLINE APPROACHES

Students of voice, piano and all bands and orchestral instruments are encouraged to audition for the 2000 Honors Recitals sponsored by the Schoolcraft College music department. Deadline for application is Sunday, March

19. The competition culminates in performances on April 9 for cash prizes. The recitals are designed to encourage excellence in performance and teaching in the Detroit-Ann Arbor area. Students in elementary through high school are eligible for the piano competition, students in grades 5-12 for the instrumental division, and students grades 9-12 for the vocal category.

Auditions for the piano recital are Friday, March 31. Piano, instrumental and vocal auditions continue through Saturday, April 1. All auditions and honors performances will take place in the college's Forum Recital Hall.

For information and an application, call (734) 462-4403.

PHOTO SEMINAR

Canton photographer Ted Nelson is one of the presenters at

the 37th annual Photo Seminar Friday-Sunday, March 24-26 at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen at Ford Road, Dearborn.

Advanced registration is suggested and will be accepted through Monday, March 20. For more information, call (248) 474-6509 or (810) 775-3165.

Nelson will talk about the "Nature of Kensington." Nearly 3 million people visit Kensington Metropark every year but only a few see what Nelson has captured on film - sandhill cranes poking through dewy fields at daybreak and the rising sun filtered through the wings of a damselfly. Nelson will also share his experiences of self-publishing his recent book "The Nature of Kensington."

ART PROGRAM

The Ann Arbor Women

Painters presents its third "Can We Talk?" program 7 p.m. Monday, March 20 at the Ann Arbor Public Library on Fifth Avenue at William, Ann Arbor. A panel of artists from the Ann Arbor Women Artists will talk about art-related issues ranging from how-to-do-it to current art issues.

The public is welcome. Call (734) 998-1123 for information.

WRITERS WANTED

Writers of all ages are invited to join the Plymouth Writer's Club which meets 7:30-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Aspiring writers of all experience levels are welcome to share their work. For more information, call Brian Anderson at (734) 416-0418.

Campaign aims to 'de-snob' culture, build regional cooperation

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER FPROVENZANO@HOME.COMM.NET

After years of political squabbling about the futility of regional cooperation and the cantankerous "Detroit versus suburbs" hogwash, the southeastern Michigan cultural scene is about to undergo a long-overdue makeover.

Stand up and take notice. Here's the first glimpse at the changing metro-area cultural scene of the 21st century.

Talk of culture will have to be expanded beyond the tired political rhetoric and typical jabbering about auto industry trends and box scores.

Success also means the push for regional funding for the arts will be given a huge boost. Currently, the discussion to assess a half-mill tax on property owners in Wayne and Oakland counties has been at a logjam.

"Enrich Your Life"

On Tuesday, 14 of the area's most recognized and attended cultural institutions will unveil a new, provocative advertising campaign aimed at transforming public perception about the array of cultural offerings of the

OPINION

region. The bold initiative, optimistically entitled "Enrich Your Life," is a comprehensive multimedia campaign that will begin airing within the next week or two on TV and radio and run in newspaper and magazine ads.

The campaign is expected to run at least a year.

Developed pro-bono by Doner Co. of Southfield, "Enrich Your Life" has a contemporary, edgy tone.

Heavy on humor and filled with irreverence, the campaign goes a long way to deflate highfalutin' notions of what is "art."

And, more importantly, the campaign makes an appeal that the arts (and cultural experiences) are for everyone, not just for the wealthy or "informed."

Hopefully, the ad campaign won't drip with the sappiness of the "It's a Good Time In Detroit" mantra intended to reinvigorate the perception of Motown as a happy place.

Rather, the focus of "Enrich Your Life" should be on making a compelling case for the

strength of the region's culture, from exhibits at Cranbrook and the Detroit Institute of Arts to Detroit Symphony concerts to plays at Meadow Brook and lavish productions at the Detroit Opera House.

After years of self-doubt and poor self-esteem about the area's cultural offerings, it'd be unfortunate if the campaign message sounded desperate or too flippant.

Too much is at stake.

Follow the cue

For the moment, consider that the campaign will have the typical Doner magic.

What's needed for actual change in public attitudes?

First, the regional media must air and print the ads as public service announcements. That means local media must be committed to supporting the initiative.

Of course, that means they give as much attention to the public service commitment as they give to titillating special reports during ratings month.

Second, business and governmental leaders must follow the cue, and step up to the plate.

Now is the time to raise the

level of debate about culture.

It's not enough to enjoy the humor of the ads. Nor will any worthwhile change occur if the catchy slogan does nothing to convince people of the deeper message.

Raise level of debate

Frankly, promoting the arts and culture isn't simply hyping exhibits and concerts. Promoting the value of culture is a means to stand up for a higher quality of life and a more humane society.

Ironically, with the proliferation of the suburbs over the last five decades, the notion of a shared regional culture has diminished.

An ad campaign can't change reality. But it can get everyone talking.

And talk in southeastern Michigan hasn't always come

easily.

Frank Provenzano is an arts reporter for the Eccentric News.

papers. He can be reached at (248) 901-2557.

Advertisement for FASWELL celebrating St. Patrick's Day with corned beef & cabbage for \$9.95 and Mulligan Stew for \$7.95. Includes contact info for O'Lost & McFound.

Advertisement for WALTONWOOD retirement living, featuring independent living options and contact information for various locations like Rochester Hills and Canton.

Large advertisement for the 10th Annual INDOOR SUPER FAIR at Pontiac Silverdome, featuring rides, games, food, and entertainment from March 17-26.

Advertisement for Champion Home Improvement Company, offering windows, siding, and patio rooms with various discounts and warranties.

Small advertisement for FOX 12, Observer & Eccentric, and radio stations 1050 and 93.1 DRQ.

Small advertisement for Champion Home Improvement Company with contact info for Livonia and Auburn Hills locations.

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Sunday, March 12, 2000

How do you define shopping?

SHOP TALK



NICOLE STAFFORD

I've been waiting for a reason to write about my participation in a Gallup Poll survey on Internet shopping.

Since this section is called "Malls & Mainstreets," it's difficult to justify writing about shopping in cyberspace. (By the way, I'd like to hear from readers who have feelings one way

or the other about seeing Internet shopping information here. Send me an e-mail, drop me a note or give me a phone call.)

Anyway, there was a deluge of shoppers in downtown Birmingham earlier this week, apparently brought on by the unseasonably warm weather. Such an occurrence seemed to me to drive home the point shopping isn't just about buying or looking around for merchandise. Often, shopping is simply entertainment.

Anyway, a few days before Christmas, I received a telephone call from a guy at the Gallup Poll.

He asked about 10 questions. When was the last time I used the Internet? When was the last time I looked for merchandise on the Internet? Did I have Internet access at home?

He then asked whether I'd be willing to participate in a larger survey on web shopping. I said yes and listened to his instructions. He told me I would fill out the survey on the Internet. Written instructions and a pin number to access the survey would arrive in a few days, he said.

Since I regularly rely on the Internet for information about retailers and new merchandise for my job, I decided I was an excellent candidate for the survey. I probably knew things about retail cyberspace most people didn't.

Shortly after beginning the survey, I realized my knowledge about what retail offer on the Internet was unimportant to the Gallup Poll.

The survey was divided into retail categories, such as books, airline tickets, clothing, house wares and so forth. Each section began with the question: "Which of the following descriptions best fits your behavior when you shop on-line for ...?"

■ "I'm usually just browsing, not really in the market to buy at that time."

■ "I'm usually getting information so that I can make my purchase elsewhere."

■ "I'm shopping and may or may not make my purchase on-line."

■ "I'm usually intending to make my purchase on-line."

Following was a list of web sites and a series of boxes that were to be checked based on whether I had shopped or purchased there within the last two weeks or last two months.

In other words, the survey taps into how different people define shopping.

Is it merely browsing or a process of gathering information, comparing products and price tags? Or is it a more complex decision-making process? Is it pulling out the credit card and buying something? Perhaps it is a combination of these actions?

Of course everybody defines shopping differently, and I'm fairly certain most of us don't really think about these distinctions. I mean who has time for a semantics debate concerning something as trivial as shopping?

But obviously, there are people - probably the executives who head up apparel companies and publishing houses and so forth - who care tremendously about these distinctions.

Interestingly enough, after completing the survey, I concluded I didn't actually shop on the Internet. Even when I was in the market to buy, I was merely gathering information. I decided, "Thus, shopping on the Internet isn't shopping from my point of view."

On the other hand, heading to downtown Birmingham to walk the streets, enjoy the unseasonable weather, browse store windows and perhaps buy something, is shopping in my opinion.

It's often said that shopping malls and retail stores with adequate parking are business to the Internet and encourage someone else to go to the mall and see the merchandise. I've always said that the mall is a warm, inviting atmosphere, featuring store displays and the like.

Nonetheless, I have a feeling I won't be the only one who is shopping and profiting merchandise on the Internet in the near future.

Sweet times

Teens and retailers prepare for prom season



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MAJERLA

Good fit: Rochester Adams High School juniors Keely Gramling and Katie Potter try on prom dresses at Hudson's at Summit Place Mall in Waterford. Both young ladies are participating in Prom Gala 2000, a program sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Healthy People, Healthy Oakland. Through the program area teens pledge to stay substance-free through prom season and appear in a prom fashion show and dance performance at an area mall.

That all-important night in a young girl's life - prom - is approaching quickly.

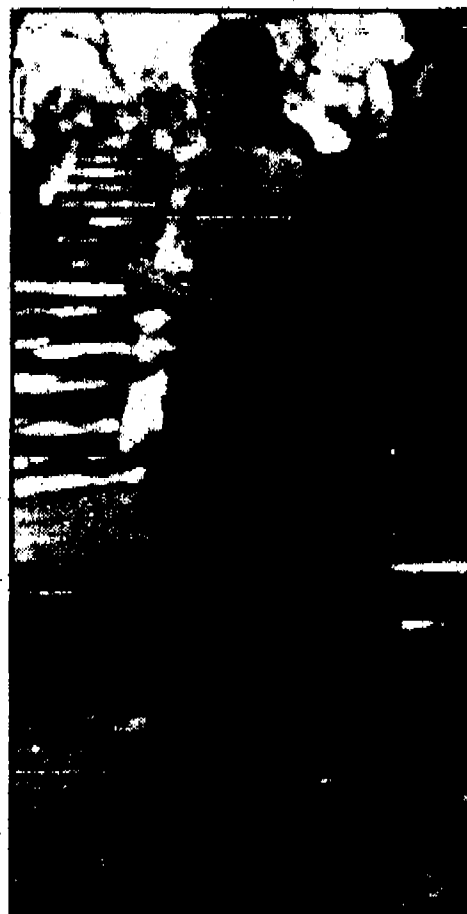
And both retailers and teenage girls are in the throws of preparing for the event.

Several prom fashion shows are slated at area stores and malls, including Prom Gala 2000, a runway presentation of prom attire and a dance performance featuring both guys and girls from local high schools who have committed to stay substance-free through prom season.

The program is being sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Healthy People, Healthy Oakland and culminates in a fashion and dance presentation at 1 p.m. today (Sunday, March 12) on the stage at Oakland Mall in Troy.

For those who can't make the show, Jacobson's will highlight trends in prom attire at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18 in the Ms. J department at their stores in downtown Birmingham, Rochester Hills and Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

The season's prom attire promises a substantial dose of color, especially different shades of pink. Bare shoulders, midriffs and backs that are discreet enough to keep parents happy also are in abundance, said Beverly Rice, Jacobson's senior vice president, fashion and merchandising. Separates, such as full skirts with cotton camisoles, and use of tulle are other promising trends, she said. "They're dressing up, you know," said Rice. "They're not slouching around.... It's a big occasion for most young people, and they want to dress up."



Sweet styles: Bare midriffs, shoulders and backs, feminine details and separates sweep prom looks, \$132-156 all at Jacobson's.

Pop singer Brandy visits Hudson's at Northland

Brandy style: Pop singer and television star Brandy is slated to visit the Northland Center Hudson's store in Southfield on March 18 to promote DKNY's new junior jeans line.



Jeans, teenagers and a role model. Gather them together at the mall, and you have a winning event.

That's why DKNY, which is launching a collection of junior jeans, is following in the footsteps of other apparel companies who have targeted the youth market, and bringing pop singer and television star Brandy Norwood to the area.

Brandy, a Grammy Award-winning, pop R&B star with Atlantic Records, has been chosen to appear in the company's advertisements for the clothing collection and participate in their marketing campaigns, which means retail appearances across the country.

She'll visit metropolitan Detroit shoppers and teens at noon Saturday, March 18 at the DKNY Junior Jeans shop at Hudson's Northland Center store in Southfield.

Brandy is slated to spend about an hour signing autographs, shaking hands, conversing with fans and

talking about DKNY's junior collection.

The denim line is a new junior girls division for DKNY that targets teenagers, age 14 to 18, and seeks to appeal to the groups' urban and independent sensibilities.

The jeans, original styles designed specifically for a teenager's body and lifestyle, are available in different colors with a variety of embellishments. The label, which is accented with neon pink, says: "DKNY//Jeans."

Coordinates for the collection are a mix of sexy and sweet: tie-dye halters, hook 'n eye ribbed tanks, plaid tops, nylon surfer shorts, lace-edged white Capri pants and other trendy pieces.

For additional information about Brandy's appearance, call Hudson's at Northland Center, (248) 443-6000.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 305 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

AMERICAN BEAUTY WEEK
Bobbie's Fashion Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents American Beauty Week, a week of special events and gift-with-purchase promotions at their Somerset locations through March 18, Cosmetics & Fragrances. For more information, call (248) 644-1314.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

View the season's prom collection of Gianfranco Ferré for spring at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy. Trunk show, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and personal shopping, 4-6 p.m., Saks Z Collections, 248-9000. For more information, call (248) 248-9000.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

View the season's prom collection of Gianfranco Ferré for spring at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy. Trunk show, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and personal shopping, 4-6 p.m., Saks Z Collections, 248-9000. For more information, call (248) 248-9000.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

ham, presents a trunk show of spring suiting and separates by Renfrew through March 19, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday. For details, call (248) 723-2880.

MEYER'S TRUNK SHOWS
Jacobson's in Rochester Hills hosts two trunk shows for men, the Hart Marx Collection, Men's Department, and the Johnston & Murphy Collection, Men's Shoes, 4-8 p.m. For details, call (248) 651-6000.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

CAROL PERETZ TRUNK SHOW
Ros & Sbern, 6536 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, presents a trunk show of spring and summer evening gowns by Carol Peretz with an appearance by the designer through March 18, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For details, call (248) 855-8855.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

TADASHI TRUNK SHOW

View the spring collection of evening gowns by Tadashi at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Galleria, third floor. For additional information, call (248) 643-3300.

DERBY EVENT
Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts the Livonia Family YMCA's Indian Guides Pinewood Derby, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Food Court. For details, call (734) 522-4100.

CRAG TAYLOR APPEARANCE
Shirt designer Craig Taylor visits Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Women's Sportswear. For additional information, call (248) 644-6900.

JEWELRY TRUNK SHOW
Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a trunk show of the most recent jewelry collection by Robin Rotenier, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor. For more information, call (248) 643-3300.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

CHILDREN'S MAGIC SHOW
Livonia Mall, at 7 Mile Road, hosts a children's magic show that teaches social skills and strategies, 1 p.m. Value City Court. For more information, call (248) 476-1160.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- Corn Huskers hand lotion can be bought at most Rite Aid, CVS, F&M, and Meijer stores.
 - The Beauty Boutique catalog carries some Adrienne Arpel cosmetics. (800) 497-7463.
 - The game Michigan Rummy, also known as Tripoli, can be bought at Toys R Us stores and at some Target and Kmart stores.
 - The perfume KL by Lagerfeld can be purchased at the Fragrant outlet at Birch Run. (517) 624-0134.
- ### FIND & SEARCH NOTES:
- We did not find a company that will repair a Seeberg jukebox, so we are still looking for one.
 - We are no longer looking for an iron mangle; we had several readers with one available.
 - We have had many requests for Hudson's millennium Santa bears, but those readers with the bears no longer have any available.
 - Jungle Gardenia perfume by Tuvache is no longer manufactured.
 - Sutherland's restaurant served halibut not cod.
- ### WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:
- A company or person to appraise a small ceramic Chinese dog for Margaret of Canton.
 - A store that will repair a glass dish holding a prism for a lamp for Julia, who lives in Westland.
 - A 1998 "Muffy Bear" Sugar Plum Fairy for Diane.
 - A used 32-volt Delco sys-

- tem generator for Walter.
- A Farberware or Revere stove-top percolator that is not electric.
- A store that sells Carter's all-cotton Spanky pants with a band leg.
- The 1930-40 Time/Life book series for Evelyn of Livonia.
- A store where single serving salad dressing packets can be bought for Elaine, a resident of Garden City.
- A store where Angel Soft & Gentle floral/colored toilet tissue is available for Kathy of Redford.
- A Samsonite metal card table chair in yellow and gray for children for Mary.
- A videotape copy of a television program aired on WDIV-Channel 4 on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2000 about events and influential people of the century.
- Barney software by Microsoft called "Barney Under the Sea," "Barney Goes to the Circus," and "Fun on the Farm," for Colleen.
- A store that has a whistling tea kettle that shuts off when it reaches boiling point for Barbara of Troy.
- A Detroit Brady Elementary School book containing poems and photos (1944-45) for Florence, who lives in Southfield.
- The game Scotland Yard for Debbie.
- British Sterling men's stick deodorant for Shirley of Livonia.
- A store that sells FINESSE hair brushes for Judy.
- New or used "Moon Glow" curtains, sheets, drapes and scarves made by Drapery Boutique for Debbie, a resident of Canton.
- A gasket for a 4-quart Mirromatic pressure cooker for Agatha of Livonia.
- Two Millennium Barbie dolls for Nancy, a Livonia resident.
- Waterford's 1999 "Twelve Days of Christmas" ornament series for Helen of Livonia.
- Coty's 24-hour cream lipstick in "Redstone" for Lois,

- who lives in Livonia.
- A June, 1950 Grosse Pointe High School yearbook.
- AGZALELAND lavender-water after-shave for men for Mike of Plymouth.
- The front page or a section from the June 18, 1998 edition of The Detroit News & Free Press for Carol, a resident of Troy.
- An antique library-style dictionary stand for Joanne, a Bloomfield Township resident.
- The book "Alphie, the Christmas Tree," by John Denver for Cyndie.
- A store where a heating coil for use in a cigarette lighter that warms coffee can be bought for Regina, a Commerce Township resident.
- A 1939 Commerce High School yearbook for Grace, a resident of Livonia.
- A store where "Wibbles that Wobble" are sold for Marge of Canton.
- A 6 or 8-ounce Vernor's ginger ale glass used for ice cream floats for John.
- A store where bed sheets for a 3/4 antique bed can be bought for Janet, who resides in Clarkston.
- A Foley pastry cloth.
- Solo soprano music for "Dancing Doll" by E. Poldini for Gail of Dearborn.
- A 1934 Ferndale Lincoln High School yearbook for Catherine, a resident of Novi.
- A video tape of the movie "Bus Top" for Heidi of Bloomfield Hills.
- A store that carries products from the Super Guard II Ideal Security Hardware Corporation, based in St. Paul, Minn. for Christine of Ortonville.
- A store where homemade, tightly-wrapped pizza rolls with a generous amount of cheese and pepperoni are sold for Kim of Livonia.
- A store where standard mattress sheets without elastic around the entire sheet are sold for Marie, who lives in Canton.
- A store where a battery-operated flour sifter can be bought for Sandra, who lives in Sterling Heights.

Compiled by Sandi Jaruckas

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE

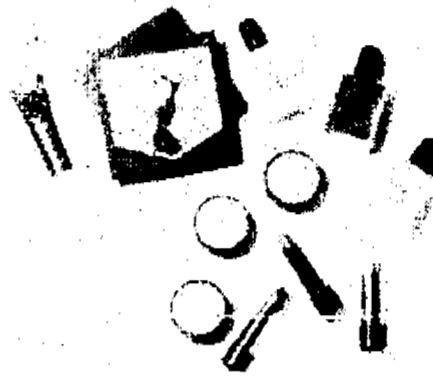
Just friends: Friendship rings can symbolize the innocence of new romance, a special closeness between two friends or a promise made between two lovers. Whatever their purpose, they've recently gained in popularity, so Cartier has created an indulgent one complete with a 0.21 carat diamond and 18 karat white gold, \$1,750-2,575 at Cartier.



Simply luxurious: Neiman Marcus has launched an updated private label collection of goodies for the bath, including body lotion, shower gel and bath, guest and hand soaps. Look for new fragrances like tuberose, verbena, lavender and frangipani, \$15-32 at Neiman Marcus.



Tropical punch: The beautiful, vibrant colors of fruit are informing cosmetics collection this spring, as well as fashion. Stila's lineup includes extremely sheer eye color in shades of guava, kiwi and mango. Look for hues of melon, nectarine and raspberry in Stila's Lip Color lipsticks, Nail Shimmer nail polish and other products, \$12-17 at department stores.



Oakland Mall offers certificates on-line

Sure, merchandise can be purchased on the Internet. But what about a gift certificate for a friend or family member who'd rather shop than unwrap a package? Actually, several local shopping venues offer on-line gift certificate programs, including Oakland Mall - the latest to extend the service to customers. The Birmingham Principal Shopping District, the Somerset Collection in Troy and The Village shopping district in Grosse Pointe also sell gift certificates on-line. Oakland Mall's certificates are redeemable at any of the center's stores and can be purchased with a credit card for between \$5 and \$50 in increments of \$5 by visiting the center's web site at www.oaklandmall.com. The shopping mall is located at I-75 and 14 Mile Road in Troy. The certificates, which have a one-year expiration date, also bear a personalized message from the purchaser. Mailing and handling costs are paid for by the purchaser. The service is being provided through an agreement between Oakland Mall and Isiah.com. Gift certificates for use in downtown Birmingham, Birmingham Principal Shopping District and the Somerset Collection in Troy can be purchased on the Internet at Isiah.com.

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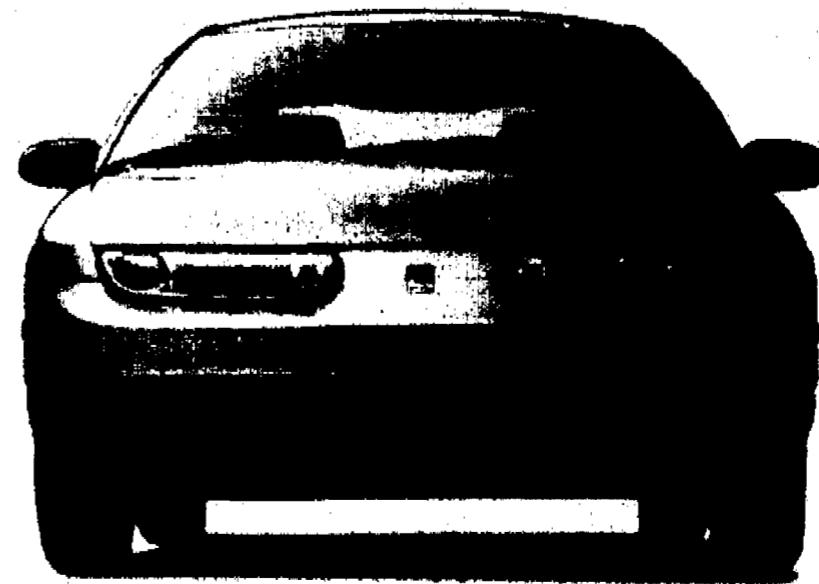
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Couple's travels lead them into Michigan's past

Down the dusty washboard road and across the river brings you past a canoe livery and the remains of the old wooden bridge jutting out of the water. A few old deserted cabins, barely visible in the overgrown brush, lie behind a fenced off area on the other side of the river. Is that where the past is?

—from "Towns at the Turn" by Gene Scott



Gene Scott: The author is flanked by Painesdale residents Ruth Katalin (left) and Debra Pindral (right). Last July the little town celebrated its centennial.

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"Nothing in history stands still but it sure seems like it when you get there," explains Gene Scott, Livonia writer and author of a new paperback book, "Towns at the Turn."

The "there" is any of nearly three dozen towns, villages and mere crossroads in Michigan that are 100 years old.

Visiting them, researching their history and turning the information into a book was a labor of love for Scott, a retired reporter, editor, educator and public relations employee for the city of Detroit. His constant companion for travel and research is his wife, Barbara.

The writing/retirement project began in 1998. In May of 1999 the couple logged several thousand miles as they traveled around the state.

Goal

Their goal: talk to at least one person in every 100-year-old Michigan town. In one town they sat on a front porch and talked with three generations of people. As they reminisced, out of the barn came the family's patriarch

— a fourth-generation individual. The family had run the same farm since 1906, according to Scott.

In another town they met a woman who offered to drive them around to point out the places of historical interest.

The project included trips to the Michigan Room of the Library of Michigan and to the famous Burton Collection at the Detroit Main Library, where there are massive genealogical records. The local Livonia library helped, too.

Scott also talked to county and township people, postmasters, and local historical society members.

"Towns" takes the reader to 32 out-of-the-way places, many of them in the far reaches of the

Upper Peninsula.

"I got interested in this some time ago when I was working on my masters degree. I researched how eight Michigan towns worked." Also, Scott said, since he is involved in the Detroit 300 anniversary project and as a resident is aware of Livonia's 50 birthday as a city this month, he wondered about towns "in between."

Scott is quick to point out this book is not academic; it is, rather, a layman's effort to have some fun, some "nostalgic enjoyment."

Most of the surviving towns from the turn of the century were once logging towns or copper mining villages. Some were farming or even resort communities.

Criteria

The book provides vignettes of 32 locations. Also included are lists of ghost towns, and towns long gone from Michigan maps. To be in this book, Scott set several criteria:

- The place still had to be on the map.
- The county engineers decide what stays on a map and what goes. These towns had stayed.
- There were road signs to the location.

Some places are small indeed. One town, Northport Point on the Leelanau Peninsula, only has seven families.

The Scotts' favorite Lower Peninsula town is Bentheim, where they spent time talking with Maurice and Henrietta Heck, descendants of Germans who came to the area south of



Prosper didn't prosper: The Prosper Christian Reformed Church near Lake City apparently gave the tiny village its name.

Holland to farm. The couple delighted the Scotts when they rolled a 83-year-old Chevy soft-top out of the barn and started it up. "We spent an hour and a half talking to the couple. They took us through one barn that had been built in the 1880s," Scott said.

Their favorite Upper Peninsula town is Ralph. Yes, the city limits sign says "Welcome to Ralph."

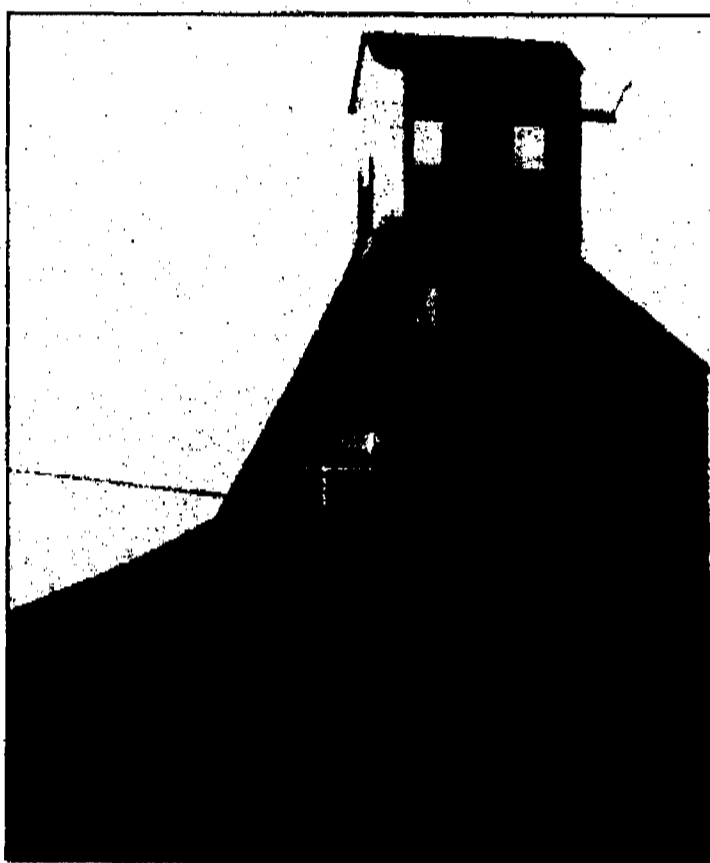
"Ralph is about 15 miles from Iron Mountain, Scott said. "Out on an old Federal highway."

Hardest to find was Leota on dirt roads in Clare County northwest of Harrison. "It was all unpaved roads in and out," Scott said.

The book is illustrated with many vintage maps of the areas, and 63 photographs.

An audio-visual presentation (slides and sound) is available for community and service groups, presented free by Scott. The show takes about 30 minutes followed by time for questions.

"People are interested in the



Painesdale: One of the bigger "Towns at the Turn" is near Houghton and features this copper mining shaft-house.

method of research," Scott said. "More than the material itself. There is a lot of interest in genealogy."

The book is available from Scott at 8861 Utah, Livonia, MI 48150. Send \$10, which covers all costs. Phone (734) 523-7844.



Still running: The author's wife, Barbara Scott (in car), talks with farm wife Henrietta Heck. The Chevy is 83 years old and still runs.



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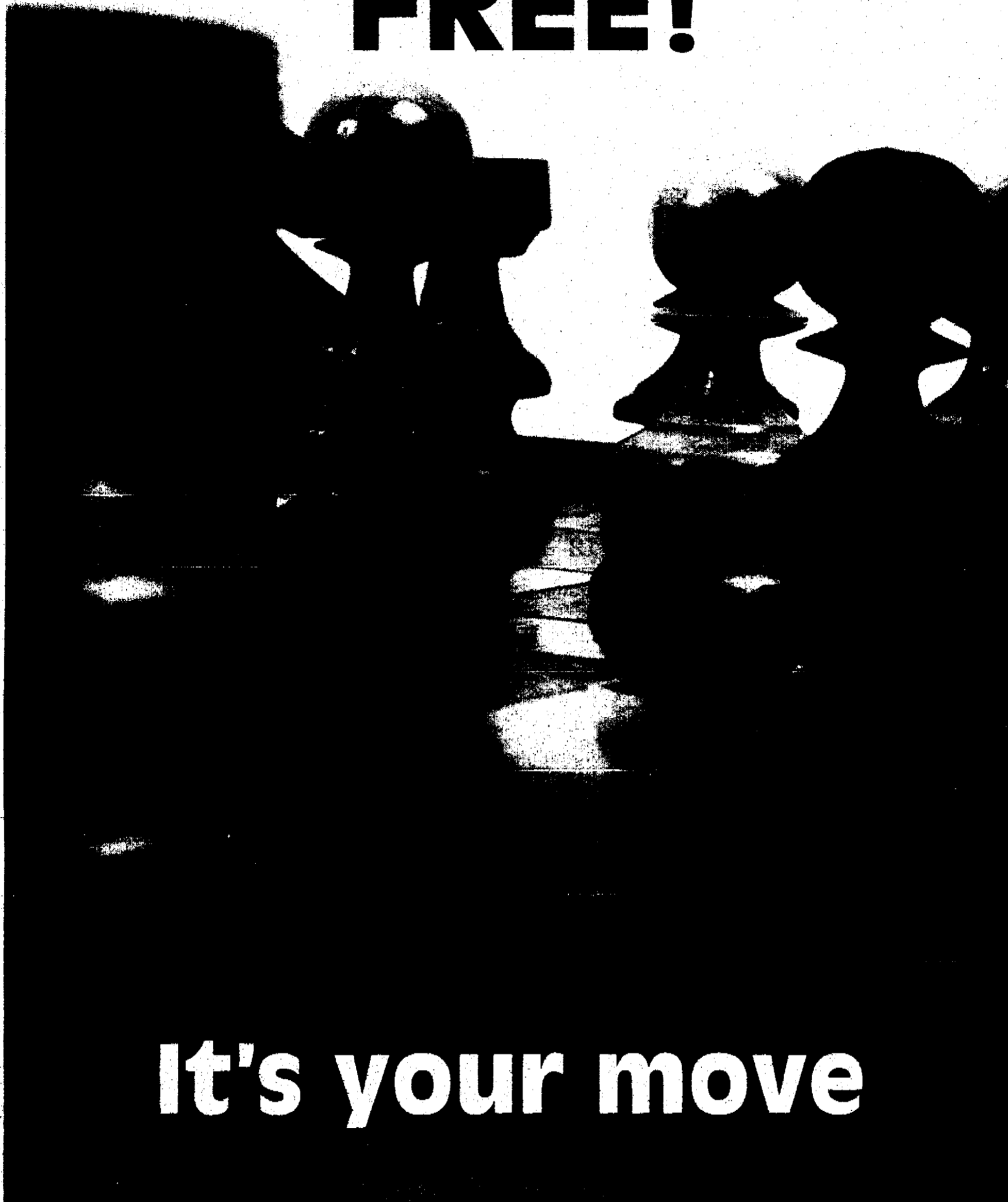
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