



## Gunman gives up

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A barricaded gunman surrendered to authorities early today after firing at least 22 rounds from an assault rifle during a five-hour standoff at The Landings apartment complex, Police Chief Emery Price said.

No one was believed to be injured, he said.

The 39-year-old suspect, described as a Landings resident who lives by himself, initially indicated that he had several hostages inside the apartment, but it was later learned he was alone, Price said.

Police received a call at 2:11 a.m. today about gunshots being fired in the south end of the apartment complex facing Hunter, between Wayne Road and Central City Parkway, Price said.

The gunman fired four or five shots into an unmarked police car, and he also is accused of firing multiple rounds toward another apartment building, the police chief said.

"If anybody had been standing up in the area it would have probably killed them," Price said.

Police Sgt. John Buresh described the gun as a Russian semi-automatic assault rifle similar to an AK-47.

Police didn't know exactly what prompted the man to start firing.

The gunman eventually surrendered to a negotiator at 7:24 a.m. today — more than five hours after the incident started, Price said. The suspect was taken to a psychiatric hospital.

Police brought in a tactical response team and also had assistance from Garden City police and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, Price said.

"We had over 20 of our own people involved," he said.

Police evacuated two apartment buildings and warned condominium residents on the south side of Hunter to go into their basements to avoid gunfire, Price said.

## New clerk hiring looks imminent



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A Westland City Council majority appears ready Monday to hire a new city clerk, amid hopes of quelling a public rebellion that followed the Jan. 18 firing of Patricia Gibbons.

A council majority has indicated support for hiring Deputy Clerk Joann

**Joann Seaberg, current Westland deputy clerk, is the front-runner for the permanent post of city clerk. The Westland City Council is poised to vote on the clerk's position at a meeting next Monday.**

Seaberg for the job.

"I guess I appreciate the opportunity," Seaberg said Tuesday.

Council President Charles "Trav" Griffin issued a memo Tuesday stating that Seaberg will be considered for the job during a 7 p.m. Monday meeting at City Hall.

"I'm very encouraged at the prospect of Joann being the next city clerk,"

President Pro Tem David Cox said.

Griffin made his announcement after a majority of seven council members indicated support for Seaberg during a Monday night study session.

Council members interviewed Seaberg and former Wayne City Clerk Norma Collop Monday before privately rating candidates on paper and giving their informal choices to Griffin to tally.

Seaberg, a 13-year city employee and 18-month deputy clerk, emerged as the front-runner, Cox said.

A third candidate, Plymouth Clerk Linda Langmesser, pulled out of her interview due to a family emergency,

Griffin said.

Councilman Glenn Anderson refused to participate in Griffin's polling and called for a broader search.

Griffin said he scheduled interviews for three candidates after they indicated an interest in the job. Collop and Langmesser had applied when Gibbons got the job in August 1998.

Anderson criticized Griffin for deciding how the clerk would be chosen without asking the full council for its views.

**'Doesn't include'**

"He doesn't include the council in

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**Family time:** George Cabrera (left) of Westland plays a game of Candy Land with his daughter, Kristy, 5, at the Family Game Night last week at the library. Kristy said this was her favorite game. In the background are Margaret Mueller and Aaron Scott.

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## Games bring them together

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Kristy Cabrera, 5, and her dad, George, like to play Candy Land at home. They got a chance to play away from home Wednesday, March 8, at a Family Game Night at the Westland library.

"I have it in my home," Kristy said, adding that Candy Land is her favorite game. She and her family, Westland residents, come to the library often.

"Most of the time, we come to the library," he said. He likes "to share nice times with my daughter. Evenings, most of the time, we are here. We like this library."

Often, his wife comes along. "Today, she's attending a class." He agreed it's important for families to spend time together. Kristy chimed in that she usually wins at Candy Land.

At a nearby table sat Margaret Mueller, 11, and Aaron Scott, 10. "We're playing gin rummy," said Margaret, who is homeschooled.

Aaron is a fifth-grader at Johnson Elementary.

"I like coming here," said Margaret, whose mother works at the library. Aaron likes it, too. "I just wanted to do something," he said.

Attendance was down a bit, due to the evening's nice weather, said Joe Burchill, assistant to the library director. Rain would probably mean more people at the library, he said.

Suzanne Shipman is the library staffer who coordinated the program, he said, adding it will likely be held again.

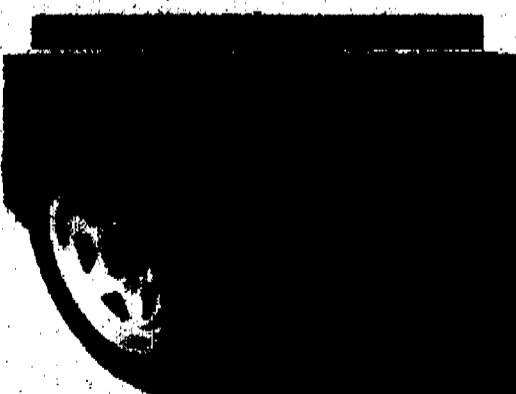
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## School chief receives excellent rating from board

BY JULIE BROWN  
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If Greg Baracy were still in school and getting his report card, he'd be on the honor roll.

Baracy, Wayne-Westland school superintendent, received the highest possible marking, excellent or a five, on his recently completed annual review.

"I have never seen anyone who has worked with such a passion for our students," Robin Moore, school board president, said during Monday's meeting. She then read a statement praising Baracy.

Baracy was evaluated in eight areas: professional leadership and personal qualities; curriculum and instruction; community relations; business and

finance; employee relations; board relations; intergovernmental relations; and student relations.

The board, in voting unanimously to accept the evaluation, echoed Moore's comments. "I would just like to say it's my pleasure to work with Greg," said Secretary Martha Pitsenbarger.

Trustee Richard Eisiminger added that it's good to have a product of the

Wayne-Westland schools in charge.

"He's a pleasure to work with, takes nagging well," said Vice President Mathew McCusker. "He's everything I want to be when I grow up."

Treasurer Lorne "Skip" Monit cited working on the bond committee with Baracy as a positive experience.

Baracy thanked the board and

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## Renter's insurance is essential, says fire official

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A fire that damaged 12 Westland apartments last week should serve as a warning to renters citywide who don't have insurance, Fire Marshal Patrick Harder said Monday.

Only one family had renter's insurance and will recoup personal losses from a blaze that erupted about 11:46 p.m. March 8 at Woodcrest Villa Apartments, on Wayne Road south of Joy, Harder said.

The fire has been linked to a dining room candle that one resident apparently left burning while visiting a downstairs neighbor, he said.

The blaze caused damage estimated at \$600,000 to \$700,000, Harder said.

Apartment owners will have the damaged building repaired, Harder said, but many residents will not recoup their personal losses because they didn't have renter's insurance.

"There was one family out of all those people that had renter's insurance, and that seems to be typical when we have a fire like this," Harder said.

He described renter's insurance as "very reasonable" and said renters "just can't live without it."

A State Farm insurance office at 6211 Wayne Road in Westland provided a quote Monday saying that a renter can be insured for \$30,000 starting at \$165 a year.

That's little more than \$3 a week. Residents managed to escape the Woodcrest Villa fire without injuries, Harder said. Many residents

still were awake when the blaze erupted, he said.

Firefighters brought the flames under control by 1 a.m. Thursday, Harder said. One apartment suffered fire damage, the rest received mostly smoke and water damage, he said.

"It was confirmed to be an accidental fire," Harder said.

After the fire, the apartment management placed some residents elsewhere in the complex while others were temporarily moved to hotels, said Gary Offenbacher, senior regional manager for Equity Residential Properties, which owns the 450-unit Woodcrest Villa.

"We helped them as much as we could with reloca-

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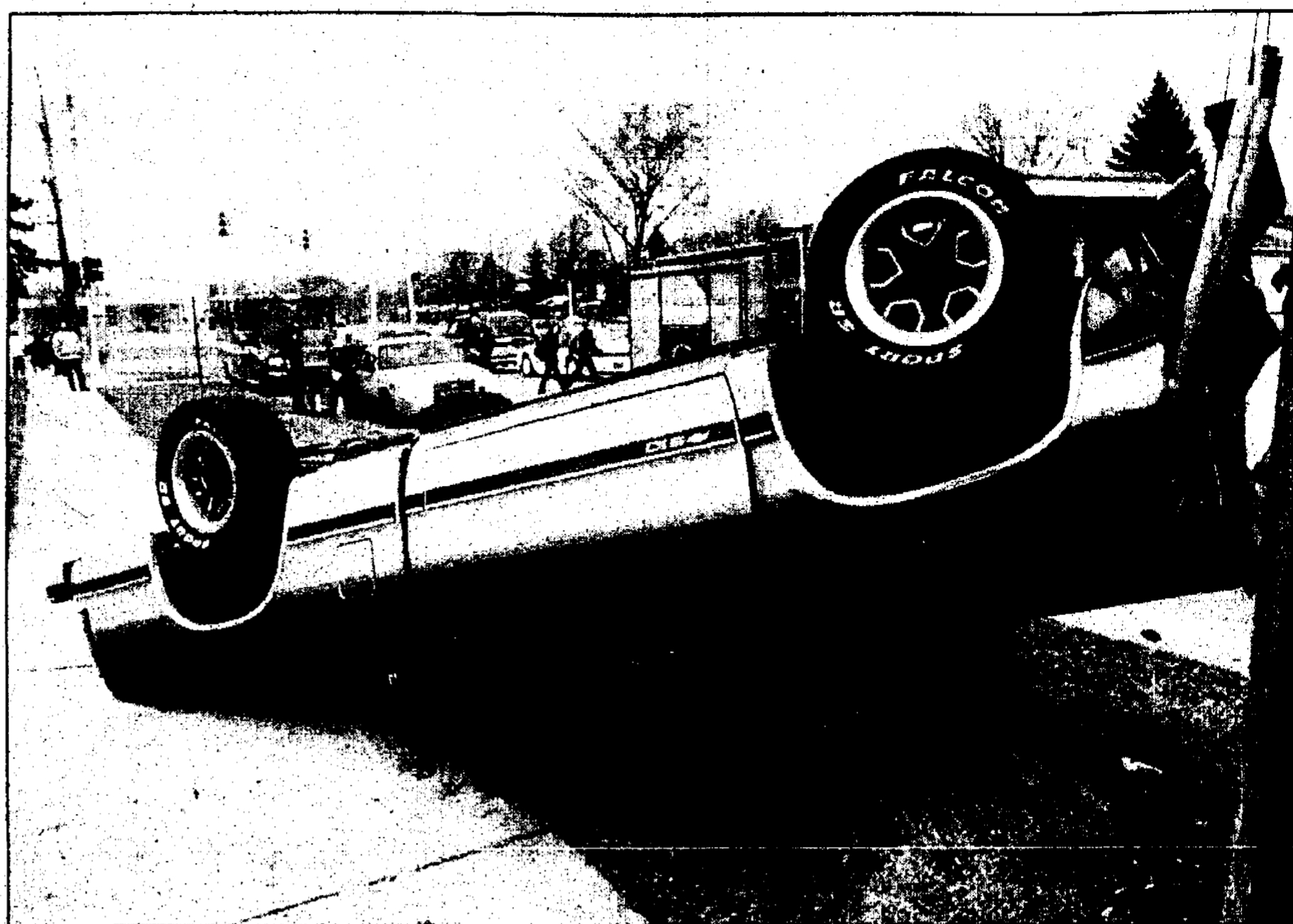
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**Rollover accident:** A Franklin High School student wasn't seriously injured Monday after the vehicle she was driving rolled over near the corner of Joy Road and Flamingo. A police report indicated that the student apparently lost control of the vehicle, but specific details about how the accident happened weren't available. The accident occurred at 2:35 p.m.

## Volunteers needed to make Rouge cleaner

Residents of cities such as Westland, Garden City, Livonia and Dearborn Heights who want to help create a vision for a cleaner Rouge River are encouraged to attend two meetings.

The first is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at Riverside Middle School, at Warren and Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights.

Sponsored by the River Rouge Public Partnership, the meeting will allow residents to learn about what's being done to improve the

Rouge River, the role they can play and the river's future for fish and water life.

Residents also will be encouraged to contribute their "ideas, dreams and vision" for the Rouge and to share their suggestions for improving the "enjoyment of the river," according to a press release.

Another meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, at the Inkster Recreational Center, 2025 Middlebelt.

Representatives from various cities will be on hand to discuss local issues and concerns,

and residents will be allowed to state their vision and goals for the Rouge River watershed management plan.

"We're inviting the public (to both meetings) to get their input and any ideas they may have to help clean up the Rouge," Westland Public Services Director Richard Dittmar said Monday.

"It's an open forum for people to discuss the Rouge River and their vision for the river," Dittmar said.

## Information is sought on ATM break-ins

The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the person or people responsible for a string of break-ins of automated teller machines.

More than 20 Standard Federal Bank teller machines, some at bank branches but most outside

Clark gas stations, have been forced open since December in communities throughout southern Michigan, said special agent Marciann Grzadzinski, FBI spokeswoman.

Most of the break-ins have taken place in the Detroit area, but some have been as far away as Holland and Bay City.

"They're using torches. They're using sledgehammers. They're using anything to just annihilate these machines," Grzadzinski said.

Locally, the break-ins have occurred in Farmington Hills, Wayne, Troy, Waterford, Commerce Township and Belleville, among other communities,

Grzadzinski said.

The FBI is asking anyone with information to call Special Agent William O'Leary or Detective Randy Newlin at the Oakland County FBI office, (248) 858-0692.

Callers do not have to leave their names.

## Senior card party canceled

A card party scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, March 24, at Westland's senior citizen Friendship Center has been canceled.

The party was to include a post-game luncheon.

Anyone who paid \$10 for the event should take their ticket and receipt to the Friendship Center for a refund.

The event is listed on today's Observer Calendar page, B4, which went to press earlier.

## Project promotes good health

Project Healthy Living, formerly known as Project Health-O-Rama, will provide free health screenings 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at the Wayne Community Center, 7635 Howe Road.

Sponsored by Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center, the tests will be administered by a health professional. Participants must be 18 years or older.

In addition to the free screenings, several tests will be available for a fee. They include:

- Pneumonia vaccine, \$25 (a covered benefit with a Medicare

card).

- Prostate Specific Antigen Blood Test (PSA blood test for men), \$25.

- Ovarian Cancer Blood Screening Test (CA-125 for women), \$25.

- Osteoporosis screening, \$10.

- Blood Panel Testing, \$25.

- H Pylori blood test (for gastritis and ulcers), \$15.

- Colorectal cancer screening (take home), \$8.

- Body composition, \$5.

For more information about Project Healthy Living, call (800) 543-WELL.

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How: All interested parties are to pay \$10.00 at the Cashier's Office at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Checks are to be made payable to "The City of Garden City" and if paying by mail, brush removal should be indicated on the check memo.  
Branches should be placed between the sidewalk and the road with all cut ends facing the street. They should be placed in a manner so as not to obstruct traffic. Grapevines, thorns and rose bushes should be separated from the pile.  
It should be noted that the trash company will pickup small amounts of brush bundled and tied in 4 foot lengths no heavier than 50 pounds per bundle on your regular trash day at no additional cost.  
The (A) dates listed below are the dates to set out the brush and pay the pickup fee at City Hall. The (B) dates are the dates when The Department of Public Service crews will pickup the brush.

District	Description	Spring 2000 Dates
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	West of Harrison	B: April 15 - 21
II	North of Ford between Harrison and Middlebelt	A: April 16 - 21
		B: April 22 - 28
III	North of Ford and East Of Middlebelt	A: April 22 - 28
		B: April 29 - May 5
IV	South of Ford East of Middlebelt	A: April 29 - May 5
		B: May 6 - 12
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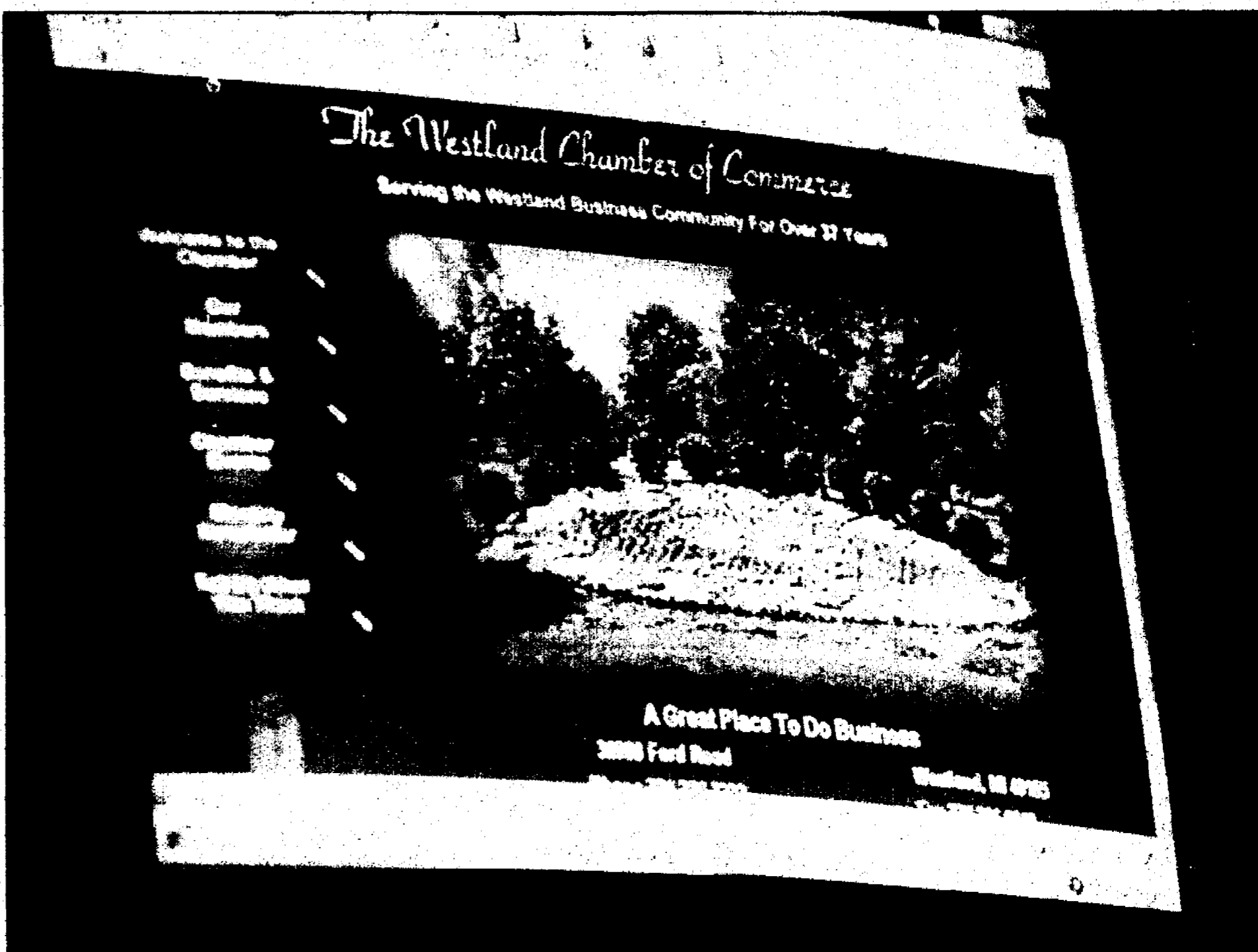
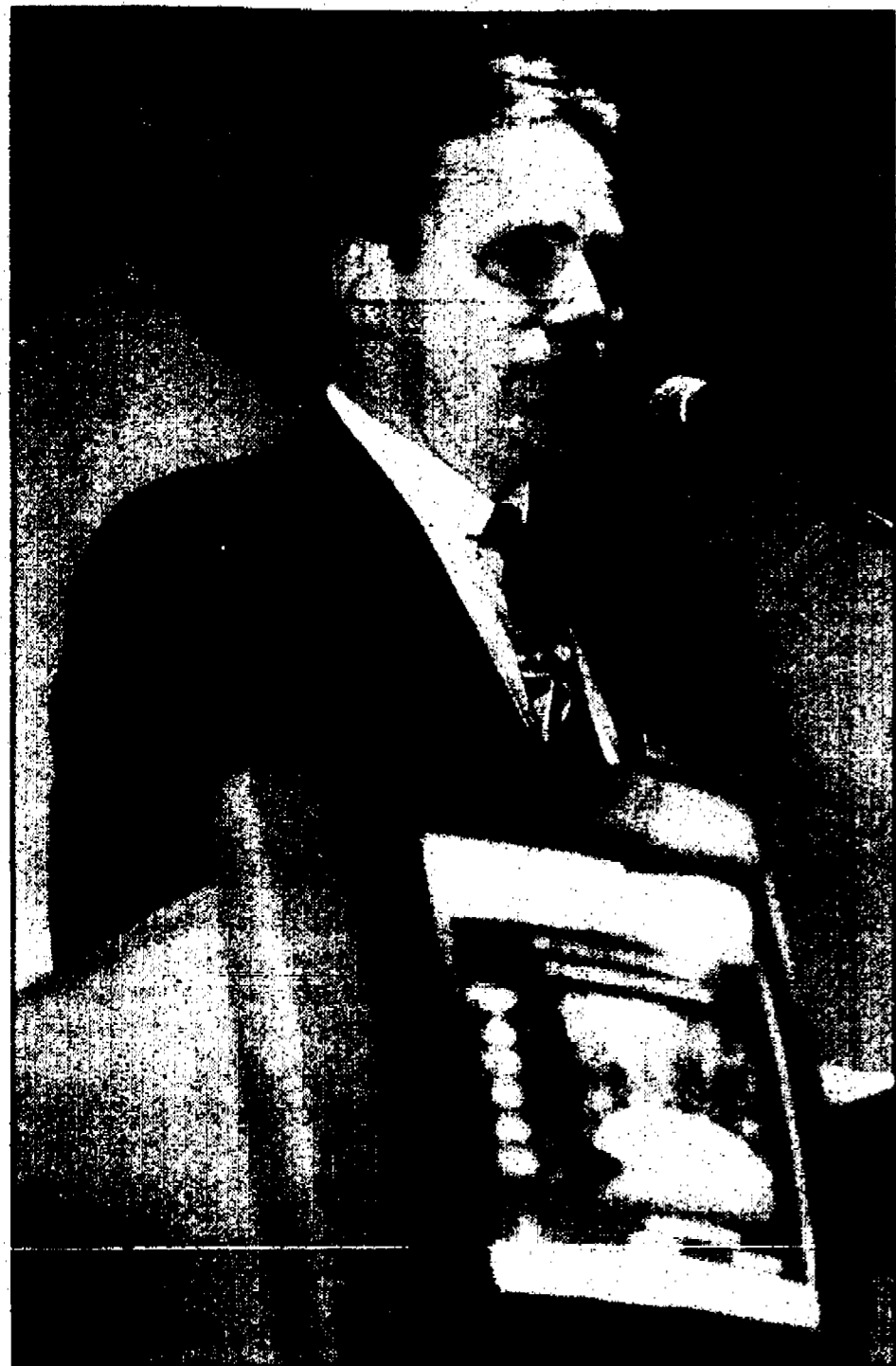
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**Sharing knowledge:** Ron Howard of VR Metro Malls talks with the Westland Chamber of Commerce about the chamber Web site, which the company redesigned, and other computer-related topics.

## The Web's changing the way we work, shop and live

BY JULIE BROWN  
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This Ron Howard isn't a movie director or former child actor, but he and his colleagues have built a successful business in Westland.

Howard is vice president and director of sales and marketing for VR Metro Malls, which has created a number of Web sites for smaller businesses. The sites are then linked together in a virtual mall, at [www.vrmetro.com](http://www.vrmetro.com).

He and his colleagues spoke Tuesday at a Westland Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Joy Manor. Howard

described the frustration of getting a long phone menu when calling a business. "I'm sure you've asked yourself more than once 'Is this really progress?'"

Howard discussed the evolution of the personal computer and the Internet. "Just a few years later, we have created a much smaller world."

A business Web site frees staff from answering routine questions, he said, and frees up customer time as well.

He noted that some 80 million adults in the U.S. are online and many are shopping. There's ample room for expansion, Howard said, noting more

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Joy Ebel

—local businesswoman

small businesses are going online. Customers expect to reach a business when convenient, Howard added. Security online remains an issue. He urged those present to keep sites up-to-date and promote them.

VR Metro Malls, founded in 1997,

redesigned the Westland chamber site, at [www.westlandchamber.com](http://www.westlandchamber.com). Those at the luncheon had questions about that site and other topics.

"I thought it was very informative," said Joy Ebel of Visions of Joy, a Westland graphic design business. "I think they're very talented people, creative."

She's impressed with the chamber site. Ebel uses the Web at work, and lists transporting artwork as among her online activities.

Satisfied customer Mayor Robert Thomas was at the luncheon and enjoyed the presentation. "I love these guys," Thomas said. "They're a nice

local business." VR Metro Malls built a site for Thomas to help sell his book on getting elected. The business is talking to Scott Veldhuis, director of economic development for Westland, about a city site, the mayor said.

Thomas said he's not a true high-tech guy, rating himself a five on a scale of one to 10. "I'd like to do a lot better on it," he said.

At the chamber meeting, a \$500 check proceeds from the chamber's Winter fest bowling was presented to Westland Youth Assistance.

## Irish music mainstay on more than St. Pat's Day

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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As musicians, Enda Cassidy and Brid Whelehan are used to traveling to play at different pubs, clubs, parties and weddings.

Easily the farthest distance the pair travels for a job is to Garden City for their annual performances around St. Patrick's Day at Innisfree Pub on Middlebelt Road.

"This is as far as we've gone, but we're open to offers," said Cassidy, who plays the keyboard, tinwhistle and sings. "It's always great being here; it's one of the best things we do all year."

Cassidy and Whelehan, who sings and plays the harp, perform as Mullingarr, a name taken from their hometown in central Ireland.

This is the third appearance by the duo who met Innisfree owner John Hynes, a native of County Meath, through mutual friends.

In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is a pretty low-key holiday with more emphasis on the religious aspect.

"The biggest surprise about St. Patrick's Day here is the effort people put into it and they way they celebrate," said Cassidy. "The whole atmosphere is of celebration."

Mullingarr plays primarily around Ireland with occasional gigs in London. Asked about the most requested song, Whelehan answers with a laugh: "The Unicorn Song."

Other favorite Irish songs they perform include "The Old Rustic Bridge," "Galway Bay," "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen," and "The Black Velvet Band."

"Here 'The Isle of Innisfree' is a standard. We do more modern ones as well," said Cassidy, who noted the impact of the Chieftains and "Riverdance" in promoting Irish music and dance.

Garden City resident Johnny Manning, a 1997 Catholic Central High School graduate, will



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**Rich culture:** Musicians Brid Whelehan (left) and Enda Cassidy enjoy their visits to Garden City. They will perform this St. Patrick's Day at Innisfree Pub.

**'The American part of me gives me a different look at it - the lighthearted part. It's a different demeanor; they set out to have a good time.'**

John Hynes  
Innisfree owner

be performing some traditional Irish songs with Mullingarr.

"This is really the only authentic Irish place around here where the owner was born in Ireland," said Hynes, who emigrated to the United States in 1964 and now lives in Lavonia.

The fake Lucky Charms version of Irish culture doesn't bother Hynes.

"The American part of me gives me a different look at it, the lighthearted part," he said. "It's a different demeanor, they set out to have a good time."

Innisfree recently celebrated its third anniversary - the pub has actually been open four years but the party was organized to coincide with Mullingarr's appearances last weekend.

"We waited for an opportune time (to celebrate). I had no

doubt we'd make it four years," said Hynes, who runs the pub with his son, Mick. "We've been very lucky and we have some nice clientele."

Innisfree normally opens at 4 p.m. The hours will be longer Friday for St. Patrick's Day. Doors open at 9 a.m. and Mullingarr will begin entertaining at 10 a.m. They also will perform their all-Irish sets of music nightly through Sunday.

A recent addition to the Innisfree staff is Schoonard College culinary arts graduate Dave Gallagher, who is running the kitchen. Favorites, including Irish stew and corned beef, are featured.

"We're the only one in the state to receive an award from Guinness for a perfect pint," Hynes added. "Guinness sent a fellow here from Dublin."



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# His police memorabilia garners honors at show

Dennis Malin, a former Westland resident, recently attended the 18th annual Detroit-Area Police & Fire Collectors Swap Meet and Exhibit. The show, held at Madonna University, ended with Malin receiving Best New Display honors.

Malin is celebrating his 25th anniversary collecting police memorabilia. For the first time, he displayed nearly 400 shoulder patches representing all 83 county sheriff agencies in Michigan.

Since 1975, Malin has collected several thousand shoulder patches, several thousand photographs, 50 badges, 50 door decals, 50 caps and 50 coffee mugs, including several police car miniatures.

A resident of Westland from 1966 to 1978 and 1981 to 1983, Malin attended Tonquish Elementary School, McKee Elementary School, Nankin Mills Junior

High and John Glenn High School.

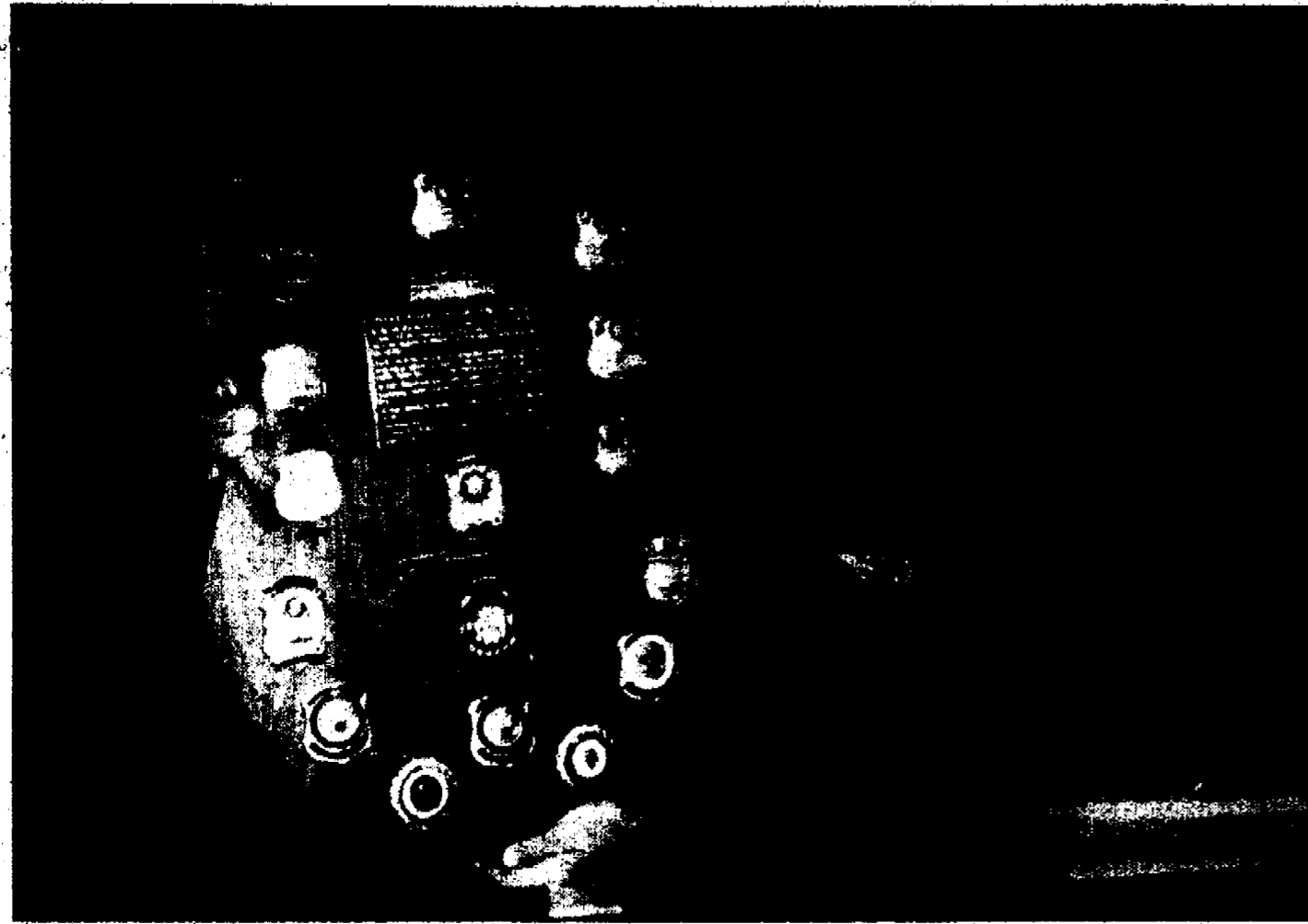
He is a former member of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. In 1992, he ran for Wayne County sheriff. He currently holds the rank of commander with Nation Wide Security.

The highlight of his career came during the arrival of President George Bush, Vice President Dan Quayle and former President Ronald Reagan. "I still have the Presidential Tie Clip and Thank You note from President Bush." In his work with the Ritz Carlton, Malin worked with the U.S. Secret Service and Drug Enforcement Agency.

In addition, his experience includes working for the District Court (work program supervisor), Fairlane Town Center (security-police officer), and Detective & Security agency management.



**Career:** Dennis Malin is a former member of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and ran for sheriff in 1992.



**Avid collector:** Dennis Malin, a former Westland resident, has collected police memorabilia for many years. He recently received Best New Display honors for a show held at Madonna University in Livonia.

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anything," Anderson said Tuesday. "He counts to four and that's apparently as far as he can count. It's a sad way to operate a council."

Griffin continues to draw public criticism for placing Gibbons on paid leave Jan. 14 - four days before she was officially fired.

Griffin acted without consulting the full council, and hundreds of citizens have attended recent council meetings to protest the way Gibbons was ousted.

Anderson said his concerns shouldn't cast doubt on Seaberg's abilities, and he commended her "professionalism."

"I honestly haven't decided which way I will vote on her appointment," Anderson said.

Griffin defended his actions in moving the appointment forward.

"We can't have paralysis in the city," he said.

On Tuesday, Seaberg visited Mayor Robert Thomas' office to initiate talks aimed at assuring smooth relations between herself and the city administration.

"I told her that myself and my staff will do everything we can to help make her job easier," Thomas said. "I have no problem working with her, and I congratulate her."

Councilman Richard LeBlanc touted Seaberg as more qualified for the job than Collop because of her experience in the Westland clerk's office.

But, like Anderson, he had hoped for an outside search and said he isn't sure how he'll vote Monday.

"I believe that we may have sold ourselves short, and that is said with no disregard toward Joann," LeBlanc said.

"I'm surprised that Trav exercised his authority and decided that he had the unilateral authority to define the allowable number of candidates," LeBlanc said. "With all that has happened (in the aftermath of Gibbons' firing), I would have thought this would have been a far more open and a far more comprehensive process."

### Praise for candidate

Cox praised Seaberg's "exceptional" organizational and communication skills - areas that had fueled some criticism of Gibbons among council members.

Seaberg was tapped for her deputy clerk job by Gibbons.

Unlike Gibbons, she will be allowed to return to a former city job if she should be fired as clerk. As a former member of Local 1602 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, her old contract allows her to return to a former union job from her position as deputy clerk or city clerk.

Seaberg last worked in the city assessor's office before she became deputy clerk, a non-union post, in September 1998.

Gibbons didn't have job protection when she left her former union, the Westland Supervisory Association.

Seaberg asked for an attorney's opinion on the job-protection issue before she would agree to give serious consideration to the clerk's job.

During her interview with the council, Seaberg described herself as a former union steward who, by nature of her position, was sometimes at odds with administration officials.

But she said her past role won't hinder her ability to work with city directors.

Seaberg could find herself on

the job less than two years even if she manages to please a majority of council members.

She has said she will not campaign for office if the clerk's job becomes an elected post starting with city elections in November 2001.

Citizens angered by the firing of Gibbons have initiated a petition drive pushing for an elected clerk's position.

One petition drive leader, Brenda Gracin, said Tuesday that the group already has received more than half of the 2,715 signatures it needs to place the issue on a ballot for voters to decide. The measure would require a city charter change.

Gracin also has confirmed that recall efforts will continue against four council members who ousted Gibbons.

Seaberg said she would step down as city clerk if faced with seeking election; she lives in Canton Township and wouldn't move to meet a residency requirement for elected officials.

"I would discontinue being Westland clerk because I am not a Westland resident," she said.

Collop is a Westland resident and said Monday, "I'd run for election."

Collop served as Wayne city clerk for more than seven years and now works as a Wayne-Westland school district secretary. She said she handled about 21 elections during her tenure as clerk.

It wasn't clear Tuesday how many votes Seaberg can expect when her appointment clerk comes up for a vote Monday.

"I'd really like to get a unanimous candidate," LeBlanc had said Monday. "We're not there right now, though."

## Voters from page A1

Meanwhile, Fritz said it will be too late to try to ease poll overcrowding by adding voting places to busy precincts.

The city would've had to request such a change from the state by early this year.

"Failure to split precincts ... will at best result in some citizens waiting up to four hours to

vote and, at worst, some people not having the time and therefore not voting at all," Councilman David Cox predicted Monday.

His comments appeared critical of former City Clerk Patricia Gibbons, fired on Jan. 18.

"Maintaining the infrastructure for efficient and accurate

elections is a chief responsibility of any clerk, including the former clerk," Cox said.

Gibbons has defended her handling of elections, which she said had been completed in record time during her tenure.

This year would have marked Gibbons' first presidential election as city clerk.

## Chief from page A1

administrators. "Without that whole team effort, we couldn't accomplish the things we are accomplishing." This is Baracy's third school year as superintendent.

In accomplishments, the superintendent cited more than 200 students qualified for Merit Scholarships on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test. Baracy will receive a 2.5 percent raise July 1, following a pay freeze this past year. His cabinet of administrators will receive the same raise, he

said after the meeting.

In other action Monday, the board:

■ Expelled a female student for bringing a knife to school. Such expulsion is required under state law, board members noted.

■ Honored Brett Tavara of Vandenberg Elementary, this year's winner of the Earle Chorbagan District Spelling Bee. Also honored were runners-up Jennifer Zhao of Stevenson

Middle School and Bridget Chalupka of St. Mary's Catholic.

■ Heard presentations on the Elementary Instructional Support Teams and Ninth-Grade Initiative in the district.

"It's just amazing to see how education's evolved," Moore said following the first presentation; she and colleagues also praised the Ninth-Grade Initiative.

Baracy congratulated Johnnye Summerville, Elliott Elementary principal, on finishing her doctorate at Wayne State University.

## Fire from page A1

tion efforts," he said, adding later, "I think we tried to do the right thing."

Some residents returned to their damaged apartments while the management brought in workers to make repairs such as

cleaning carpet, Offenbacher said.

Some apartments will take longer to repair, but Offenbacher said residents have been relocated to other apartments in the

complex.

Some empty apartments weren't ready for occupancy, but Offenbacher said the management rushed to bring in workers and get the units ready ahead of schedule.

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# Livonia school proposals receive backing of chamber

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
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In the drive to pass a \$28 million bond and two millage renewals, Livonia Public Schools is counting on three persuasive passengers.

The PTA and staff appear to be on board. So, too, is the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

The 25-year levy would raise enough money to build and expand gym and athletic facilities at high schools and middle schools.

While endorsements of parents and staff might be a given, the chamber's backing is considered particularly key.

The organization represents Livonia area businesses, which already pay \$18 of tax toward public schools for every \$1,000 of state assessed property value.

By comparison, homeowners pay 80 cents on \$1,000 of state assessed value, which is roughly

half of a property's market value. Both residential and non-homestead property owners pay an additional 1.15-mill tax for debt fund and a 1-mill sinking fund tax.

If the April 10 bond passes, nonhomestead property owner's tax rate will actually increase .4-mill.

For homeowners, school officials point out that the bond levy is offset by a .4-mill decrease - from 1.15 mill to .75 mill - in

operating millage that voters approved five years ago because of Proposal A.

"Businesses would (pay more), but the way we look at it is that if you don't have good schools ... the community declines and so do property values," said Rod Crider, Livonia Chamber president. "We see it as a good investment for the community."

The 17-member chamber board voted to back the bond and millage renewals at its meeting

Feb. 17.

Voters are also asked to renew the .75-mill tax for homestead (18 mills for non-homestead) and 1 mill for building maintenance in separate ballot questions April 10.

The hold harmless tax generates \$31 million annually for general operations. The 1-mill sinking fund raises nearly \$4 million for building repairs.

Livonia's top school official credits a strong working relationship.

tionship.

"This school system has always received strong support from its entire community," said Ken Watson, Livonia schools superintendent. "I think business owners are supportive of public education and we're all working together."

"We're all living together and benefiting from the same community. We all sacrifice."

## Tots will compete

Nursery School Olympics will take place 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 25, at the Bailey Center gym. The event is for children ages 2-5.

Sponsors are Westland Parks and Recreation, the Westland Civitan Club and Dad's Athletic Club of Westland, Westland Explorers and Jump-A-Rama.

Children will "compete" in games designed especially for them. Each child will receive a certificate of participation. Price is \$2 per child/athlete, with parents and spectators admitted free. Snacks will be provided.

## Fashion workshops planned

Orientation and training workshops for May fashion shows at the Novi Expo Center have been scheduled. Workshops will be 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 30-31, at Nicole's Revival Designer Resale Shop, 958 N. Newburgh, north of Cherry Hill and south of Ford in Westland.

Modeling experience is helpful, but not required. Attire should be professional dress/business casual, with women in heels and men in dress shoes.

Fittings will be April 3-7, the first rehearsal April 27, second rehearsal May 3 and the shows May 4-7 daily. Shows are for those age 16 and older.

Participants should bring a photo, such as a Polaroid, that can be left. For information, call (734) 729-7171.

## Store plans to open

Rainbow Rentals Inc., a leading U.S. operator of rental-purchase stores, has announced plans to open a new store in Westland.

The store, at 31260 Michigan Ave., will offer a full line of brand-name computers, furniture, appliances and electronics for rent or purchase with free same-day delivery. Rainbow expects to staff the 4,200-square-foot store with four associates.

"Michigan has been a strong market for us, and we are pleased to expand here," said Larry Hendricks, chief operating officer. "We are excited about bringing our 'More-Better-Different' approach to Westland."

The Westland store will be Rainbow's 95th store. Established in 1986, the company has grown rapidly with its "More-Better-Different" strategy, which promotes personal service and a wide selection of multifeatured, brand-name products.

Rainbow Rentals has its headquarters in Canfield, Ohio.

### ACHIEVERS

Nihar R. Satapathy of Westland earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Delaware. Winter commencement was held Jan. 8 on the Newark campus.

Katherine Krcatovich of Westland has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at St. Louis University.

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January Class of 1950  
June 4 at the San Marino Club-house.  
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**ALL SAINTS**  
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Is planning a "Millennium Reunion" for November 2000.  
Unable to locate Margaret Kluk and Mary Frances Perdue.  
Any information, please call

Veronica, (248) 437-9735  
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**BISHOP BORGESS**  
Class of 1975  
A 25th-year reunion is planned from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, June 17.  
Cost is \$5.  
Contact Steve Anderson by e-mail at sparky39@prodigy.net visit their Web site at <http://pages.prodigy.net/sparky39/borgess> or write Steve Anderson, 11418 Arnold, Redford, MI 48239.

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(810) 644-4106, (810) 791-6998, (906) 847-3535 or (810) 728-4875 after 6 p.m.

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Classmates are still being sought. Lillo Gree r, (313) 835-9642, Jerry Mulcaire, (810) 773-3952, Sherry (Bailey) Forbush,

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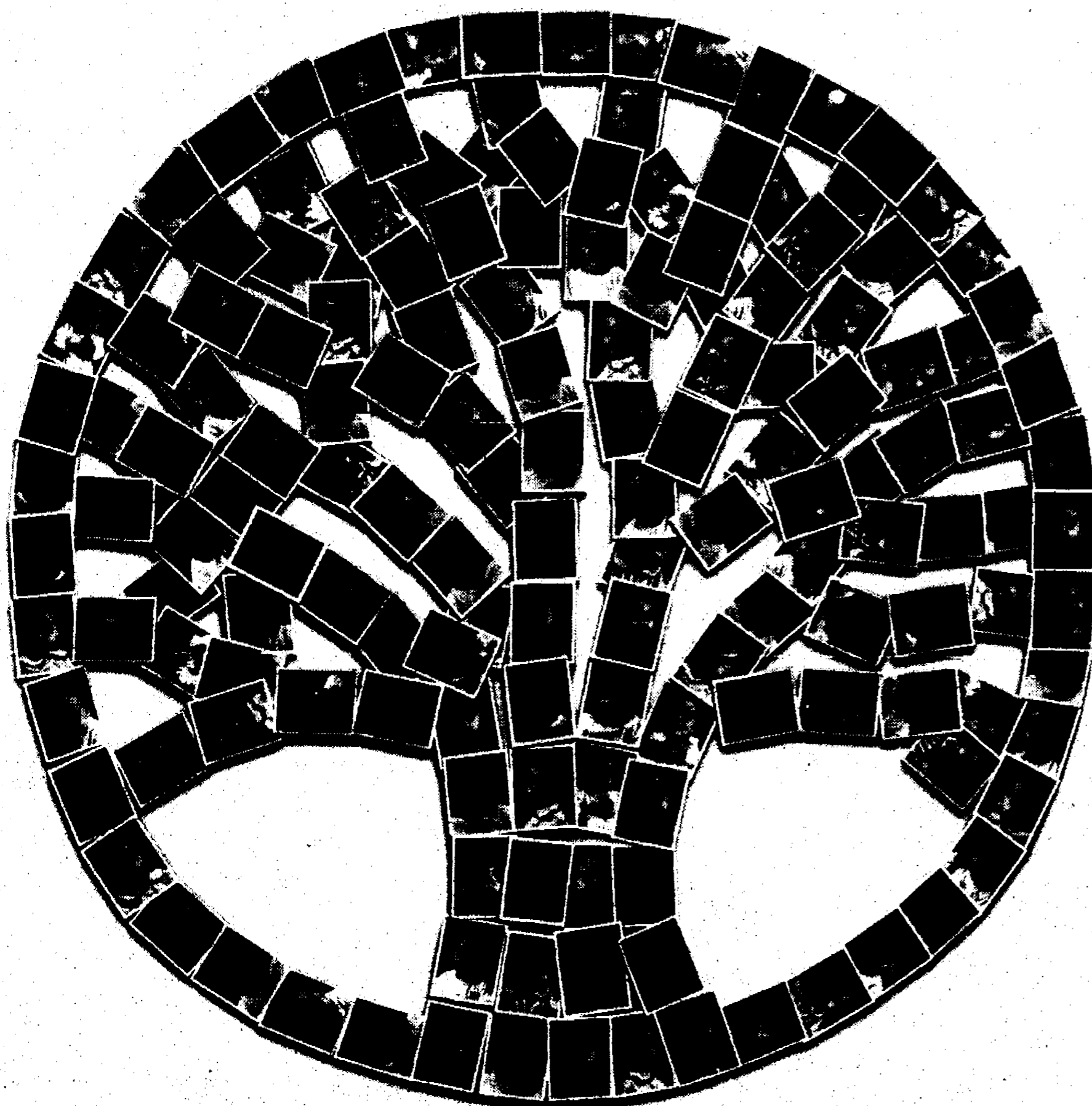
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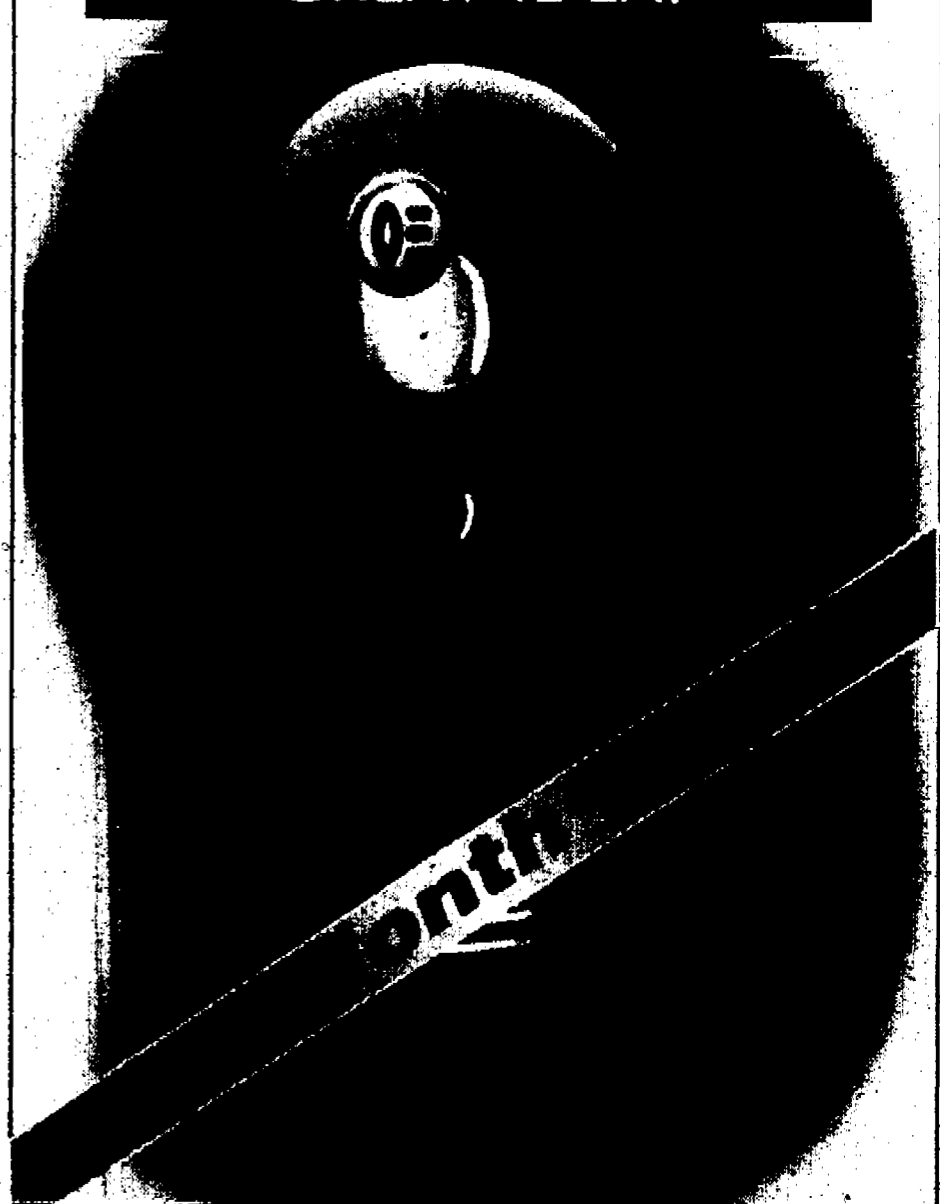
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# Bill would protect privacy of genetic testing

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Health insurers won't be able to view genetic information about prospective policyholders before deciding whether to sign them up, under a bill approved by the Michigan House and Senate and now awaiting final approval by the governor.

"We don't want people to avoid getting the medical tests they need out of fear that the DNA information could be used against them later. They should not be afraid to have the genetic tests they need done so that they can start getting the treatment they need, if there is a treatment that would be helpful to them," Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, explained.

Fear that genetic tests conducted to identify future health problems might later be used as grounds for denial of health care coverage had Michigan residents concerned, according to the Governor's Commission on Genetic Privacy. When the commission, created in 1997, reported back to the legislature last year that the fear could cause residents to begin avoiding getting genetic tests, it also recommended the pending legislation.

The commission also heard from researchers who said that fears DNA information might fall into the hands of health insurance companies was already having a "chilling effect" on state residents signing up to participate in genetic research projects.

The four bill package, sponsored chiefly by Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, would prohibit Blue Cross Blue Shield, health insurance companies and health maintenance organizations from reviewing genetic information prior to issuing policies and from selecting customers based on genetic information.

Federal legislation has already been enacted barring the use of genetic information for group health care providers, but the law does not apply to insurance companies when customers are seeking insurance individually. President Clinton has called for the extension of the rule to all health insurance companies. But Schwarz's package would take care of the issue here in Michigan.

Weeding out prospective policyholders based on a predisposition to certain genetic diseases would defy the purpose of health insurance, says Schwarz.

"That's what insurance is about - shared risk," he said.

Law, who shepherded the package through the state House, agrees. Insurance premiums might be lower for some but prohibitively expensive for those who have DNA markers for some genetic diseases, whether they actually develop the malady or not.

The bills have seen little oppo-

**'We don't want people to avoid getting the medical tests they need out of fear that the DNA information could be used against them later.'**

Rep. Gerald Law  
R-Plymouth

sition. Blue Cross supports the package, as does the Michigan State Medical Society.

They received strong support in the Legislature. The main bill, Senate Bill 591, passed in a 37-0 vote in the Senate and a 106-0

vote in the House.

Some think the bills don't go far enough. The Michigan Jewish Conference has argued the rules should be extended to bar insurance companies from considering all aspects of family

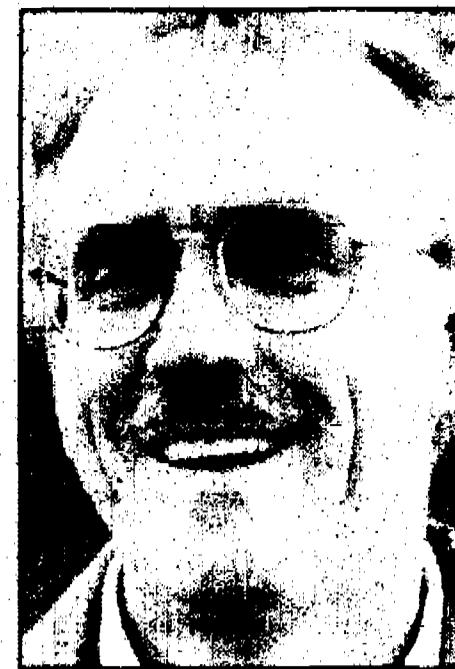
medical history. The American Civil Liberties Union argues genetic information contained in patient's medical records could still fall into the hands of the insurance companies.

Other pieces of the package also address the storage and disposal of genetic samples. When genetic tests are taken in a criminal investigation, in paternity cases, or in blood testing of newborns, the law currently is not clear how or for how long the samples will be retained. The bills give the Department of Community Health orders to create rules regarding how long

such records are to be retained and when they will be destroyed.

While the bills address health insurance, they do not prohibit life insurance companies from considering DNA information.

"That's a whole 'nother issue," Law said. "Life insurance companies do look at a number of factors that affect how long you will live. They look at medical history and whether or not you smoke. That's different. Medical insurance is seen as a necessity. Life insurance is not seen as the same thing."



State Rep. Gerald Law

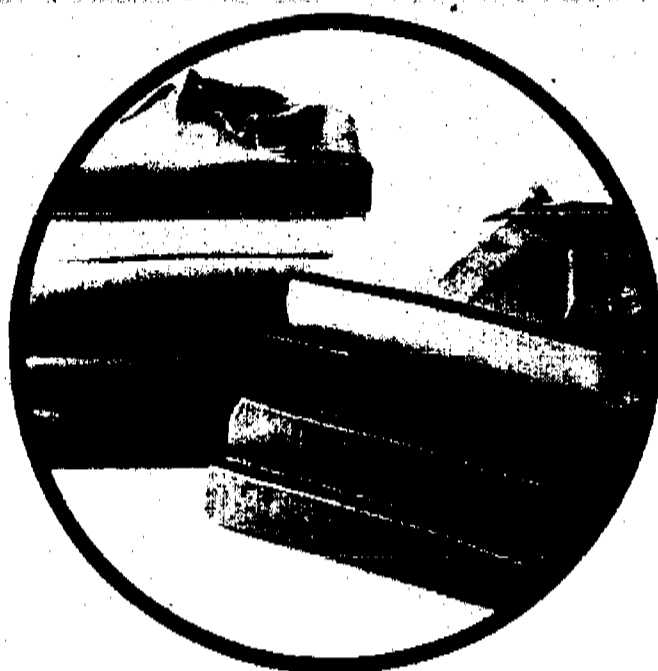
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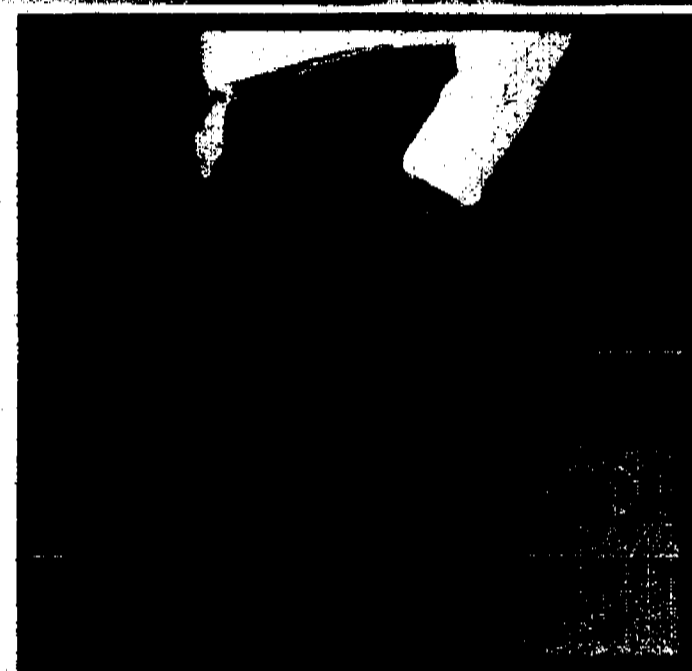
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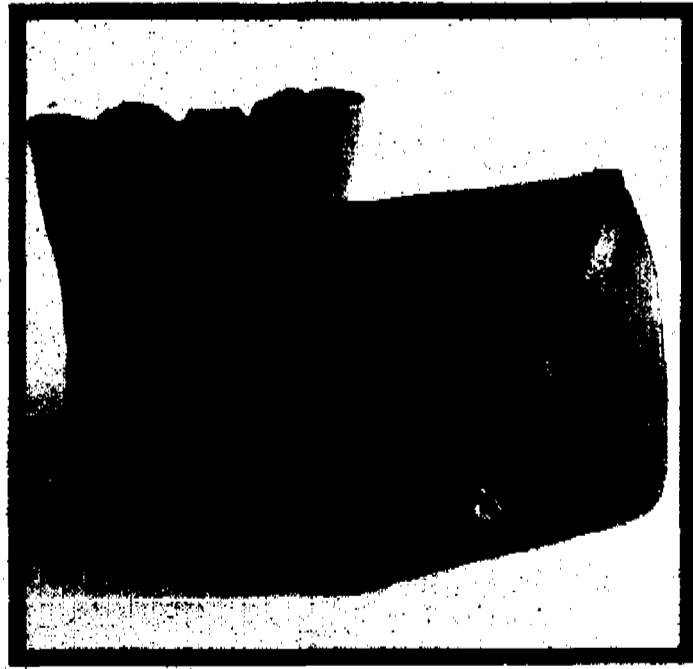
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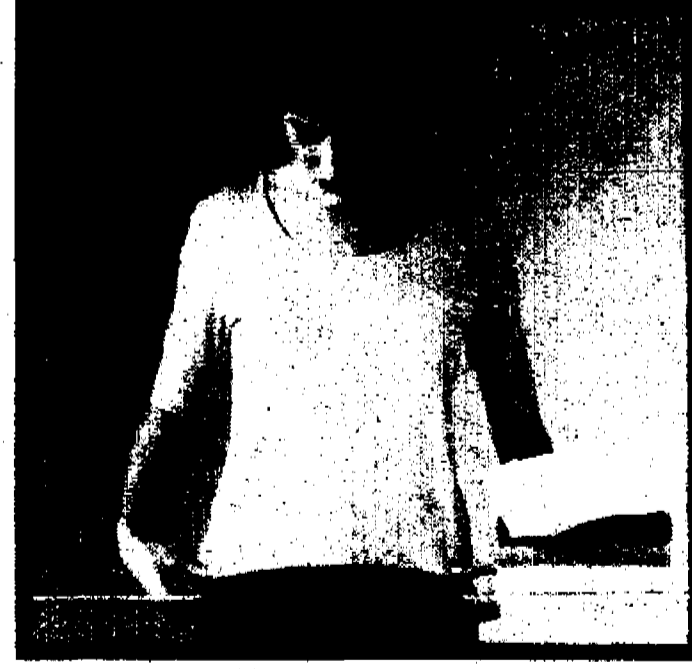
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# Ho-hum, Gore wins state; caucus gets thumbs down

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Presidential candidate Al Gore fared well with Democratic voters in Michigan Saturday.

But the party's use of caucuses, rather than a primary election, did not.

"It kind of defies openness," said Southfield caucus site manager Paul Condino, who is also a member of the Southfield City Council. Democrats settled on a caucus system after state Republicans decided to use an "open primary" to determine their choice for a presidential nominee. The Democratic National Committee won't consider results from an "open primary," only primaries in which voters are asked to declare their party affiliation, on the grounds that it should be party members who decide the nominee.

But Republicans in Michigan may have learned a lesson, due to the crossover voting seen Feb. 22, Condino said.

"Hopefully, this will bring Republicans back to the table so we can find a way to do it (hold primary elections) on the same day," he said.

Former Gov. James Blanchard, on hand at the party's Southfield site in the Ramada Inn to cast his first vote in a caucus, also said he dislikes the system. He said he had instituted the primary election in which voters were asked to declare party preference, but that system was used only in one election before it was dumped by current Gov. John Engler.

That system increased participation but eliminated crossover.

"Engler may now agree with it," Blanchard said.

Participation was lower than expected Saturday when the party held its caucus run-off between Gore and former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley. But then, Bradley had announced his withdrawal from the race just two days before the voting was scheduled to occur. That made the caucus a "non-event," even to many who still attended.

Out of the total 19,160 votes cast in the caucus, some 15,478 were submitted ahead of time as absentee ballots by mail, according to the figures released by the party. And that means they were cast before Bradley announced his decision.

Gore collected 15,853 of them. Bradley tallied just 3,117.

Gore won every congressional district in the state. Nonetheless, the tightest race was in the 8th Congressional District, which includes Livingston, Ingham and northwestern Oakland counties. There, Bradley received 520 votes compared to Gore's 1,289.

In the 9th District, in northern Oakland, Bradley won just 99

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Southfield

votes compared to Gore's 583. In the 12th, in southeast Oakland, it was Gore, 1,003, Bradley, 278. And in the 13th district in western Wayne, Gore tallied 1,128 to Bradley's 435.

In the 11th Congressional District, in southwest Oakland, Gore recorded 1,254 to Bradley's 379.

Only about 50 Democrats gathered in the Ramada Saturday morning.

Among them was Maxine Hillman of Southfield, a self-described "political junkie." She said she would much prefer an open primary, just as the Republicans used in nominating their candidate here in Michigan.

Southfield's Roger Hane likewise was unhappy with the process.

"It's a big inconvenience," he said. "I'd prefer to see a primary, but a closed primary. I have no problem declaring party preference. It would be at regular polling places. As it is, I had to rearrange my work schedule. I did that before the race was decided, so I could be here. So this is a big disappointment. Still, it is nice to hob-knob with other Democrats."

State Sen. Gary Peter, D-Bloomfield, spoke on behalf of Gore before the balloting Saturday. He said Gore would keep the economy moving forward, and he noted that most voters nationwide, when polled, give the current administration the credit for the economy.

"But what do we do with this prosperity?" Peters asked. "That's what this election is about. We've eliminated the deficit and we are running surpluses. So what do we do with this prosperity? Al Gore has some very sound plans for what to do with it, while George Bush would adopt what I believe is a very risky plan to give tax breaks to the most wealthy."

Tops on Gore's list is improving the quality of health care, including the enactment of a strong patients' bill of rights. Improvements in education, including a commitment to increased preschooling for youngsters, and financial security.

Southfield's Frederick Strickland spoke on behalf of Bradley, urging voters, "Don't be afraid to vote for Bill Bradley." That is the only way the former New Jersey

senator's message of helping the 14 million who are still living in poverty, providing universal access to health care, enacting gun control laws and promoting racial unity will be moved forward.

"There is still time to coalesce behind Al Gore," he said.



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**Gore supporter: Former Gov. James Blanchard spoke on behalf of the vice president at a Democratic caucus in Southfield Saturday.**

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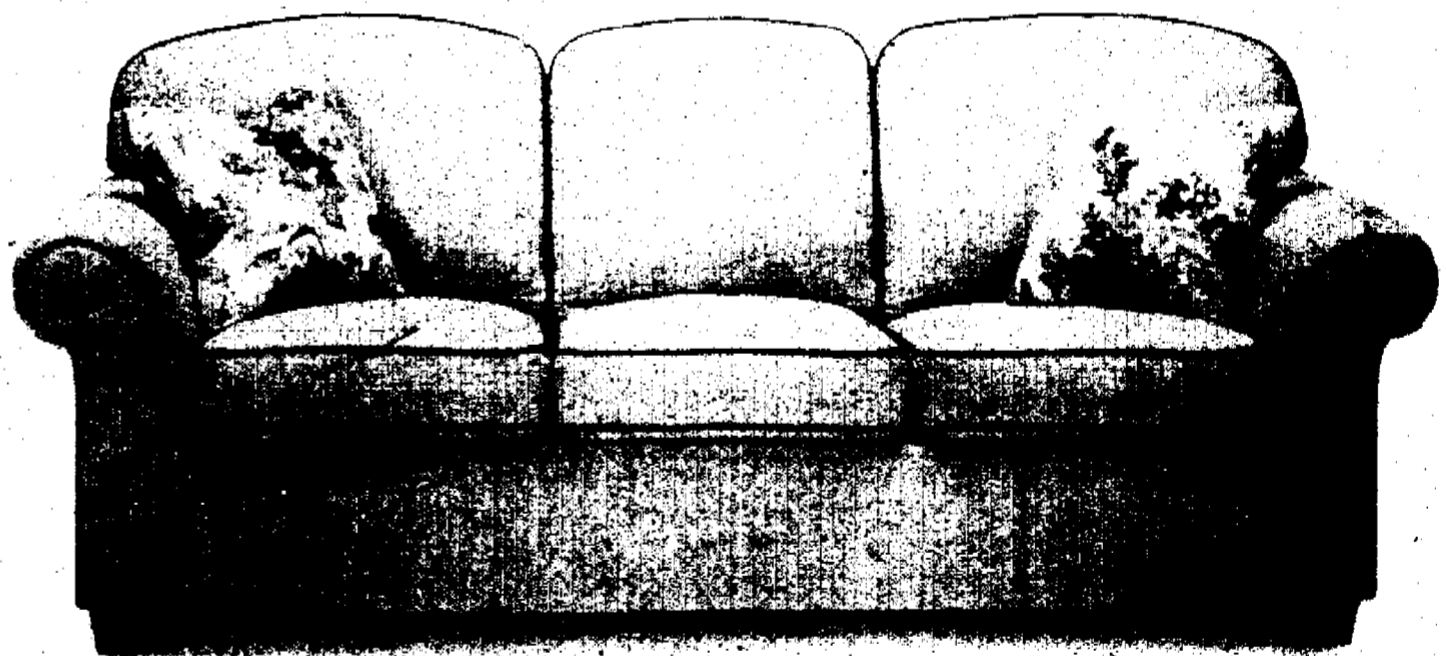
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## County co-hosts meeting to promote census return

The Wayne County Commission, hoping to avoid a repeat of the estimated 25-30 percent undercount of 10 urban and suburban communities in the 1990 census, is co-hosting a Census Call to Action Conference on Friday, March 18.

The countywide, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. program for city and community leaders at Cobo Center in Detroit aims to increase participation in the population survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Screening for census jobs also will be held then.

"We will put every effort forward" to assure the best participation for the most accurate count, said Commissioner Chris Cavanaugh, D-Grosse Pointe.

While most of the attention has focused on the City of Detroit's possibly falling below the one-million mark, Cavanaugh pointed out the count is just as critical to the other nine under-counted com-

munities - including Redford Township.

Noting the county loses an estimated \$3,000 per year for 10 years for every person missed in the census, Cavanaugh said "The rest of the county is impacted just as strenuously" as is Detroit.

Redford's census in 1990 - over 54,000 - was said by local officials to be low. Current estimates now put it at under 50,000.

Other suburbs under-counted include Dearborn, Inkster, Romulus, Ecorse, Taylor, River Rouge, Hamtramck and Highland Park.

Joining community leaders in the various seminars and workshops during Saturday's conference, which Detroit is co-hosting, will be U.S. census officials.

For additional information, call the Census 2000 office at (313) 567-2000.

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# Husk says complaints warrant Friend of Court audit

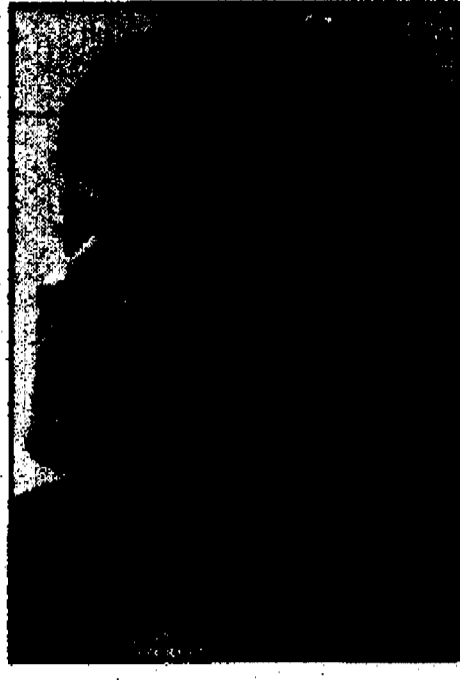
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A Wayne County commissioner said Tuesday that, despite being told the day before that changes are coming in Friend of the Court operations, she still wants an audit.

"It (FOC operations) is a very important item," said Kathleen Husk, R-Redford Township, following a meeting Monday to discuss Friend of the Court operations with FOC officials.

The telephone in her office "may not be ringing off the hook" with complaints from constituents about problems with the agency, she said. "But whenever it's brought up, people chime in" with their own experiences.

Friend of the Court, part of Wayne County's Circuit Court system, handles divorce matters relating to child support and parental rights.



Kathleen Husk

Husk said she's heard of child-support payments made but never received by the custodial parent, of errors in payment

records and of long waits on the telephone for service.

People have complained to her about having to leave work to make copies of their canceled checks and then take them to the FOC office. "What a pain!" she remarked.

Another problem, she said, is that FOC referees handling the same case, but at different times, apparently don't confer with each other and thus make conflicting decisions.

She was pleased by Monday's meeting and the information she received about planned satellite FOC offices, new record-keeping programs and other things.

"I want to see what's going to happen," Husk said. "I want to see things get improved."

### 'Majority good'

Her own inquiries have shown her, she said, that "the majority of people are good people" when it comes to meeting their court-

ordered obligations.

"That's what makes it so frustrating," she said. "They're not deadbeats, but their names" wind up among those in arrears on support payments.

Husk met with a group headed by Alexander Luvall, the county's top court administrator, which included Elena Kerasiotis, acting FOC director; C. Jane Varner, Family Division administrator; state Rep. Gloria Schermesser; Robert Morris, Wayne County lobbyist and Virginia McCoy, county courts director of special projects.

The commissioner said she was told, among other things, that two satellite Friend of the Court offices would open in western Wayne County by the end of the year; that an FOC Web site offering legal forms is planned; that supervisors would be made available to handle problems clerks can't resolve; and that existing records are to be

scanned into a computer system.

### Two years

"That makes sense to me," she said of the latter, even though it will take two years to complete. "It (record-keeping) should be more accurate."

Husk said she also was told that a new automated telephone system running round the clock has been installed to help speed the handling of the 384 calls per day the agency averages.

She said an audit could show, for example, how long it takes FOC personnel to handle each call.

Blocking an operations audit by the county is court officials' claim the county, which provides a little over 25 percent of the FOC's \$150 million annual budget, can only audit its finances.

Wayne County Auditor Brendan Dunleavy reportedly is meeting this week with Luvall on the issue.

Ben Washburn, commission counsel, said the court argues that, since the FOC gets \$70 million in federal funding, "it's not reasonable for the county to audit something it's not funding."

"But the reason we want" to do the audit "is the federal government appears to be withdrawing support in the near future" and the county may be providing more financial support, he said.

"If that occurs, the county may want assurances as to what they are funding is reasonable," Washburn said.

"What we're talking about on the one hand is recognizing the independence of the judiciary, but on the other hand everybody recognizing we have to collaborate," he said.

Husk's approach is similar. "I think they (the FOC) understand we want to help and I hope they will let us in to do a full audit," she said.

# Redford father complains about Friend of Court procedures

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Todd Kokko knows well the problems people have with the Friend of the Court system.

The Redford Township resident's divorce is under jurisdiction of the Oakland County FOC, "but it's no better up there than in Wayne," he said.

In his case, he said, he kept

getting notices of being \$158 in arrears on child support payments to his ex-wife, who lives in Walled Lake.

He knew he wasn't behind, but when he got no response to his calls and letters, he requested an audit - and found out from the FOC figures themselves that they owed me \$650."

Incidentally, he said, although state law requires the audit be

done within 30 days, "it took well over eight or nine months."

When he filed grievances with the FOC, it didn't respond, he said. So, in June 1998, he appealed three of them to the county's chief judge - who also didn't respond.

Kokko enlisted the aid of then-state senator Robert Geake. The chief judge responded with a two-sentence letter saying "he'd get to them (grievances) when he had time," Kokko said.

"To this date, I still haven't heard," he said.

Father of a 12-year-old son, Kokko, who works as an engineer, said he's had to fight to stay involved in the boy's life - first with both his ex-wife and "the system," but now mainly the system.

He told of how one time even the police wouldn't get involved. His ex had denied him his visitation with his son - a felony in Michigan - but the desk officer wouldn't file a report until Kokko demanded the officer be arrested for dereliction of duty.

Not surprisingly, he's involved in father's rights groups and volunteers as a consultant. "I do

counseling to help people along."

He's also purchased the right to use "friend of the court" as a Web site for dispersing information - it's still under construction, he said - and he has used the Freedom of Information Act to get statistics on Michigan custody awards since 1991.

That showed him that "in about 80-85 percent of the cases, the courts awarded women custody" of the children, with men getting them in only about 7 percent, he said.

"What we truly, honestly believe," he said, "is that the active involvement of both parents" in child-rearing "is critical" whether or not the parents stay together, but that with the current system, "90 percent of the fathers are wiped out of their kids' lives."

The battles men have to fight to stay involved produce "negativism," he said. "You hit so many walls, you finally ask yourself, 'Why am I killing myself here?' You get beat up and hit on every turn."

He doesn't advocate throwing an ex-spouse in jail for denying visitation rights, but he feels

"It's that important for fathers to be active in (their) child's life" that "if a custodial parent has to be punished, maybe people will learn that child support isn't the only thing" that's important.

As for himself, Kokko said he and his former wife generally have worked things out since that incident. For one thing,

each parent supports the other in disciplinary matters.

And, he says, he couldn't be more proud of how his son is growing up.

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# Teen eager to display cheerleading talent

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When Jessica Berner, 15, goes to Jacksonville, Fla., this Friday, she'll be full of enthusiasm.

Berner, a Ladywood High School sophomore and Westland resident, is part of the Michigan All Stars, a statewide cheerleading team through Cheer! Michigan. It includes 22 girls in grades nine through 12.

"I'm so excited to go to nationals and just give it my all," Berner said Monday. She's confident in her team and honored to represent the state.

"She is so excited," said mom Debbie Lindquist. The girls had their last practice Sunday, and heard from coaches how their hard work will pay off. Try-outs for the team were in early September.

The upcoming competition will be held Saturday, followed by Sunday finals, and the cheerleaders return home Monday.

"Even if we don't win or even place, I had the

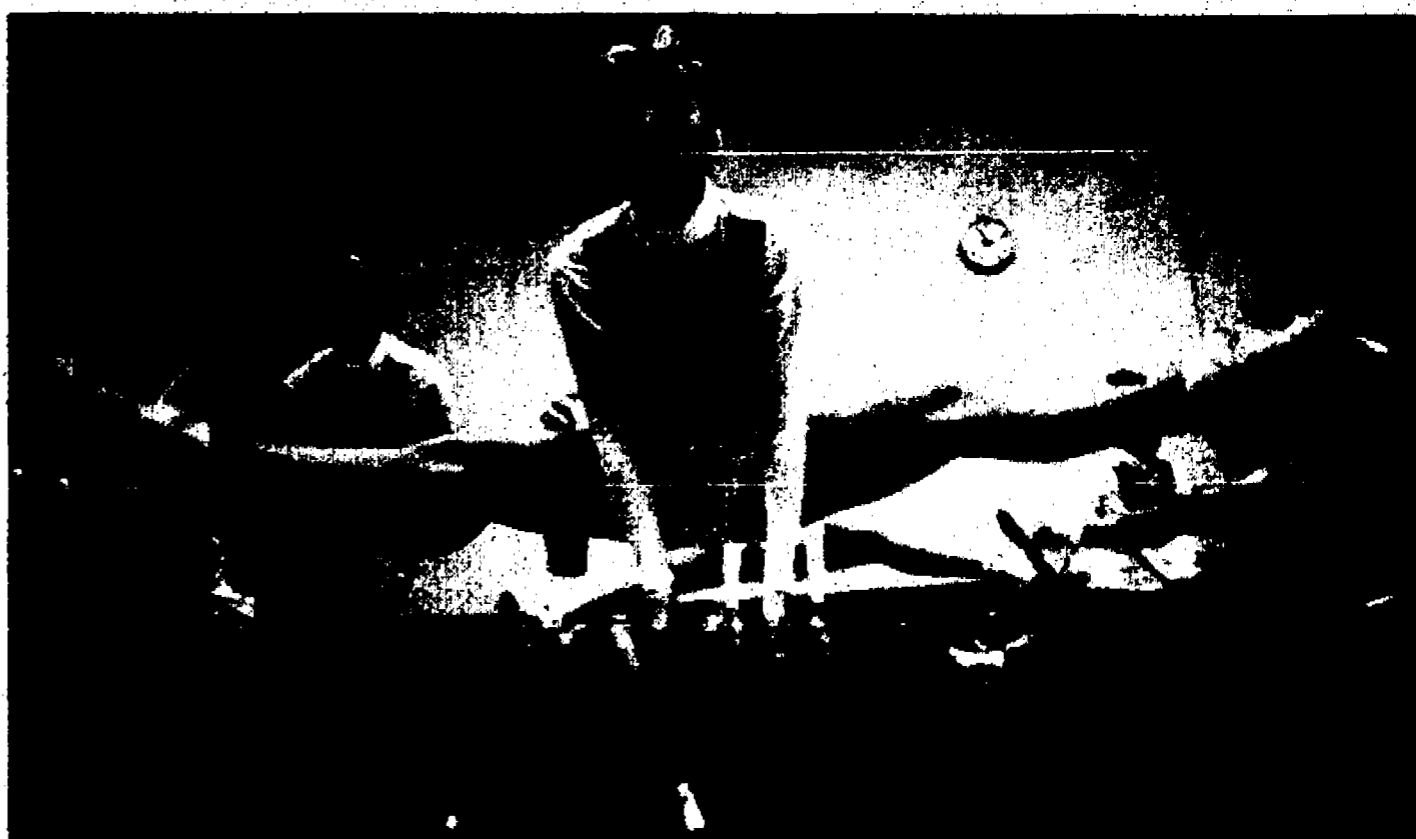
chance to hang out with my team and have fun," Berner said. That's the best part of cheerleading, she added.

Berner is on Ladywood's cheerleading squad, and also cheered at St. Mary's in sixth through eighth grades before making the Ladywood varsity squad in ninth grade. Years ago, at age 5, she was a mascot, a pint-sized cheerleader who cheered with older girls at John Glenn High School, where her mom works.

"She's just so excited to be able to be on this team," said Lindquist, who told her daughter to do her best. Berner was thrilled to make the team, and said it's made her more disciplined.

"The aches and pains aren't so bad now from Ladywood," Lindquist said.

This is Berner's first year on the Michigan All Stars. She said the other girls are wonderful and she has learned about their schools from them. She won't have to miss any school for the Florida trip, as Ladywood's off Friday.



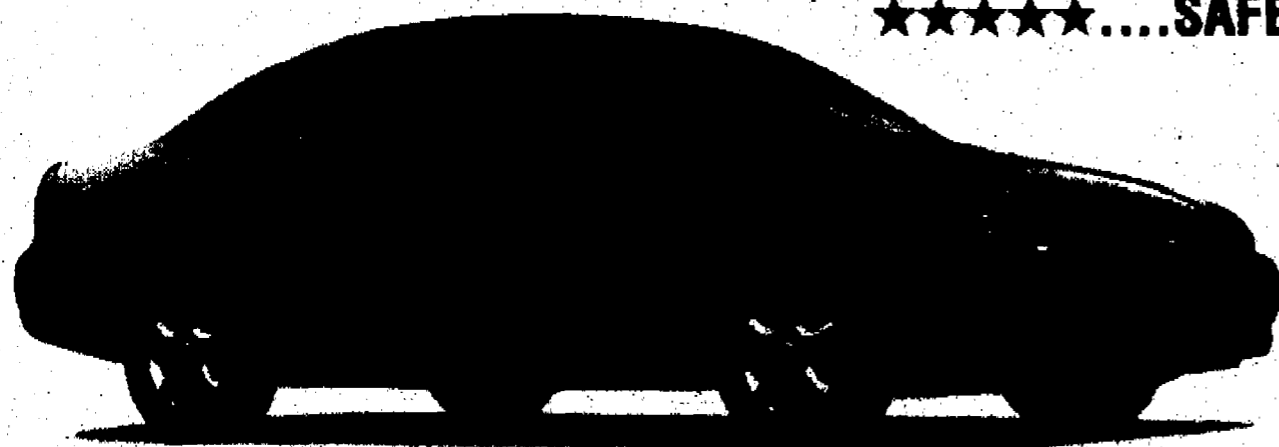
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Aim high: Sophomore Jessica Berner of Westland works with her teammates during warmups at the recent Ladywood Competitive Cheer Invitational. At left, she relaxes before leaving for Jacksonville, Fla., where she will compete with the Michigan All Stars.

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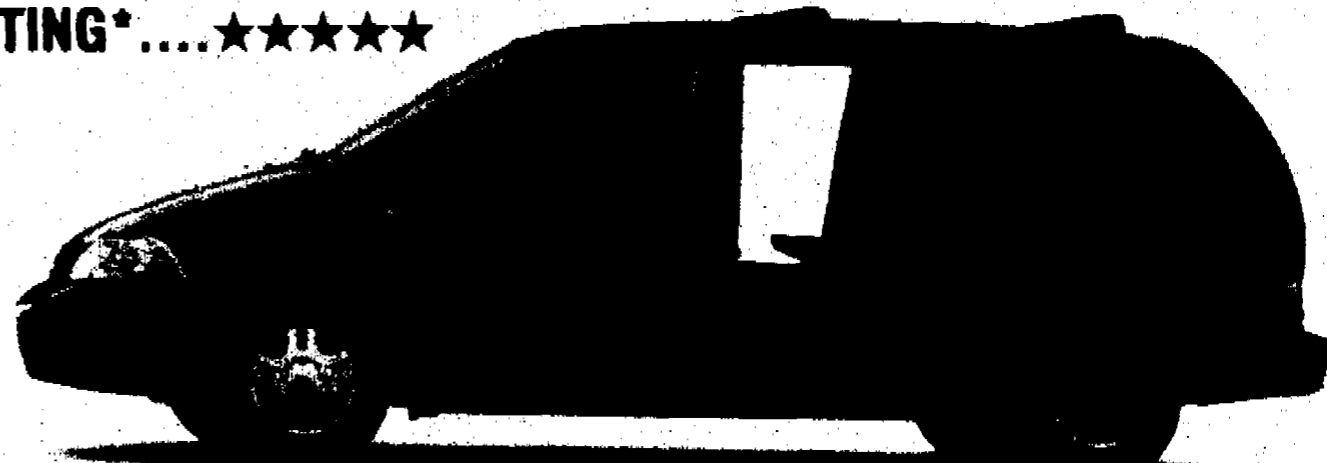
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Many parents and students think scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families or the athletically able.

However, a small example of the numerous scholarships available to students includes Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and

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Although the majority of scholarships are from the federal government and are merit and/or need-based, billions of dollars are available to students from private scholarships. Much of private sector financial aid goes unused because the parents and students do not know how or where to apply.

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in locating scholarship sources. The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance-College Bound is such an organization and supplies information about more than 700 private scholarships sources.

The scholarship list includes the scholar-

ship names, addresses, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarship will pay.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; others can be applied towards tuition, living expenses, and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, four-year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools.

For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to the U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 688, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

# Hepatitis C Coalition will gather

The National Hepatitis C Coalition will hold its third annual "Wake Up Washington 2000" rally June 1-4.

Participants will gather at the Travelodge in Arlington, Va., on June 1 for a meet and greet. Rooms are available at the hotel at a cost of \$69 per night for people to stay for the entire event.

Call (703) 521-5570 for reservations and inform the hotel that you are with the National Hepatitis C Coalition.

On June 2, a contingency of hepatitis patients, families, friends and supporters will "ascend" on Capitol Hill to make visits with congressional representatives. The coalition is urg-

ing Congress to act now and increase funding for hepatitis issues.

On June 3, a rally will be held at the "Ellipse" area, just south of the White House. It will feature guest speakers, live entertainment and an afternoon of "Getting the Word Out" about hepatitis.

Closing out the rally will be a wreath laying ceremony at 3 p.m. June 4 at Arlington Cemetery to honor those who have lost their fight with hepatitis.

For more information, contact the National Hepatitis C Coalition at (615) 355-8604.

# Jeweler given chance to expand knowledge

The president of Orin Jewelers in Garden City and Northville, Orin Mazzoni Jr., recently attended a series of workshops, seminars and courses at the Spring 2000 Buying/Seminar Show of the Independent Jewelers Organization in San Diego, Calif.

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## OBITUARIES

**Services for Michael Ceer, 56, of Westland were today, March 16, in St. Bernardine of Siena Church with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.**

Mr. Ceer was born Dec. 28, 1944, in Detroit and died March 13 at his residence in Westland. He was a heavy machine operator for a crane company.

Surviving are his sons, Mathew and Christopher; daughter, Emily; brothers, Daniel, Arthur and Fred; sisters, Virginia Deobash and Elizabeth Maczuga; and two grandchildren, Brandon and Brittany.

Mr. Ceer was preceded in death by his wife, Marie. Arrangements were made by L. J. Griffin Funeral Home.

**Services for Jerry Hensley, 40, of Westland were March 13 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West. Officiating was the Rev. James Lawson.**

Mr. Hensley was born March 15, 1959, in Garden City and died March 8 in Wayne. He was a machine operator.

Surviving are his wife, Kathleen; sons, Chad and Brandon; parents, Jewell and Thelma Hensley; brothers, David (Mary), Donald, Dana and Johnny (Kathy); sisters, Shirley (Larry) Anthony, Karen McKinley and Debbie (Dave) Young.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Educational Fund for Chad and Brandon Hensley.

**Services for Ruth Jones, 84, of Wayne were March 13 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Grandlawn Cemetery in Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. Roy Forsyth.**

Mrs. Jones was born Oct. 11, 1915, and died March 8 in Wayne. She was a waitress.

Surviving are her sons, Albert and Robert (Pamela); brother, John Wiltshire of Westland; sister, Mary Mitchell; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her husband, Albert.

**Services for Betty Martin, 79, of Westland were March 13 in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.**

Mrs. Martin was born March

5, 1921, in Detroit and died March 9 in Livonia. She was a tax preparer for Edmunds' Tax Service. She came to the Westland community in 1956 from Romulus. Mrs. Martin was a member of St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland. She loved to bowl, golf and travel.

Surviving are her sons, Halbert "Butch" (Mary) Shelton of Dandridge, Tenn., and Gary (Gloria) Shelton of Farmington Hills; daughters, Sherry (Charles) Springer of Westland, Elizabeth Lane of Florida and Marlene Edmunds-Keller of Ypsilanti; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Martin was preceded in death by her husbands, Willard Shelton and Bert Martin, and brother, Corbin Covault (Corbin and Betty died on the same day, March 9, 2000, three hours apart).

**Services for Catherine Pintar, 80, of Westland were March 14 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Leonard Partensky.**

Mrs. Pintar was born Feb. 18, 1920, in Detroit and died March 11 in Westland. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, David of Detroit and Jerome of Highland Township; daughter, Celeste Brankovic of Westland; brothers, Stanley Gasiorek of Troy and Steven Gasiorek of Detroit; and two grandchildren, Casey and Nicholas.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075.

**Services for Danny Fitts, 49, of Westland were March 13 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne. Officiating was the Rev. Leonard Partensky.**

Mr. Fitts was born Sept. 6, 1950, in Fairfield, Ala., and died March 9 in Farmington Hills. He was a shipping and receiving clerk.

Surviving are his wife, Lucinda; son, Daniel (Pam) Fitts of Lincoln Park; brother, Robert Burton of Ridgecrest, Calif.; and two grandchildren, Courtney and Samantha.

Memorials may be made to the Family Fund.

### CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185-2298, on **March 22, 2000, at 10:00 a.m.** for the following:

#### TWO MILL PLASTIC TRASH BAGS

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

Bid Item: DPS-033000  
Publish: March 16, 2000

JILL B. THOMAS  
Purchasing Agent  
City of Westland

### CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-15

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARD FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION ON NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

#### THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show FUD district classification where GAR and CB-3 district classification is now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

PART OF THE SOUTH 1/4 OF SECTION 35, T28, R9E., CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 35, T28, R9E., THENCE, ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 35, N. 09°23'1" W., TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF VAN BORN ROAD (130.00' WIDE), 60.00'; THENCE, ALONG THE SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF VAN BORN ROAD, N. 89°59'34" W., 188.55'; THENCE N. 00°23'1" W., 273.72'; THENCE N. 89°43'59" E., TO A POINT ON THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 35; 188.54'; THENCE, ALONG THE SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 35, N. 00°23'1" W., TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF ANNAPOLIS PARK SUB'N NO. 3 AS RECORDED IN LIBER 77, PLATS, PAGE 13, 428.79'; THENCE, ALONG THE SAID SOUTHERLY LINE OF ANNAPOLIS PARK SUB'N NO. 3, S. 77°44'40" E., 515.10'; AND S. 89°43'57" E., 1229.78'; AND S. 01°05'07" W., 31.50'; THENCE, IN PART ALONG THE SAID SOUTHERLY LINE OF ANNAPOLIS PARK SUB'N NO. 3 AND THE BOUNDARY OF ANNAPOLIS PARK SUB'N, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 75, PLATS, PAGE 97, S. 89°53'37" E., 388.74'; THENCE, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID ANNAPOLIS PARK SUB'N, S. 00°19'10" E., TO A POINT OF THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF VAN BORN ROAD (130.00' WIDE), 547.86'; THENCE, ALONG A LINE 60.00' NORTHERLY OF AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 35, ALSO BEING THE SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF VAN BORN ROAD, N. 89°54'20" W., 2084.79' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 30.1533 ACRES AND BEING SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND RIGHT OF WAYS OF RECORD, AND ALL GOVERNMENTAL LIMITATIONS.

Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, section, subsection, sentence or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Enforcement. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Publishing Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.

ON MOTION OF SCOTT SUPPORTED BY COX

ANGELO A. FLAKAS

Westland City Attorney  
36600 Mackin Boulevard, Suite 702  
Westland, MI 48185-7228

DIANE J. FRITZ  
Westland Interim City Clerk

ADOPTED: MARCH 6, 2000  
EFFECTIVE: MARCH 16, 2000

Publish: March 16, 2000

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16.2, Chapter XVI of the Charter of the City of Westland, a petition has been filed with this Body to absolutely abandon and vacate the following:

Vacated five (5) feet of road right-of-way in Alaska and Alamo Courts, west side of Venoy Road, north of Glenwood Road, NE-28 and part of NW-27, City of Westland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on **MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2000, at 7:00 P.M. E.D.S.T.**, in the Council Chambers of the Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, to hear any objections thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that true copies of this notice be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter.

DIANE J. FRITZ  
Westland Interim City Clerk

Publish: March 9 and 16, 2000

### WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG NO 5 - 3/8/2000

- Presiding: Council President Griffin
- Present: Anderson, Cicirelli, Cox, James, LeBlanc, Scott
- 74: Approved: minutes of regular mtg held 2/23/2000
- Approved bid for Emergency Medical Care Vehicle for Fire Dept from Goggan & Associates, amt \$99,241
- Approved request from Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council to conduct annual 2000 Memorial Day Parade Council to conduct annual 2000 Memorial Day Parade on 5/28/2000 at 1 pm commencing south on Wayne Rd (from Cherry Hill-Kmart parking lot)
- Adopted lot split resolution splitting Lots 1, 2, 3, & 4 of Hambleton's Wayne Gardens Subdivision, E side of Wayne Rd, N or Palmer Rd
- Adopted lot split resolution splitting Lots 73, 74 & 75 of Warren Rouge Park Subdivision, E side of Floral Avenue, N of Warren Rd, W of Inkster Rd
- Approved traffic control sign: 99-09, Install 1 "STOP" sign on southbound Denise at Easley
- Adopted Ordinance 248-A-15 by rezoning from garden apartment/residential & general commercial to planned unit development, N of Van Born, W of Middlebelt

### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, March 21, 2000, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VLM.
1997	HONDA	CIVIC/2 DR	BURG.	JHMEC2319H20006634
1990	Geo	PRIZMA/4 DR	GOLD	1Y1BK516L20M6108
1987	PLYMOUTH	HORNET/2 DR	GRAY	1P2B344C7H2D11825
1991	MERCURY	SABLE/4 DR	GRAY	1ME3380U2300415506
1998	MERCURY	COUGAR/2 DR	WHITE	1ME33880473H336725
1994	POSD	F-150 PICK-UP	RED	1P70V15708LA73461
1979	CADILLAC	DEVILLE/4 DR	BLUE	6D08252000008
1993	CHEVYLER	IMPERIAL/4 DR	BLUE	2A5F782EDR178005

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 4375 Hix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VLM.
1997	FORD	F-150 PICK-UP	BLUE	2F7DF157YHCA06184
1991	FORD	PROB/2 DR	BLACK	1E7F7L1U2H177750
1998	FORD	TRUCK/2 DR	BROWN	1M2L3C3P2A000047
1998	FORD	TRUCK/2 DR	BLUE	2A2P33072E000000
1991	EAGLE	SUMMIT/4 DR	RED	4B2C3U3A3M123450

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

#### 30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after April 15, 2000, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VLM.
1994	FORD	FESTIVA/2 DR	BLACK	KJLJ70676R9154533

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### CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before, **March 21, 2000, at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions) for the following:

#### Purchase & Installation of AS400

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. Questions should be directed to Charles Nalbandian, MIS Director, (734) 467-7952. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Bid Item No: 285-032100  
Publish: March 16, 2000

JILL B. THOMAS  
Purchasing Agent  
City of Westland

### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16.2, Chapter XVI of the Charter of the City of Westland, a petition has been filed with this Body to absolutely abandon and vacate the following:

Existing sidewalks in Norwayne Subdivision No. 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7, north of Glenwood Road, south of Palmer Road, between Merriman and Wildwood Roads, N-27, City of Westland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on **MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2000, at 7:00 P.M. E.D.S.T.**, in the Council Chambers of the Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, to hear any objections thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that true copies of this notice be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter.

DIANE J. FRITZ  
Westland Interim City Clerk

Publish: March 9 and 16, 2000

### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #1999-02, Site Plan Approval for Addition to Heritage Collision, 6907 Middlebelt Road, Farmville 48025-02-0054 thru 48025-000, West Side of Middlebelt Road, North of Ann Arbor Trail, NE-2, Joseph Raskausk (Richard F. Rascetti)

Case #1999-03, Site Plan Approval for Proposed CVS Pharmacy with Drive-Thru Pharmacy 4804-00-0000-005 and 4804-000, Northwest Corner of Wayne Road and Hunter Avenue, NW-5, Arthur Sills

Case #1999-04, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Industrial Building, Parcel# 4805-00-0007-705, 4805-705 and 4805-708, North Side of Riverchase Street, East of Hix Road, NE-7, Doug Shaw (Glen Shaw)

Case #1999-05, Proposed Lot Split, Lots #80, 81 and 82, Wayne Road Subdivision, South Side of Palmer Road, West of Wayne Road, NE-28, Patricia Bussell

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 4, 2000.

Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, Michigan 48185.

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman  
Westland Planning Commission

Publish: March 16, 2000

# Program helps teachers sharpen math skills

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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Some 120 non-tenured teachers in grades 2-5 from across Wayne County will seek this spring to sharpen their mathematics and science teaching skills via a training program created under the auspices of the South Redford School District.

Managing Math and Science, designed by veteran school district instructor Syndee Malek for those with up to three years' teaching experience, will run 3-8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, March 28 to June 8, at eight county sites.

It is one of only seven proposals funded out of 78 submitted to Operation Achievement, a Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (Wayne RESA) program.

A total of \$2 million in funding was provided county school districts and RESA staff.

"We feel the initiatives we've selected will have a significant impact on the children of Wayne County" in terms of "dramatically improving student achieve-



Syndee Malek

ment," said Mike Flanagan, Wayne RESA superintendent.

The chosen proposals met "stringent criteria, including demonstrated impact on student achievement, capacity-building, links to the Michigan Curriculum Framework and maximizing the use of technology."

**'We feel the initiatives we've selected will have a significant impact on the children of Wayne County' in terms of 'dramatically improving student achievement.'**

Mike Flanagan  
Wayne RESA Superintendent

A grant of \$184,000 was awarded the proposal by Malek, a Livonia resident who's taught 13 years in South Redford classrooms and has also been a math and science consultant to school districts nationwide for 10 of those years.

The funding will, among other things, provide materials her teachers will learn with and then utilize in their classrooms, she said.

The program will help teachers learn to both "manage the materials and the kids at the same time," Malek said. "It will make the learning process move smoothly and help teachers make the most effective use of time they have available."

"It's a really good professional development experience," she

said. Ultimately, Malek said, the program will help youngsters "understand how to use the tools in the classroom" such as microscopes, balances and weights "in real life."

Flanagan said preference was given "to those proposals that had the capacity to reach the largest potential audience" — such as ones like Malek's which use teleconferencing and video re-broadcasts on the county's cable television station.

"We wanted applicants to really think outside the box and find ways to ensure that everyone benefits from their idea," he said.

Malek said all of her teachers will meet in study groups punctuated by a series of four telecon-

ferences on the cable system. Study groups will be offered at South Redford's Jefferson Elementary School as well as in Northville, the Westwood district, Van Buren, Gibraltar, Hamtramck and at two Detroit schools.

The teacher said her project is the outgrowth of one she did last year "on a much smaller scale," with only 17 teachers involved and no television.

The six other funded proposals and their leaders are Early Literacy Resources and Professional Development, grades K-3, led by Trenton Public Schools; How to Develop Online Courses, high school, by Wayne RESA; MEAP Science Game and Economics for the Middle School, by Riverview Community Schools; Middle School Science in the City, middle schools, by Detroit Public Schools; The New Teacher Academy and Professional Development for Science and Social Studies (two courses), K-5, Grosse Pointe and Northville Public Schools; and RESA's Online Learning Academy, all grades.

## Schoolcraft holds music competition

Students of voice, piano and all band and orchestral instruments are encouraged to audition for the 2000 Honors Recitals sponsored by the Schoolcraft College music department. The annual competition culminates in performances on April 9 and cash prizes. The deadline for application is March 19.

Students in elementary through high school grades are eligible for the piano competition; students in grades 5-12 may enter the instrumental division; and students in grades 9-12 may compete in the vocal category.

Auditions for the piano recital are Friday, March 31. Piano auditions and instrumental and vocal auditions continue Saturday, April 1.

For information or an application for an audition, call (734) 462-4403.

# Justin Ravitz challenges racial commitment

BY TRACEY BIRKENHAUER  
STAFF WRITER

If you had been raised a different color, would your life be vastly different?

Justin Ravitz asked about 50 school administrators, students, dignitaries and community members to ponder that question March 9 during "Civil Rights: Then & Now," an interactive talk sponsored by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council.

The Southfield attorney and former Detroit Recorder's Court judge asked attendees to question their dedication to America's civil rights struggle.

"The problem of the 21st century is the racial divide," he proclaimed. "And at the heart of all discrimination lies the same cancer."

He blamed people in power, including police officers and officials ranging from Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson to Gov. John Engler, for enjoying the benefits of a racist society. He said Detroit cops play the role of an occupational army.

Ravitz said one of his clients was caught Driving While Black in Redford in April of 1999. The police said he had a knife, Ravitz said, although the attorney said he couldn't see it on the police videotape. His client received 17 bullet wounds in his body and walks with a limp from that contact, Ravitz said.

Ravitz said he sued and won. The officers kept their jobs.

Ravitz said one of the officers was later fired for raping prostitutes.

"Only we can eradicate this by standing arm in arm and not allowing them to divide and conquer," he said. "It's in my self-interest to live in a self-respecting world where we understand commonality and we're committed to doing all we can."

Ravitz said our civil rights struggle started in 1492, when an arrogant guy stumbled across this country and claimed he discovered it, even though other people were already here.

"We've made progress," he said. "But we're not even close to achieving racial harmony."

With his personal stories of tragedies and successes, Ravitz stirred emotions and memories, bringing some tears.

Many shared personal stories. Growing up in Winston-Salem, N.C., Lasenia Jones remembers the segregated 1950s well.

She stood and shared her story with the group.

"There was nowhere to play, swim or go to the bathroom," she said.

Her parents taught the black girl who would become an elementary school principal how to walk if she spotted a police officer — quickly. She was always to walk in a group, because "in certain areas of the state, things were likely to happen."

At 52, the respected Wooddale principal still refuses to drink from a porcelain drinking fountain.

"They were reserved for us," she said. "We used to refuse to drink from them at all. My family took a cooler in the car. We had everything in the trunk."

Gloria Vanderlugt approached Jones after the talk. The family service coordinator for Farmington Public Schools had a racially

charged upbringing, although she is white.

Vanderlugt lived in a predominantly black area of Chicago. She can remember being the only white kid walking home from school to the projects.

"People would throw bricks and call me names," she said. "Even the police would stop me and ask what I was doing there."

"I know what you mean," Jones said, shaking her head. "I had to intervene for friends who were white, or just fair-skinned."

The multicultural/multiracial

council's co-chairman said the event was a success.

"I think the purpose was to create awareness," said Jim Hall. "There's a reason people find themselves in the positions they're in. The group in power bears some responsibility. I'm not playing a victim role here. But they can use their power to elevate people out of that position."

Ravitz called for Farmington to become a model community.

"Lord knows, we need some good modeling, eh?"



Justin Ravitz

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# Compassionate veterinarian will head state group

BY TRACEY BIRKENHAUER  
STAFF WRITER

A kind touch, caring voice and skilled hands have proven successful elements for veterinary doctor David Carron.

For 21 years, he's treated countless sick, scared and frisky pets. He's also counseled the owners. In 1998, he purchased Plaza Veterinary Hospital in Farmington from his former partner, John Richardson, who is now semi-retired.

Carron's compassionate demeanor and head for business will undoubtedly help him with his latest undertaking. On Jan. 28, Carron, 47, was named president of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, a 1,700-member organization based in the Lansing area. The presidency carries a one-year term.

Founded in 1833, the MVMA primarily focuses on member education, services, public information and state regulations.

"Essentially, it's like our union," Carron said.

The president runs the organization and heads the 25-member board of directors.

"I'm convinced he'll be a good president," said Peter Prescott, MVMA executive director. "He gets along well with people and he represents the profession well."

After more than 20 years of membership, Carron finally agreed it was his turn to head the group. He ran unchallenged.

"I scared away the competition," Carron joked from behind his cluttered desk.

He said although it's one of the most important aspects of the MVMA, education can be difficult to manage because there are so many types of veterinary practices, from institutional to regulatory. Some veterinary doctors treat only horses or cows. Others don't treat animals at all. "Ophthalmologists all do basically the same thing," Carron said. "We don't."

The second most essential service the MVMA provides is monitoring state legislation that impacts veterinarians. The group employs a lobbyist to promote its interests.

The MVMA currently is supporting House Bill 4903, which aims to amend the Public Health Code. It concerns animals abandoned at veterinary offices. The bill passed the state House and Senate and was sent to Gov. John Engler for approval early this month.

The law would redefine abandonment and allow veterinarians to dispose of abandoned animals after 10 days, not the current 25, if veterinarians meet certain legal requirements. Frequently, disposal doesn't mean death, it means the animal is sent to a shelter, unless the animal is ill.

## Helping colleagues

"Twenty-five days aren't so bad if it's a cute little kitty that's been left, but if it's a mean rotweiler that wants to eat your head or a very sick animal, 25 days are an eternity," Prescott said. "It's a minor thing, but it's important to veterinarians. It doesn't happen very often, but when it does, it's a big problem. There isn't a veterinarian out there who won't have to deal with it at least once."

With so many issues affecting veterinarians' bottom lines, Carron wants to help his fellow doctors run their practices better. Many new or struggling veterinarians could use the help.

"These are the things they don't really teach in schools," Carron said. "There are so many other things you have to learn about becoming a veterinary doctor, the business aspect sometimes gets ignored."

Carron learned about the business end of the profession from his former boss and partner John Richardson also is a former MVMA president. In an ironic



Steady boy: Mary Ann Kashubosky hangs on to 9-month-old Radar as Dr. David Carron gives a vaccination.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREZLER

switch, the elder Richardson now works for Carron.

"It's been a super relationship," said Richardson, 67. "We are a nice complement to each other. I come on like gangbusters and he's quiet and unassuming. We attracted a great clientele."

Richardson works one day a week and fills in for his boss when he needs time off.

"I'd say I groomed him well," Richardson said. When Carron went to work for Richardson, he'd been out of college for two years and knew little about running a profitable business.

"He's doing a better job of it today," Richardson said. "They just don't teach you a lot of practice management in college. They teach you how to be a good

doctor, but in today's world, management is one of the most important things you can learn. Schools are doing a better job of it now."

A 1977 Michigan State University graduate, Carron and his wife, Marlene, moved to the Farmington area in 1979. They have two children and several pets.

Katie is a pre-veterinary freshman at MSU and Kevin is a student at Farmington High School. They have two dogs, four cats, a parrot, a gecko and a fish tank filled with assorted demizens of the deep.

Growing up with a dog and a cat in Ann Arbor, Carron always knew he would become a veterinarian. He loved pets and his psychiatrist father proved an excellent role model.

"For me, becoming a veterinary doctor was a natural marriage of my interests," Carron said. "I never had any doubts."

Carron has developed many meaningful relationships with local pet owners.

Anne Breneman could compliment her cat doctor for hours. Carron has successfully treated maybe 100 cats for the Backdoor Friends business owner.

"He's wonderful," she said. "You don't feel rushed with him. He spends more time with my cats than my family doctor spends with me."

## Tough task

Breneman has referred countless customers to him and she thinks the way he treats her clients reflects positively on her.

"He's good!" she said. "He's seen a lot of my animals through a lot of sicknesses and he's always been terrific. He's just a really good doctor."

Breneman can remember calling Carron at midnight with an emergency.

"My mom's cat was dying and he got out of bed to come to my house and put her down," Breneman said. "I thought that was

really sweet."

It may be an important part of his job, but Carron never gets used to euthanizing pets.

"It's not an easy thing we do," he said. "But we can perform that service and put an end to suffering for sick animals."

Just as Carron shares in the excitement of a newborn puppy, he also shares sorrow with people who have to let their pets go. He's cried with grieving pet owners. He offers clients grief counseling through the Southeast Michigan Veterinary Association.

"Once you decide that's your pet, you're instantly bonded," Carron said. "That's your baby. And it's hard to let go."

Carron's empathy and professionalism are what keep clients coming back.

"We treat people as we would like to be treated," Carron said. "They're friends, hopefully. And the pets are our family, too. That's what makes this practice work."

He said his office retains about 80 percent of its clientele, while the average is closer to 50 percent.

Breneman understands his secret to success.

"He's easy to talk to -- and he's humble," she said. "He's just a nice, nice person. I don't think I could have found a better veterinarian."

She believes those qualities will also make him an excellent MVMA president.

"They couldn't have chosen a better guy," she said.

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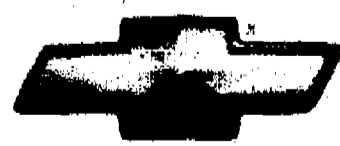
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## Not all bad City government has pluses

The press release arrived last Thursday, detailing city of Westland procedures for trash removal and recycling. It was a bit long, but we were able to print much of it, letting residents know how to handle trash.

The day before, a Wednesday, a dog obedience class met at the Bailey Center, offered through Westland Parks and Recreation by the Michigan Humane Society. We were there, too, and a story with photos followed in last Sunday's paper.

Also featured in last Thursday's paper were Ronaele and Hugh Bowman, who leave soon to do humanitarian work in Haiti. She's the director of Westland Youth Assistance.

The common thread in all these? Simply the point that city government in Westland goes on in spite of the recent controversies.

Certainly, Pat Gibbons' departure as city clerk continues to create a stir. More recently, Sylvia Kozorovsky-Wiacek, senior director, was found gambling at a casino with two staffers on work time, having taken a city van. She received a two-week suspension, the subordinates a week each, all unpaid.

Then, Personnel Director Keith Madden was found to have forged an e-mail message under recall supporter Brenda Gracin's identity. These are embarrassments that reflect badly on the city and its government, but we shouldn't lose sight of all the good being done,

**Let's hope the evening is a positive one and that the mayor avoids taking political swipes at his foes. He needs to express clearly his vision for residents who, due to his change of heart, may be confused about the city's direction.**

either.

Mayor Robert Thomas' turnaround on a new City Hall and recreation center surprised many in recent days, but let's keep an open mind as we listen to what Thomas has to say. Some of the tone of recent discourse in our city has become distinctly uncivil - not surprising when tempers flare - but we should listen to each other.

Thomas' State of the City address will take place Wednesday, April 12. Let's hope the evening is a positive one and that the mayor avoids taking political swipes at his foes. He needs to express clearly his vision for residents who, due to his change of heart, may be confused about the city's direction.

Those who support recall of the council foursome behind Gibbons' firing are entitled to speak and be heard, but so are the mayor and his supporters.

## Gun safety: Think of the kids

If you thought the shooting of 6-year-old Kayla Rolland in Mt. Morris Township would get the discussion of gun control flowing, look no further than the Michigan Legislature for proof you were wrong.

In the wake of the first-grade shooting, House Democrats tried to bring measures they'd proposed in November up for discussion. They were quickly shot down by Republicans, with House Speaker Charles Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, accusing Democrats of "manipulating" the process.

Apparently the speaker doesn't feel that stopping the discussion because Republicans are fearful their anti-gun control stance will be used against them at election time is manipulative.

While nearly every lawmaker who could find a microphone decried the tragic events in Mt. Morris Township, many of them disappear when someone calls for tangible action.

Children are killing children, and still no substantive discussion on gun control takes place. As the Mt. Morris case moved into the finger-pointing stage, each side of the gun debate got busy marshaling its troops. Gun control lobbyists are frantically shouting, "See! It was only a matter of time until something like this happened," while gun rights activists are equally frenetic with their assertions that this crime would have happened with or without gun laws.

The sad truth is, given the circumstances in which the 6-year-old shooter was forced to live, the latter is probably closer to the truth than the former. Living among people who traded drugs and guns like children trade baseball cards made a loving, stable life nearly impossible for this young boy.

But that doesn't mean gun control lobbyists are completely wrong. In fact, incidents like these - happening with ever-increasing frequency - bring home the need for more stringent control in a way most events can't. Our

children are dying; how much more important can we make the issue to people?

Among the measures being bandied about are child safety locks, a ban on imported high-capacity ammo clips and outlawing gun ownership by young people. The proposals made by Michigan Democrats include banning guns from public places - churches, schools, sports arenas and bars.

President Clinton wants background checks for people who buy guns at gun shows. It's the pivotal issue between Clinton and the Republicans.

We don't believe any of those measures are unreasonable. Of course, opponents will argue that all you're doing is taking rights away from the responsible gun owners and making things easier for the criminal element. That may be, but you've got to start somewhere.

In the wake of the first-grade shooting, gun rights supporters and gun control activists seemed to agree on one thing. Whatever controls are placed on the ownership of weapons will be useless without responsible actions by those entrusted with their possession and care.

The more irresponsibly gun owners act, the more stringent the controls need to be. Hopefully, the message is getting through. Three dealers - Dick's Sporting Goods, Gander Mountain and Sports Authority - have agreed to provide trigger locks for guns sold at all their metro Detroit stores starting March 15.

Of course, it took a \$400 million lawsuit against nearly two dozen gunmakers and 10 dealers, after an undercover sting operation revealed illegal sales to minors and felons. But at least there's some measure of safety, no matter how small, that came out of the case.

We're all for rational, impassioned discourse. But without a real effort toward improving safety, all the talk rings hollow. It's time to get something done, before we have to bury another child.

GEOFF BROOKS



### LETTERS

Opinions are to be shared: Letters can be mailed to: Julie Brown, Westland editor, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, faxed to her at (734) 591-7279 or e-mailed to [jbrown@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:jbrown@oe.homecomm.net).

#### Reactions clouded

First and foremost, I would like to apologize to the citizens of Westland for being part of the reason for the city council meeting being so abruptly closed Monday night. When "Trav" Griffin let that gentleman come up to speak for a second time after other citizens had been waiting for almost five hours it infuriated me. My passion for honesty and integrity sometimes clouds my reactions.

I have found myself falling for "Trav" Griffin's tricks to try and make us look bad, because he is feeding off our compassion for our fellow citizens and our city. I will control my emotions better at these meetings but I will not apologize for my deep commitment to find the truth.

I am a firm believer in justice for all, not whoever the mayor chooses to justify. I believe that the incident that happened at the city council meeting was no accident. I believe that we were set up because the citizens passion about all these matters are deeply implanted. The fact that a good woman was wronged, and two manipulative people still have their jobs. (Or should I say seven, three or four council members, two directors and the mayor).

I would like to say to the seniors of Westland that I (we) are only looking out for your best interest, and that I wish my grandparents were alive so they could be among you and keep you happy and worry free to enjoy your golden years in which you deserve the most.

Sylvia making one mistake, I could say yes it was truly a mistake and that she is truly sorry for deceiving OUR seniors. Sylvia making several mistakes only shows me that her best interest at heart was of her own. A couple of seniors quoted biblical sayings Monday night on behalf of Sylvia. I would like to quote two of the strongest.

THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.  
THOU SHALT NOT BARE FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR.

Once again I would like to apologize for not being able to control my passion for the truth. I will try to control my emotions better in the future, but I will always stand up for what is right in my community and will do battle with any devils that try to deceive me from telling the truth or protecting the innocent.

Christine Millisor  
Westland

#### Stay the course

In spite of the prosecutor's decision that there was no evidence to merit charges, we the people of the recall drive will stay the course. We believed that the decision would be ren-

dered precisely as it has been, from both the prosecutor and from Plakas. We had little doubt that it would be so. That it came down on the same day is of no surprise either. We know what the four council persons did, we know of other things far more serious that they have done, and we are determined to continue and recall them as planned.

There will be no decision to discontinue. The support for the recall is tremendous, and obviously they know this, for the constant attacks, the attempts to discredit, the people being brought forth at council meetings and within the paper to speak on their behalf are all part of the orchestration to derail the recall. It will not work.

It is on that that I will address this next issue. I myself have found myself very angry at council meetings, especially since I seem to be the target of Chief (Mark) Neal, Steve Johnson, Keith Madden and others. While I take it as a compliment that these people believe I alone control the fate of these council members and the mayor, it is not true. I am going to ask all of the recall members who attend city council meetings to remain quiet, take notes, and when your turn to speak, address issues you have taken offense with by those who have preceded you in their comments.

They are trying to sidetrack us with anger and other issues, hoping that in concentrating on these matters we will not succeed in our recall. We know we will. We have the determination and the numbers, we also have the community behind us. They know this, they are scared, and they are trying to hide things which they are afraid will come to light with the depth of this recall movement. Let's not let them put us off course.

Remain courteous and respectful, let the Chief Neals and Steve Johnsons come forward and offer their rhetoric based on lies and deception. The people know the truth. The Good Ole Boys Network has bailed these four out again, but the good PEOPLE of this community will see that they are handed their just reward for their misdeeds. Stay focused, remain determined, but above all, give them no reason to gloat. For the true celebration will come in four to five months when we recall Sharon Scott, and then follow with her three counterparts, followed by their boss.

To the Observer, I offer my sincere gratitude and thank yous for the unbiased and fair reporting you are doing with this story. It is unusual in today's atmosphere to find a media source that will do the right thing. I commend you, and I commend Darrell Clem for the superb job he is doing in handling the uproar in this community.

Thank you.

Brenda Gracin

### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### QUESTION:

Are you buckling up more now that the seat belt laws are tougher?

We asked this question at the Westland library.



"We've always buckled up."

Wendy Toner  
Westland



"Actually, I am, yes. I want to become a state trooper and I'm more cautious about my record."

David Toner  
Westland



"I have a Toyota which has the diagonal strap, which is automatic. I don't use the lap belt. When I'm a passenger, I do." She probably would, too, on the freeway.

Betty Piken  
Livonia



"No, always did. When I was little, I got thrown into the front seat." She buckles up her children, too.

Linda Glazier  
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POINTS OF VIEW

# Westland mayor urges a spirit of cooperation, unity for city

Just finished reading the article in the Sunday, March 12, Observer titled "Mayor's vision for city changes." I think it was a good article and fully explains my position on some very important issues. I did want to address some of the comments by a few council members, and I want to do it in the spirit of cooperation.

Richard LeBlanc commented that he had been pushing to terminate TIFA for four years and, although this is true, the various reasons given to terminate TIFA revenues to replace the sanitation millage was the first

suggestion that began to make me ponder the question of terminating TIFA. It did, however, take some time for it to set in because I really believe that our community needs a new recreation facility and new ice rinks. Yet, the more I thought about it, combined with some comments from residents, I came to the conclusion that this was a justifiable and reasonable purpose to terminate TIFA and put our plans for a new recreation center on hold. The positive thing that comes out of all of this is that we now have something that all of the council members can work on together for the

benefit of our residents.

Glenn Anderson's comment that the mayor is "scared to death" is incorrect and really only serves to create a larger divide between the two of us. Comments like this won't serve our residents and certainly won't help to work together and keep our city moving forward. The only thing that I am scared of is that our residents will begin to suffer if we can't begin to work together on these very important issues facing our city. I hope that Glenn can try to put some of our differences aside and work on these new proposals with the other council mem-

bers and me. Glenn has indicated in the past that he has wanted to do some extra roadwork in the city. This proposal should be looked at as an opportunity to accomplish that, but we need to work together in order to make it happen.

Council President "Trav" Griffin will put my request on the March 20 agenda and he has decided to support my efforts. He also wanted to build the recreation center, but he realizes that my proposals will ultimately be in the best interests of the residents. Reduced water rates, reduced taxes and more road repairs will directly

benefit every taxpayer in our city.

I look forward to working with the entire council during this budget year to put the finishing touches on these proposals. I do hope that we can do it with some renewed spirit of cooperation. I believe, as mayor, it is my job to lead the way and to always try to get people to work together for the common good and that is what I am asking for. I am taking the first step with these proposals, and I hope the effort will be seen by all in the positive manner it was intended for.

Robert Thomas is mayor of Westland.

## Response to Neal

I am the attorney representing Mrs. (Brenda) Gracin and the recall movement. At the outset, let me say that the people I represent encourage open and frank discussion of the issues facing this city. This includes personal opinions from all sides, no matter what position the person holds professionally.

I must take exception to the recent opinion letter by Fire Chief Neal. The chief has indicated that he does not present himself "... as the fire chief." However, this is not true. Chief Neal has, on more than one occasion, signed his harassing e-mail to Mrs. Gracin as "Chief Neal." This mail was then sent during his normal working hours. This action alone would normally subject him to discipline.

As a result, it was Mrs. Gracin's wish to try to stop the chief's harassing activity by informally advising the city attorney of her concerns. Her attempts were obviously unsuccessful when considering the unethical, illegal and reprehensible actions of Mr. Madden, another department head.

Additionally, Chief Neal has stated, "... I do not berate, abuse, or deny their right to speak." However, at last week's council meeting, Chief Neal chastised the citizens of our community and called them "... animals." As a result, Chief Neal's credibility is in question.

Unfortunately, the hidden victims of Chief Neal's actions are his subor-

dinate, yet proud and still professional, firefighters. It seems reasonable that many of them may be disapproving of the chief's on-duty actions which reflect negatively on the department, as well as any off-duty comments which may be within his rights, but which are inappropriate for any department head who wishes to maintain the public's trust and confidence.

Lyle Dickson, M.P.A.  
attorney

## Sad state of affairs

I have been an employee and a resident of Westland for many years. I have witnessed and endured embarrassment, humiliation and shame at various times because of the way that the persons entrusted to manage our community have conducted themselves at different times. The present state of affairs in Westland is the most shameful I can recall ... and that is saying a mouthful!

Look at what is the accepted norm in our city now ...

1. A highly paid city department head abuses both her position and the trust of the taxpayers by allowing us to subsidize her recreational needs at a casino. But wait, let's use a city vehicle, and then, let's take a couple of other employees along with us. If this isn't enough, we will falsify our time cards ... The response of the mayor? How about two weeks suspen-

sion for the highly paid director and one week each for the staff members? ... Reason - She feels real bad. Sure, she does, because she got caught! How about reimbursement for the tax dollars which she fraudulently wasted on her own recreation ... I can remember not so many years ago when a member of another department was found to be falsifying work records and spending days at home instead of working ... that employee was reduced several ranks and pay grades ... But now, a slap on the political wrist is sufficient ...

2. The firing of Pat Gibbons for "Unsatisfactory Performance" is a shameful attempt to fulfill someone's political agenda! The reasons given for her dismissal are weak and apparently cannot be documented because "We can't find the performance reviews." Or, I can't remember, or I wanted to spare her feelings. This is political arrogance at its worst and we all must ask where does the final responsibility lie for any political action in our town. We all know the answer to that one.

3. The "dirty tricks" committed by e-mail by city department heads who pretend to be somebody else! This is so cowardly that it makes decent persons want to vomit! I remember when Richard Nixon was on the verge of being impeached for his participation in "Dirty Tricks." But now, it seems to be OK, if you say you're sorry. Of course, this is after you get caught. What a bunch of wimps!

Someone once said "Never, never vote for an incumbent." ... At one time, I thought this was a little naive, but the recent doings in Westland are showing me the wisdom of this quote ... I only ask one thing of all of these shameless people ... JUST GO AWAY!!

T. Payne  
Westland  
Westland employee

## Speaking takes courage

Thank you for your continued coverage of the goings on at the Westland City Council meetings.

My first comment is regarding your editorial about Fire Chief Mark Neal. I do not feel his right to speak his mind should be squashed in any way. At council meetings I've attended, Mr. Neal has waited his turn amongst the rest of the citizens to voice his opinion. That's more than Keith Madden had the guts to do.

My second comment is to the citizens of Westland who may feel all of this "ugliness and turmoil" should discontinue and that things should go back to some former sense of "beauty and harmony." Please don't be so naive. I know of no community where things are always "beautiful and harmonious."

When injustices occur, when elected officials and their appointees behave in "questionable" ways, the citizens not only have a right to come

forward and make their feelings known, but a duty to demand corrective action. If we don't attempt to hold these people accountable we run the risk of even more corruption and abuse of power.

Just look how the people are selectively following the city charter. Why should we have to wait for an attorney's opinion to determine what a council president can and cannot do? That charter should be USER FRIENDLY, and should be adhered to. I believe it carries a higher authority than precedents set by past council actions.

What has been transpiring at these Westland council meetings is not a soap opera or dog and pony show for entertainment purposes. If that is all these council meetings are to you, please change the channel. Ugly or not, this is the public representation part of our government. Be it only two minutes per citizen, every two weeks.

I admire the citizens who come to council to speak. Most especially the residents who have lived here for so many years and have never attended a city council meeting, yet felt compelled by recent actions to do so. To stand up in front of everyone in the room, at a microphone, before the TV cameras (that are not at all flattering, thank you very much) is not easy. Hooray for those of you who did so, no matter what your position.

Cheryl Graunstadt  
Westland

# Consumers suffer, profit rules

A friend of mine likes to make his martinis with imported Beefeater gin. When he buys Beefeater at his local wine and spirits retailer - or any other wine spirits retailer in Michigan, for that matter - he pays \$16.79 a fifth. So when he flies on business to Madison, Wis., where the market for booze is open to competition, he buys a couple of bottles at \$14.49 each and tucks them into his carry-on. He's violating Michigan law, of course, but who's gonna catch him?

Another friend of mine is passionate about fine wine. One of his favorites is Screaming Eagle, a cabernet sauvignon made in California that has achieved cult status among connoisseurs. He can't get it in Michigan because wine wholesalers don't stock it and retailers who might want to offer it are forbidden by state law to buy wine directly from the wineries.

So he orders his Screaming Eagle wine on the Net from California. It's shipped directly to him in Michigan ... in a plain brown wrapper, of course, because that's against Michigan law, too.

How come there's no price competition to buy booze in Michigan? Simple. State law gives the Liquor Control Commission the authority to regulate the sale of distilled spirits. In practice, that means the commission sets the uniform price for virtually every bottle of booze sold in Michigan. And because there is no market competition, prices in Michigan are far above those in Wisconsin or Illinois.

And my friend who gets his Screaming Eagle off the Net is violating the same state law that says that the only place Michigan retailers may get their wine is from Michigan wholesalers. And if wholesalers don't want to carry cult wines because demand is slim, that's just too bad for consumers.

How could such an absurd situation develop? History, in part. Continued avarice by the state of Michigan in part. And entrenched and powerful lobbies in part.

My father used to tell me stories about Prohibition. He and his friends used to drive to the banks of the Detroit River down by Trenton to meet a rumrunner, who smuggled wine and booze across the border from Canada. So when Prohibition ended in 1933 and each state was able to choose whether to become a "control" or "license" state in the sale and distribution of alcohol, Michigan chose control.

Unlike some other states, Michigan's version of control did not involve monopoly state-owned and run retail liquor stores. But the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) orders and buys spirits from suppliers and sells them to retail liquor stores, while private wholesalers supply retailers with beer and wine. This is the celebrated (and arcane) "three tier" system of alcohol regu-



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lation in Michigan, in which no maker of wine, beer or spirits may sell directly to retailers or the public.

Make no mistake. The state of Michigan, through the LCC, does very well out of this controlled, anti-competitive system. Net income to the state from the purchase and wholesaling of all spirits and the establishment of uniform prices was \$105 million for the fiscal year just past.

Although no numbers are available, the wholesalers who by law are the only sources for beer and wine distribution are also very profitable. To maintain a monopoly achieved by state law requires vigilant lobbying. And, surprise, one of the strongest lobbies in Lansing is the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association, whose notorious "Red Room" is the site for many of the fund-raisers that infest the Legislature with special interest money.

History. Avarice. Powerful lobbyists. Ho hum. Situation normal. The state makes lots of money off a regulated noncompetitive market, while the beer and wine wholesaler lobby is too powerful to let the Legislature ever take away its monopoly. And the ordinary consumer is left out in the cold.

As Jacqueline Stewart, the former I. Brooks Patterson staffer who is now the chair of the LCC, told me: "If Michigan hadn't been a state bordering on Canada with a history of smuggling during Prohibition and if there wasn't so much profit in it for the state with such a strong lobby supporting it, I very much doubt if a confirmed free market governor like John Engler would have tolerated the situation."

It's sad, but that's political reality in today's world.

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# Party time

## Teens and seniors get together

It was hard to tell the seniors from the seniors last weekend at the first "Senior Prom" hosted by the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Group of Livonia. Senior high school students from the communities of Livonia, Westland, Plymouth, Canton

and Garden City danced among and with senior citizens from the same cities who also worship at Holy Trinity.

According to Laurie Pecchia, senior high activity director at the church, the event featured a candlelight spaghetti dinner,

dancing and mixer games.

"Everyone had a great time," said Pecchia. "We played get-to-know-each-other games and music that all the generations liked, from swing to the hokey-pokey and locomotion. It was 'The Locomotion' that really got everyone going."

Pecchia said the prom was organized and hosted entirely by the senior high school students who also served as waitstaff during dinner.

"We hope to do this again," added Pecchia. "It was so wonderful to see all the generations getting together and having a good time. That's what it was all about."

**■ 'It was so wonderful to see all the generations getting together and having a good time. That's what it was all about.'**

Laurie Pecchia  
Activity director



Dance to the music: Alison Schmidt (left to right), Kristen Quenneville, Amy Witt, Ruth Stuebben, and Colleen Drews get down on the dance floor during a joint prom held for senior citizens and area high school students at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Saturday night.



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Finding a friend: Kristina Turczyn, a freshman at Canton, reads aloud from a card that matched up with Irene Hawk (center) as Laurie Pecchia, the coordinator of the event, leans in.

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JACK GLADDEN

## Counting on Big Brother

Lucky us. We were the "one in six housing units" chosen to receive the "long" census form in the mail on Monday. It was a dubious honor.

According to the small type on the front of Form D-2, "The Census Bureau estimates that, for the average household, this form will take about 38 minutes to complete, including the time for reviewing the instructions and answers."

I don't know how the bureau came up with that figure. Why not "about 40 minutes" or "about 35"? But 38? Maybe I should take them up on the next part of the statement:

"Comments about the estimate should be directed to the Associate Director for Finance and Administration, Attn: Paperwork Reduction Project 0607-0856," etc.

Right. I'm gonna write a letter to the "Paperwork Reduction Project" telling them that it took us 39 minutes instead of 38 to fill out the 120-plus questions on the 40-page form. I wonder how many copies I should send and to whom?

If all of this seems to have nothing to do with the census, it doesn't. And that's the point.

The most hyped, most advertised, most promoted census count in history turns out to be just another bureaucratic government document, asking questions that seem to have little to do with an official government "head count." Example:

Question 17: "Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, does this person have any difficulty in doing any of the following activities:

a. Learning, remembering, or concentrating?

b. Dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home?

c. (Answer if this person is 16 YEARS OLD OR OVER.) Going out side the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office?

d. (Answer if this person is 16 YEARS OLD OR OVER.) Working at a job or business?

That's just one of many, many questions covering such areas as household income, plumbing facilities, what time you left for work last week and how long it took you to get there. What does any of this have to do with counting heads? And why is it the government's business?

The cover letter accompanying the form promises that "your privacy is protected by law (Title 13 United States Code), which also requires that you answer these questions."

That's not much comfort if it's the government that you don't want knowing every detail of your life in the first place.

I don't mean to bad mouth the census people. They have a job to do and the census (at least the head count) is the whole basis for apportioning representation in Congress.

But a major concern (so we in the media are told by the census workers) is that too many people don't fill out the forms because they don't trust what the information will be used for. Often they just don't trust government period.

Well, look at some more questions: "LAST WEEK did this person do ANY work for either pay or profit?" "Has this person been looking for work during the last 4 weeks?" followed by "LAST WEEK could this person have started a job if offered one ...?" and then "When did this person last work, even for a few days?"

What does that have to do with counting heads? Or what about this series:

"What is this person's ancestry or ethnic origin?" "Does this person speak a language other than English at home?" And if so, "How well does this person speak English?"

If the Census Bureau doesn't understand why many people refuse to fill out their forms, let them take another look at many of their questions.

Is this really a legitimate attempt to collect demographic data? Or does Big Brother just want to know?

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# Students loaf around Canton Bread Company

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When Jerry Sprague agreed to entertain his wife's second grade class by giving them a tour of his store, Canton Bread Company, he didn't realize just how interested those students would be.

Somewhere between the kids "rising" enthusiasm, their "knead" to learn and the sweet, billowing smell of fresh-baked bread, Sprague happened upon a wonderful new idea — hosting tours for school children.

Open just over one year, more than 4,000 children have passed through the doors, washed their hands and listened intently to the story and magic

which is baked right into Canton Bread Company bread. From the 50-pound bags of flour to the canisters of peanut butter, chocolate chips, dried cherries and honey, it's easy to see all the ingredients that make their baked goods the talk of Canton and beyond.



Step-by-step: Jerry Sprague explains that it all starts with the wheat plant.

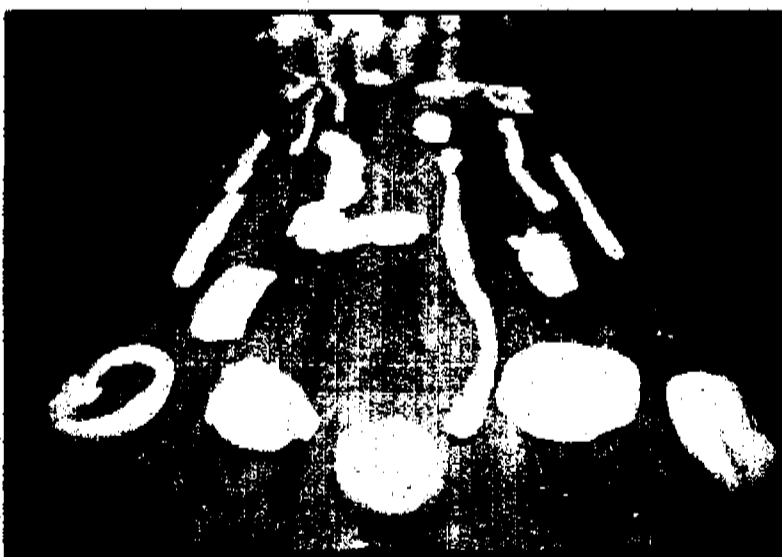
What started as a favor for his wife has exploded into a regular part of doing business. "I used to go sing songs to her kids (at school)," said Sprague, also a well-known local musician and founder of Jerry

Sprague and the Remainders. "I just threw (a song) in at the end (of the tour) for her class. But then it stayed."

Now all tours end with a rousing sing-along. It's become second-nature. "I can't imagine not doing this," said Sprague, smiling.

Paige Bauer, an 8-year-old student at Randolph Elementary School in Livonia, was one of a large group of kids who toured the Canton shop on March 2. Paige said she liked learning how to make bread and singing "the unicorn song" afterward. She certainly wasn't the only one.

Kim Marlowe, Paige's third grade teacher, was pleased to bring her class to Canton Bread Company for the morning. "It's fantastic," she



Creative: Children left their dough, in various forms, on the cutting table.



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Devour: Jessica Burdette, 8, samples a slice of bread while listening to Sprague play his guitar while on a field trip at the Canton Bread Company.

said. "We had a great time. Enjoyed it immensely. We were here to learn about simple machines. The mixer is a simple machine."

Sprague tailors his tours to the age groups which pass through his store. "This is 45 minutes of just fun," he said.

And the little critics agreed it was a tasty trip. "I think it tastes good, cause the honey tastes sweet," said Dominic Garrick, 8.

His classmates, like Jacob Yono, were happy to go home with a special souvenir to share. Every student receives a loaf of honey white bread to take home. "Only for the kids, they put the smiley faces," said Jacob. "I think I'll tell my parents I got to see how the bread is made."

Marlowe attributed those smiles to their host. "Mr. Sprague was just a super person." She "highly recommends" the tour for other classes.

### Bread man

But Joseph Olds is the man and the mind behind the delectable breads, scones, bagels and muffins at Canton Bread Company, and he enjoys the tours as much as the kids do. "You meet all these different people. That's my old grade school," he pointed out about Livonia's Randolph Elementary.

Olds, a Redford resident, books all of the tours. But that's not all he does. His day begins at 4 a.m. when he starts baking the day's bread. He opens the doors every morning by 7 a.m. with fresh bagels and muffins ready for purchase. By noon, he's finished with clean-up and can fully concentrate on customers.



Patient: Amanda Nadell, 8, awaits her cue while Sprague plays guitar for the class in the front of the bakery.

Olds' love for baking and his friendly personality show in all he bakes.

"We don't keep bread for more than 24 hours," he said. No day-olds available here. Olds uses all natural ingredients — like salt, honey and yeast — to make the baked goods. No preservatives are added. What isn't sold each day is donated to places like the Salvation Army and local U.A.W. The bread is good for 7 to 10 days after purchase, but should not be refrigerated.

"I personally don't have any bread at home," said Olds, who's surrounded by it daily. He orders the ingredients, and creates and experiments new varieties of breads. "I have a lot of input," said Olds, a culinary arts graduate of Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

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## PARENTING ISSUE

# Teachers team up to present parenting skills

BY DOUG JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth teacher Rick McCoy and a Saline middle school administrator, Nic Cooper, will be making two presentations about their parenting book in March.

The book, "How to Keep Being a Parent When Your Child is No Longer a Child," was published in November.

The two authors have also announced a partnership with the P-C Educational Excellence Foundation, and will donate \$2 for each book sold to parents or teachers in the Plymouth-Canton School District.

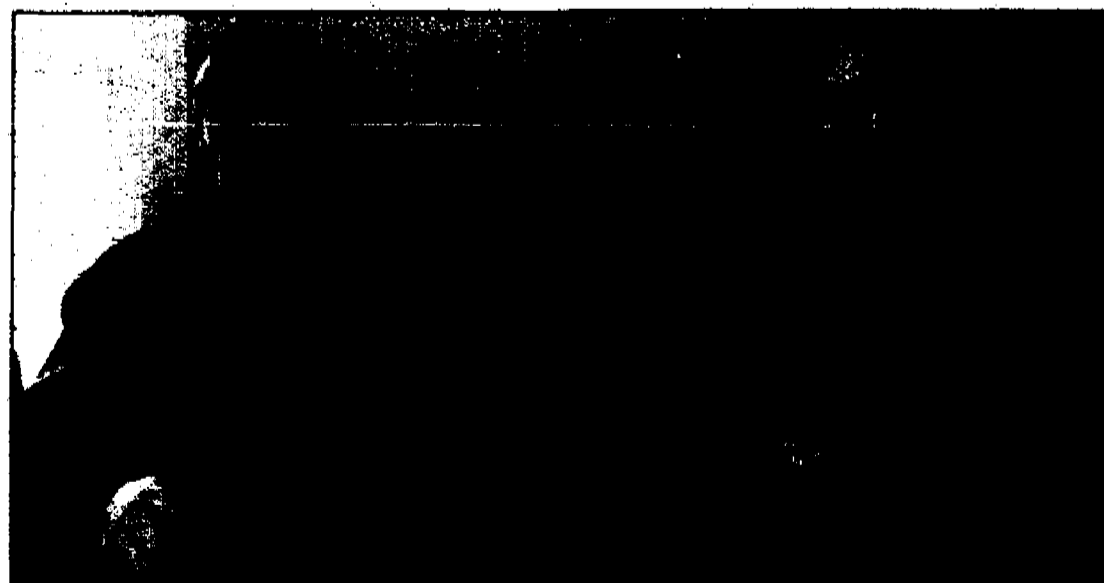
Cooper and McCoy will present one of their parenting workshops on Saturday, March 18, at Walled Lake Western during a parenting fair.

The book is primarily for parents of teenagers, but would be useful for people with younger kids as well as professionals ...

Barnes&Noble.com. In Plymouth the book is available at the Little Shop on the Square.

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The pair will also appear at the Northville Barnes & Noble store, Six Mile and Haggerty Road, Thursday, March 30, at 7 p.m. for a presentation. Their book is available at the store and on the Web at Amazon.com, Borders.com, and



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURCHMAN

Authors: Rick McCoy (left) of Plymouth and Nic Cooper talk about their book for parents.

teenagers, but would be useful for people with younger kids as well as professionals who work with adolescents in any capacity.

The chapters in the book encourage parents to explore their own parenting style, discuss parental responsibilities,

outline what to expect from children as they grow up, and detail strategies for better communication and setting boundaries for teenagers.

The book also provides help for parents of kids who are in deep trouble

Please see PARENTS, B2



**ANNIVERSARIES & ENGAGEMENTS**

**Detter**

Robert H. and Betty L. (Kirk) Detter of Livonia are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

Married March 18, 1950 at 24th Street Methodist Church, the Detters have two children and five grandchildren. Their son Jerry Detter and his wife Kathy, reside in White Lake with their children, Justin and Chelsea. Their daughter, Diane is married to Jim Brady and lives in Farmington Hills with children Annie, Mary and Jimmy.

Robert Detter is retired from his job at the post office and Betty is retired from working at a uniform store. In their free time, the couple enjoy bowling.



Betty also fishes and Robert plays softball.

To celebrate their anniversary, Diane Brady will host a special dinner for family and friends in Farmington Hills.

**Aufdemberge-Rich**

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

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

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



pathic Hospital.

A July wedding is planned in Detroit.

**Korduba-Berlin**

Al and Sue Korduba of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Elaine, to Kevin Andrew Berlin.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and attends Schoolcraft College pursuing a degree in business. She works at a dental office in Livonia.

Her fiancé, son of Ed and Linda Berlin of Canton, is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1998 graduate of University of Michigan. He works for Parke-Davis in Ann Arbor.



A May wedding is planned at Holy Trinity Church in Livonia.

**Farhat-Mahy**

Elizabeth Farhat of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Janet, to Derald Mahy of Illinois.

The bride-to-be is a Michigan State University graduate and works for Franks Nursery and Crafts.

Her fiancé, son of Derald and Audrey Mahy of Illinois, is a Rich Central High School graduate and works for Terre and Bruglio.

An April wedding is planned at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church in Plymouth. A reception at Livonia's Embassy Suites Hotel will follow.



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**Mozurkewich-Vikstrom**

Ed and Laurie Mozurkewich of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Lynn, to Jared Scott Vikstrom of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She works as an engineering coordinator at Yazaki North America in Canton.

Her fiancé, son of Bob and Sandra Vikstrom of Canton, is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and works as a product designer at Roush Crucum in Livonia.

A June wedding is planned at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland.



A June wedding is planned at First Baptist Church in Wayne.

**Stewart-Krenz**

Mike and Yvonne Stewart of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Irene Marcey, to Edwin Allen Krenz of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a John Glen High School graduate who attends Phoenix University. She works at Internet Security Systems.

Her fiancé, son of Bob and Gini Krenz of Livonia, is a Livonia Stevenson High School graduate. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan School of Engineering and a master's degree from Purdue University. He works at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn.

**Flanigan-Carris**

James and Gayle Flanigan of Rochester Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly, to Rob Carris of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a senior at Harding University in Arkansas majoring in social work. She will graduate in May.

Her fiancé, son of Robert and Teri Carris of Livonia, is a junior at Harding University in Arkansas majoring in youth ministry.

A May wedding is planned at Rochester Church of Christ in Rochester.



**Aloe-Migora**

Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Aloe of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Collette Michele, to Michael Joseph Migora of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill, a 1996 graduate of Madonna University and now works at St. Mary Hospital Child Care Center as a Kindergarten readiness teacher.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary A. Migora, is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill and works as a fabricator for special projects, specializing in concept vehicles.

A June wedding is planned at



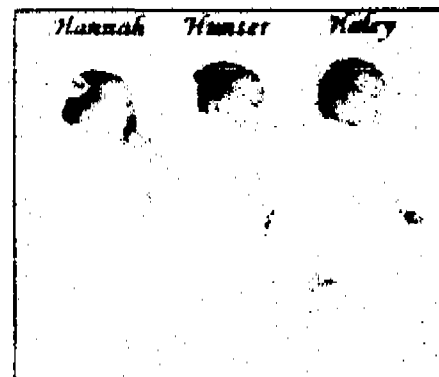
Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington.



**Times five:** When Ayrianna Kalinski came into the world on Oct. 18, 1999, it wasn't just a special birthday, it was a generational event. Seated left to right are her mother, Dawn Kalinski; grandmother, J. Katherine Olivier; great-grandmother and Redford resident, Delores Munoz; and great-great-grandmother, Jane Ryba.



**Across centuries:** Madison Plester, born in November 1998, became the fifth generation to her family, and there is more than a century separating her from her great-great-grandmother. Shown left to right are Madison's father, Eric Plester; grandfather, Don Plester; great-great-grandmother, Marie von Waltheusen Drevdahl, 102 years old; and great-grandmother, Marie von Waltheusen Plester who has lived in Livonia for nearly 50 years. This photograph was taken when Madison was only one month old.



Brian and Barbara Elandt of Livonia announce the birth of their triplets. Left to right: Hannah Elizabeth, Hunter Jacob and Haley Jordan, Jan. 20.

Grandparents are Chuck and Donna Dexter of Farmington Hills, Robert and Sandy Gould of Livonia, Wanda Elandt of Livonia and Leonard Elandt of Farmington Hills. Dale and Marie Mullins of Ormond Beach, Fla. are the triplets' great-grandparents.

**'Arrivals**

■ Scott Cramer of Gladwin and Peggy Downer of Garden City announce the birth of Mickayla Fleming Rose Downer March 7, 2000 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Arley and Marge Downer of Garden City and Debra Gloran of Gladwin.

■ Lisa and Jeff Grendysa of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Marie, born Feb. 20, at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Lauren joins brother, Alec, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Stanley Grendysa of Dearborn Heights and Alex and Delphine Marks of Sterling Heights.

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# CALENDAR

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**RECOGNITION BANQUET**  
Harris-Kehrer Post 3323 Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary will hold their annual Wayne/Westland Police/Firefighters Recognition Banquet Saturday, April 1. It will take place at the Post Hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Tickets are \$10 per person and the event is open to the public. For tickets, call Bessie Bell, (734) 326-6524, or the post hall, (734) 326-3323. Police and firefighters will be honored for going above and beyond the call of duty.

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

## AT THE LIBRARY

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

## WESTLAND CENTER

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

## RECREATION

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

**FIGURE SKATING**  
Figure skaters interested in USFSA synchronized (precision) skating are needed to build Novi FSC and Westland FSC joint-venture teams. Prior team experience is not necessary. This is an opportunity to build skating and team skills while having fun. For information, call Cheryl Gutowski at (734) 427-6806.

## VOLUNTEERS

**HOPE**  
Spring Volunteer Training for Community Hospice & Home Care Services begins Monday, March 20, and runs through Friday, March 31. Classes will run 5-9 p.m. for six sessions (March 20, 22, 24, 27, 29 and 31) at the CHHCS office, northwest corner of Warren and Venoy in Westland. For information

or to register, call (734) 522-4244. Volunteers are needed in many areas.

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

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

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

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

**PET-A-PET**  
The Pet-A-Pet animal visitation program provides pet therapy with the help of volunteers. Pets should be friendly, well-behaved, and must have current vaccinations. There is a \$5 membership fee. Volunteer opportunities are available at Hope Nursing Care Center, 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (Margaret Martin, (734) 721-2821) and Marquette House, 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month (Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1651). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (Stacy Suida, (734) 458-4392).

## SCHOOLS

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

**PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**  
The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for preschool programs at Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Included are an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a pre-primary impaired program and Sparky Preschool. Registration takes place 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2600.

**LIVONIA COOPERATIVE**  
The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool for children ages 3-4, is located at 9001 W. Chicago. Parents learn with their children. Enrollment is limited. For information, call Karin at (734) 838-3714.

**COUNCIL PRESCHOOLS**  
The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in morning and afternoon sessions. The younger



**What to do?**  
Read! Current hours at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. The library is located on Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford in Westland. For more information, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is located at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. Call (734) 728-3559.

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

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

**YWCA READINESS**  
The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is located at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 561-4110.

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

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

**LITTLE LAMBS**  
Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is holding registration. Class-

es meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. Call (248) 471-2077.

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

**BUILDING BLOCKS**  
Building Blocks Preschool in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia, is offering classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. A Pre-Kindergarten Readiness class for 5-year-olds and a Parent/Child Toddler class for 2-year-olds are offered. Call (734) 421-7359 for registration information.

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

**TUTORIAL PROGRAM**  
A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

**ADULT LITERACY**  
An adult literacy program is being offered free Wednesdays at the Salva-

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

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

## HISTORIC

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

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

## FOR SENIORS

**CARD PARTY/LUNCHEON**  
The Friendship Center (Westland Senior Resources Department) will have a card party 10 a.m. Friday, March 24, to chase the winter blues away. It will take place at the center, on Newburgh near Marquette in West-

land. There will be prizes. A luncheon will be served. Tickets, at \$10, will be available at the front desk. "Driving Miss Daisy" has been canceled. For more information, call the center, (734) 722-7632.

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

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

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

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

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

**MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE**  
The Wayne-Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal for people 60 and older 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road two blocks south of Ford. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music and door prizes. Call (734) 728-5010.

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

The instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

## CLUBS IN ACTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

## FOR YOUR HEALTH

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

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

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

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax to 734-881-7278. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 963-2104 if you have any questions.

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional info.: \_\_\_\_\_

Use additional sheet if necessary

**SINGLES MINGLE**

**Listings for the Singles Calendar** should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

**SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES**

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

**SINGLES WELCOME**

Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced or separated Christians. Call (734) 981-4553 about the divorce recovery workshop. Monthly meetings are held the third Saturday of every month

at 8 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, Haggerty Road (south of 5 Mile Road).

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

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

■ **Divorce Recovery Workshop** (eight consecutive weeks) begins at noon. For information call Diane at (734) 981-4553.

■ **Singles Dance April 1** at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church Hall located on the corner of West Chicago and Inkster Road and March 18 at St. Kenneth's Church Hall on Haggerty south of Five Mile Road. Doors open at 8 p.m. \$8 charge includes refreshments. Proper attire please.

■ **Coffee & Conversation** every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Contact Diane at (734) 981-4553 for location.

■ **Pinochle** every other Friday, contact Diane for location.

■ **Movie & Dinner Night** at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 16. Call Carol (313) 533-3041.

**BYOS NIGHT**

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

**WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE**

Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served. Early admission special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. For information please call (734) 981-0909.

**WEDNESDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES**

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

**SUNDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES**

Sunday Suburban Singles Dance Parties Inc. meets every Sunday at The Warren Chateau Banquet Center (10 Mile road one block east of Mound) in Warren from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Event is open to the public for ages 21 and up. Proper attire is recommended (no jeans). Cost is \$5; \$4 before 8:30 p.m. For information call (313) 842-0443.

**SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES**

Single (30 years and older) and feeling alone? Coming join us. Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Rd. - west of Haggerty in Northville) invites you to join over 550 single adults each and every Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. For information or a newsletter call (248) 374-5920.

**FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS**

A non-profit social group for singles ages 25-45 who share common interests and look to form new friendships. All events are open to non-members. Call (248) 851-9909 or visit www.fsp.org. Upcoming events include: ■ **Playing wallyball** Tuesdays at Racquetball Farmington on Nine Mile. Check in starts at 6:45 p.m. and court time at 7 p.m. sharp. New players welcome. Courts are designated recreational, intermediate and advance. Cost is \$5 for one hour. ■ **Join us Thursday** for "Fun and Fine

Dining." Our goal is to provide members and friends with a sampling of some of the best and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area. Each week the restaurant will differ in style, ambiance, price range and menu. We meet every Thursday anytime between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

■ **Singles Mingles Dances** - locations vary weekly. Call (248) 851-9909 for specifics.

■ **Co-ed bowling leagues** is held every other Sunday starting at 5:45 p.m. at Drakeshire Lanes (located on Grand River east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills). We bowl every other Sunday for 12 weeks including a bowling banquet. Substitute bowlers are needed most weeks. Leagues start at 5:45 p.m. bowl three games.

**EUCHE-PINOCHLE**

Euchre and pinochle are planned every Monday and dinner is served from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Cowley's Old Village Inn (on Grand River just east of Farmington Road) in Farmington next to the Civic Theater. Tables will be set up for all skill levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced). Tables are rotated every half hour. Cash bar and munchies available. A reasonably priced dinner is also available off the menu. Event is sponsored by the Metropolitan Single Professionals. Cost is \$4 for Farmington Single Professional members and \$5 for non-members.

**Zonta fashion gala to benefit First Step shelter, programs for women**

**FUND-RAISER**

Zonta International is a worldwide service organization whose mission is to improve the status of women. The Farmington/Novi area chapter carries out this mission by supporting First Step - Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Zonta does this by sponsoring the annual gala, "First Step Stepping Out in Style" benefit from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, March 26.

Entering the sixth year of fund-raising, the event will be hosted by Parisian, located in Laurel Park Place - Livonia.

"It is a fun-filled evening starting with a strolling supper. You can stop and listen to our great entertainment, have a caricature done, stop by the cosmetic counter for a makeover, see informal modeling throughout

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Zonta Club has members from Plymouth, Northville, Livonia, Wayne, Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi. All of these areas are serviced by First Step.

According to McAllister some of the local restaurants who will be serving up the night's

gourmet fare include Real Seafood Grill of Laurel Park, Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train, Jeff Zak Catering of Plymouth, Putter's Restaurant & Corner Pub in New Hudson and the Macaroni Grill of Livonia.

Cash prizes, lunch and dinner gift certificates, hotel stays and more will be given away to guests who participate and take advantage of "after hours" shopping at Parisian.

Entertainment will be provided by caricaturist Chuck Borsha-

nian; Silver Sounds (D.J. service); the Motor City Mix - Sweet Adeline's quartet; and singer/guitarist Ryan Winkler.

Domestic violence is one of the most confusing and shattering situations that a person and their children can face. Help

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**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES**  
St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford will hold mid-week worship services on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. during Lent. Wednesday dates are March 29, April 5 and 12. Services will be held in the Chapel. Thursday services will be preceded by light supper at 6 p.m., worship at 7 p.m. Dates are March 16, March 23 and 30; April 6 and 13. All services will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. St. John's Lutheran is located at 13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster Road. Call (313) 538-2660.

**LENTEN SERVICES**  
The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday night at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church (23310 Joy Road in Redford, five blocks east of Telegraph). Phone (313) 534-2121. A video tape of one of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's retreats will be shown in the Church hall following the Stations each week of Lent. All are invited to attend.

**LENTEN DINNERS**  
St. Agatha Church (19750 Beech Daly) of Redford will offer Lenten dinners on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent. 3-8 p.m. Dine in and carry out. Senior discount from 3-5 p.m. Children's menu available. Call (313) 531-0371.

**LENTEN SERVICES**  
St. James Presbyterian (25350 W. Six Mile Road) in Redford Township will hold Lenten services every Wednesday evening through April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Maundy Thursday

services, including communion, are at 7:30 p.m. April 20. For more information call (313) 534-7730.

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (39020 Five Mile Road in Livonia) will offer Lenten service at 6:45 p.m. every Wednesday from March 15 through April 12. Palm Sunday service is April 16 at 8:30 and 11 a.m.; a prayer vigil service will be held during Holy Week at 7:30 p.m. April 18; April 19, healing service at 7:30 p.m.; April 20 is Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday Inter-faith service at noon April 21; Good Friday Tenebrae at 7:30 p.m. April 21; Easter vigil and baptism service at 7:30 p.m. April 22 and Easter Sunday services at 6 a.m. (sunrise communion); 8 a.m. communion service with choir; 9:45 a.m. instrumentalists and a joyful Eucharist; and 11:30 a.m. Christ is Risen!

**LENTEN MEAL**  
St. Genevieve Parish of Livonia will offer a Lenten meal March 17, 24, 31 and April 7 and 14 from 5-7 p.m. Menu includes baked fish, potato and all you can eat soup and salad. Macaroni and cheese as a children's meal. Cost is \$6 for adults; \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and 5 and under eat free.

**WEARING OF THE GREEN**  
On Saturday, March 18 at 6 p.m. Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road) will be having a St. Patrick's Day party as part of its "Saturday Nite Live" family nights. Guests are encouraged to bring a dish to pass and to wear green. This fun filled event for the whole family includes games, music and sing-a-longs. Call (734) 421-1760.

**IN CONCERT**  
Still Listening will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia (36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh

and Wayne Roads). Free will offerings; refreshments will be sold. For more information call Diana at (734) 455-7427.

**CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN**  
Muhammad Ali and his wife Lonnie are spearheading "Champions for Children," a special fund-raiser for Lutheran Child and Family services to promote foster care and adoption placement, at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18. General admission tickets to the event, which include a live auction and movie viewing of "When We Were Kings," are priced at \$50 and are available at TicketMaster Outlets. For information on a variety of special tickets call (734) 354-3800.

**DARLA MCFADDEN**  
Come and praise the Lord in a worship celebration with "Darla McFadden" at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 19 at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road in Livonia. Phone (734) 464-0990. Darla is a Christian music artist from Indianapolis. She will be singing songs both old and new that will bless and encourage your heart, including songs from her most recent recording, "He is Worthy."

**RENEWAL SERVICES**  
Chris McNairy of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan will preach at Mainstreet Baptist Church in Canton during the church's renewal services, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 19, 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, March 20-22, at the church, 8500 N. Morton Taylor. Special music and child care provided. Call (734) 453-4785.

**WEIGH DOWN**  
A weigh down workshop orientation will be held Monday evening March 20 at Family Impact Ministries the pastoral care center of Tri-City Christian Center located on Michigan Ave. (one mile east of I-275) in Canton. You must call to register. (734) 326-7780.

**SPIRITUAL ELDERING WORKSHOP**

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church workshop is meant for members of the church who want to use their life experience to nurture, heal or impact a younger generation and this world. It is intended for those who seek deeper meaning in later life and seek ways to enrich their elder years. Presenters provided by the Spiritual Eldering Institute. The workshop will be held 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, March 21, 28 and April 4, 11 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The registration fee for the series is \$30. Call (734) 464-0211.

**DIVORCE & BEYOND**  
The Friends Group of St. Thomas Church in Ann Arbor is conducting a Divorce and Beyond Workshop on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. beginning March 22nd. Divorce and Beyond is a course of eight weekly evening sessions that helps the individual come to terms with a relationship that has irretrievably broken down. Divorce and Beyond offers a secure environment for discussion and understanding of feelings. Program topics include the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, blame and guilt, loneliness, and forgiveness. Call Virginia Mikola at (734) 994-9194 or Gerald Black at (734) 741-1874 for information and registration. Cost is \$20, which includes "Divorce and Beyond", a book by James Greteman, CSC and Leon Haverkamp, MSW.

**ECUMENICAL LENTEN GATHERINGS**  
"Opening Our Hearts to Christ - Jubilee 2000" will begin with noon services on the Wednesdays of Lent followed by a luncheon of bread and soup. All services will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 710 Church St. in Plymouth. Worship leaders/lunch providers are as fol-

lows: March 22, First United Methodist (Our Lady of Good Counsel); March 29, First Baptist (First Baptist); April 5, Saint Kenneth (First United Methodist); and April 12, Salvation Army (Salvation Army). Donations to cover the cost of lunch benefit the Greater Detroit Partnership for Training (a national initiative that addresses primary health care shortages).

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

**TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE**  
St. Agatha Church (19750 Beech Daly Road) in Redford will hold a Taize Prayer Service at 7 p.m. March 23 at St. Agatha Church. Call Linda Phillips for information (313) 531-0371.

**SEXUAL ABUSE RECOVERY**  
The recovery from sexual abuse group meets Thursday evenings beginning March 23. Registration cost is \$25 per person, however, scholarships are available. Deadline to register is March 15. Family Impact Ministries the pastoral care center of Tri-City Christian Center located on Michigan Ave. (one mile east of I-275) in Canton. Call (734) 326-7780.

**DINNER W/THE FILLMORES**  
On Sunday, March 26 at 4:30 p.m. Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road) will be hosting a dinner featuring healthy and delicious original recipes, many of which are vegetarian, from Unity Inn in Missouri. Dinner

will be served on a love offering basis. After dinner there will be a discussion of the original writings of the Fillmores, the founders of the Unity Church. Call (734) 421-1760.

**LUTHERAN SINGERS**  
The Detroit Lutheran Singers, Eric Freudigman, director and Doris Hall, accompanist, will perform a concert of sacred choral music with participation by children's choirs at Christ Our Savior Lutheran at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26 (14175 Farmington Road in Livonia). Tickets are \$10 (\$7 for students and seniors). Call (248) 988-0604 or visit their Web site at http://members.xoom.com/kmirwin/dls.html

**JUBILEE JOURNEY**  
Come to the Jubilee Journey "A Carnival of Saints" from 3-5 p.m. March 26 at St. Maurice Parish Hall, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia. Celebrate your faith, enjoy the fun and check out the food. Call 421-5240 for information.

**SPIRITUAL RETREAT**  
A Spiritual Weekend Retreat titled, "A New Century - A New Beginning," will be held March 31-April 2 at St. Johns Center in Plymouth. Several inspirational speakers will be present. Cost is \$100 and \$115 (double room/single room), lodging and meals included. Pre-registration is a must by March 22. Call Jeff (313) 381-0731 or Arlene (810) 776-2621.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
A women's retreat titled "Getting Real with God," is planned for Friday March 31 and Saturday April 1 through Tri-City Christian Center of Canton. Registration date is March 15. \$79 per person. For more information call Tri-City Christian Center at (734) 326-0330.

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

**TAI CHI**  
A beginner class of Tai chi will be offered Monday, April 3 under the sponsorship of the Taoist Tai Chi Society in Livonia (38121 Ann Arbor Road) and Nardin Park United Methodist Church. Day classes for seniors available at the Livonia location. Observers welcome. Visit our Web site at www.ttc.org. Call (248) 332-1281.

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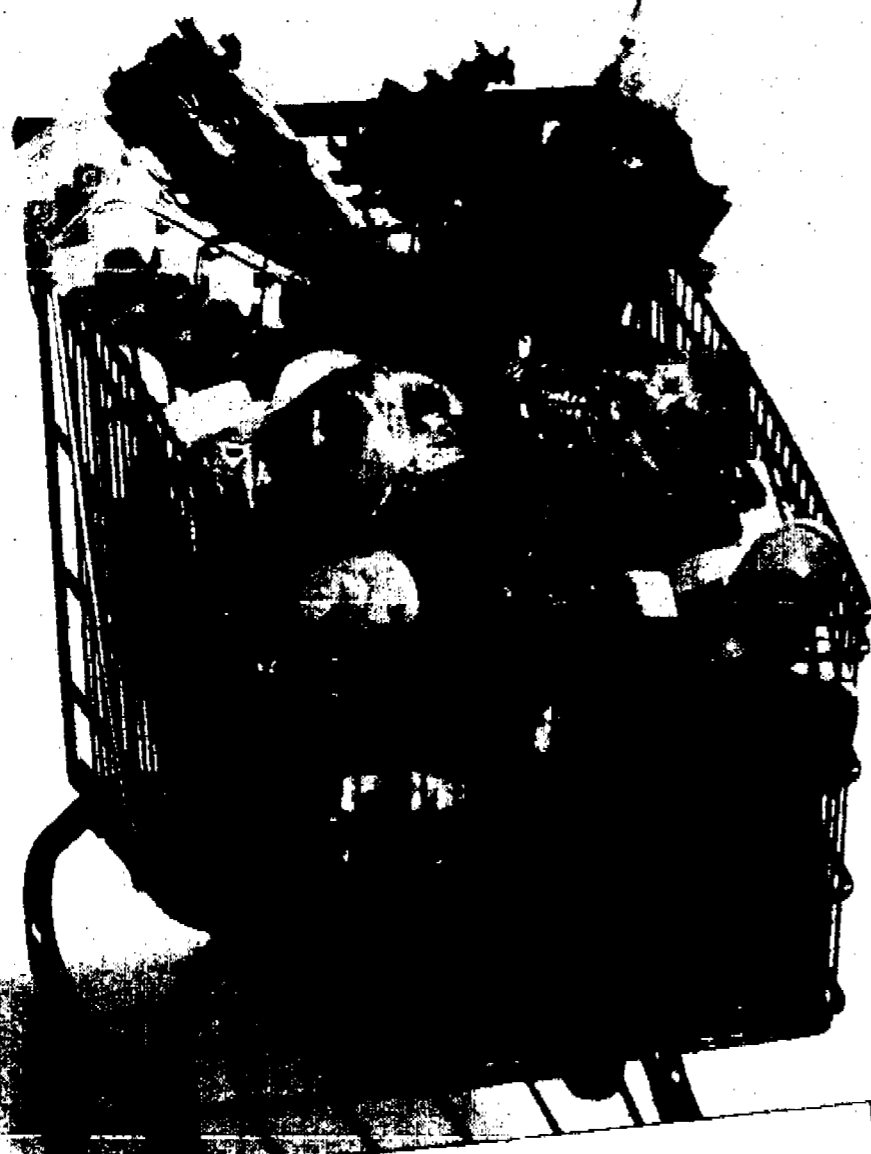
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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### College hockey note

The University of Michigan club hockey team of Ann Arbor, featuring several area players, reached the Division II semifinals in Indianapolis, Ind., before losing to Indiana after posting wins in pool play over San Jose State (5-1), Palmer College (12-4) and Stonybrook (7-3).

Michigan, the No. 1 seed in the Southeast Region, finished fourth in the final rankings. The Ann Arbor club finished the year 25-6-2 including victories over Division II powers Miami of Ohio, Michigan State, Central Michigan, Ferris State and Indiana.

Among the area players include senior captain Jason Kiehler (Livonia Churchill), sophomore Jeff Lang (Livonia Stevenson), junior Jeremy Motz (Walled Lake Central) and sophomore Joe Kustra (Birmingham Brother Rice).

The team is coached by Mike Radokovich and Ralph Humplett, both of Livonia.

### Knights win in Chicago

The Livonia Knights, a Bantam A hockey team, defeated the Rolling Oaks (Ill.) Knights, 5-0, on March 12 to capture the Chicago Cup Tournament Series 2000.

The Knights also defeated Montini High JV (6-0), Chicago Hawks (3-2) and the Darien (Ill.) Huskies (4-0).

Ken Haas, who had five goals and three assists in four games, was named MVP. Goaltenders Pat Griffin and Billie Duncan combined for three shutouts. Outstanding defense was provided by Jon Fritsch, Bryson Crawford, K.J. Kettler, Greg Georvassilis and Joe Kozlowski.

Rounding out the Knights' squad: Kyle Harbor, Clint Swintek, Mike Kemsley, James Leonard, Kyle Strong, Chris Lindstrom, Jason Maples and Steve Scheich.

The coaching staff includes Fred Haas, Pat Lindstrom and Dan Longeway, while the team managers include Patty Fritsch and Michelle Georvassilis. The Knights are sponsored by Industrial Electric Inc., Maples Environments and Global C.N.C. of Livonia.

The Knights also finished runner-up in the Adray Thanksgiving Tournament against an Ohio AA bantam squad, losing 3-2 after a five-man shootout.

### Hockey Day champs

The Bantam Rangers defeated the Livonia Panthers, 3-2, to win Livonia Hockey Association "Hockey Day" recently at Edgar Arena.

Mike Skoczylas scored a pair of goals for the Rangers and Jacob Sidor countered with two for the Panthers as the two teams were tied 2-2 through regulation and scoreless during a five-minute overtime.

Dru Girard and Bradley Darnell scored goals as the Rangers captured the shootout, 2-1. Kevin Russom was the winning goaltender.

Rounding out the Rangers' squad: Daniel Rabe, Tony Grassael, Jason Vella, Shawn Janik, Jeff Ellena, Jeremy Wynohradnyk, Jared Rice, Brad Meakins, Justin Zagata, Jim Wood, Paul Hetu and Paul Cote.

Mike Grassael is the head coach. His assistants are Ron Rice and Bob McDonnell. The Rangers are sponsored by Professional Movers, Employment and Training Designs and B&G Auto.

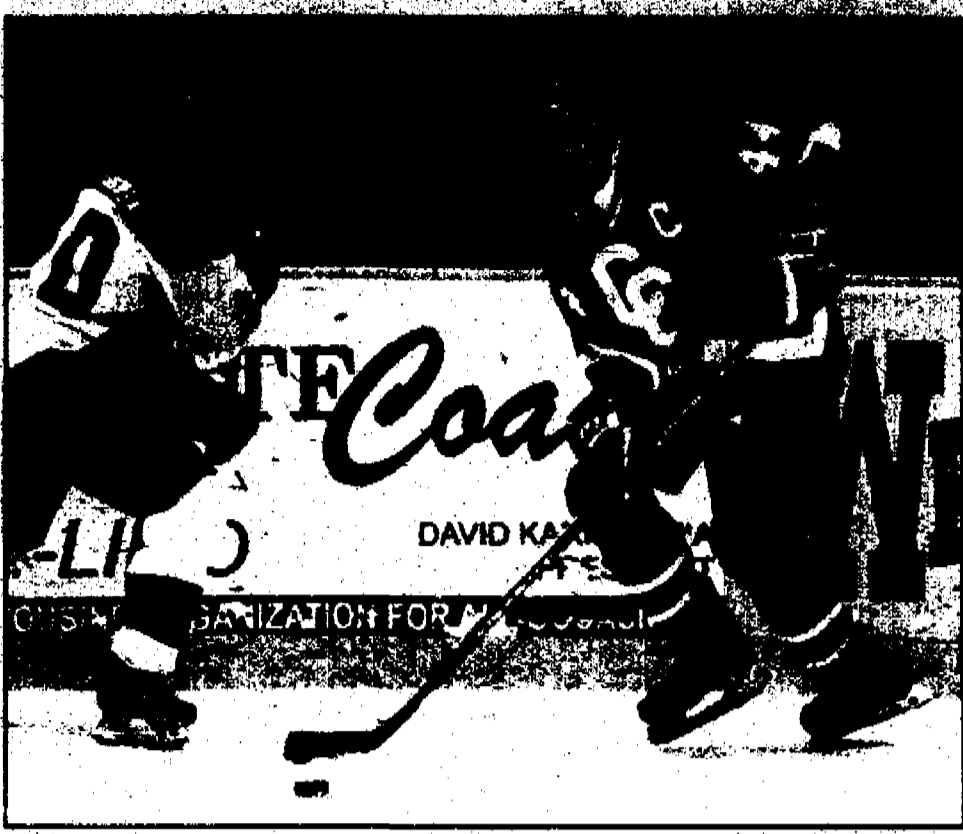
### Knicks perfect 12-0

The Knicks, a boys varsity division basketball team in the Livonia Junior Athletic League, recently finished undefeated with a 12-0 record.

Members of the Knicks include: Ben Adams, Mike Bushery, Aaron Draughn, Eric Felner, Michael Hissong, Ali Jaafar, Khalil Jaafar, Jonathon Kolodziejczak, Justin Logan, Larry McDonald, Daniel Mendoza, Ben Porter, Aaron Reamy, Matt Robinson and Jeff Stout.

The Knicks are coached by Mike Hissong, Cy Adams and Mike Kolodziejczak.

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Celebration: Redford Catholic Central hockey team captain Brandon Kaleniecki (left, left photo) and teammate Jim Spiewak celebrate the Shamrocks' second straight state championship. Meanwhile, CC's Dave Moss (right, right photo) maneuvers the puck against Alpena.

STAFF PHOTOS BY BRIAN MITCHELL

## State champions

### CC beats Alpena 5-2 for coveted title

BY PAUL BEAUDRY  
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Until Saturday, only two high schools in state history had ever won back-to-back Division I hockey titles. Redford Catholic Central made it three.

The No. 1 Shamrocks powered their way past Alpena, 5-2, before an estimated 4,100 fans at Flint's IMA Arena to finish their 1999-2000 season the same way they ended it the year before — with a state championship.

By doing so, the Shamrocks joined Trenton (1979-80) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (1984-85) as the only Division I teams to win back-to-back championships.

"I don't know if it was expected by anyone else, but it was expected by the coaching staff and players," said CC coach Geoff St. John, whose team won its fourth title in seven years. "On June 1, we made the goal up. We started off-ice training on June 1 and we didn't stop until today."

The Shamrocks (26-2) hit their goal by doing things pretty much the same way they had all season — playing

### DIVISION I HOCKEY FINALS

physical, using strong defense and taking advantage of opportunities.

"They're almost a college team out there," Alpena coach Chris Limbeck said after his team ended its season at 19-7-2. "I was looking for a line to drop off, but I didn't see any drop-off. I think they could beat some Division III college teams. I'm proud of (our) boys for making it a game."

It didn't start out that way. CC outshot Alpena 13-2 in the first period and didn't allow a shot on goal until 2:07 left. Despite the advantage, CC led just 2-0 through the first 15 minutes thanks to some outstanding play by Wildcats' goalie Eric Pernie, who wound up with 28 saves on the night.

Brian Williams opened the scoring with 4:24 gone in the game after one-timing a pass from Jared Ross for the

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## Churchill looks for new coach

### Hatley resigns after 8 seasons

#### PREP HOCKEY

BY BRAD EMMONS  
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Although just 30 years of age, Livonia Churchill hockey coach Jeff Hatley believes the time is right to retire.

Hatley, who led Churchill to a 126-51-17 record in eight seasons, turned in his resignation to athletic director Marc Hage immediately after the Chargers were eliminated March 8 in the Division I quarterfinals by Redford Catholic Central (4-2).



Jeff Hatley Resigns post

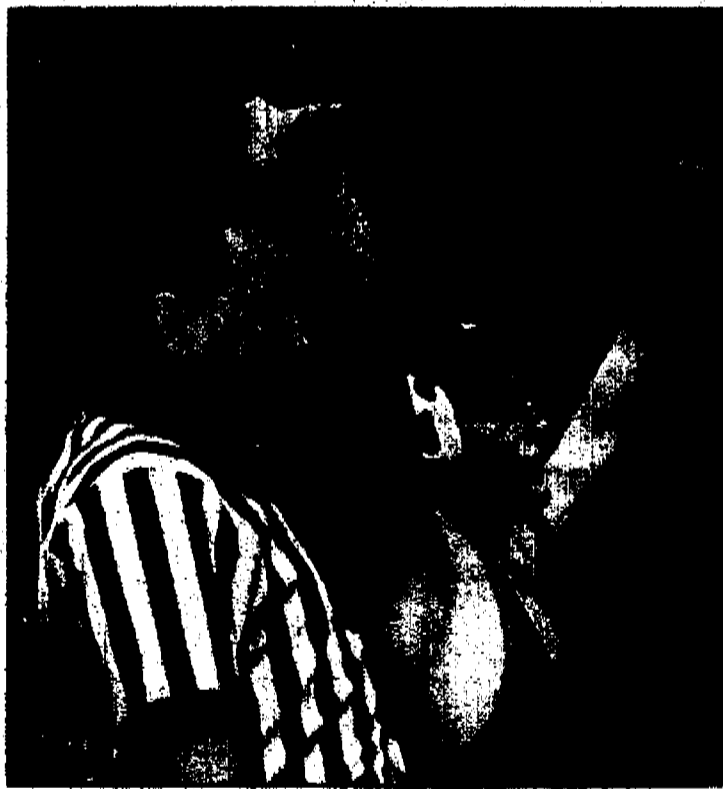
The former Trenton High netminder led Churchill to its first regional crown since 1986 with a 2-1 upset of Trenton on March 4.

He also guided Churchill to a pair of Suburban High School Hockey League titles and the Western Lakes Activities Association crown in its inaugural year despite forfeiting its final four regular season games because of a Feb. 4 post-game incident with rival Livonia Stevenson.

The Chargers finished the year at 16-6-2 overall.

"After the Livonia Stevenson fiasco, it removed all doubt," Hatley said. "But basically the decision was made for my children, both of whom are under the age of two. You'll never get that time back with them if you're doing other stuff."

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STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMEZLAND

State champion: Josh Gunterman (top photo) raises his hand in triumph after winning the 103-pound title for the second straight year. Stevenson coaches Joel Smith (right photo) and Bob Moreau give Gunterman moral support in his finals match against Rockford's Jimmy Shutich.



## Spartan grappler Gunterman repeats

BY BRAD EMMONS  
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The script had a happy ending Saturday evening for Livonia Stevenson's Josh Gunterman.

The senior repeated as 103-pound state champion in the Division I finals at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena with a 4-2 win over Rockford's Jimmy Shutich.

For his career, Gunterman finished with 99 career victories and 56 straight wins, including an impressive 43-0 record this year.

Gunterman joins Craig Martin as the school's only two-time state champion.

"That's awesome standing in front of all those people," Gunterman said of his final appearance for the second year in a row at Joe Louis Arena. "I had been nervous all day. It's tough and it's more mental now, but with people cheering for you, you can get through it."

In attendance for the finals were his

teammates, coaches, parents, girlfriend, two sisters and school friends.

"I had more pressure on myself this year to get back to the finals," he said. "But I had a lot of support through my teammates, coaches and friends. I worked really hard the past two weeks to get ready for this."

And as a defending state champion, Gunterman responded to the challenge all season.

"A lot of guys would have buckled, but Josh is a very strong-willed young man," Stevenson coach Joel Smith said. "He's a young man who had his goals set and didn't let anything get him off his path."

"He doesn't let you know when he's down. He keeps problems to himself and works through them. He's the kind of kid who doesn't back down. He is very strong mentally."

In the semifinals, Gunterman got a confidence boost when he defeated Kyle Klooster of Grand Haven for the second

straight year, 8-6. Gunterman defeated Klooster in double overtime the year before in the same semifinal bracket.

"I was pretty much counting on that as my toughest match," the 5-foot-3 Gunterman said. "It was my best match of the tourney."

Shutich then provided the final stumbling block. Gunterman had a 2-1 lead going into the final period, but earned two quick points to secure the victory.

"We knew he (Shutich) had only four losses and he was respectable," Smith said. "But we felt Josh was superior on his feet and the riding worked for him and it kept him on top."

With no previous wrestling experience, Gunterman began his career as an eighth grader at Holmes Middle School.

"Nobody in my family had done it," Gunterman recalls. "I tried it, liked it and stuck with it."

Gunterman did not wrestle varsity

as a freshman, but got his feet wet as a sophomore. During his junior year he came on and won his final 13 matches to finish 39-10 overall with one state title under his belt.

"This year I was just that much more confident, better trained, a little bigger and stronger," he said. "I knew what to expect. This year I expected to win every match. I pretty much wrestle year-around."

Gunterman's mat life is far from over.

He plans to compete March 22-26 in Pittsburgh, Pa. at the National High School Wrestling Coaches Association Nationals for seniors.

He would like to continue his career in college, even though the NCAA's lowest weight division is now 126 pounds after the 118-pound class was recently eliminated. Possibilities include Eastern Michigan, Michigan

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# Hancock's mat conquest ends at 50-0



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**160-pound champ: Redford Catholic Central senior Mitch Hancock waves to Monday's school pep assembly crowd.**

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Mitch Hancock was mad. Real mad. Nail-spitting mad.

By his own admission, he'd just punted a four-point lead and given away the 1999 Division I 160-pound wrestling title.

Right then and there, the Redford Catholic Central senior decided he wasn't going to let that happen again.

He didn't.

All the hours of hard work, sit-ups, running when he didn't want to, and even snorting Vicks Vaporub when he couldn't breathe finally paid off. Hancock capped a 50-0 season by winning the Division I 160-pound wrestling title Saturday at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena with a 15-7 decision over Roseville's Matt McCartney.

"In every match this season, I wrestled like it was the state finals," said Hancock, who ended his high school career with a sterling 190-13 record.

"After four years ... all of the push-ups and all of the miles ... it

finally paid off."

Before there was a pay off, there had to be a payback. In Friday's semifinal, he faced a familiar foe - Brad Anderson of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, the same Brad Anderson Hancock led 6-2 in the finals before losing 8-6 in overtime. Hancock tried to stay loose. His coaches were trying not to let their nerves show and doing a poor job of it.

"We were waiting to go on the mat for the semis and we were sitting there - silent, calm and thinking," said Hancock. "And I looked at (CC coach Mike Rodriguez) and said, 'You are nervous! I can't believe it! I worked 365 days for this. I'm going to dominate him!' It broke the tension."

It also set the tone. Hancock stopped Anderson - a two-time state champion - 7-3 and advanced to the finals.

"I had beaten him once this year at Goodrich, 9-7, and it was a little bit of revenge, but I knew that match didn't count," Hancock said. "The only one that counted was this weekend."

It almost turned out that the win didn't count at all. Friday night, Hancock was hit by the flu. He couldn't breathe, he was sick and he couldn't sleep. Two things helped him through it. The first came from Anderson, who told Hancock before the finals it was his turn to win. The other came from Chesebrough-Ponda.

"All day Saturday, I was coughing up a storm and couldn't breathe," Hancock said. "So I was stuffing Vaporub up my nose so I could breathe. A lot of fans saw me do it and they couldn't stop laughing."

The finals were almost anti-climactic. Hancock, who had beaten McCartney three previous times during the year, kept him on his heels for most of the match, taking a 13-2 lead after the second period before allowing McCartney to comeback a bit in the third.

"I really expected to win it. Anything else would have been a disappointment," Hancock said. "I just wanted my face up on the (CC) Wall of Fame with all of those other great wrestlers."

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State or Western Michigan.

"It's a relief, but I still have some wrestling to do," said Gunterman, who enjoys fishing and golfing in his spare time.

### Kharbush finishes 3rd

Stevenson junior Imad Kharbush made a strong showing the 152-pound class by winning the consolation final over South Lyon's Mike Chandler, 5-3, after falling to eventual state champion Zemaio Pittman of Flint Carman-Ainsworth in the semifinals, 7-3.

Pittman was the state champion at 145 a year ago in Division

I. Kharbush reached the consolation final in the wrestleback with a 6-4 victory over Kevin Harrington of Birmingham Brother Rice.

"Imad had a fantastic season," Smith said. "He got turned around by Pittman in the second period, but he bounced right back and beat two strong kids to take third place."

"I was real proud of him. He's another strong-willed kid."

Kharbush, who qualified for the state meet for the second straight year, finished 46-3 overall.

"Imad was nursing a little bit of a sore shoulder the last month," Smith said. "But I felt he had a great tourney and he'll get another shot next year."

### Mervyn, Tondreau 4th

Livonia Franklin senior John Mervyn bounced back from an opening-round defeat to Scott Walker of Flushing to earn a fourth at 125 pounds.

Mervyn, a December transfer from Plymouth Salem, won three straight matches before losing to Chase Metcalf of Davison in the third- and fourth-place match, 4-2.

Mervyn finished the year at 34-3 overall.

In Division IV, Livonia Clarenceville senior Dan Tondreau went 4-2 on the day to gain a fourth-place finish.

Tondreau opened with an 11-7 win over Dryden's Josh Lones before going to the consolation round courtesy of Eric Claus of Jonesville, 9-7.

Tondreau then captured three straight before losing to Josh Brockway of Hudson in the consolation final, 5-4.

Tondreau finishes the year at 43-16 overall.

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first of three power-play goals for the Shamrocks. Brandon Kaleniecki made it 2-0 at the 9:41 mark, lofting a wrist shot past Pernie just as the Shamrocks killed off a penalty. Kaleniecki picked up the puck just inside the blue-line and beat Pernie on the glove side, with assists going to Dave Moss and Ryan Yost.

"It was rough for me," said CC goalie Ben Dunne after making 13 saves in the game. "The hardest thing on a goalie is not facing any shots. You want to get into the flow and into the game."

Dunne got into the game in the second period - whether he wanted to or not. In a complete turnaround, Alpena dominated play in the second period, although it didn't show up on the scoreboard. The Wildcats outshot CC, 10-3, and managed to get on the board with 2:26 gone as Adam Carpenter stood at the edge of the crease and slid the puck past a diving Dunne to cut the lead to 2-1.

"I wish I knew what happened," said St. John. "We just

plain lost momentum. They came out charged up and we were back on our heels a bit."

But as quickly as they lost momentum in the second, the Shamrocks got it back in the third. With CC on a power play and the play in Alpena's end, Williams got the puck and started to shoot, but an Alpena defenseman slid in front to block the shot. Williams pulled the puck back as the defender slid past, reloaded and fired past Pernie for a 3-1 lead.

"We knew we had to get more of a lead," said Williams. "I wanted to one-time the puck, but saw him starting to slide. I faked the shot, went round him and went low on the opposite side."

The Shamrocks made it 4-1 at the 7:24 mark when Joe Moreau knocked home a rebound off of Brett John's shot, but Alpena pulled within 4-2 exactly two minutes later when Karl Skiba fired past Dunne.

However, any momentum the Wildcats might have earned by the goal was snuffed out 27 sec-



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**Dunne deal:** Catholic Central netminder Ben Dunne makes the stop against Alpena in Saturday's 5-2 win.

onds later. With Yost off for roughing, Moss took advantage of a loose puck at center ice, skated in and shot past Pernie.

"They were still on the power

play, but I think that broke their back," Moss said. "I just beat the guy to the puck, used their defenseman as a screen and shot it."

# Hatley *from page C1*

"It's a year-round job now. You just can't show up in November. You no longer can make that kind of commitment, or you're going to be .500 and the program suffers. Now it involves summer league watching games, and in the fall it's weight lifting."

Hatley started his coaching career while he was a student in Kalamazoo. He spent three years as an assistant coach at Portage Central before getting the Churchill job.

"We feel the program has prospered and grown under Jeff's guidance," Hage said. "He'll be sorely missed. We had a good working relationship."

Hatley is an industrial technology instructor at Churchill.

"It helped with him being in the building," Hage said. "He was also president of the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Asso-

ciation and he matured quite a bit as coach and also kept our program at a top 10 level."

One of Hatley's bittersweet memories came during the 1995-96 season amid tragedy when the Chargers, 20-4-1 overall, lost sophomore player Rick Laramore to leukemia.

"That group of players and parents understood what it was all about - it was an unselfish group," Hatley said. "We were fortunate we had some very good players that included Brandon Martoia, Matt Wysocki, Chris Kiehler, Corey Swider (his assistant coach) and Dave Higham."

During the last three seasons Churchill reached three straight regional finals, "something I'll never forget," Hatley said.

"People don't realize how close we've been," he added. "It was the third year in a

row we've been down to the wire with the state champ. And to get to the quarterfinals for only second time in Churchill's history was a big step for the team."

With only two graduating seniors (Jason Turri and Tom Sherman), Churchill is primed to make another strong state tournament run in 2000-01.

"I'm extremely confident they'll get a new coach because there is no shortage of hockey coaches," Hatley said. "Knowing our athletic director, we'll get a good coach."

"He (Hage) does a good job and I see nothing but good things across the board for Churchill. I really appreciate Dr. (Rod) Hosman (Churchill's principal) and Marc for all their support. After the Stevenson thing it would have been easy to place all the blame on me, but they stuck by me."

**What they witnessed was something considered completely impossible just a couple weeks earlier: a change of the guard, if you will.**

For the first time since early in the season, the Ottawa 67's did not have the Ontario Hockey League's best record. That honor belonged to the Whalers, who are currently 43-17-4, with 91 points in 64 games. Ottawa is 43-20-3 for 90 points in 66 games.

The 17-straight wins extends the team record for most wins in a row (the former mark of 12 belonged to the Detroit Junior Wings, set in '95) and brings the Whalers closer to the OHL record of 26, established by the Oshawa Generals. The Whalers current string is the second longest in OHL history.

In the win over Owen Sound, Plymouth overcame a 2-1 deficit after the first period with a pair of second-period

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STATE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

# Bedford knocks out Salem

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With the Van Gogh exhibit still in town, Plymouth Salem's volleyball team tried to come up with another masterpiece.

Unfortunately for the Rocks, their Class A state tournament run ended Tuesday night at Eastern Michigan University's new Convocation Center.

Temperance Bedford eliminated Salem for the second straight year in the quarterfinals with a 15-2, 16-14 triumph.

Bedford, 73-11 overall, moves on to Friday's state semifinal in Kalamazoo, while Salem ends its year at 44-12-1.

"We felt with the kind of talent we had coming in this year we'd have to build around character, heart and playing together as a team," Salem coach Tom Teeters said. "That took us a long way. They got a lot more out of themselves and they did really well. They surprised the coaching staff with what they accomplished. I'm proud of the girls because most of them were starters for the first time."

Salem, which lost Feb. 12 to Kicking Mules in the Bedford Invitational finals, 15-3, 15-9, appeared to be overwhelmed in the opening game.

Bedford breezed to a 15-2 win as Nicole Salisbury and Valerie Dyczkowski, a pair of 5-foot-10 seniors, combined for four blocks and six kills.

Teeters then changed his serving strategy. The soft drings over the net which proved to be so successful in Saturday's regional conquest of Livonia Franklin were quickly abandoned to start the second game.

"We tried the deep, cannonball serves and it took them out of their game a little bit," the Salem coach said. "We saw in the first game that they were playing close. It's not an option we usually do in practice and we've rarely used it against other teams."

"But it's an option." Salem began to get into the groove, building leads of 6-3 and 10-5 in Game No. 2.

"When they had a four or five-point lead I think our kids began to think what might happen," Bedford coach Jodi Manore said. "I think we got a little overconfident and they (Salem) picked up their game. They began find holes and we were not aggressive."

"Plus, Tom (Teeters) was pulling out all the stops. They're a good team, and a well-coached team."

The Rocks then led 14-12 on a

kill by senior Amanda Suder and appeared to be primed to even the match in games at 1-all.

But two missed serves and a net violation stopped the Rocks' momentum.

"We had our best servers up there and you can't ask for anything else," Teeters said. "You can do the safe thing or be aggressive. You have to take those chances. You want to be risky in that situation because you're not going to beat this team (Bedford) with wimpy swings or dumping the second ball."

Bedford rallied with four straight points to close out the match capped 6-2 junior Melissa Mohrbach's game-winning block.

Salisbury led Bedford with 12 kills and two blocks, while Dyczkowski added six kills and three blocks.

"They're bigger on the left side and they have the advantage there and also in the middle," Teeters said. "But I thought we matched with them in serve reception and defense."

Suder capped an outstanding senior season with 10 kills, including eight in the second game. She also had seven digs.

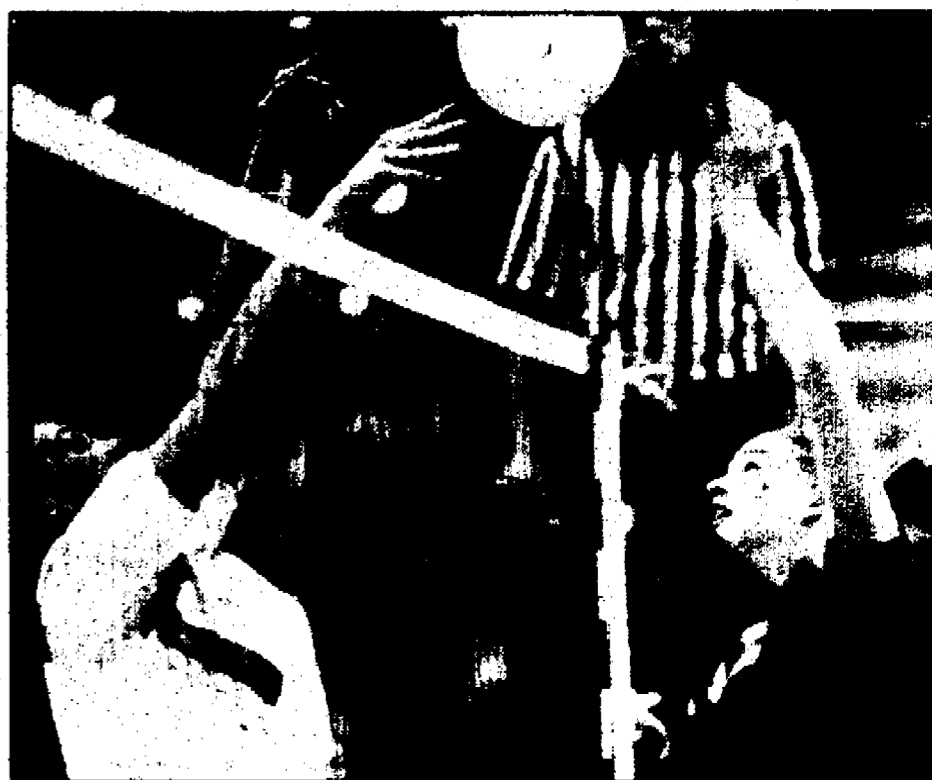
"Suder is a good, all-around player, but we felt one one player shouldn't be able to beat us," Bedford coach Jodi Manore said.

"We talked about her jump serve. We told our girls it was going to hit the chest and drop straight to the knee."

Denise Philips, a 6-foot senior, added seven kills for Salem, while Senior Michelle Ginther had a team-high 11 digs. Junior setter Jillian Dombrowski contributed 16 assists.

"It's tough when you're expected to win," said Manore, whose team has been ranked in the top three all season long. "But at this point anybody can win."

With a few more breaks at the end of the second game, Salem may have been in position for another masterpiece.



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Net worth: Plymouth Salem's Jillian Dombrowski (right) tries to sneak the ball past a Bedford blocker.

## Lutheran High Westland run halted by Almont in regional

Lutheran High Westland finished its volleyball season at 17-17-6 after falling Saturday to host Almont, 15-13, 15-12, in the Class C regional semifinals.

Almont went on to capture the regional with a 15-11, 15-12 victory over Royal Oak Shrine.

In the other semifinal, Shrine ousted Madison Heights Madison, 11-15, 15-11, 15-13.

Sarah Marody had six kills in 19 attacks and three stuff blocks. Jen Dash added six kills in 11 attacks.

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Meanwhile, Amanda Sales contributed five kills in 16 attacks and two stuff blocks.

Heather Haller served eight points, while Anna Rolf and Sales contributed five each. Krissey Rose had four.

Haller, the setter, also had eight assist-to-kills, while Rose added three.

Lutheran Westland coach

Ollinger was pleased with her team's performance.

"They probably played the best match they played all season," she said. "They definitely showed up to play. Almont is just a good team."

"I expected us to get to the regionals this year. Hopefully next year we can take it. It was a crazy season. I have a lot of talent, but we went up and down all year like a roller-coaster."



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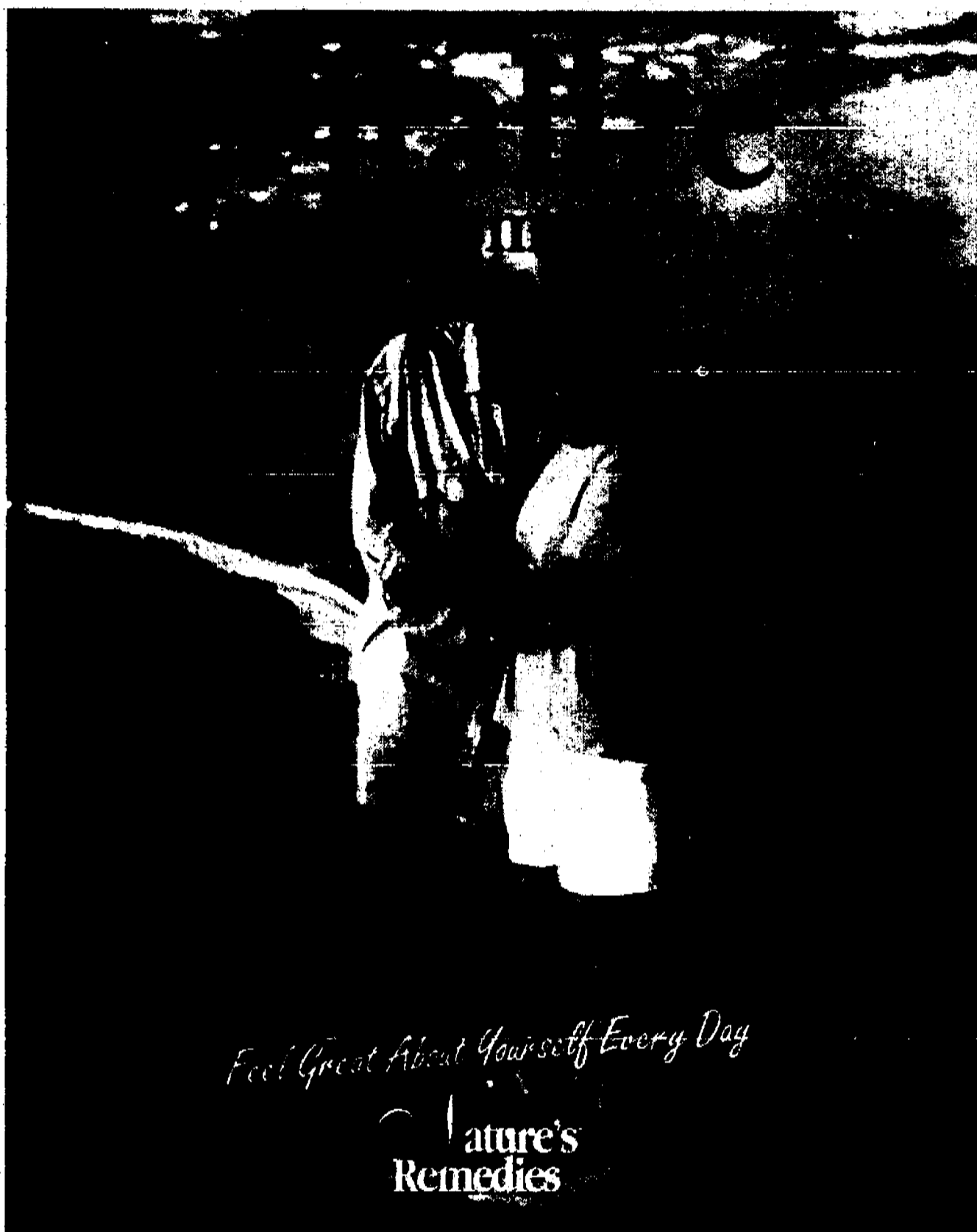
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## BOYS HOOPS

A strong first half allowed Plymouth Salem's basketball team to obtain a measure of pride despite a 16-point loss Tuesday in a Class A boys regional game.

The Rocks can take comfort in knowing they forced heavily-favored Detroit Pershing to play the second half to beat them.

Pershing was only up four points at halftime but distanced itself from Salem in the third quarter and eventually won 84-68 at Southfield-Lathrup.

The Doughboys (20-2) increased their defensive pressure in the second half, caused Salem to make more turnovers and scored a bunch of points in transition.

"We picked them up full court and went to a zone press and a half-court trap," Pershing coach Arnold Nevels said. "We thought, if we picked them up deeper and kept the game in the back court more, we could disrupt their offense."

After Salem's Matt McCaffrey scored the first basket of the third quarter to put the Rocks within two, 41-39, the Doughboys went on a 16-2 run that decided the issue.

Pershing guard Michael Bailey scored half of his team-high 24 points in that period and forward Jacob Shaw seven of his 16.

The Doughboys, who led 66-49 going into the fourth quarter, scored nearly all of their second-half points on layups or dunks by 6-foot-9 Arthur Johnson and 6-10 Darris Manciell, both of whom blocked a good many shots, too.

"We can't make some of the mistakes we did and miss open shots and expect to stay close to a team like," Salem coach Bob Brodie said, "because once you get down it's real difficult."

"It was like a time bomb waiting to happen. You just hope you can defuse it by making some of those puppy shots."

"If you don't, then you're taking threes and, if you don't make them, they're going to be slamming at the other end, which is what happened."

After missing its first three shots of the second half, Pershing made its next seven in a row and, during a stretch that extended in the fourth quarter, 18 of 26. The Doughboys' lead was 80-57 at that point.

Johnson and guard Karl Duckett contributed 14 points apiece to

the Pershing effort, and Manciell added 10. The Doughboys made 36 of 76 shots overall for 47 percent.

McCaffrey, a 6-foot-7 senior, scored a game-high 26 points for the Rocks. Senior Andy Koccoloski tossed in nine, senior Ryan Nimmerguth and junior Jeff Haar eight apiece.

Salem (13-10) matched Pershing point for point in the first half. The Rocks advanced the ball with authority against light pressure and got the ball in the low post to McCaffrey, who had 17 points in the first half, including eight of 10 free throws in the second quarter.

"We were playing more their way (in the first half)," Nevels said. "We were trying to double, and they were getting the ball to the open man."

"In the second half, we turned up the defense and took away their second shots. They ran those back cuts, and we took them out of that. Turning up the defense was the most important thing."

Salem made 12 of 31 shots in the second half and shot .375 for the game (24-of-64). The Rocks made seven of 19 threes, including three by Koccoloski, and the Doughboys six of 27.

McCaffrey was 12-of-17 at the line and Salem 13-of-19 as a team. Pershing sank six of seven free throws.

"We ran the high-low game and got the ball inside in the first half," Brodie said. "We didn't have that in the second half."

"We were taking the 10-foot jumper instead of taking it to the basket. Their big guys had some thing to do with that, however."

"Late in the game we had to come out of our offense. You can't do what you want and then you're rushing shots. Once they had the third-quarter run, then it was hard to dictate."

With the season now ended, Brodie expressed great pride in the 1999-00 Rocks.

"I told the kids I'm more proud of them than any team because of the adversity they came through," he said. "We lost a lot of close games, but they never quit and kept coming back."

"We won three championships (holiday tournament, division and district) and played for four. You can't ask more out of a high school team."

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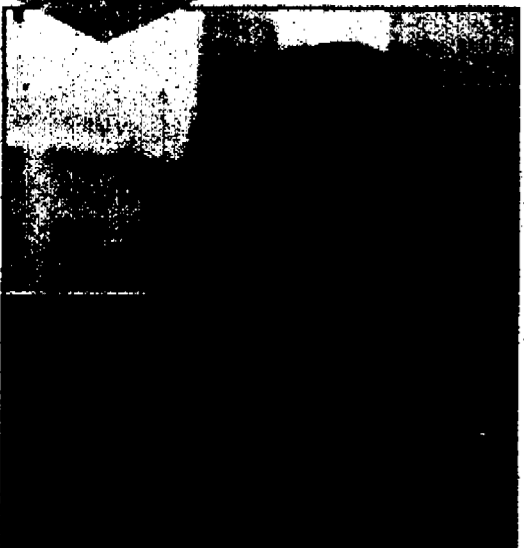
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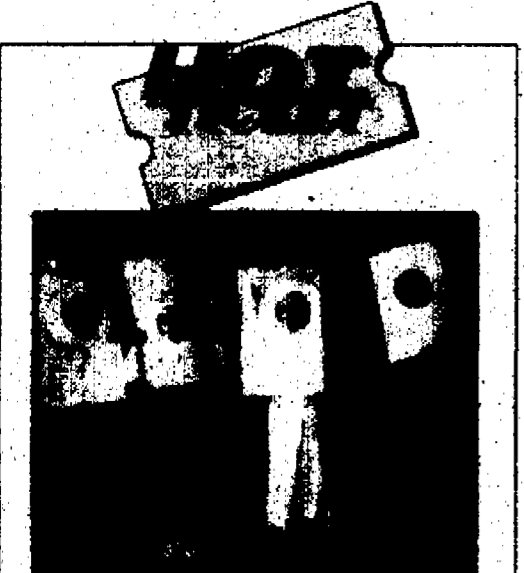


James Brown and his band will heat up Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, at 8 p.m. in a concert to benefit the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Tickets \$25-\$60, call (734) 764-2538. Tickets for a pre-concert hors d'oeuvre dinner at Rackham Auditorium and post-concert dessert reception in the second floor auditorium of Hill Auditorium are \$150. Call (734) 647-2278 for details.

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Star-crossed lovers: Brian Taylor and Brenda Lane trade barbs in the "Cactus Flower."

## Blossoming theater students to present 'Cactus Flower'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Headset placed against one ear, James Hartman sat in the middle of the theater cueing lights and music for Abe Burrows' comedy "Cactus Flower." It was the first sound run-through for the production opening Friday, March 24, in the Liberal Arts Theatre at Schoolcraft College. Songs by The Byrds and Lovin' Spoonful transport the audience back to the 1960s when the story takes place.

Hartman, a professor and chairman of the college's theater department, directs the show about a dentist caught in a series of lies he told to a girlfriend with whom he's fallen in love. "Abe Burrows has written so many funny lines," said

Hartman. "It's a great situation comedy that we might find today on TV. Some of the older audience will find it nostalgic because of the time period and the music and dances, like the swim and the pony."

The Lovin' Spoonfuls' "Hot Town, Summer in the City" sets the mood for the darkened scene which opens the first act. Igor (Christopher Curd of Canton) rescues Toni Simmons (Jerri Doll, a Livonia Stevenson graduate) who has just tried to commit suicide because her boyfriend Dr. Julian Winston is married, or so she thinks.

"The most difficult part has been the sound and lighting changes,"

said Hartman. "There's so many of them and it takes so long to record and mark all the sound."

Dressed in an all-white uniform, Brenda Lane is the picture of everything cold and sterile. Lane, a Northville resident, plays Stephanie Dickenson, the nurse who blossoms like a cactus flower when she steps out of her starched uniform. This is Lane's fifth play at Schoolcraft College. She also had roles in "All My Sons" and "A View From the Bridge." A full-time mom with two sons, Lane majored in theater at the University of Wisconsin.

"It's the story of a dentist who's a

Please see CACTUS, E2



Helping heart: Igor (Christopher Curd of Canton) rescues and then tries to reason with Toni (Jerri Doll, Ann Arbor) who has just tried to kill herself.

## MUSIC

### Plymouth Symphony showcases accordion artist

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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When Nan Washburn premiered "Cafes of Melbourne" a few years ago in California, she and composer Janika Vandervele wanted to have Peter Soave as guest accordionist. On Saturday, March 18, they'll both get their wish as the Farmington musician joins the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and conductor Washburn in a concert spotlighting "Scenes and Landscapes."

Washburn and Vandervele will discuss "Cafes of Melbourne" during a pre-concert chat. Vandervele wrote the piece after spending three months in Melbourne where she thought she'd discovered the equivalent of Paris in the 1920s with its artists and theater companies.

"The work depicts the coffee house culture in Australia," said Washburn. "There's a new-age feel to it. The second movement is all about the cool counter culture and has jazz. It's very unusual because people still think of the accordion as just playing polka music but accordionists can play many different timbres. In terms of folk music, accordion is popular in many cultures."

Soave grew up listening to Italian music played on the accordion. Born to Italian immigrants, he began playing the accordion at age 5 and by 16 was entering international competitions.

But Soave quickly learned the piano accordion's limitations. He noted that most of his competitors were playing the bayan, a chromatic button accordion developed in Russia for classical music. Soave had to relearn both keyboards, but in doing so gained 50 percent more range for his right hand and 300 percent for his left.

His repertoire expanded. Soave competed in Europe, winning first place in four major international competitions.

What: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is joined by guest artists Peter Soave and the choir from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church for "Scenes and Landscapes"

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18; 7 p.m. pre-concert chat with director Nan Washburn and composer Janika Vandervele. Afterglow, hosted by Our Lady of Good Counsel Auxiliary, follows the concert. Where: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1180 Peoniman, Plymouth. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/collage students, no charge for students (through grade 12. Call (734) 451-2112 for more information.



Peter Soave

Deeply inspired by the music of Argentinean composer Astor Piazzolla, he then took up the bandoneon, the tango accordion used by Piazzolla. Last June, Soave was appointed professor of bandoneon at Wayne State University. A

## Mom-daughter having fun acting up

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Beth Gryniwicz could use some of the time management techniques Frank Gilbreth Sr. employs in Tinderbox Productions' "Cheaper by the Dozen." It's been a grueling week for the Canton resident and her 5 1/2-year-old daughter Elyse. The mother-daughter duo are rehearsing two productions for Tinderbox at Masonic Temple in Detroit.

The first, "Cheaper by the Dozen," opened March 11. Gryniwicz's 4 1/2-year old daughter Lindsey joins mom and Elyse on stage in Tinderbox's "The Little Princess" opening in April.

"It's crazy because we're rehearsing two productions at the same time," said Beth Gryniwicz. "The most difficult part for Elyse is all those late night rehearsals. Sometimes rehearsal doesn't end until 9:15 p.m. She brings her pajamas and puts them on before she leaves for home, but she's enjoying it. To her it's playing and going to play with her friends."

Based on a true story written by two of the children, "Cheaper by the Dozen"

follows the Gilbreth family through its daily routine. An industrial time-motion expert, Frank Sr. shows the children how to shave seconds from buttoning a vest by doing it from the bottom up. Originally released as a film by 20th Century Fox in 1950, "Cheaper by the Dozen" starred Clifton Webb and Myrna Loy.

Gryniwicz plays Mrs. Fitzgerald, the Gilbreths' housekeeper.

"She gets to do all the dishes and housekeeping for the 12 kids," said Gryniwicz. "Her character is very much like Alice of the Brady Bunch. My favorite line is, 'Lincoln freed the slaves - all but one.'"

Please see TINDERBOX, E2



Mother-daughter duo: Elyse (left) and Beth Gryniwicz perform in Tinderbox Productions' "Cheaper by the Dozen."

frequent performer in Europe and America, Soave returned from Italy on Friday, March 10, in time for the Plymouth Symphony's "Scenes and Landscapes" concert.

In addition to "Cafes of Melbourne," Soave will solo on the bandoneon in Piazzolla's "Oblivion." Soave has recorded Piazzolla's "Concerto for Bandoneon and Orchestra" with the Moscow Philharmonic, and the Argentinean composer's "Tango Sensations" with the Klima String Quartet of Zagreb. His own recording, "Pride and Passion," also features works by Piazzolla along with those by Haydn, Bolling, Brahms and Boellman.

"It features the Argentinean tango works which are becoming so popular, and for which Peter's becoming famous," said Washburn.

The orchestra will also play two compositions about calm seas by Mendelssohn and Beethoven. Our Lady of Good Counsel choir, under the direction of Michele Johns, will join the orchestra for Beethoven's "Calm Sea and Prosperous Journey."

The orchestra ends the evening with Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite," an audience favorite that's evocative and descriptive even without the dance.

# Tinderbox *from page E1*

Set in the 1920s pre-flapper era, "Cheaper by the Dozen" is a laugh-a-minute with dad, the efficiency expert, showing the kids the proper way to take a bath. Not fond of popular culture, Frank Sr. balks at his daughters wearing lipstick and rouge.

"It's funny and a wonderful family story," said Gryniwicz. "The three oldest girls are teenagers and boy crazy. They want to wear perfume and silk stockings. It's a good history lesson about how life and culture have changed."

Elyse may not have the premise for the play quite right but she's having a good time. One of the favorite sayings by Frank Sr. is that everything, candy or kids, comes cheaper by the dozen.

"It's a story about how it's cheaper to buy a dozen kids than to buy one or two kids," said Elyse.

This is Elyse's fourth time on the Masonic stage. She's been acting since age 4. Previous roles in Cinderbox Productions' "Once Upon a Shoe," "Annie" and the "Ted Sullivan Variety Show" prepared the All Saints' kindergarten for a speaking part as one of the Gilbreth children.

Gryniwicz previously acted at Walled Lake Western High School and Michigan Technological University, where she had

**"I only have five lines as the doctor giving the father bad news about his health, but it's scary."**

**Rich Bezerko**  
Actor

roles in "Cabaret" and "The Pajama Game."

In addition to playing the housekeeper, Gryniwicz is also cueing the sound just like she did at Walled Lake Western High School. After graduating from college, she went back to the high school to teach chemistry and coach the cheerleaders. She also worked with the drama department there cueing the sound.

### Family affair

Father and daughter team Rich and Mara Bezerko of Farmington Hills also have small parts in the production. Rich is a little nervous because this is his first time on stage even though he watched daughter Elizabeth play the lead role in Cinderbox's "Annie" earlier this year.

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# Cactus *from page E1*

a perennial bachelor," said Lane. "His nurse is very devoted and dedicated but she's very unfeminine. He's a playboy that told his current girlfriend he's married. Julian asks his nurse to pose as his wife to say they're getting divorced. She's enjoying the role playing and makes things come to a climax in the play. The challenge is the character starts out as inhibited. At the end she's liberated. It's making that transition smoothly that's difficult."

"It's very funny but there are some real and tender moments. I like that shift because it draws people in on a lot of levels. People can relate to the characters."

### Lying dentist

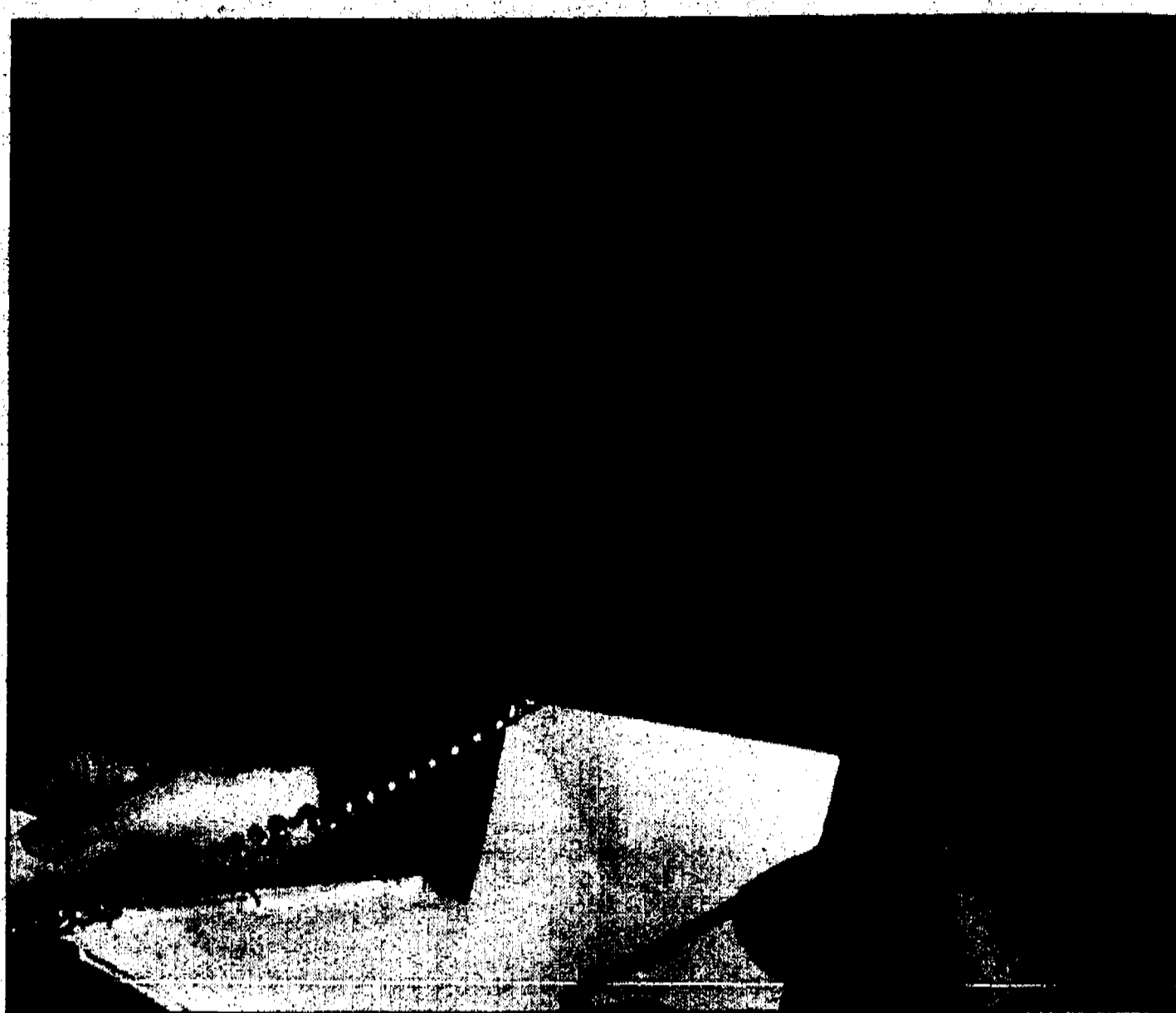
Brian Taylor, a Plymouth resident, is the lying dentist who's fallen in love.

"He's been seeing Toni Simons for about a year because marriage scares him," said Taylor. "His girlfriend tries to kill herself and he just gets in deeper and deeper with his lies when she wants to meet the kids."

The most difficult aspect of the role for Taylor is playing an older man. Taylor is 26, Dr Winston is in his 40s.

"I find it difficult to slow him down," said Taylor.

Taylor's first exposure to acting came when he took acting classes from Hartman. He'd wanted to audition for plays while a student at Plymouth



Back in time: James Hartman cues the lights and sound for a rehearsal of Schoolcraft College's "Cactus Flower."

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Salem High School but was "too scared."

"The theater and acting classes gave me the confidence by just

training in basic scenes," said Taylor.

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## Village Players have fun fooling 'Sherlock Holmes'

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Tim Wittlinger has practiced law for 35 years and as a hobby

he's spent the last 33 of those acting in and directing plays with The Village Players of Birmingham.

He knows what you're think-

ing about the law and acting fields.

"They're one and the same," he said, joking, before giving his real opinion on the subject.

"In spite of the general opinion that a lot of acting is needed to practice law, it's a lot more technical profession than one might think," said Wittlinger, a partner with the Clark-Hill law firm. "There's a lot more to it than standing in front of a jury and trying to emotionally persuade them to your side."

But like a courtroom, the theater has a jury and it's seated in front of the stage. Wittlinger likes the challenge of entertaining a crowd and the next play he'll direct is "Sherlock Holmes," opening Friday at The Village Players theater in Birmingham.

### Comedy

Unlike the Sherlock Holmes famous mystery novels, this one is more of a comedy, a "farce" and not a mystery, according to Wittlinger.

Holmes (played by Gregg Watkins) and Dr. Watson (Wayne Yashinsky) try to protect Alice Faulkner (Ashley Gaum), who has in her possession important documents.

Madge Larrabee (Diana McClain) and James Larrabee (Christopher Crossen) are inter-

**What:** "Sherlock Holmes"  
**When:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, March 24-25, March 31 and April 1; 2 p.m. Sunday March 19 and March 26  
**Where:** The Village Players Theatre, 752 Chestnut Street, Birmingham (two blocks south of Maple Road on the east side of Woodward Avenue)  
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ested in the expensive documents and they lure Professor Moriarity (Tom D'Agostino) to their team.

Sidney Prince (Stephen Leonard) is the go-between and one of the play's funniest characters, trying to arrange the heist.

"He's a bumbling criminal," a real comic," Wittlinger said.

Holmes' humor comes across more subtly, but Wittlinger hopes, just as entertaining. For instance there's the time Holmes announces he hears a knock at the door before the actual knock.

"I hope it's a funny part — if not I've made a mistake," he said. "It accentuates his observational abilities that we've all read about."

The cast also includes Gary Temple of Plymouth in the role of Parsons.

Wittlinger said he likes directing and acting the same because he gets different rewards from each.

"I certainly don't do it for the money," he said. "It's not a pay proposition. I get enjoyment and a sense of accomplishment when acting because you're building a character. As director, you get to interpret the show in the way it should be artistically created."

### Family twist

The play has a family twist. Ashley Gaum, who plays Alice, and Lorne Gaum, who plays Billy, a teenage errand runner, are the children of co-producer Stephanie Yashinsky.

Stephanie Yashinsky is married to Wayne Yashinsky, who plays Dr. Watson.

"There's nothing better for the family than theater," co-producer Maureen Cook of Bloomfield Hills said. "It's a unique experience for them. It's a fabulous cast and we've got a lot of new, young members which is exciting."

There also is a family connection to acting in Wittlinger's family, though not for this play.

His 25-year-old son David, who lives in Colorado, acts on the side. Ironically, he played a lawyer in his most recent play. Wife Diane and daughter Kristine are more content to watch.

"I gave him some tips on how to play a lawyer," the elder Wittlinger said, laughing. "I'm not sure he took them."

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# Reinventing a music legend simply an American tradition

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
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Since Elvis impersonators franchised the legend of The King, popular tastes have been hardly satiated by radio stations dedicated to classic songs from the definitive era of rock and roll and country.

Untimely deaths may have ended the flesh-and-blood presence of music superstars, but that hasn't meant a halt to their careers. Shows dedicated to Elvis, The Beatles and Buddy Holly demonstrate that the careers of the departed not only live on, they flourish.

In the tradition aptly called appreciation by reinvention, "Always...Patsy Cline" offers an experience beyond listening to a jukebox or greatest hits CD of country music's first cross-over artist with hits such as "Crazy," "Sweet Dreams," "Walkin' After Midnight," and "I Fall to Pieces."

The tribute to legendary country singer Patsy Cline at the intimate Century Theatre succeeds in evoking her physical presence. It's also a reminder that imitation might offer a warm fuzzy, but it's not the real thing.

In what amounts to a tale of unflinching adoration told by a fan (Louise Seger), "Always...Patsy Cline" takes no risks in giving contemporary audiences what is arguably most important - Cline's music.

There's plenty of chances to

**"Always...Patsy Cline" is a feel-good show. Tap your feet, clap your hands. And above all, appreciate the down-home honesty of the music.**

**What:** "Always...Patsy Cline," a musical tribute featuring 27 songs  
**Where:** Century Theatre, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit  
**When:** Open-ended run, Wednesday-Sunday. Times vary.  
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clap along with the honky-tonk beat pounded out by a cracker-jack on-stage band. And there's the hokey, down-home sensibility delivered over-the-top from a script dripping in sentimentality.

Between performances of 27 songs, Cline's die-hard fan talks about their chance meeting and friendship from 1961, two years before the singer was killed in a plane crash. Seger shows a knack for physical comedy and an impressive ability to improvise to the remarks from the audience.

The recitation of a letter written by Cline to her adoring fan captures the down-home realism of the country star. She is a mother who misses her kids when she's on the road, and a wife with ambivalent feelings for

her husband.

Even in her letter, Cline's voice is pure and filled with a melodic anguish.

Before Hank Williams and Cline, country music was yodeling and the streaming melodies of bluegrass. Williams helped to re-craft country songs. And few can compare to Cline's indelible voice, touched with a haunting sense of longing and sexiness.

Long before Shania exposed her navel and Dolly showed that her bountiful bosom matched her prodigious talent, Cline's smooth delivery was leading country music in a new direction.

In the medley that opens the second act, Cline impersonator Jessica Welch hits the mark. She balances the distinctive style of Cline with her own winsome interpretation in nailing "Crazy." And then, in a tender moment, Welch offers a glimpse at her own talent in delivering the emotionally wrought of the lullaby, "Through the Eyes of a Child."

"Always...Patsy Cline" is a feel-good show. Tap your feet, clap your hands. And above all, appreciate the down-home honesty of the music.

If the King can live on, so can Patsy.



**Reinvention:** Jessica Welch evokes the stage presence of country music legend Patsy Cline.

# EMU students to present 'Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery'

Eastern Michigan University continues its winter season with Shay Youngblood's "Shakin' the mess Outta Misery, a coming of age story and 1999 nominee for the NAACP Theatre Award, weekends through March 25 in the Sponberg Theatre on campus in Ypsilanti. The play is a drama that combines storytelling, music and dance to reveal lessons of mystery, faith and healing.

Set in a small 1960s Southern community, "Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery," is a memory play that reflects the courage of Daughter, a young African American woman returning to her childhood where she encounters the spirits of the women who raised her. Now grown, Daughter reflects on her past and the "Big Mamas" who taught her the traditions and rituals of their

ancestors leading her first to the river and then beyond into womanhood.

Daughter's preparation to go to the river is symbolic of her journey into womanhood and is rooted in the Nigerian tradition of the Yoruba ritual. In Yoruba religion, the traditional belief includes the worship of many gods. Yemouja, one of the African goddesses, was "said to be the

daughter of the sea into whose waters she empties."

She is the mother of many Yoruba gods, as well as mother of the waters and the ultimate manifestation of female power.

On the day that Daughter must go to the river she learns the truth about her life and earns

the knowledge that the "Big Mamas" had prepared her for life and had bestowed her with many gifts to pass on.

"Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery" runs 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, March 17-18, Thursday, Friday, March 23-25, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19 in the Spon-

berg Theatre on EMU's Ypsilanti campus. Tickets are \$8 for Thursday performances, \$13 Friday, Saturday, and \$11 Sunday. There is a \$2 discount for tickets purchased more than 20 minutes in advance. Call 734-487-1221 for information.

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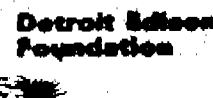
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## THEATER

**CENTURY THEATRE:** "Always...Patsy Cline" continues in an open-ended run, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

**DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE:** "Valley Song," through Sunday, March 19, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

**FISHER THEATRE:** "Fosse," the Tony Award-winning musical spotlights the work of legendary choreographer/director Bob Fosse through Sunday, March 19, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$37.50-\$65.50 for Friday-Saturday, \$35-\$62.50 Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday evenings. (248) 645-6666

**GEM THEATRE:** "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through June 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

**JET:** Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass," March 16-19, 22-26, March 29-April 2 and April 5-9, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

**MACOMB CENTER:** Betty Buckley, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 19 (\$33, \$29 students/seniors); "Victor/Victoria," 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 20 at the center, Clinton Township. \$32, \$29 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222

## COLLEGE

**EMU THEATRE:** "Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, 24:25 and Thursday, March 23, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19, in the Sponberg Theatre, Ypsilanti. \$13 Friday-Saturday, \$11 Sunday, \$8 Thursday. (734) 487-1221

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE:** "Cactus Flower," dinner theater performance 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 24-25 and March 31-April 1; theater performance only 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, in the Liberal Arts Theater, Schoolcraft College, Livonia. \$19 dinner theater, \$8 theater only. Call (734) 462-4596 for information.

**WSU HILBERRY:** "Our Town," 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 22 and Saturday, March 25, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 23-25; "Five by Tenn" continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

## COMMUNITY THEATER

**AVON PLAYERS:** "Moon Over Buffalo" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 16-18 at the theater, Rochester Hills. \$13. (248) 608-9077

**FIRST THEATRE GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM:** "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 8 p.m. Friday, March 24 and 31 and Saturday, April 1, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 25-26 and Sunday, April 2, at the theater, Birmingham. \$7, \$5 students/seniors. (248) 644-2087, ext. 151

**HARTLAND PLAYERS:** "Steel Magnolias" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Hartland Music Hall. \$8, \$7 students/seniors. (810) 632-5849

**NOVI THEATRES:** "Fiddler on the Roof" 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$12. (248) 347-0400

**PLANET ART:** "Comedy of Errors," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 16-18, and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the theater, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948

**PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN:** "Nightwatch" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18 at the theater, Dearborn. \$11. (313) 561-TKTS

**ST. BUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD OF GRANDROCK:** "Foxfire," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 23-25, at the theater, Bloomfield Hills. \$12, \$10 students/seniors. (248) 644-0527

**TRINERBOX PRODUCTIONS:** "Cheaper by the Dozen," 8 p.m.



**Family Fun Month: Father and son team up for a little hands-on fun at Henry Ford Museum during the month of March. This year, try your hand at fast-paced trivia game and learn dance steps from the '50s and '60s. Dance music and instruction begins at noon and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 18-19, at Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.**

Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$6-\$10. (313) 535-8962

**RIDGEDALE PLAYERS:** "Oklahoma!" March 17-19, 24-26, 30-31 and April 1. Friday-Saturday shows 8 p.m., 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater in Troy. (248) 988-7049

**VILLAGE PLAYERS:** "Sherlock Holmes" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, 24-25 and March 31-April 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19 and 26, at the theater, Birmingham. \$12. (248) 644-2075

## DINNER THEATER

**BACI THEATRE:** "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets (\$25 Thursday and Sunday, and \$30 Friday-Saturday); and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666

**FOX LAIR DINNER THEATRE:** Presents "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a hilarious comedy runs Saturday nights only, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth. \$29.95. (734) 453-7272

**RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE:** "Fools," a comic fable by Neil Simon, on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. \$25. (248) 544-0283

## YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**MARQUE THEATRE:** "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through April 28, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 24-28, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. (248) 349-8110

**PUPPETART:** "Purim Shpiel," a rod puppet musical based on the Book of Esther 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18 and 25, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River. \$7, \$5 children. Call (313) 961-7777 for information.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**JAZZ SABBATH SERVICE:** Featuring the New Orleans Klezmer All-star Band 8 p.m., followed by dancing till midnight, Friday, March 17, at Temple Beth El. (248) 651-1100.

**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, Dearborn. Advance registration is suggested and will be accepted through Monday, March 20. (248) 474-6509 or (810) 775-3165.

**ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION:** 8 a.m. Friday, March 17, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. Includes Irish music by Kelly Griner and Westside Steve, bag pipes, corned beef and cabbage dinners, Irish stew. No cover. (734) 427-0622

## FAMILY EVENTS

**MIZ ROSIE THE STORYTELLER:** 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022

**2 OF A KIND:** Music program by David and Jenny Heitler-Klevans for children, 1 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 763-TKTS

## BENEFITS

**BATTLE OF THE BANDS:** The Michigan Jazz Festival committee presents a Battle of the Bands that showcases the different jazz styles of Larry Nozera, Matt Michaels with Johnny Trudell, and Tom Saunders' Detroit All Stars. 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Clarenceville High School auditorium, Livonia. \$15. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454. Proceeds go to the Michigan Jazz Festival (Sunday, July 16, at Schoolcraft College), and the Clarenceville Schools Alumni & Friends Association.

## CLASSICAL

**AMERICAN STRING QUARTET:** 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. (734) 764-2538

**ANN ARBOR FESTIVAL OF SONG:** Concert of music by Brahms, Schumann and Wagner, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$5-\$7. (734) 769-2999

**ATLANTIS TRIO:** Perform chamber works. 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

**BACH RECITAL SERIES:** By James Kibbie 4 p.m. Sunday March 26, 3:30 p.m. informal talk, in Blanche Anderson Moore Hall, University of Michigan School of Music, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0583

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** Featuring DSO violinist Emmanuelle Boisvert in Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Orchestra Hall. \$14-\$66. (313) 576-5111

**WILLIAM DOFFMAN:** The pianist performs 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

**MICHIGAN CHAMBER PLAYERS:** Celebrates the music of J.S. Bach, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-2538

**MINNEAPOLIS GUITAR QUARTET:** 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** Featuring accordionist Peter Soave and the Our Lady of Good Counsel Chorus, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18; 7 p.m. pre-concert chat with director Nan Washburn and composer Janika Vandervelde. Afterglow hosted by Our Lady of Good Counsel Auxiliary, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth. \$12 adults. \$10 seniors/college students, no charge for students through grade 12. (734) 451-2112.

**THOMAS QUASTHOFF:** The German baritone sings the music of Brahms, Liszt, Debussy and Ravel, 8 p.m. Monday, March 20, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$35. (734) 764-2538

**ZHIHUA TANG:** The pianist performs 8 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$5-\$7. (734) 769-2999

## POP/SWING

**JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY:** Frank Sinatra Tribute 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday through March, at Dunlevy Z River Place, Detroit. (313) 259-0909

**SWING CRAZE:** Marcus Belgrave's Parkwood Records All-Stars with guests Charlie Gabriel, Pee Wee Matese and Susan Chastain, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Moot Court, University of Windsor Law Building. \$10 advance, \$12 at door. (519) 944-9798

## BRASS

**MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND:** 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$10, \$8 students/seniors. \$25 a family. (248) 424-9022

## AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** Is looking for an executive director/general manager to work with the music director and board to provide the vision and plan for the growth of the organization and provide primary leadership in development, fund-raising, marketing and promotion activities. For description/requirements or application, visit the Web site at [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org)

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE:** Deadline Sunday, March 19 for students of voice, piano and all band and orchestral instruments to audition for 2000 Honors Recitals sponsored by the college's music department, competition culminates in performances on April 9 for cash prizes. Call (734) 462-4403.

**SECOND CITY-DETROIT:** Casting call for experienced performers (Equity and non-Equity) by appoint-

ment only Monday-Wednesday, March 27-29, at Second City, Detroit. (313) 471-3453 by Friday, March 24 to schedule.

**SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION:** The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail [CoufLinks@aol.com](mailto:CoufLinks@aol.com)

**THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA**

**REDFORD:** Open auditions for singers, dancers and specialty acts, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 25, bring 3-5 minutes of prepared material, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford. (313) 531-0554. Performance dates May 5-6.

**TONY 'N' TINA'S WEDDING:** Auditions for children ages 6-10 for roles of ring bearer and flower girl, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 20-21, at the Village Players, Birmingham. (248) 745-8668

## JAZZ

**VANESSA JOHNSON/SCOTT REITER QUARTET:** 9 p.m. Friday, March 17, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

**JANET TENAJ:** 9 p.m. Friday, March 24, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

**MATT MICHAELS TRIO:** With Johnny Trudell 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22; with saxophonist Larry Nozera 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover in Jazz Room, waived with dinner order, \$5 drink minimum. (734) 762-7756.

**SUNNY WILKINSON & THE SISTERS IN JAZZ:** B Jazz vespers 6 p.m. Sunday, March 19, First Baptist Church, 300 Willits, Birmingham.

## CHORAL

**DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR:** Salute to the Emerald Isle features Irish ballads and folk tunes, and "A Little Bit of Heaven" which includes 20th century choral gems from Ireland and Scotland, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Old St. Mary's Church, 646 Monroe, Greentown. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (313) 882-0118

## GOSPEL

**BROTHERS KEEPER:** 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Calvary Baptist Church, Canton. \$5 advance, \$8 at door. (734) 332-9153

## WORLD MUSIC

**LUKA BLOOM:** The Irish guitarist performs 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS

**CELTIC FIDDLE FEST:** Featuring Kevin Burke, Johnny Cunningham and Christian LeMaitre, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 7630TKTS

**GROUPA:** Swedish folk musicians perform 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

## FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

**ANNE HILLS:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 763-TKTS

**RFD BOYS:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-2077

**SARA HICKMAN:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, at the Green Wood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8558

## POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

**THE WRITER'S VOICE:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, Charles Baxter and Michael Zadoorian, at the Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. (313) 267-5310, ext. 398 or [www.ymca-artsdetroit.org](http://www.ymca-artsdetroit.org)

## DANCE

**COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241

**DANCE FESTIVAL:** Great Lakes Region American College Dance Festival, faculty concert 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16, Bonstelle Theatre (\$15); Michigan Choreographers Concert 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, at Detroit Opera House (\$20); and Festival Gala Concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Bonstelle Theatre (\$15).

\$40 for all 3 concerts. (313) 577-4273

**SWING DANCING:** 4-8 p.m. Sunday, March 19 (3 p.m. lesson), at The Amber House, Warren. \$6 Michigan Swing Dance Association members, \$8 non-members. (248) 926-5485 or [www.MSDA.org](http://www.MSDA.org)

**TERNO:** Play Beautiful Music by the original gypsy song & dance ensemble 8 p.m. Friday, March 24, at Fitzgerald High School Auditorium, Ryan Road and Nine Mile, Warren. \$25. (313) 874-2242/(313) 562-6640/(248) 689-3636

## COMEDY

**ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB:** Norm Stutz with other funny people 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18; and Kirk Noland with a live phone show 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 24-25, at the club, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB:** Blake Clark, also Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, March 16-18; Pete George, also Michael Jr., Wednesday-Saturday, March 22-25, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sunday (\$5). (734) 261-0555

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S:** Ruben-Ruben Thursday-Saturday, March 16-19, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE:** Jimmy Shubert, also Mark Knope, Thursday-Saturday March 16-18; Mark Britten, also Ryan Ridley, Thursday-Saturday, March 23-25, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

**SECOND CITY:** "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10, Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday: \$17.50 Friday. \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222. Call (248) 645-6666 or visit online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

## MUSEUMS AND TOURS

**ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM:** WalkWorks, a self directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and children to become Super Sleuths; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

**DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** "On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum, Detroit. Museum hours a 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

**DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER:** IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," at the center, Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

**DETROIT ZOO:** Mosaic Youth Theatre performs works about amphibians 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theater at the zoo, Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students. \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

**DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM:** Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051



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**HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE:** Family days continue at the museum in Dearborn. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

**MEADOW BROOK HALL:** Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson. 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Oakland University campus, Rochester, \$8. \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

**PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure." opens and continues through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. \$3. \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

**SPIRIT OF FORD:** Interactive auto motive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

**UM MUSEUM OF ART:** "The Orchid Pavilion Gathering," an exhibit of 60 Chinese works spanning nearly 900 years continues to Sunday, March 26; at the museum, Ann Arbor. Free, but a \$5 donation is suggested. Call (734) 764-0395 or visit the Web site at www.umich.edu/~umma/

## LIVE MUSIC

**BRYAN ADAMS:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, State Theatre, Detroit. \$29.50-\$39.50 (248) 645-6666

**THE ALLIGATORS:** 10 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Rochester, (248) 650-5080. 9 p.m. Friday, March 31, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free 21 and over. (734) 721-8609

**LORI AMEY:** 9 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Camp Ticonderoga, Troy. 21 and over. (248) 828-2825

**MARC ANTHONY:** Rescheduled to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, State Theatre, Detroit. Sold Out.

**ASTRAL PROJECT:** 9 and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 662-8310

**ATOMIC NUMBERS:** CD release party, with Six Clips and The Mood Elevators (formerly The Neptunes). 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Magic Bag, \$6. (248) 544-3030

**BARBARA BARRETT:** Saturday, March 18, Coyote Club, Pontiac. (248) 332-4695

**B SIDE PLAYERS:** 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Shelter, Detroit. Free. 18 and over.

**BLACKBURN:** Noon Friday, March 17, Cowley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

**BLINK-182:** With Bad Religion, Fenix TX, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25. (248) 645-6666

**BLUE CAT:** 7 p.m. Friday, March 24, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

**BLUE ROSE:** Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Mill Street Bar and Grill, Pontiac. (248) 548-6189 or www.blueroseiuma.com

**BRANDED:** 7 p.m. Saturday, March 25, Paroh's Golden Cup, Westland. \$6. branded@hotmail.com

**THE BROTHERS GROOVE:** 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16, 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Edison's, Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150; Sunday, March 26, Dick O'Dows, Birmingham. (248) 642-1135

**JAMES BROWN:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Concert to benefit Ann Arbor Summer Festival. \$25-\$60 at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival Box Office, Burton Memorial Tower. Ticket office or ticketmaster outlets. (734) 764-2538 or (248) 645-6666. A pre-concert dinner will be held at Rackham Auditorium. Tickets \$150. (734) 647-2279

**JOE BROWN:** 10 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 313 JAC, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067

**TERRY CALLIER:** 8 p.m. Sunday, March 19, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

**CAT POWER:** 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, Mill Street Lounge, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

**TRACY CHAPMAN:** 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, State Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$35. All ages. (248) 645-6666

**CLOUD NINE:** With Superdemon. 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$9. (313) 961-MELT

996-8555.

**PAULA COLE:** With Wood. 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Clutch Cargo's, Pontiac. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666

**LISA CUNNINGHAM:** Saturday, March 18, Wednesday, March 22, Oxford Inn, Novi. \$5. 21 and over. (248) 305-5856

**D'ANGELO:** With Mos Def. 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$40.47.50. (248) 433-1515

**DEATHGIRL.COM:** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (313) 961-MELT

**DEEP BANANA BLACKOUT:** With The Flow. 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

**DEITY:** With Busy Signal. 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$3. (734) 996-8555

**DI CASH MONEY:** 10 p.m. Friday, March 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$6. (248) 645-6666

**D.O.C.:** With Powerface, APR and Diegrinder. 6 p.m. Sunday, March 2, Shelter, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (248) 645-6666

**THE DONNAS:** With The Snugglers and The Plus-Ones. 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8 advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700

**CHRIS DUARTE:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030

**GLEN EDDY BAND:** Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Alibi, Farmington Hills. (248) 478-2010

**EKOOSTIK HOOKAH:** With Zen Tricketts. 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$16.50. (248) 645-6666

**ELIZA:** 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, Center for Creative Studies, Detroit. 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, Muldoon's, Auburn Hills. www.elizaband.com

**ETHOS:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 24, 7th House, Pontiac. \$7. (313) 961-MELT

**THE FASTBACKS:** With Helle's Belles. 9 p.m. Friday, March 24, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8 advance. 18 and older. (313) 977-9700 (power pop)

**FEMI KUTI:** 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$13 advance. \$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666

**FEW AND FAR BETWEEN:** With Inside 5 Minutes. 10 p.m. Friday, March 17, 313 JAC, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067

**FOSSIL CIRCUS:** 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31, April 1, Bogey's Bar and Grille, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441

**ARETHA FRANKLIN:** Performs the National Anthem. 7:45 p.m. Friday, March 10, Palace of Auburn Hills.

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**LOCAL H:** 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, 7th House, Pontiac. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

**JOHN MAYALL & BLUESBREAKERS:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$20. (248) 645-6666

**MARILYN MACK GROUP:** 10 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Wintergarden Tavern, Livonia. (248) 474-7159

**RICKY MARTIN:** 8 p.m. Friday, June 30, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$45-85. (248) 645-6666

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**MELVINS:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$12.

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**N' FULL EFFECT:** Friday, March 24, Oxford Inn, Novi. \$5. 21 and over. (248) 305-5856

**NO DOUBT:** 5 p.m. Saturday, March 25, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. Sold Out.

**OASIS:** With Travis. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, State Theatre, Detroit. Sold Out.

**OPENING ACT CONTEST FINALS:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. See the hottest local bands. Free admission and parking.

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**REVEREND HORTON HEAT:** With Hank Williams III. 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance. \$18 day of show. www.ticketmaster.com

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**THE ROSEMONTS:** With The Navstis. 10 p.m. Friday, March 24, 313 JAC, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067

**SANTANA:** With Mack Gray. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. Tickets \$25. \$40 advance and \$49.50 day of show. A 50-cent donation will be given to the Mack Gray Foundation. (248) 645-6666

**JOHN SCOFIELD BAND AND DEREK TRUCKS BAND:** 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Mill Street Lounge, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$22. (313) 961-MELT

**SECTOR 9:** 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and over. \$16 advance. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

**KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$17.50 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666

**SLEATER-KINNEY:** With Gass and The Banes. 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, The Majestic, Detroit. \$10. (248) 645-6666

**SNUFF:** With Six-Poke. 7 p.m. Sunday, March 26, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. (248) 645-6666

**SOD:** With The Scab and A Raw. 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, St. Andrews Hall, Ann Arbor. \$13. (248)

645-6666.

**BRITNEY SPEARS:** With LFO., Bosson. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, Pine Knob, Independence Township. Sold Out. 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, Pine Knob. \$25 lawn/\$40 pavilion. Eight ticket limit. (248) 645-6666

**STILL LISTENING:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Newburgh United Methodist Church, Livonia. (734) 455-7427 or (734) 422-0149 (acoustic)

**MICKEY STRANGE:** CD Release Party for "Killing Fashion." Friday, March 17, Tollen Lounge, Westland. (734) 513-5030

**STRING CHEESE INCIDENT:** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$17. (313) 833-9700

**SUGAR PILL:** With Levagood. 19 Wheels. 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

**SUICIDE MACHINES:** With Antiflag, Piffers, Bump'n-Uglies. 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22, State Theatre, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (248) 645-6666

**SUN MESSENGERS:** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

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**JOHNNIE TAYLOR AND MILLIE JACKSON:** With Marvin Sease and Willie Clayton. 8 p.m. Friday, April 21, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-35. (248) 433-1515

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**THE TEMPTATIONS:** With Ashford and Simpson. 8 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$40-\$47.50. (248) 645-6666

**THIRD EYE BLIND:** With Tonic. 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Sold Out.

**3 SONGWRITERS, 3 STOOLS, 1 STAGE:** Ani DiFranco, Gnarls Barkley and Greg Brown. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$25. (734) 763-7379

**TINA TURNER:** With Lionel Richie. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26, Thursday, June 1, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale for June show. \$95.25, \$55.25, \$35.25. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666

**VARIAC:** 10 p.m. Saturday, March 25, 313 JAC, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067

**VELVET BEAT:** With Park and The Big Cream. 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555

**VIOLET FEMMES:** 6:30 p.m. Friday, Apr. 21, State Theatre, Detroit. \$22.50 advance. (248) 645-6666

**RANDY VOLIN & SONIC BLUES:** Friday, March 31, Rochester Mills Beer Company, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

**ROBERT WALTER'S 20TH CONGRESS:** 9 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Motor, Detroit. Ticket price to be announced. 18 and over. (248) 645-6666

**W.A.S.P.:** With Impotent Sea Snakes and Jemima. 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, State Theatre, Detroit. \$15. All ages. (248) 645-6666

**WAXWINGS:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 25, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. (248) 645-6666

**SUNNY WILKINSON & SISTERS IN JAZZ:** 6 p.m. Sunday, March 19, First Baptist Church, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550

**MARTY WILSON-PIPER OF THE CHURCH:** 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and over. \$15 or sale March 11. (248) 645-6666

**WITCH DOCTORS:** 9 p.m. Friday, March 24, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free 21 and over. (734) 721-8609

**TRISHA YEARWOOD:** With Jessica Andrews. 8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$10.50-\$30. (248) 645-6666

**BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$18. (248) 544-3030

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Tina Turner

# 'Ghost Dog' delivers atmosphere, lacks direction

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Talk is cheap and viewers don't get a lot from Ghost Dog, the samurai warrior-assassin-car thief in the movie by the same name.

Instead we get music videos, which serve as glimpses into the life and samurai philosophy of this hired gun, as he inhabits the streets anonymously, like a shadow or an idea, stealing a car here and shooting a Mafiaoso there.

Instead of being revealing, the glimpses are like those from inside a passing car at night; we witness them, but they quickly disappear, too subtle and too

quick to draw us in. "Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai," from independent film maker Jim Jarmusch, juxtaposes the moral codes of the Mafia and the samurai warrior.

Ghost Dog, played by Forest Whitaker, best known for his role as the British soldier/hostage in "The Crying Game," is an assassin who lives in a homemade shack on top of a roof and sleeps with several dozen pigeons fluttering about him.

In addition to effortlessly stealing BMWs and Cadillacs with a computerized device, he works for Louie, a small-time mobster, to whom he has pledged his eternal loyalty after Louie

rescued him from being beaten in an alley years ago. Ghost Dog receives his assignments from Louie by carrier pigeon and this time the assignment is to whack Handsome Frank, a "made" man.

When Ghost Dog shows up to do the job, Louie, the daughter of the family's head, who also happens to be Frank's lover, is present and witnesses the hit. The detached young woman hardly blinks an eye, instead giving Ghost Dog a copy of "Rashomon," a paperback that becomes a symbol of the passing on of samurai values.

Upon hearing his daughter was present, Louie's father informs Louie that Ghost Dog must go. Louie explains that he

is no ordinary assassin and that he presented himself to Louie four years after the alley attack but the family is undeterred. It's Ghost Dog or Louie.

After Louie informs him of this, noting that they'll probably both be killed anyway, Ghost Dog takes matters into his own hands, killing most of the family, including Louie's father, while she watches cartoon animals clobber each other to sound effects, from the other room.

Besides bumping into the occasional kindred spirit, like Louie, Ghost Dog finds camaraderie in a French-African immigrant who speaks no English and sells ice cream from a truck in the park. Although the two men cannot communicate verbally, they possess an intuitive understanding which has them saying the same things, in different languages, simultaneously.

One of the few times Ghost Dog shows any emotion whatsoever is when he sees a handgunk tucked into the belt of the wide-eyed ice cream vendor, which he confiscates.

In the end, the struggle between the family and the samurai comes down to a western-style confrontation between Louie and Ghost Dog and between each man and his respective code of honor.

What's missing from this film is context. There's no sense of time or place. And more importantly, there's no real sense of



Samurai way: Forest Whitaker is Ghost Dog, a contract killer who lives by the 18th century warrior text "Hagakure: The Book of the Samurai."

why Ghost Dog has chosen to embrace the rigid ideals of the samurai code and isolate himself from society.

There are hints, however. Ghost Dog nods in acknowledgment to his counterparts, gang members and rappers in the park, but he does not consort with them. There is little doubt left in viewer's minds that racism was a significant factor leading up to Ghost Dog's choice of violent occupations. Whitaker gives a memorable performance, appearing humbled and haunted

by the grisly occupation he has been forced to perform. What this film delivers in atmosphere, it lacks in direction. We need to know more about what happened or didn't happen in Ghost Dog's life that brought him here.

Or we need to know more about how the samurai philosophy fills the gaping holes of society with bravery, loyalty and discipline. Without either, we're somewhat bored in a film that is soulful but slow, moody but detached from its audience.

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# Branded aims to make its mark on metro Detroit

Somewhere between the crazed Korn and Limp Bizkit fans and teeny-bopper sensations The Backstreet Boys and N'Sync lies a middle ground. In Western Wayne County that middle ground is marked by the music of Branded.

Bringing in their new-style punk and a bundle of ballads sure to make young girls swoon, the band officially relocated from its native Lake City to the Detroit area last year. Still getting used to the new digs, three brothers Jason (vocals) and Shane Bergeron (guitar), Robert Barck (drums) and their friend Bill Chesney (bass) have dropped their horn section to return to the rock-infested roots. Together

since 1997, the musicians have grown together and finally released their debut, "Jump Start" on Goldtooth Records.

Branded will kick off the CD's debut oh-so-appropriately when they open for Howling Diablos, St. Patrick's Day at Redford's Bullfrog Bar and Grill. While the band wouldn't say what they had in store for audiences, words like "choreographed" and "adrenaline" were tossed about during a recent interview.

Jason Bergeron, lead vocalist and Canton resident, said the band's strength lies in the close ties the musicians have with each other and their manager, Dave Perrine. "We're really, really tight right now," he said. Bergeron joined the band when he returned from the Navy. The moniker was derived from the brand of his initials the singer made on his left arm.

He said working with family

and friends only amplifies the musical benefits. "When we write music, we're always on the same wavelength... I couldn't have another guitar player."

Perrine's devotion to the band is just as strong. A Schoolcraft College graduate, he began promoting them while still in college. Perrine hasn't looked back since. "I believe in their music so much, I won't stop until they are successful."

Branded's music appeals to a younger audience, mostly teenagers. That means that the response at Pharo's Golden Cup in Westland has been overwhelming. The band only wishes more venues catered to a younger crowd.

If the Backstreet Boys can do it, why not Branded?

The band - whose members mostly reside in Westland - has nudged near local success, winning four battle of the bands con-

tests to date and snagging the opening spot for Alice Cooper at the 1998 Michigan State Fair. Bergeron recalled the wild response Branded received at a middle school benefit: "Fourteen and 15-year old girls were screaming. Everyone was coming up and asking for an autograph."

Having achieved notoriety in Lake City, Branded hopes to replicate and surpass that success here. The band is counting on songs like "When I'm Away," "Locked Out" and "Junkie" to help them gain such recognition.

Check out Branded opening for Howling Diablos, 10 p.m. Friday, March 17, The Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477. Buy "Jump Start" at all Desirable Disc and Dearborn Music locations, Rock of Ages in Garden City, Repeat the Beat in Plymouth and Record Collectors in Livonia.



Branded: Bill Chesney, Shane Bergeron, Robert Barck and Jay Bergeron are ready to rock this St. Patrick's Day. Check out branded.ontheweb.nu.

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# Third Eye Blind's feeling 'Blue' on tour

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Arion Salazar speaks in a deep tone, with the sounds of Japanese music filling in the telephone line Thursday afternoon, March 2. He calls me "grasshopper" and says he's in his hotel room in Las Vegas. But before he can pull off any more of the interview in that pseudo-throaty tone, Salazar laughs and admits he's stumbled upon music on some strange cable station. One-fourth of California's best-known Bay Area alternative band, Third Eye

Blind, he's in great spirits, just beginning to tour in support of 3EB's sophomore Elektra Records release, "Blue."

**Observer & Eccentric:** How's the tour going?

Arion Salazar: "The tour is going well. Last night was the first night. It's great. The Muffs are opening for us for the first two shows. They are one of my favorite bands. That has added to the excitement. They have just been my favorite for years."

**O&E:** To what do you attribute Third Eye Blind's success?

Arion Salazar: "I'd like to think we write good songs. I think we're a great rock and roll band. I'm kind of close to it, too close to it. I don't know. The music we make is something we can be proud of. I think most of the time when an artist puts out something real, it translates."

**O&E:** Being such radio darlings, how did you approach recording the new album, "Blue."

Arion Salazar: "We put time constraints on ourselves. We jammed through it. We didn't want to labor over it. It has a fresh, raw feel. The other thing we did differently, (there were) no boundaries as far as instrumentation. We used different



On Stage: Third Eye Blind, is (left to right) Arion Salazar, Kevin Cadogan, Stephan Jenkins and Brad Hargreaves

instruments like sitars, keyboards, strings, a boy's choir. We wanted to go off and use as many different textures as we had the opportunity to. It was the most fun I've had in the studio."

**O&E:** Do you have a favorite track on the album?

Arion Salazar: "I really like '10 Days Late' (it's bound to be the next single off of "Blue" and Salazar co-wrote it). It has a theremin (a wood and metal high-pitched instrument) on it. These songs really are fresh to us. I think lots of songs come across as meant to play live."

**O&E:** What's the significance of the title, other than the fact that it's my favorite color?

Arion Salazar: "It's my favorite color, too. We had a stupid name for it, 'Guardians of the Universe.' If you look at the cover, it's like we're superheroes. When we were making the tunes, for a minute (we were

going to name it after) a defensive chess move. It was so stupid... It's a bit too brain-iac. Why don't we just call it 'Blue'? It's neutral."

**O&E:** The title suggests something sad, or moody, but the album isn't that way at all.

Arion Salazar: "We're usually not what we seem. The sound we have is usually one way on the surface. In that way, I think (it) refers to the band."

**O&E:** What can Third Eye Blind fans expect this time around when they catch you at Detroit's State Theatre?

Arion Salazar: "To get rocked... We have a 60-toot inflatable ant-eater."

**O&E:** You're kidding about the ant-eater, right.

Arion Salazar: "Yeah. We're super-excited to come to Detroit."

Third Eye Blind performs with guests Tonic, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, State Theatre, Detroit.

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# Eat corned beef and enjoy St. Patrick's Day

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Friday is St. Patrick's Day, and local pubs are getting ready for one of the busiest days of the year. This year, St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday during Lent. But, if you're Catholic, don't worry. Faith and beggars, thanks to a little spiritual intervention, you get to enjoy your corned beef without guilt.

"I'm a realist," said Cardinal Adam Maida during an Ash Wednesday radio interview with Paul W. Smith on WJR. "As we reflect on the Irish tradition in Church... it is really a time for celebration. I will offer - for those who would like to take it for that day - a dispensation so that Catholics can, in good faith, celebrate the traditions of our Irish heritage and be thankful to the Lord for all the blessings that come to us because of that."

Now, the hard part, deciding where to celebrate. Here are some suggestions:

- **Aubree's & Sticks** - 39 E. Cross, Depot Town, Ypsilanti, (734) 483-1870. Open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 2 p.m. Sunday. Menu: Corned beef, Irish stew and Shepherd's pie (kitchen manager Chad Clay says it's the best!) plus burgers, pizza, sandwiches and Mexican goodies. Lots of green beer.
- **Bailey's Pub & Grille** - 1777 Canton Center Road, Canton, (734) 844-1137. Open 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Sunday. Menu: Gourmet pub-style fare, including steaks, fish and chips, and ribs.
- **Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro** - 26053 Town Center, Novi, (248) 380-8460. Open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday

and Saturday; 4-8 p.m. Sunday. On St. Patrick's day, an Irish band will play tunes from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, lamb stew, beef and beer stew served over Calconnon (mashed potatoes with sauteed saavy cabbage and scallions, yum!), Irish pancakes and smoked salmon, and Guinness Stout chocolate cake. Special Irish beers, Irish whiskey and Irish coffees.

■ **Cowley's Old Village Inn**, 33338 Grand River, downtown Farmington, (248) 474-5941. Open 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; closed Sunday. Open 7 a.m. St. Patrick's Day. "Blackthorn" performs noon to 4 p.m. and "Company" of Strangers 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. St. Patrick's Day menu includes burgers, Irish stew, corned beef sandwiches, and chicken strips. Regular menu offers fish and chips and a variety of sandwiches.

■ **Connor O'Neill's** - 318 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (734) 665-2968. Open 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Friday; 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday-Sunday. Opening 7 a.m. St. Patrick's Day. Irish dancers will perform in the afternoon. Menu: Fish and chips, corned beef and cabbage, and Shepherd's pie.

■ **Duffy's Den** - 24800 W. Six Mile Road (between Telegraph and Beech Daly), Detroit, (313) 538-0040. Open 9:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 2 a.m. Sunday. Menu: Corned beef sandwiches, hamburgers and other sandwiches.

■ **Dunleavy's Pub & Grub** - 34505 Grand River Ave., Farmington, (248) 478-8866. Open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; 4-9 p.m. Sunday. Live entertainment throughout the day. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage during the day and Irish stew and corned beef sandwiches in the evening.

■ **Dunleavy's River Place** - 287 Jos. Carron, Detroit, (313) 259-0909. Open 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Friday; 4:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday; closed Sunday except for special occasions. Two bands will entertain on St. Patrick's Day. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew and other specialties. No green beer. "It stains everything," said owner Paul Zosel.

■ **Gaelic League Irish American Club** - 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit, (313) 963-8895 or (313) 964-8700. Open 2 p.m. to midnight Tuesday-Wednesday; 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday; noon to 2 a.m. Friday-Sunday. Entertainment on St. Patrick's Day. Menu to be determined. Call for information.

■ **Jack Dunleavy's Grill** - 340 N. Main St., Plymouth, (734) 455-3700. Open 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Wednesday (kitchen closes 10 p.m.); 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday-Saturday (kitchen closes 10 p.m.); closed Sunday. Open 10 a.m. St. Patrick's Day. Entertainment includes bagpipers during the day and singing in the evening. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew, fish and chips. Sally Dunleavy's special Irish soda bread plus other pub fare. On-tap Irish beers, Irish whiskey and Irish coffee. (This is the Dunleavy restaurant family's 70th St. Patrick's Day.)

■ **Farwell & Friends** - 8051 Middlebelt, Westland, (734) 421-6990. Open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Sunday (kitchen closes 10 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday and 11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday). St. Patrick's Day entertainment by the "O'Lost & McFound" band. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, Mulligan stew, green beer and lots of specials.

■ **Fire Academy Brewery & Grill** - 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 595-1988. Open

11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday-Saturday; 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday. St. Patrick's Day entertainment includes a "pipe and drum" group (after work hours), DJ and dancing, Irish music and lots of singing. Menu: Irish stew, corned beef and cabbage, and green beer.

■ **Innisfree Irish Pub & Grill** - 6327 Middlebelt Road (near Ford Road), Garden City, (734) 425-2434. Open 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesday-Sunday; closed Monday. Open St. Patrick's Day 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. All-day entertainment by "Mullingar Irish," a duo flown over from Ireland. Menu: Fish and chips, Irish stew and corned beef sandwiches. Lots of Irish beer, including green.

■ **O'Malley's Bar & Grill** - 15231 Farmington Road (at Five Mile Road), Livonia, (734) 427-7775. Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to midnight, Sunday. Open 7 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day. Menu: Something for everyone, including sandwiches, salads, soups, Irish specialties, ribs, chicken and fish.

■ **The Old Shillelagh** - 349 Monroe, Detroit, (313) 964-0007. Open 11 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Monday-Sunday. Open 7 a.m. St. Patrick's day (two heated circus tents open 10 a.m.). All-day live Irish entertainment on two stages, with WRIF broadcasting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, corned beef sandwiches, Irish stew and other fare. Absolutely no green beer! "I'm a real Irish bar. I don't serve green beer," said owner Barbara Brady Kaufmann.

■ **Timber Wolf Tavern** - 25641 Plymouth Road, east of Beech Daly, Redford, (313) 937-1218. Open 11 a.m. to midnight Monday; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; noon to



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**Celebration destination:** Local pubs, including Cowley's Old Village Inn in downtown Farmington, are getting ready to welcome customers on St. Patrick's Day. Cowley's and other pubs will offer entertainment.

11 p.m. Sunday St. Patrick's Day TV give-away planned. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, green beer and lots of drink and food

specials. Happy St. Patrick's Day from the Observer Newspapers. Like they say in Ireland, "Slainte!"

## WHAT'S COOKING

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net. We'd love to hear about your favorite seafood and fish restaurants.

■ **Taste of Northville** - A Taste of Northville 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main Street, Northville,

will feature 70 exhibitors from retail, service and professional businesses in the Northville community. Area top rated restaurants and caterers will provide samples from their menus. Admission \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 children under age 12. Call (248) 349-7640 for information.

■ **Big Rock Chop & Brew House** - 245 South Eton, Birmingham, is hosting its third-annual Brewmaster Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21. Call (248) 647-7774 for tickets, which

cost \$60 per person. Six courses paired with Brewmaster Dean Jones' microbrews. For sweet endings, Cherries Jubilee with Stout ice cream.

■ **Mardi Gras Madness** - The Henry Ford Community College Hospitality Department will hold its annual spring banquet 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1 in the Pagoda Room of the Student Center on the Dearborn

campus. HFCC students will prepare a variety of Southern, Cajun, Creole and Bayou style dishes. Tickets are \$35 per person, call (313) 845-9651. Event proceeds benefit the hospitality scholarship program. New Orleans style masks and costumes are not required, but preferred. Prizes will be given for the best one. The HFCC Dix-

ieland band will entertain guests throughout the evening.

■ **Too Chez Restaurant** - You can save 25 percent off every bottle on the wine list, over 300 labels, at Too Chez Restaurant, 27155 Sheraton Dr. in Novi, Monday-Thursday, through May 2000. Discount offered with meals only, wines by the glass are excluded. Call (248) 348-5555 for reservations and information.

■ **La Bistecca Italian Grille** - offers live jazz featuring Larry Nozero and Friends, starting at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of every month.

The restaurant, which specializes in Piedmontese Beef, is at 39405 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 254-0400 for reservations and information.

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