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## Election looms on waste debt



Westland voters will likely head to the polls May 9 to decide on renewing a 1-mill tax. The question of paying the city's debt for waste disposal is already sparking some heated discussions.

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

In a special May 9 election already stirring controversy. Westland voters will decide whether to renew a 1-mill tax to pay the city's debt for waste dis-

The 15-year ballot proposal would cover Westland's obligations for a

Dearborn Heights incinerator operated by the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority.

The owner of an average \$120,000 house would continue to pay \$60 a year, Finance Director Tim McCurley

Voters last approved the 1-mill tax during a 1985 special election...

Richard Dittmar, Westland public

services director, unveiled the ballot took issue with the city scheduling a proposal Monday during a Westland City Council study session.

The council is expected to officially approve the special election during a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Westland City Hall.

The special election will cost \$30,000. Westland and four other communities - Garden City, Inkster, Wayne and Dearborn Heights - remain under a \$17 million debt to the sanitation authority, Dittmar said.

Without the 1-mill tax, city officials would be forced to look elsewhere, such as the general fund, to pay the debt.

Still, a minority of council members

special election rather than having the ballot measure coincide with another election, possibly the August primary.

Dittmar said officials believe the sanitation tax will have a better chance of passing in a separate election that could draw fewer "anti-government"

"The way it passed last time was a special election," he said.

### Time factor

Dittmar also said a spring ballot measure will give the city ample time to schedule other elections if voters

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### Truancy problem hits home

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

An 8-year-old Westland boy has been absent 183 days during the last 21. school years, leading to his mother's

His absences amount to an entire school year.

The boy is repeating second grade at Wildwood Elementary School, Hepassed first grade even though he missed 108's days and attended classes only 73'z days.

"It's very difficult sometimes ... to make a judgment to retain a student that early," Wayne-Westland school district Superintendent Greg Baracy

"It was probably very obvious by the time he got to second grade that we couldn't pass him on," Baracy said. "It's a little early in the first grade to tell." Aside from the days he missed, the

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### Trucker has woes

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

In two similar incidents involving the same truck, a tractor-trailer driver Monday nearly spilled a load of steel beams estimated by police to weigh 44,000 pounds.

Either incident could have proved disastrous if the steel beams had rolled off the truck into traffic, police said

The first incident resulted in the driver's arrest after police learned he was wanted on an unrelated warrant for failing to pay fines stemming from a domestic violence case.

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# They walk in King's footsteps

Learning: Adams Middle School sixth-graders Jessica Mitter (right to left), Savanna Waite and

Blaine Simmons wait with other sixth-graders wearing a green sticker for lunch while students

wearing orange stickers went first as part of an exercise in discrimination. The students said it

n angry Becky Beachley didn't like being forced to the back of a lunch line because of color.

didn't feel good to be forced to the back of the line.

She didn't like being told she couldn't drink at certain water fountains, either.

Beachley and other Adams Middle School students suffered discrimination Tuesday after they received green stickers during a random drawing.

Other students won special privileges, like going to the front of the lines, after they drew orange stick-

Students had to wear their stickers, in the shape of dots, all day. "I am the Rosa Parks of Adams Middle School," Beachley said. "This

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Exercise: Sixthgrader Becky Beachley (left) spoke out in frustration about the exercise on discrimination at Adams Middle School. At right, friend Kristina Rogers and (behind) Joanie Laprise were also frustrated because they were not allowed to sit with friends with an orange sticker.

### School chief: Progress is good, let's improve more

By Julie Brown Stary Writer

Overall, Greg Baracy is pleased with the "State of the Schools" in Wayne-Westland. The superintendent knows, however, there's room for improve-

"We can only imagine what the future is going to bring us," said Baracy during Tuesday's Westland Chamber of Commerce presentation at Joy Manor. A thriving community goes hand in hand with a thriving school district, he said.

In his address, Baracy outlined several areas, including the need for legislative reform in school finance. The Wayne-Westland district has a fund equity, or reserve, of 10 percent, which is below the state average. Since Proposal A took effect in 1994, the district has lost some \$8 million a year in revenue, and special education is under-

"We will need legislative relief in the future." The district's per pupil spending of \$6,117 per year puts it near the bottom of neighboring districts. Baracy said

Michigan, serves nearly 15,000 study ture includes in plant job shadowing dents. Funding is based on number of pupils, Baracy said, and space for new

housing in the district is limited. The district, with 27 buildings, serves five municipalities

In the last two years, more than \$2 million has been spent on new textbooks, the superintendent said Educators work on test score improvement. and some scores have improved. Baracy encouraged chamber members and guests to review the Michigan Educational Assessment Program questions in their table packets, to see how difficult the tests are.

"We educate every single child that comes through our doors." Public schools don't have the luxury to pick and choose students, he said.

Baracy is pleased with partnerships with local municipalities and other collaborative efforts. Middle school and ninth-grade sports have been resurrected, he said, along with other extracurricular activities. He voiced his support for recreational efforts in the

He highlighted several successful partnerships involving Wayne Westland, including Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village mentoring and the Technical Educational Aca-The district, the 10th largest in demic Model. That labor business ven-



Straight talk: Greg Baracy, Wayne Westland school superinten dent, gives his "State of the Schools" address Tuesday at a West land Chamber of Commerce event.

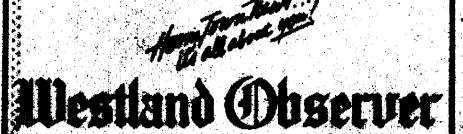
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# This market's all in the family

BY LEADON ROCKES STAFF WEITER irogeratios.hom

There's a definite chill in the air at the Moskal and Sons produce store, but it's only to help keep the fruit and vegetables better.

"I'm always coming here. They are the best in the area. They are honest and nice." said customer Jeannette Farra of Garden City. "I've been shopping here for years."

Over the holidays, Farra brought in some homemade baklava for Norbert Moskal Jr., who runs the store with his younger brother, Jim.

"We're on a first name basis with a lot of our customers," said Moskal, who has worked at the family business on Warren west of Inkster since he was a young-

Making selections from clearance items, Farra had three containers of vegetables at total cost of \$1.50.

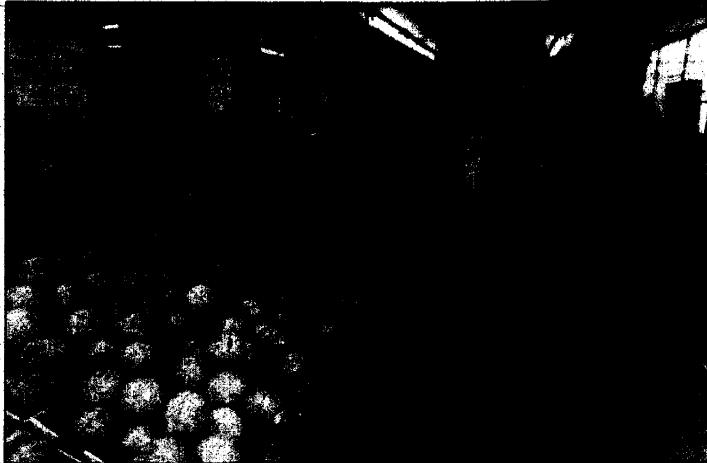
"They always have something reduced - look at these beets," she said.

Ringing up her purchase, Moskal teased Farra about whether she wanted to barter with him about the price.

"A lot of people like to do it like they used to - to do a little haggling," Moskal said.

From all over

Although Moskal estimates



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Family affair: Norbert Moskal Sr., wife Helen and son Norbert Jr. stand among their produce at their market on Warren Road. Below, Helen and Norbert Sr. in the past.

most of his customer base is in the immediate area. Livonia resident Fred Houston said he's been shopping at the store for three years.

"I saw the sign out front. I like the quality; they have excellent fruit and vegetables," said Housbut I don't mind, if I can get what I want."

One advantage of a smaller market is personal service. Farra, Houston and other customers brought various selections to the counter individually, rather than using a basket or cart. Houston uses a walker, so Moskal carried his purchases outside and loaded them into Houston's car.

Moskal's father, Norbert Sr., opened the produce store in 1952. The original location was on Warren just east of the current store. The business was in the front and the Moskal family lived at the rear.

The elder Moskal and his wife Helen, who also worked at the store, still live in the home. The current store was built in 1970.

"I lived with them until I got married 15 years ago. I moved down the street right on Warren," said Moskal. "It was just a two-lane black top road when we came here. Now, it's so noisy."

The eldest Moskal brother Tom worked at the store until the early 1970s when he left the

ton. "It's a little out of my way, family business for the Ford Motor Company.

### Going to market

One thing that hasn't changed over the years is the trips to Detroit two or three times each week to the produce terminal to buy fruit and vegetables. During the spring and summer, Moskal buys directly from farmers at Eastern Market.

"Our business is about half and half, fruit and vegetables. People come in for the vegetables, the fruits are the treats." said Moskal. "It's a daily chore. We work it over and keep it fresh. You don't want to over buy and keep it moving - keep people happy.

Produce is the mainstay of the business, but Moskal also has deli meats, dairy products and some other grocery items. Seasonal items such as Christmas trees, grave blankets and bedding flowers are also offered.

The store is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily except Sunday when it closes at 6 p.m.

### Johnson to house RU program

BY LARRY O'CONNOR STAFF WRITER

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 A soon-to-be closed Livonia elementary school won't lie dormant.

Instead, the Livonia Public Schools district plans to lease the Johnson Elementary School building, at 26651 Ann Arbor Trail, to the Redford Union Schools, which runs a county adolescent day treatment center.

The Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency-funded center-program currently operates out of Bentley Center and Rosedale school, both in Livonia.

Some 30-40 students, approximately onethird of those in the program, are from Livonia, district officials said.

Johnson Elementary is closing in June. In September, students and staff will move to former Lowell Middle School building on Hix Road near Joy Road.

The lease between Livonia and Redford Union schools runs through July 2003.

"Vacant buildings don't serve the district very well," said David Watson, Livonia district operations director. "They deteriorate." Wayne RESA will pay the district rent

based on a formula involving the facility's space and other factors, David Watson said. Leasing the building is the best of three options, Superintendent Ken Watson said.

A magnet kindergarten program and a day care center were also being considered for the 41,000-square-foot facility.

### LIVONIA SCHOOLS

Such a magnet program could've drawn students from Garden City and Westland, the superintendent said. Such a program would've been too expensive to run, though.

"It became pretty obvious this was going to be a money loser," Ken Watson said.

Expected high costs also led officials to rule out a district-run day-care center. No private day care operators were interested in

the site, Ken Watson said. Under the agreement, Livonia custodians maintain the site, but Wayne RESA pays the cost. The Livonia district can move back into the building after the lease expires, the

A Redford Union school official favors having the adolescent day treatment program under one roof.

superintendent said.

"Having the program in one building will help the director (JoAnn Sadler) better supervise the program," said Gus Kaselemis, Redford Union special education director.

Redford Union would have needed to relocate the adolescent day treatment program. The city is using part of the Bentley Center property on Five Mile to build a new recreation center.

Livonia schools is likely to demolish the Rosedale school building at an estimated cost of \$250,000, Ken Watson said.

"We don't expect any problems here.'

> Ken Watson -Livonia school superintendent

The district would then seek to rezone the empty lot to residential, which will be used by the high school's home construction pro-

"It is old," Ken Watson said. "It has a lot of charm if you like old things. It has no value to the district." It was built in 1927 and the site is 2.3 acres.

Students in the adolescent day treatment program are between 14-18 years old and are severely emotionally impaired, a Wayne RESA special education director said. Similar treatment programs operate in Detroit and Southgate. "These are students who not only require a

very structured educational program with small class sizes, but require therapeutic treatment as well," said Katherine Mathey. Wayne RESA special education director. The intermediate district has operated

such programs for 25 years, "and there has not been any difficulties." Mathey said. Livonia's superintendent is also confident

"We have never had any problems with neighbors with any of our center programs," Kan Watson said. "We don't expect any problems here."





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# Observer seeks advisory panel

In an effort to keep in touch and what it's doing wrong. with the people we serve namely, our readers - the Westland Observer staff is returning to a method we hope will help us do just that citizen advisory panels.

The panel will consist of approximately eight to 12 members representing a cross-section of citizens from around the community. The panel would meet several times throughout the year, discussing with the editorial staff the content of the paper as it relates to the community, what readers would like to see, what the paper is doing right

We hope to include people who aren't generally in the limelight, to get their views on how the Observer should improve.

Meetings will likely be scheduled during evening hours, and we hope to have the first meeting by the start of February. Meetings would probably be scheduled quarterly, perhaps with more frequent meetings at the beginning of the process.

Anyone interested in serving is invited to call the Westland community editor, Julie Brown, (734) 953-2126, or e-mail her at jbrown@oe.homecomm.net.

### Haitians benefit from area project

Residents can join Livonia schoolchildren in collecting school supplies for their counterparts in Haiti.

Students at all Livonia Public Schools middle schools and St. Genevieve School are donating pens, notebooks, rulers, folders and more for a humanitarian mission to Haiti planned by Detroit-area churches and a St. Gerard and St. Leo medical aid organization.

Boxes have been set up at participating schools to receive the children's donations. Others can bring donations to the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. A box has been set up in the library lobby

The project is being done in conjunction with the city's commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, set for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, at the Stevenson High School auditorium.

Choirs from all of the city's high schools, as well as from Emerson Middle School and Tyler and Grant elementaries, will perform. Jonathan Swift, the director of international studies at Madonna University, will be the keynote speaker.

commemoration of King's birth-

The weeklong mission to two churches in two Haitian towns, set to begin in late March, is being sponsored by St. David Episcopal Church in Southfield. Catholic Churches in Detroit, St. Blase Catholic Church in Ster-

day is "Many peoples, one

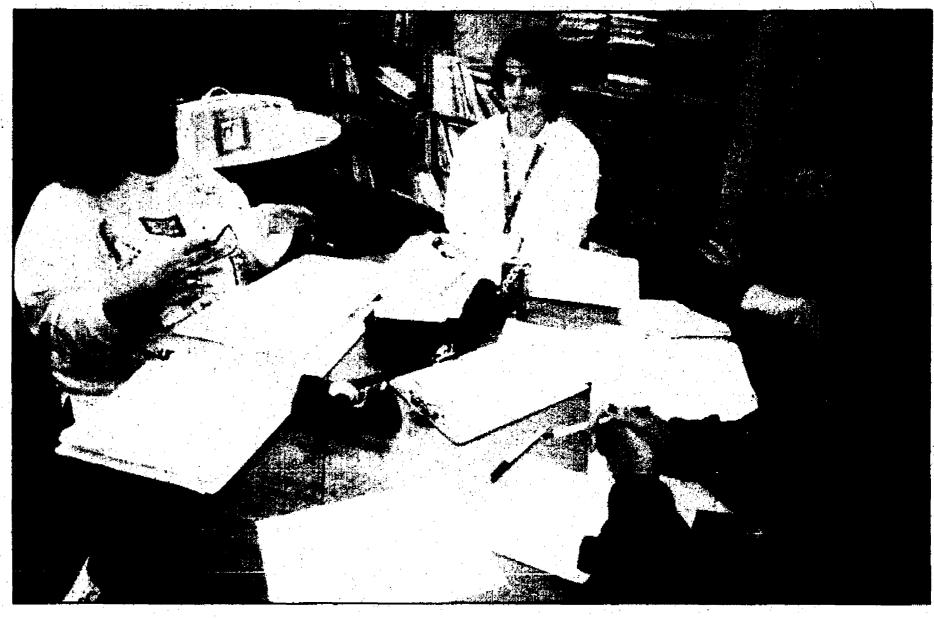
ling Heights and World

Medical Relief.

Participants can bring gifts of school supplies to Stevenson the night of the event.

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### Lessons for life



Interesting: Mercedes Maddox (left) conducts a training seminar at Franklin Middle School with teacher Tracey White, paraprofessional Cheryl Bruner and learning consultant Celia Gold (foreground). The training series on "Developing Capable People" is one of many offered by the Family Resource Center. For registration information, call (734) 595-2279.

### 'Other millennium' focus of lecture

Forget Y2K: have you ever wondered how our ancestors coped with the passage from the first to the second millennium?

Learn about the fears and disruptions as medieval Europe passed from 999 to 1000 A.D. when Dr. Paolo Squatriti presents. "Waiting for the End: Millennium Before 2000," during a buffet/lecture beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Italian American Club of Livonia.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the Dante Alighieri Society-Michigan Chapter and the Italian American Club of Livonia. The Dante Alighieri Society is an international organization that promotes Italian language and culture through educational and social pro-

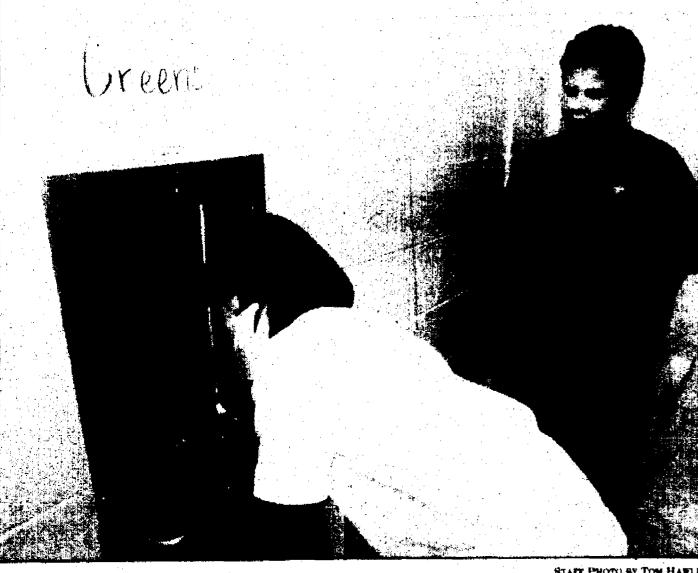
Squatriti, professor of history at the University of Michigan, will present a powerful and informative talk about the challenges Europeans faced in making the transition from the first to the second millennium.

"Ours is not the first generation to live through the end of the millennium," Squatriti said.

The dinner buffet is \$9 per person and begins at 6 p.m. The lecture costs \$5 and starts at 7:30 p.m.

The Italian American Club of Livonia is at 39200 Five Mile Road. For reservations, call. Paula Morabito at +313 +886-3224

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Off-limits: Adams Middle School eighth grader Brittany Amann was able to drink from this water fountain, but Tim Moyer who was wearing an orange sticker, was not allowed as part of a discrimination exercise at the school. The students said they received a good education about what it feels like to be discriminated against

King from page A1

is against the law. I am protest

The project helped to teach students by directly involving them in one of several Adams activities leading up to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr 's birth:

Students didn't get any prior explanation about Tuesday's discriminatory practices, they

King legacy

remembered

day observance on Jan 17.

Principal Celestine Sanders said Tuesday's project would be followed by classroom discussions Wednesday about how it feels to witness discrimination.

She implemented the project a few/years ago, but this time she had a whole new group of stu-

learned the bard way, on their dents

She said she had nover seen. students so upset and vocal over the discrimination they saw in the hallways of their own school.

She hopes the project will help students become more tolerant. and less likely to discriminate. against others in their own

A program to honor the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. is sched uled for 6 p.m. Monday. Jan. 17, at the Wayne-Westland Salvation. Army, on Venny south of Palmer in Westland

Meanwhile, Westland city offices and Westland 18th District Court will be closed Monda's an observance of the slain covil rights to idea's birthday observed the third Monday in January



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### Trucker from page A1

The 40-year-old Windsor driver posted a \$305 bond and was released.

The driver's problems started shortly before 3 a.m. Monday when he felt the steel beams shift while driving on northsound Wayne Road at Palmer, Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

He stopped the truck, and Wayne Road traffic was detoured about five hours while a Detroit wrecker service worked to secure the load, Brokas said.

"The driver never lost his load, but he stopped the truck and was afraid that if he moved it again, it would tip," Brokas said.

He was cited for hauling an unsecured load but arrested on the earlier warrant, prompting authorities to have his truck taken to Westland Car Care's tow yard on Hix Road south of Warren.

Police Officer Cathy Gilliam said she inspected the truck around noon Monday and warned the driver after his release from jail to have the steel beams properly loaded before he left the towing yard.

Doug Holland of Westland Car Care described the load of steel beams as "too tall and topheavy" and said it should have been unloaded and reloaded properly.

"But that did not happen," he

"It's almost kind of done on a merit system," Holland said, adding later, "The next thing I knew, I looked up and saw (the truck) going down Hix Road."

The driver made it to Newburgh and Warren before he nearly lost the steel beams again - this time at 4:40 p.m. in heavier traffic.

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Police rerouted northbound Newburgh traffic and closed one of two southbound lanes for almost seven hours, until nearly midnight, Gilliam said.

The driver apparently was trying to get the truck to an area business where he could get it loaded properly. Gilliam said.

"The whole thing shifted again," she said, but again the steel beams didn't fall from the truck.

Gilliam called to the scene a Michigan State Police officer who cited the truck driver for hauling an unsecured load and having record-keeping violations in his leg book.

The MSP officer ordered the truck off the road, resulting in it being taken this time to a Detroit tow yard - finally out of

### Hockey benefit is Saturday

Alex Delvecchio and Dennis Hextall will be among the Red Wings alumni playing against Westland Hockey Association coaches at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Westland Sports Arena. 6210 Wildwood.

The event will benefit Westland's hockey program. Admission is \$5; children under 3 get in free.

All of the money goes back into the hockey program, according to Westland Hockey Association fund-raising chairman Scott Wirgau.

Of 13 Westland hockey teams. the team that sells the most tickets will play the Red Wings between the second and third period.

Red Wings alumni also are expected to sign autographs for children attending the event.

Advance tickets are \$5, the same price as door admission. Wirgau can be reached at (734) 981-0770 or the Westland Sports Arena at (734) 729-4560.



Thanks so much: The Family Resource Center's check from the chamber prompts handshakes all around. Left to right are Jacque Martin-Downs, center director, Greg Baracy, superintendent, Robin Moore, school board president, and Nancy Barrons, chamber president.

### Progress from page A1

and paid summer internships for students and teachers.

Baracy said he's thankful for 1998 voter approval of a \$108 million bond issue, the largest undertaking in the history of the district. Of that, \$83 million is earmarked for physical improvements, with the first phase nearly done, the balance for technology which includes many new

In closing, Baracy reminded the audience of the need for busiare important, too, he said, urging parents of young children to read to them every night.

The approximately 75 people at the chamber luncheon appreciated Baracy's remarks.

"I think Greg is very well-spoken," said Robin Moore, Wayne-Westland school board president. "He gives you the good with the bad, and he tries to educate."

George Gillies, deputy mayor of Westland, gave the speech a 10 on a scale of one to 10. "He ness support of schools. Parents delivered a nice speech," Gillies

said. "We were well-informed."

mayor added, and said the city and school district have an "excellent" relationship. "We get a lot accomplished."

Barácy's articulate, the deputy

The luncheon also included the presentation of a \$5,000 check to the Family Resource Center. partial proceeds from the recent chamber "Taste of the Arts."

"It's going to have a tremendous impact." Baracy said of the

### These bowlers are all ready to roll

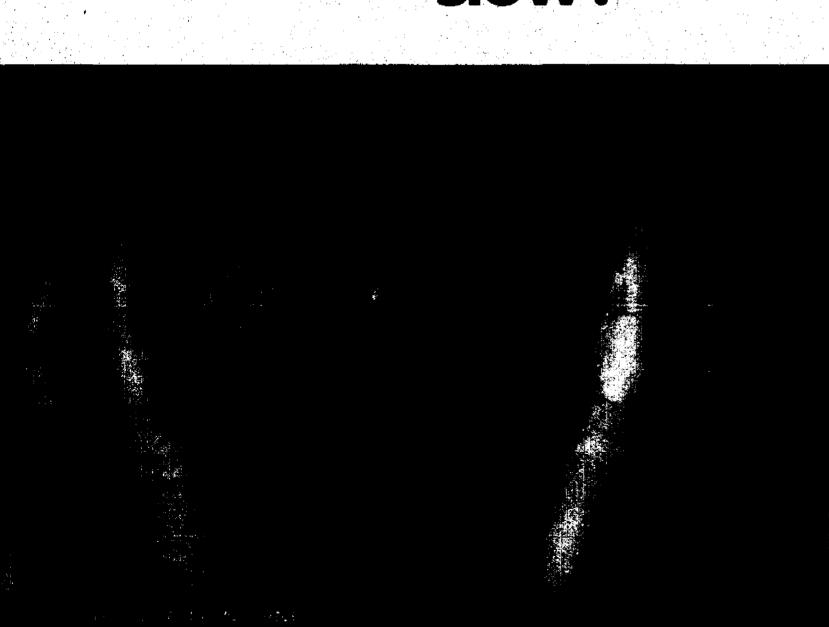
The Livonia Parents of the annual bowlathon for Western of the money collected going to Wayne County 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at Woodland Lanes in Livonia.

made up of volunteers, with all to call Bonnie Sheriday at (734 programs which benefit the children. Anyone interested in helping by either bowling or con-

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### Election from page A1

turn down the May 9 proposal.

The current 1-mill tax expires June 2001

Councilman Glenn Anderson indicated that voters may have negative perceptions of a special election.

"We're starting off on a misstep with voters sometimes when you do that," he said.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc said he would support placing the issue on the May 9 ballot to let voters decide it, but he personally opposes the measure.

"As a registered voter, I'm not voting for it. In fact, I'm voting against it," he said Tuesday during a telephone inter-

LeBlanc noted that Westland is paying \$57 a ton to dispose of its waste nearly double what some Downriver. communities pay.

"People Downriver are up in arms that they're paying almost \$30 a ton to dispose of their waste. We're paying nearly double that and we don't have people complaining," he said.

LeBlanc, acknowledging the benefit of hindsight, said council members made the wrong decision by putting Westland in long-term debt for the incinerator.

"The decision of the Westland City. Council in 1985 encumbered us in an incredibly financially negative way," he

"It had obvious long-lasting implications. What history has shown us was that it was not a good decision.

"I don't know that there aren't other alternatives to explore. (The sanitation

tax) isn't up for expiration right now," LeBlanc said, although he conceded that "we have to dispose of our waste."

### School days?

LeBlanc, a former Wayne-Westland school board member, said Monday that the sanitation tax proposal reminded him of an era when the school district used to schedule special tax elections.

"It sounds like school board tactics of days before," LeBlanc said:

Meanwhile, Dittmar said Monday

that Westland is paying about \$1 million a year in debt service to the sanita-

tion authority. The city disposes of 44,000 tons of waste a year through its agreement

with the authority. City Attorney Angelo Plakas is writing bailot language that city council members are expected to approve for the election.

The ballot proposal also requires approval from the Wayne County Elections Commission.

### Truancy

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boy also has been tardy scores of times, often arriving for school in late morning hours.

Westland police Youth Officer Deanna Slezak has dealt with many school trunney problems.

"But this is the most extreme for that age that I've seen," she said.

Police arrested the boy's 36. year-old mother last Friday and ticketed her for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, but she was released the same day.

Although she may not face a jail sentence, the mother could eventually risk losing her son if she is repeatedly arrested and refuses to address the problem, Stezak said.

The mother has ignored warnings by school officials and police to make sure her son is in school The boy's father doesn't live in the home.

"This is clearly something where the little boy is too young to get to school on his own." Slezak said.

\* The mother also has a teenage daughter who has apparently dropped but for schoot. Slezak Section.

School officials sought help from police in December after failing in their attempts to get the how in school.

It's imperative that our parents make sure their kids get to school every single day." Baracy said. "From year to year we have a higher percentage of students who are missing an excessive number of days because their parents dead get them there:

Westland police Lt. Marc Stobbe said authorities try to get generate to an ignitate before reservable to arrest-land other positive the istre-

"We want to give them every chance in the world, but we want them to know that we expect their kid to be in school. he said.

Police documents show some starthan statistics for the Wilds

· He missed 198 days of school during the first grade and 360 days during the second grade, which he is repeating:

■ As of Jan 7, the boy had been absent 13 days and tardy 25 times during the Erst 79 days. of this school year. He has arrived at school as late as 12:05

Wildwood Principal Kurt Tyszkiewicz sent the mother a letter in October orging her to get her sou to school.

Slezak tollowed with a Dec. 16. letter warming the mother that she could be ticketed unless the boy's attendance improved.

"This includes the remainder of the school year. Slezak said. Thus, attendance can not improve only for a text days but must remain konstant throughbut the year

Baracy said school officials typically report soich cases to Child Protective Services for possible action, but he didn't know if this specific situation had been

reported Slezak said pelice plan to watch the situation, problems the mother again if necessary.

Police and school officials hope this family's problems will serve as a warning to other parents to make sure their children are inschool.

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#### TERESA DUTY

Services for Teresa Duty, 66, of Wayne were Jan. 10 at Uht Funeral Home, with burial at Glanwood Cemetery, Wayne.

The Rev. Rocky Barra officiated. Mrs. Duty was born Dec. 2, 1933, and died Jan. 6 in Wayne. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are husband, William; sons , Michael Paul (Diana) of Westland and Ronald Keith (Maria) of Westland; daughter, Sandra Lee (Robert) Bazner of Canton; sister, Helen Fisher; brothers, Ralph Gray, Harold Rankey, Thomas Rankey, Fred Rankey and Donald Grupczynski; grandsons, Michael Duty, Ryan Bazner and Scott Bazner. She was preceded in death by sisters Shirley Brob-

st and Mary Gipson. Arrangements were by Uht Funeral Home.

### OPAL L. MUCKER

Services for Opal L. Mucker, 74, of Canton were Jan. 8 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was at Cherry Hill Cemetery, Canton.

Mrs. Mucker was born June 16, 1925, in Northville and died Jan. 5 in Milan. She was a lifelong area resident and came to

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Canton Township in 1945. She was affiliated with the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church in Canton.

Her hobbies included crocheting. Mrs. Mucker, an avid fan,

enjoyed watching baseball and hockey games. She bowled with the Town & Country League, the Striketts, and volunteered her time serving meals for the church. She also collected money for the March of Dimes.

During World War II, she worked at Twin Tool & Die and then worked at Daisy Air Rifle. She was preceded in death by husband, Nick Mucker; parents, Rosella and Arthur Wells, brother, Ernest Wells; and sisters. Judy and Donna Wells.

Surviving are sons, Gary (Barbara) Mucker of Westland and Larry (June Rorabacher) Mucker; daughter, Cheryl (Douglas) Mayher of Milan; grandchildren, James and Jeffery Mucker, Erica (Darin) Thompson, Brandie and Nick Mucker, Douglas Jr. and Cassie Mayher; great-grandson, Jacob Thompson; brothers, Orville Wells of Livonia, James Wells, Dale Wells and Gary Wells of Livonia; sister, Hazel

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association. Arrangements were by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

BORRY W. LEFFEW

Services for Bobby W. Leffew, 43, of Garden City were Jan. 8 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with burial at the Riverside Cemetery, also in Plymouth,

Mr. Leffew was born May 10, 1956, in Jelico, Tenn., and died Jan. 5 in Dearborn. He came to Michigan from Tennessee as a young boy and lived in Quincy and Westland before moving to Garden City five years ago.

He worked as a process engineer for Allmand Industries and Auto Parts manufacturer for three years. He enjoyed woodworking, playing his guitar, singing, watching professional wrestling and bowling.

He is survived by his wife, Pam of Garden City; sons, Bobby and Ted, both of Garden City; daughters, Nicole and Dana, both of Wyandotte; grandson, Zachary; mother, Barbara (Doyle) Campbell; brothers, David (Jan) of Taylor, Danny (Brenda) of Lincoln Park and Doyle (Sue); and sisters, Mary, Patty (Don) Neuman and Sheila. Arrangements were made by John Santeiu & Son Funeral

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Services for George "Gerry" Roberts, 69, of Westland were held Jan. 7 in Church of the Divine Savior, Officiating was the Rev. Alexander A. Kuras.

Mr. Roberts, born Dec. 20, 1930, in Wheeling, W.Va., died Jan. 3 in Detroit. He was a member of Church of the Divine Savior. He was a small parts hi-lo driver for General Motors.

Surviving are his son, Mike (Lisa) Roberts of Livonia; daughter. Becky (Lonnie) Ruthig of Westland, brothers, David Roberts and Arthur Roberts; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Roberts was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Lucille Roberts.

Memorials may be made in the form of Mass offerings. Arrangements were by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

### EVELYN M. HUNT JOLLY

Services for former Westland resident Evelyn Jolly, 92, of Chelsea were held Jan. 6 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was

the Rev. Fred Cooley. Mrs. Jolly was born Sept. 10, 1907, and died Dec. 31 in Chelsea. She was a licensed practical nurse.

Surviving are her son, William Hunt of Westland, daughter, Sally "Sara K." (James) Nicola of Chelsea; brother, Clarence; six grandchildren; and eight greatgrandchildren.

Mrs. Jolly was preceded in death by her two husbands, William Hunt and Lindsey Jolly; and by brothers, Raymond and Robert.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Wayne.

### MARY A. L. AKSAMIT

A funeral Mass for Mary Aksamit, 89, of Westland took place Jan. 5 in Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic Church with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. Gerald V. Bechard.

Mrs. Aksamit, born Oct. 8. 1910, in Carbin, Pa., died Jan. 2 in Taylor. She was a cashier for Crowley's.

Surviving are her daughter, Dorothea Hunsanger of Westland; brother, John (Helen) Kozleski of Westland; sister, Kathryn (Art) Kohlruss; and three granddaughters.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements

were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

### DOROTHY E. MILWEE

Services for Dorothy E. Milwee, 88, of Westland were held Jan. 6 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, Officiating was the Rev. Roy Forsyth. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Mrs. Milwee was born June 11, 1911, in Royal Oak and died Jan. 3 in Wayne. She was a registered nurse at Herman Kiefer Hospital for 25 years. She came to Westland in 1999 from Canton where she had lived for four years. She attended the United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her daughter, Dorothy E. (Wayne) Martin; six grandchildren, and two greatgrandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation of Michigan. Arrangements were by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

### MARY E. NICLANE

Services for Mary E. McLane, 77, of Westland took place Jan. 10 at Santeiu Chapel. Officiating was the Rev. Willet J. Herrington of St. Andrew Episcopal Church. Private cremation followed the service.

Mrs. McLane was born Oct. 15, 1922, in Indianapolis, Ind., and died Jan. 6 in Dearborn Heights. She was a homemaker. Surviving are her husband, William R. McLane; daughter, Colleen (Jim) Allen; son, John (Deanna) McLane; grandchildren, Richard, Robert, Matt and Lindsey; and great-grandchild, Devin.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements were by John S. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

### WESLEY Q. MOORE

Services for Wesley G. Moore, 58, of Westland were held Jan. 10 at Uht Funeral Home. The Rev. Robert McDonald officiated. Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne.

Mr. Moore was born May 3, 1941, and died Jan. 6. He was a

He was preceded in death by wife Agnes May Haines Moore. Surviving are son Daniel Moore; daughter Esther Moore; stepdaughter Luanne Auyon; sisters Hazel Wood, Mary McBain, Leda Moore and Phyllis Lake; brothers George Moore and Tom Tru imain; grandchildren Michael Kazvlewski, Lisa Keller and Chelsea Wojewski.

Arrangements were by Uht Funeral Home.

### LUCKLE MARION KRAUDELT

Services for Lucille Marion Kraudelt, 73, of Westland were held recently.

Mrs. Kraudelt, who died Jan. 9, was a member of the Westland Senior Group, Westland Friendship Center and the Arc of Westland Wayne County (30-year member active in fund-raising).

She was preceded in death by husband Leonard Kraudelt and daughter LoriLynn Kraudelt. Surviving are children Dawn Deel, Anthony Kraudelt, Cheryl Kraudelt and Joseph Kraudelt: grandchildren Chris Deel, Anthony Jr., Amanda, Angie Kraudelt, Kimber and Kandra Grudenich; great-granddaughter Sabrina; stepchild Jens McCoy;

and sister Deloros Toczylowski. Memorials may be made to the Arc of Western Wayne County, 2257 S. Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48186. Arrangements were by Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

### HELEN M. WILLIAMS

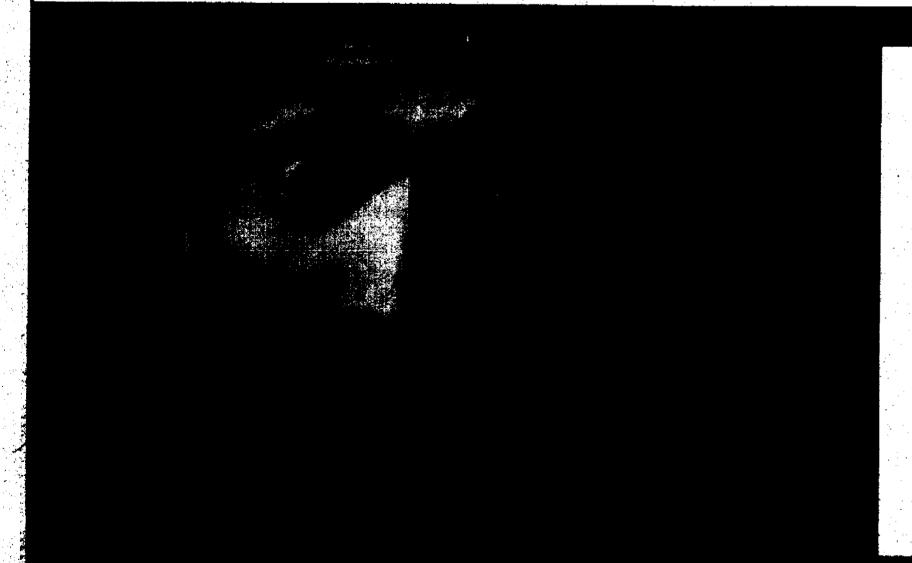
Services for Helen M. Williams, 85, of Willis, Mich., were held Jan. 8 at the Lincoln Community United Methodist Church with the Rev. Walter Fenton officiating. Burial followed by Alban Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams was born May 3, 1914, in Detroit and died Jan. 6 in Onsted, Mich. She was retired from Washtenaw Community College. She was a member of the Lincoln Community United Methodist Church and the Lincoln Community Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by husband Harold Williams. Surviving are a son, Clark Williams; daughters Marlene Blumhardt and Ruth Ann (Robert) Downs; 10 grandchildren; and five greatgrandchildren. Also preceding her in death were son Harold and brother Thomas.

Memorials may be made to the Lincoln Community United Methodist Church or Hospice of Lenawee. Arrangements were made by Ochalek-Stark Funeral

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## Maida says vouchers may be a tough sell

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@ce.homecomm.net

Detroit Cardinal Adam Maida supports school vouchers but believes the issue will be tougher to galvanize support among Catholics than the assisted suicide question on the state ballot two years ago.

If enough signatures from registered voters are obtained on petitions, a ballot proposal will ask Michigan voters this year to approve a voucher system for parents to use if they reside in a school district with a graduation rate lower than 66 percent. Those vouchers could be used at any public or private schools.

During an interview for the Catholic Television Network's show "Dialogue," Maida, the archbishop of Detroit, was asked whether a school voucher proposal would obtain the same kind of support from Catholics as the physician suicide issue. The physician-assisted suicide ballot question was a "clearcut, moral" issue, Maida said.

"We just didn't want people killing other people," Maida said. Vouchers will be more of a political issue. Maida said, "Reasonable people could come out differently," he said.

Maida supports vouchers and believes the state constitution should be changed. Prohibiting religion from public life "is bad policy and it makes for a society that is not healthy," Maida said.

"That (constitutional) language is bigoted. It's another way to isolate religion out of the way of public life, I feel strongly that religion is the soul of society, whatever religion it is. Every society needs to have a spiritual soul.'

Maida believes it is "terribly unjust" for monopolies - school districts --- to dictate to parents where children should attend school. Parents need choices of where they can send children to school, Maida said.

Public schools need to be challenged, Maida said. He compared education to cars. When foreign automakers created better cars and created competition for American car companies, that competition helped the Big 3 automakers create better prod-

"Today we're as good as any car built in the world. Competition is good and it's healthy. Any of these monopolies (for schools) are destined to be mediocre at best," he said.

Maida also discussed Catholicism in the Detroit area, including the following items:

For the 300th anniversary in 2001 of Catholicism in Detroit, beginning when the area was a French fur-trading post, Maida wants parishioners to return to old churches to visit "their spiritual homes" for pil-

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Applicants will be asked to submit transcripts and outline their education, community service and leadership activities. A written essay addressing "Why great teachers are needed in our communities" will be required. Scholarship recipients who maintain a "B" average during the 2000-2001 year will be eligible for continuation of their \*cholarship

The deadline for applications is Feb. 18. To receive an application, visit RESA's Web site at resa net/scholarship or call (734) 334-1373 People also can donate to the scholarship fund by visit ing the Web site or call (734) 384 1443

grimages and prayer. Historical churches, such as St. Anne's, will be conducting commemorative services, while the Archdiocese will release videos, books and planning stage, Maida said.

Maida expects that the Archdiocese of Detroit will be joining other denominations and other faiths to celebrate.

Maida said balancing needs of the innercity parishes and the suburban ones is difficult. Suburban churches are generally newer and the resources greater

for those communities, while replace the one-on-one contact most innercity parishes struggle with poverty and racial injustice, Maida said.

"One of the great challenges is documentaries. Events are in the how do you take these resources and make them (suburbanites) aware of the problems like poverty," Maida said. "People of the city may be poor and they may or may not be Catholie, but. we can reach out to them and try to help them."

> The Catholic Church welcomes new technology, such as the Internet, but it will not

between priest and parishioners. "The internet is very impersonal, while our faith is very personal. so to that extent, the Internet can only go so far," Maida said.

Maida foresces a day when Catholics celebrate the liturgy and possibly sacraments with other faiths.

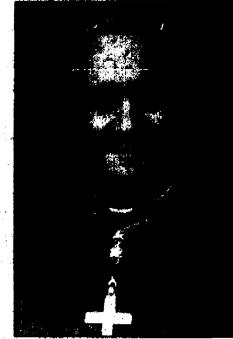
Maida was asked whether an Episcopalian attending Catholic Mass eventually could receive Holy Communion at those services. "I think we're well on our way in dialogue toward that hap-

pening," Maida said. "We had a wonderful result in discussions with Lutherans in looking at theological problems we had in the pest.

"It will be a slow process, it will eventually evolve."

But he added that he didn't know if that would happen in his lifetime. "We would hope that somewhere, somehow we can come around the table of the Lord, because that is the ultimate sign of unity."

"Christ prayed, 'Let's all be one," Maida said "Let's hope



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# High tech

### Auto show is ultra modern with computers and TVs

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW STAFF WRITER rechtinaw@oe.homecomm.net

egular visitors to the North American International Auto Show will notice a. visible increase in the presenceof high tech gadgets in the vehicles and in the displays.

For example, flat-screen TV sets and computer monitors can be seen everywhere but in the bathrooms at the Cobo Center.

The computer monitors, usually with touch-screen controls, are used to convey product information to customers, or, in the case of Polk Co., to conduct an onsite survey of visitors regarding the auto show.

The flat-screen TVs mounted pedestals or in the floor. At Isuzu and Nissan exhibits, one can watch the TV while standing on top of it. The Saab exhibit has TVs built into a bartop. Volvo built TVs into the sides of a special

The auto show has always conreved a sense of "Here is the "future," but that impression is stronger this year. Ford has even produced three versions of a concept car that is based on the Apple computer. If you could sit in some of these vehicles you'd feel like George Jetson or James

T. Kirk. Regular visitors will likewise notice that the GM has copied Ford in bringing all its brands into a coherent, contiguous

exhibit. "The GM Experience," located upstairs, resembles a museum, what with its display of a 1903 Oldsmobile, a 1957 Chevy and a wall-mounted montage of GM history. Kids will probably enjoy the Yukon exhibit, featuring Disney's Bill Nye the Science Guy and a host of contraptions surrounding a Yukon SUV.

Several manufacturers are touting electric vehicles this year, including Corbin Motors. better known for its custom motorcycle seats. The one-seat Corbin Sparrow is so popular that the company sells them as soon as they're made, said

> salesman Chuck Gang. Even the Sparrows on display will be shipped to waiting customers after the show, Gang said.

If you're looking for something to do besides examine the vehicles, a slot car track downstairs will host races during the show, and Michelin has a short 3D movie to

Saturn has a giant, circular fish tank and a display of letters from satisfied customers.

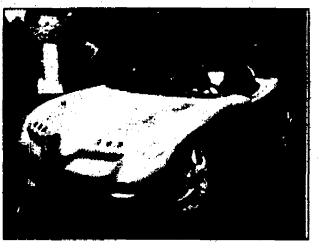
The show is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, through Saturday, Jan. 22, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. Admission is free for people up to age 12 (when accompanied by a parent), \$10 for people age 13-64 and \$5 for people age 65 and up. Orders of 24 tickets or less may be purchased through Ticket-



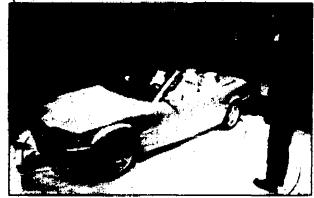
A grand opening: Upper left, Ford president and CEO Jac Nasser talks about Ford's new Think Group of electric and environmentally friendly cars at the auto show. Above, Ford Motor Co. unveils its Ford 24.7 concept at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Sunday, Jan. 9. "The new Ford Motor Co. will put the Internet on wheels," CEO Jacques Nasser said. "We will do nothing short of transforming our cars and trucks into portals to the Internet."



Outdoor excitement: The Chevrolet Avalanche sport utility vehicle at the General Motors' media preview at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.



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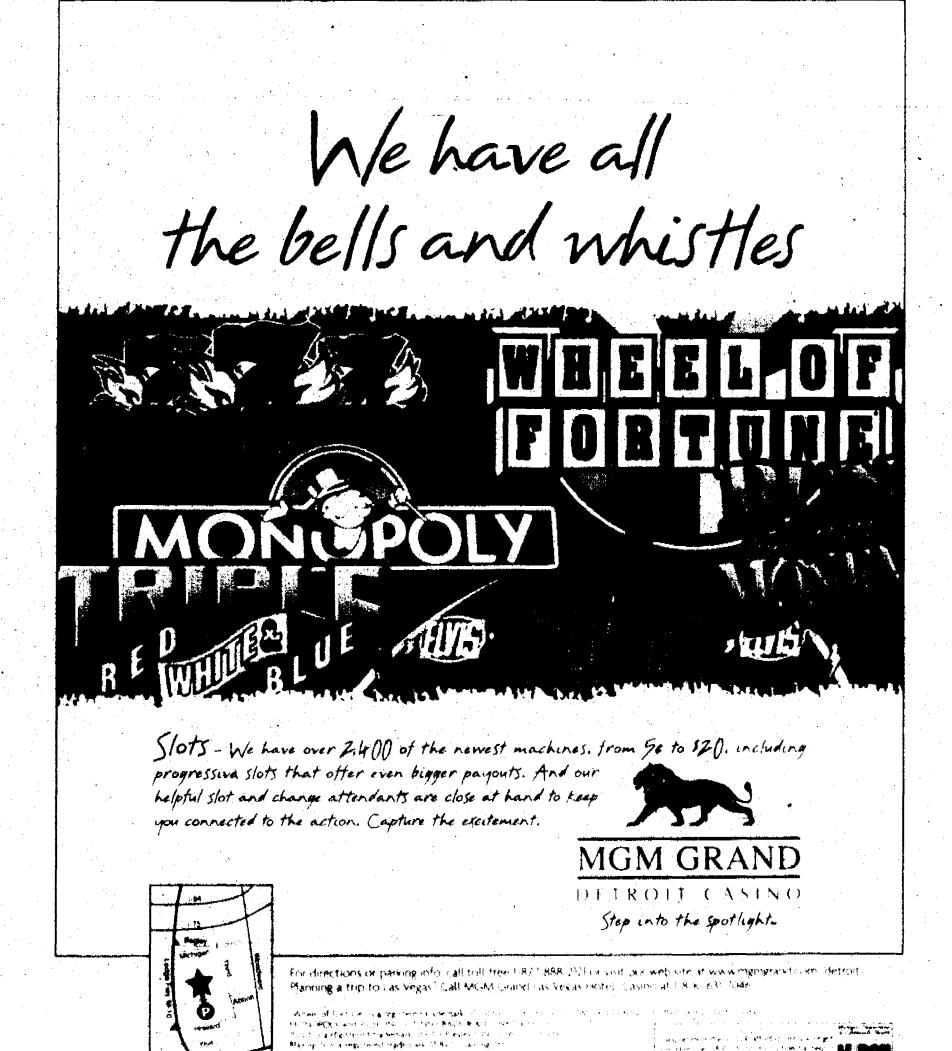
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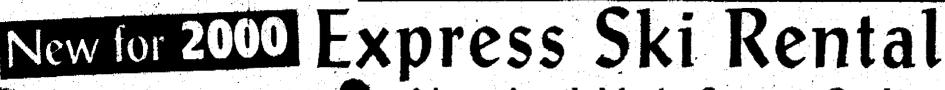


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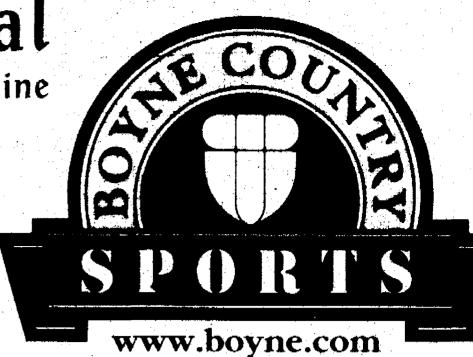
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BY MIEE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

George W. Bush was the clear winner of Michigan's GOP presidential primary debate, at least according to the party faithful who were on hand to witness the exchange Monday evening at Calvin College in Grand Rapids.

Bush showed "grace under fire," said State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia).

"I endorsed Gov. George Bush in May of 1998," said Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton): "He com-

ported himself well. He is recognized as the front-runner. He is a person who can articulate his ideas. He was the focus of most of the attention during the first hour. I think he handled himself well."

"I thought it was a terrific night for Bush. Bush looked very presidential. He was substantive. He had an effective use of humor. He looked very comfortable," Gov. John Engler said. But there were those with a

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ents," Sen. John Schwarz (R-Battle Creek) said. "Definitely, John McCain was the most substantive. Bush ran up some style points. He was looser, less uptight. But when John McCain got a question, he gave a straight answer. If that's what the American people want, style over substance, they can repeal the 22nd Amendment and reelect Bill Clinton.'

All six candidates still in the race for the GOP presidential nomination showed up for the debate, sponsored by the Kent

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County Republicans and the state party. They included Texas Gov. Bush, Arizona Sen. McCain, Family Research Council President Gary Bauer, former president of Citizens Against Government Waste and founder of National Taxpayer Action Day Alan Keyes, Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch and Forbes Magazine publisher Steven Forbes.

Before a crowd of 1,200, the candidates were grilled for an hour and a half by Grand Rapids-area reporters, moderator Tim Russert of NBC, Calvin College students and each other.

#### State a winner

The majority of Republican said there was another obvious winner - the state of Michigan.

The candidates are paying more attention to the state in this year's contest, in large part because of lawmakers' decision to move up Michigan's Republican primary election from late March to Feb. 22. That was evident from the number of Michigan-specific questions asked and answered Monday night.

Russert noted that the application of sales taxes to goods bought over the Internet has been an issue in Michigan and pointed out that the state will ask taxpayers to voluntarily claim those purchases with their income taxes this year.

When Forbes said such taxes have already been judged to be illegal by the Supreme Court, Russert asked if Forbes was encouraging Michigan residents to break the law by refusing to pay. The candidate stopped short, saying he did not know the law in Michigan.

Bauer cited a General Motors plant in Flint which had been closed and reopened in Shanghai. He was leading into a question directed at Forbes about whether Forbes would "worship at the altar of international trade."

As intended, the earlier GOP primary is getting prominence for Michigan voters.

"Michigan's being moved up in the process is the key to these State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter people paying more attention to us," House Speaker Chuck Perricone said. "We are going to be center stage in February. That was the intent. We will actually have a voice in who the nominee is that is selected. And that is

the way it should be." "The Legislature, in deciding to hold a primary in Michigan in February, has given the state visibility and vitality in this whole primary process. I think we saw that tonight," said Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi).

Schwarz agrees the early primary makes Michigan more important.

"Michigan is going to be one of three or four determining states in the whole country when it comes to who the nominee will be." he said. "If McCain can win in New Hampshire, Michigan is going to be an absolute dog fight. I don't care what the poll numbers say. There is a poll coming out that shows McCain is climbing from 7 percent to 25, while Bush is falling from 71 percent to 50. That's the way I like it."

Again, there is another view.

### Democrat view

There were political reasons

state Democratic Party Chairman Mark Brewer.

State Rep. Bruce Patterson

"They are scared of McCain. They want to provide some comfort to Bush. And that may backfire on them," he said.

Engler has called Michigan a "firewall" for the Bush campaign against early strong showings by McCain. Engler, Cassis noted, has stated that Michigan - the first large, industrialized state to cast ballots this year because of the moved-up primary - will serve to counter the effect if the Arizona senator does better than anticipated in the first two primaries in New Hampshire on Feb. 1 and South Carolina on Feb. 19.

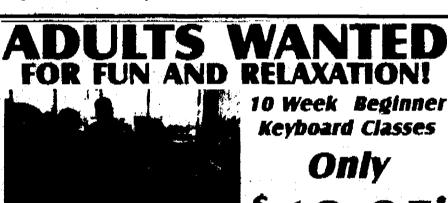
The candidates addressed a variety of topics. Bush touted his tax cutting record and promised tax reductions. McCain said the current budget surplus should be used to pay down the national debt. Forbes criticized Bush's tax cutting effort in Texas.

"It was kind of like what we did with Proposal A. We cut property taxes and raised sales tax to offset it," Garcia concluded. "So most of us saw through that. He (Forbes) did pick out points of it to make his point."

Bill McMaster, a Birmingham resident and the president of Taxpavers United, disagreed.

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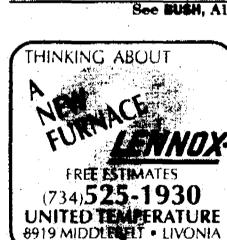
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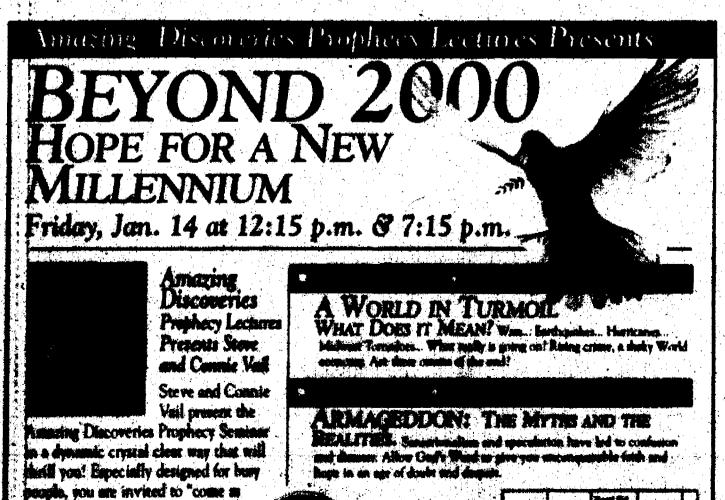
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### Ford Motor makes unprecedented donation to arts

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.net

On the same day last week when the auto industry reported a year of record-breaking sales, Ford Motor Co. made an unprecedented donation to four, regional cultural institutions.

In contrast to the billions in reported year-end corporate revenue, the \$12.7 million gift from the Ford Motor Company Fund might have appeared somewhat paltry.

But there wasn't anyone complaining from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Zoo, Henry Ford Academy and Detroit Science Center, recipients of the auto giant's generosi-

The formal announcement was held Thursday at the Detroit Science Center featuring top executives from Ford, Wayne County, Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and representatives from the recipient organizations.

The DSO and Detroit Zoo will receive \$5 million each, while the science center and Henry Ford Academy will be given \$1.5-million and \$1.2-million, respectively.

The money will support educational programs at the various cultural institutions. A symbol,

Bush

from page A10

history as being a tax cutter, I don't think he is really being honest," he said. Based on U.S. Department of Labor statistics, McMaster said, "In Texas, total state tax collections increased at a faster rate than any other state last year. Michigan was number two. It is not unlikely that Gov. Bush would find Gov. Engler a willing running mate since they both are on tax and spend sprees."

"Gov. Bush handled that very well," Rep. Susan Tabor (R-Delta Township) said. "He said. We cut taxes in the state of Texas and then got re-elected because of it.' And that is really what I think people want to know."

Hatch advocated requiring libraries to install filtering soft-ware on their Internet-linked computers to keep pornography out of the hands of children.

"Some people look at that as we are starting to delve into an area of freedom of speech. The difference is that these are our kids. They are not grown ups. They are children. So I think we have to draw a line somewhere." Tabor said.

Cassis noted that Michigan leads the nation on this issue because it has already instituted laws enabling libraries to put filters on computers.

Bush and McCain, prompted by a question from a college student, pledged to avoid negative campaign ads. McCain even walked across to shake hands with Bush when he made the pledge.

"That's fine. Bush believes in the 11th commandment," Engler said. "That doesn't mean they will be blowing each other kisses for the rest of the campaign. There are issues we can talk about. That's not negative. What Forbes has done, however, is put an extra edge on it. I haven't seen his ad. It doesn't go where he went with Bob Dole, but I think we have seen enough of Forbes to conclude he is a repeat offender."

Still, for GOP stalwarts, the night seems to have gone to Bush.

"I think it was George W. Bush. Clearly, he was the target. He stood right there and took all the shots," Perricone said.

"I have a soft spot in my heart.

for Alan Keyes," McCotter said, while agreeing Bush still won the day, "While (Keyes) can't win, he is allowed to be philosophical instead of presidential."

Democrat Brewer had another view, "The winner tonight? Gary Bauer. He got audience reaction He was coherent. I thought Bush was under attack all night and on the defensive. But the real message that people will carry away from this is that these people are not talking about issues that are relevant to me. I mean, what does the average American care about gays in the military? What does the average American care about China? They are not talking about the issues the American voters say are important . . What about health care? What about education 'I have to educate my kids. What about

Social Security for me and my

parents"

Il 'it's a gift, contribution and an investment and we expect a return (on our investment). Making connections with the community leads to strong, successful enterprises.'

> Jac Nasser President, Ford Motor Co.

according to Ford Chair William Clay Ford, Jr., of the corporate giant's commitment to providing educational opportunities to the

800,000 school-age kids in the region.

In recent years, corporations have moved away from funding

cultural events toward supporting educational initiatives and community outreach programs.

"It's a gift, contribution and an investment, and we expect a return (on our investment)," said Jac Nasser, president of Ford. "Making connections with the community leads to strong, successful enterprises."

Clearly, positive public relations with the community translates into good business for corporations. Yet dollars from the private sector shouldn't be con-

sidered a substitute for ongoing public funding to support operating budgets for the region's cul-

tural institutions.

"Private funding complements other types of funding," said Peter Cummings, chair of the DSO. "Ford is enabling institutions that are already engaged in outreach (programs) to attain a higher level of service."

The \$5 million received from the Ford Fund will support a partnership between the DSO and the Detroit High School of

Performing Arts. The funds will be used over a five-year period:

"Most corporate gifts deal with specific needs, but revenue from a cultural tax would support a consistent flow of funds," said Detroit Mayor Archer.

The proposed regional cultural tax, which would support 14 regional cultural institutions, is currently being negotiated between arts groups and county commissions of Oakland and Wayne counties.



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### Shopper reports candle problem

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER neoz@oe.homecomm.net

Doreen Matich liked the scent of the candie she burned during the holidays, but took it back to the store where she bought it

The Garden City resident returned the candle, made by the Hot Wax Candle Co. in Greensboro, N.C., after the decorative pine bough imbedded in the wax caught fire, giving off 3-inch-high flames.

"It smelled gorgeous, but I think it's dangerous," said Matich. "There was a big flash of fire. Luckily, I was sitting in the family moom when it happened."

Matich purchased two of Hot Wax's Cedar

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Cane Balsam Pine Fragrance Candles at Kohl's Department Store in Westland. The 6inch high pillars have candy canes and pine bough in the wax as decorative accents. She had burned about half of the candle with no problem until the recent flare-up.

"It had been burning for awhile and got down about half way when it started on fire," Matich said, "All the wax had melted off the pine bough and it ignited."

"I tried to put it out with my candle snuffer, but that didn't work, so I had to just blow it out. The fire was hot and definitely would have started a fire, if I hadn't been in the room."

A candle enthusiast - "I burn candles a lot." - Matich did look at the bottom of the second candle in hopes of contacting the Hot Wax company, but seemed unaware of its "very specific instructions" for burning.

"It says never leave unattended, but you shouldn't have to stay in the room all the time," she said.

The company recommends that the candles be burned in two-three-hour increments several times until a 2-inch well forms.

According to a copy of the instructions provided by the Hot Wax, "Place a tea light into the well for future burning. This procedure will prevent any possibility of the natural product from accidentally igniting. The true beauty of the candle and glow that forms will still be present" by using the tea light.

"It's really a colorful candle, but it's not a candle, it's a decorative accessory," said Al

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Korzeniowski, president and one of the owners of the Hot Wax Candle Co. "You really shouldn't burn it as a candle."

Hot Wax "uses real botanicals wherever we can and perfume quality fragrances." Korzeniowski added.

Pine bough, tiger lilies, yellow daisies, butterflies and dragon flies are among its candle accents. In addition to the botanicals, it uses butterflies, dragonflies and perfume quality fragrances, Korzeniowski said.

According to Korzeniowski, such flare-ups are a rarity. The company manufactures 2-3 million candles a year and may have one such occurrence in the course of a year.

"This is the first one of I've heard of in a couple of years," he said.

Hot Wax sells its candles to every major retailer except Kmart and Wal-Mart and has seen its business grow at 40 percent a year. Korzeniowski said.

At Kohl's, the store manager was unaware of the flare-up happening to other people. and the reaction was the same at the retailer's corporate headquarters.

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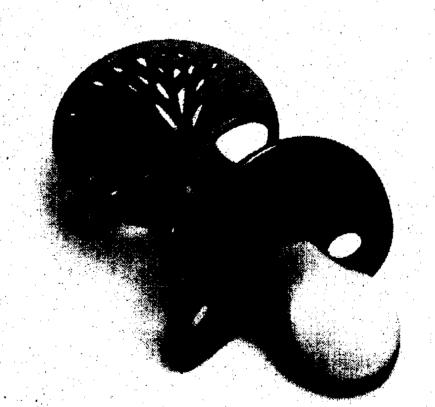
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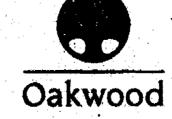
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### Rouge River cleanup may receive new federal money?

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

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The Rouge River may be the beneficiary of more federal money to help remove pollutants and improve the river's quality.

The Rouge was named as one of eight Michigan lakes and rivers and 31 areas of concern in the Great Lakes region that would benefit from President Bill Clinton's proposed \$80 million effort to clean up the most polluted waterways in the Great Lakes watershed.

The money was announced Monday as part of Clinton's proposed 2001 budget, expected to be released in its entirety on Feb. 7. That budget year begins

While the money still must be approved by Congress, it was upstream," Bean said.

welcome news to state environmental officials and supporters of the Rouge cleanup, who are concerned about the future of federal funding for the cleanup.

Cathy Bean, coordinator of the Rouge River remedial action plan for the state Department of Environmental Quality's aurface water quality division, was surprised because there were recent discussions and concerns expressed about the future of the RAP.

If the money is approved, Bean would like to see it earmarked toward removing river sediments near the Ford Rouge plant in Dearborn, "There's been years and years of heavy industrial discharges, creating sediment and presenting problems for the fisheries and fish swimming

DEQ officials have discussed creating a fish ladder in Dearborn to assist the fisheries efforts on the Rouge and its tributaries, and a sediment cleanup would help with those efforts. Bean said.

Discharges from the Ford plant aren't "as bad as they were in the early 1900s," Bean said. and Ford officials have expressed interest in cleaning up the Rouge plant, including land along the Rouge River.

Local communities in the Rouge watershed in Oakland and Wayne counties may want the money to control and study stormwater runoff and water quality improvements. Under Clinton's proposal, the Environmental Protection Agency would provide \$50 million to state and local governments. They would

propose projects and have to fund at least 40 percent of their cost, meaning the total spent

would equal about \$80 million. Bean thought there would be Clean Michigan Initiative monies available for stormwater runoff improvements. Michigan voters approved that money in 1998 for brownfield cleanups and

water quality improvements. "I'd really like to see the sedi-

ment taken care of and get more habitat created," Bean said. Other Michigan "areas of concern" named on the list were the Clinton River, Deer Lake in the

Upper Peninsula, the Kalamazoo.

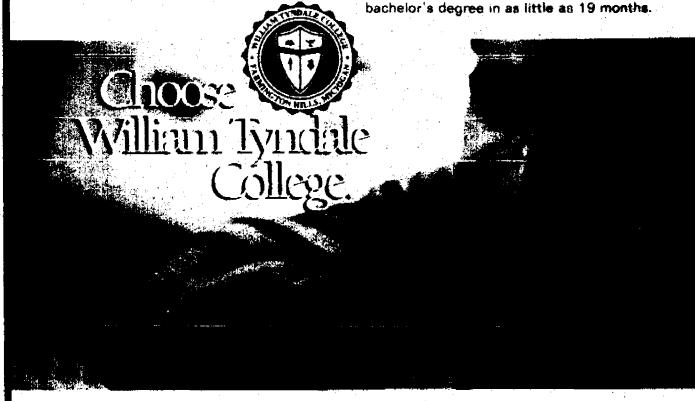
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### School pacts

### Let's work together for kids

greement came last week when the Wayne-Westland Board of Education looked at pacts with employee groups. Unanimous agreements with the Wayne-Westland Education Association and the Wayne-Westland Central Office Administrators Association were reached at the Jan. 4. board meeting.

"Both agreements are very fair, they're very reasonable," said Greg Baracy, school superintendent. He thanked the union leadership for being sincere and cooperative.

The agreement for administrators, a small union of about 30, was approved by approximately 90 percent of the membership. The teachers voted approval of the contract extension by about 62 percent in favor. Both contracts run through 2004.

It's clear that fewer teachers approved of the contract, particularly its raise provisions of less than 3 percent each year. Nevertheless, Baracy hailed the accord as a sign of "labor peace" in the future.

The district's finances aren't like those of Bloomfield Hills or other wealthy districts. Wayne-Westland students deserve a quality education, however, and fair labor pacts go a long way in insuring that.

Both agreements include retirement bonuses for those with at least 10 years experience in the district. Teachers who retire by June

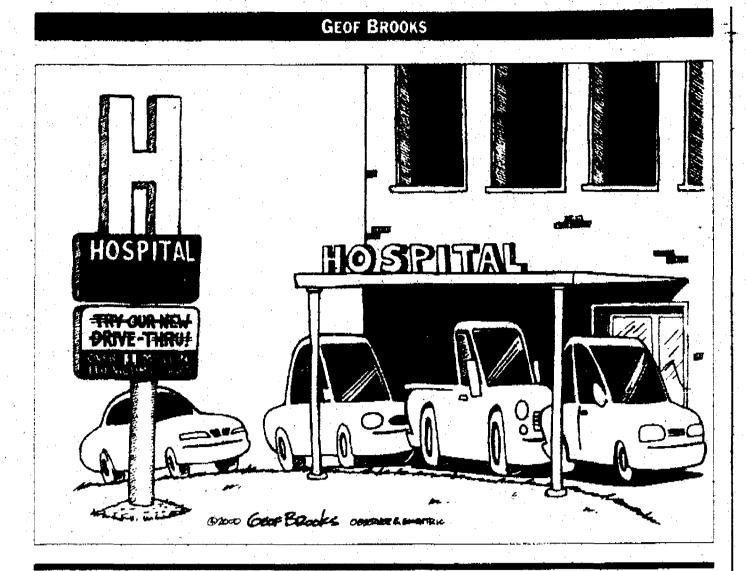
■ Such buyouts aren't uncommon in the world of school finance, and the district shouldn't be criticized for this step. What new teachers lack in experience they often compensate for in enthusiasm, though that's not to say older teachers don't have that as well.

2001 will receive \$35,000 each. District officials estimate that some 100 teachers will take early retirement and be replaced by less experienced teachers who will be paid less.

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Students benefit from a blend of different teaching styles, and the contract provision shouldn't harm them in any way.

Let's hope these agreements signal labor peace in the Wayne-Westland district, a valuable commodity whether times are good or not. Appreciation's due to all who are responsible for reaching these accords. Let's continue to work together to guarantee our children all receive the quality education they deserve.



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### **Poor judgment**

n the Community Life section of last week's (Dec. 30) paper, the Observer ran a story about "home-brewers," those who legally brew their own beer in the confines of their home. At the same time, who knows how many drunken drivers killed and maimed innocent lives across this country on New Year's Eve.

Not only that, the millions of broken homes, many in our own beloved community, increase daily due to the ugly curse of strong drink. Perhaps the article will likely induce someone to try this wicked home-brewing practice and, down the line, another home is ruined beyond repair, those with beaten wives and terrified

Maybe next week, the Observer can obtain the services of a home-growing marijuana. expert or even better, a crack addict can explain in detail how to cut the rock and smoke it in the correct manner. How about a heroin junkie explaining just the proper way to find that best vein where the possibly contaminated needle can rightly be stuck?

The list goes on. This was extremely poor judgment of management at the Observer. Shame on you! The next alcohol-related tragedy could be on your hands.

Steve Jeffers Westland

### The Voice of Reason,

School names explained Aletter from Gina Fournier was printed in two recent issues of the Observer which asked how Livonia schools are named and whether any were named for women. Here is

the answer for her. Except for the schools we inherited from other school districts, elementary schools are named for presidents, secretaries of state or chief justices of the Supreme Court. Our current secretary of state is the only woman to hold any of those positions. As we haven't built any new schools for several years, there is no Madeline Albright Elementary, just as there are no Nixon, Carter, Reagan, Bush or Clinton schools. A couple of very fine presidents are missing, Lincoln and Madison, as the buildings named in their honor have been torn down.

Ms Fournier stated that she didn't know who Hull was. Cordell Hull was the secretary

of state under FDR. For his work in helping to found the United Nations, he was given the Nobel Peace Prize in 1945. He is often referred to as the "father" of the UN.

Among the others who weren't presidents is Lewis Cass, secretary of state under Buchanan. He is also the only Michigander, other than Gerald Ford, to be nominated for the presidency.

Middle schools are named for poets. They are: Whittier, Emerson, Riley, Whitman, Frost, Holmes, Lowell, Bryant, and the one named for a women - Dickinson. Only four of these buildings are now used by Livonia as

Senior highs are named in honor of statesmen – Stevenson, Franklin, and Churchill.

I don't see Livonia building any new schools in the foreseeable future. There will probably be no new names, male or female, any time

> Gordon W. Draper retired Livonia principal

### Topping the list

As this century and millennium are about to change, opinions have been taken on the most significant events of the 1900s. Recent polls conclude that most salient were the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese in 1941 and the use of atomic bombs on Hiroshima in 1945.

However, have not battles, conflicts and wars always occurred and newly developed weapons always used?

What events of the 20th century affected the most people and perhaps changed the

I can think of two: the stock market crash of 1929, leading to the worldwide Depression that lasted more than five years; the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963 that

silenced and stilled the world for five days. The polls indicate the most important automobile to have been the Model A, which put the world on wheels.

But I remember the uniquely engineered and designed Studebaker, the elegant flowing lines of Packard and the Spartan utility of the Willys Overland, the original of the present Chrysler Jeep.

> Nicholas Spicer Rochester

### Laud King's accomplishments

S. Rep. John Lewis spoke at the Universi-Uty of Michigan Monday as Raoul Wallenberg lecturer and medalist.

As a young man, Lewis was one of the central figures in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. The son of a poor south Alabama sharecropper. Lewis founded the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee. Lewis felt the blows from Sheriff Jim Clark's nightstick and spent many nights in Southern jails.

Yet over time he learned to forgive his oppressors, and he has continued to contribute to society as a distinguished congressman from Atlanta, Ga.

This coming Monday we celebrate the courage of John Lewis and his fellow "revolutionaries" in the civil rights movement by marking the birthday of Lewis' idol and slightly older mentor Martin Luther King Jr.

Many "holidays" are designated with the best of intentions. On Memorial Day, we are admonished to remember those who died in battle defending the principles our country represents. On Independence Day, we are urged to remember those founders who chose liberty over tyranny. On Labor Day, we are supposed to pay homage to the working person and the struggle for economic justice.

As we all know, Memorial Day is the first good day to hit the beach, Independence Day means a barbecue and fireworks, and Labor Day is the last good day to hit the beach (no. more giant parades, even in this once-solid union town). There might be some people who get King Day off who think it's a good day to hit the ski slopes or catch a movie and not think about what the day really means.

In this racially divided and often antagonistic metro area, it is especially important that we don't let this holiday lose its meaning. It is important that our communities and schools take time to offer programs that draw our attention to what has been accomplished and what still needs to be accomplished.

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Livonia is holding its fifth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day program 6:30 p.m. Monday at Stevenson High School. The program's sponsors, People of Livonia Addressing Issues of Diversity (PLAID), have the right idea about what should be done to mark this important day.

This year's theme is "Many Peoples - One World," and the programs are meant to stimulate the thinking of students and adults about diversity and cooperation in a troubled world. High school choirs will sing. Middle-school students have written essays. Jonathan Swift of Madonna University will be the guest speaker, and food is being collected for a mission in Haiti.

In Garden City, middle-school students will be going to Detroit in March where they will participate in a conflict resolution program and recreate the dramatic lunchroom sit-ins of the early '60s.

Colin Sheffield of Livonia's St. Edith School asks the important question in his essay: "You only need to turn on the evening news or pick up a newspaper to see that we still can't seem to get along. ... Why, when we have evolved so far in areas like technology, are we so behind in an area as basic as human kindness and

Though we have a long way yet to go to right wrongs and change hearts, Rep. Lewis would offer Colin some encouragement that we have come a long way. He told the audience that when young blacks tell him they don't think the '60s accomplished anything since nothing changed, "I say to them, let me take you back to the South in the 1940s and '50s and then tell me things haven't changed."

He summed up his view of what he and his compatriots accomplished, "We led a revolution of values, a revolution of ideas. We live in a better country. We are a better people."

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### POINTS OF VIEW

### 50th anniversary of high school farewell stirs memories

BY WALTER B. HAMILTON

ecently, graduates from Western High School in southwest Detroit gathered together at the Detroit not celebrate the 50th anniversary of our high school graduation. Being a part of the June '49 class and attending this reunion ignited a spark which carried me back through 50 years of a wonderful life. It was a joy to see that so many people from that year were so healthy and vigorous and still ready for a party.

Looking around, you observed your classmates in the same light as 50 years ago (just a few more wrinkles), remembering the good times and even some of the less exciting times.

But the humorous part of the whole thing is our endurance as a group who were born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, Frisbees and the Pill. Then there was no radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, ballpoint pens, pantyhose (whatever happened to garter belts?), dishwashers, jet planes, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip dry clothes and anyone walking on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you get? In our time, bunnies were small rabbits, rabbits were not Volkswagens, designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins. We thought fast food was what you are during Lent, outer space was the balcony at the local theatre.

There were no househusbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and computer marriages. We were before day care centers, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, e-mail, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt and guys wearing earrings. Time-sharing meant togetherness, not computers or condominiums; a 'chip' was a piece of wood, hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word.

In 1940, "Made in Japan" meant poor quality and the term "making out" referred to how you did on your high school final exam. Pizzas and instant coffee were unheard of.

We hit the scene when there were 5 and 10 cent stores where you bought things for five and ten cents. Sanders sold ice cream cones for a dime. For one nickel you could ride a streetcar, make a phone call, buy a Pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600, but who could afford one; pity too, because gas was

11 cents a gallon!

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, Coke was a cold drink and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was a grandma's lullaby and aids were helpers in the high school principal's office.

We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we're surely before the sex change; we made do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was dumb enough to think you needed a husband or wife to have a baby.

No wonder we are so confused and there is a generation gap today; but we SURVIVED! What a better reason to celebrate?

Can you believe it - most of those in attendance have completed college and retired from an entire career.

Some were successful, some not so

### **GUEST COLUMN**

fortunate – some are mothers and fathers, some are grandmas and grandpas – some have passed on. All this information is revealed at your high school reunion. Those people who you are with when you are laying the foundation of your life are special and attending class reunions is enlightening. For those whose contingency gets you to your 50th reunion, you are magically transformed back to the glorious, carefree, wonderful, innocent times that our younger generations are building their dream in

Walter B. Hamilton lives in Livonia. Some material was taken from George Jewell, classmate and master of ceremonies at his class reunion.

### Airport improvements can't come soon enough for travelers

(Second of two columns on the future of Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.)

arly in this new century of ours, metro Detroit is slated to open a world-class airport.

A new terminal, a new four-mile, six-lane airport roadway and a fourth runway all will take off late in the year 2001. For metro Detroiters, tired of having their airport labeled worst in the U.S., it can't happen soon enough.

Actually, Metro Airport is steadily improving service, ambiance and cleanliness. But a facility built in the '60s to handle 800,000 passengers a year, despite expansions, is inadequate to fully service 30 million travelers annually.

Airport director Dave Katz proudly took me along the new road, pointed out the new runway and got us pretty close to the steel outlines of the new Midfield Terminal.

Then we went atop the control tower, from which the airport appears as a tale of two cities. To the north the three current terminals, parking deck and roadways are a hub of activity and color. To the south, stark construction cranes, steel beams, trucks, temporary buildings, a traffic-less road and a huge mountain of cement are the promise of tomorrow.

Right now what will eventually be a mile-long building featuring 99 gates, 18 luggage carousels, an 11,000-space parking garage (largest in the world) and an automated people mover is a massive construction site.

"It's the biggest single construction project the state has ever been involved with," Katz says. "It has its own cement plant. It's a whole other world out here."

Northwest Airlines has the lead role in the new terminal, as part of a



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public/private partnership with Wayne County. When it opens, Northwest will move its entire operation out of the International, Davey and Smith terminals.

The statistics are mind-boggling:
The terminal contains 104 ticketing positions, a state-of-the-art baggage handling system (sure to be a most scrutinized aspect), and a Federal Inspection Service facility to handle 3,200 passengers an hour.

A connecting link to its East Con-

course includes a 19,000-square-foot WorldClub and 15 shops and restaurants. The concourse itself hosts 66 jet gates including 10 international gates, 31 shops and restaurants, two smaller (6,800 square feet) World/Clubs and an Automated People Mover.

A pedestrian tunnel with moving walkways connects the East to the West Concourse, with its eight jet gates, 25 commuter gates, a dozen shops and food concessions, and a fourth, even smaller, WorldClub (3,200 square feet).

"We are looking to tell the Detroit story." So murals dedicated to Detroit's history in the fields of manufacturing, civil rights, sports, entertainment and corporations may well adorn its walls. He also reports "a huge budget for Pewabic tile."

He promises a children's play area (think Chicago O'Hare), which he also is looking to install somewhere in the current terminals.

What happens to the older terminals when Northwest moves out? Katz hopes other airlines will take over most of the gates. "If each of our 16 current carriers took one-two more gates, that would about do it," he said. "We have the capability of adding 300 more flights per day."

The added runway makes that possible. "Of all the projects we're doing, that's the most significant," he says. It will give Metro six runways, including two east-west.

The end of 2001 doesn't seem so far off. But for metro Detroiters, tired of having our airport labeled worst in the nation, it can't come soon enough.

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### Ask hopefuls relevant questions

epublican presidential candidates George W. Bush, John McCain and the four dwarves went at it Monday night in Grand Rapids.

The event kicked off in earnest the presidential primary season in Michigan. Republicans vote Feb. 22 in a primary election, while the Democrats gather in caucuses on March 11.

Presented with the opportunity to cover a big-time national story, the Michigan news media fell all over themselves in trying to out do their national brethren in pontificating. Can the charismatic insurgent McCain overcome all of Bush's money and institutional support from Gov. John Engler on down? Can Bush take a punch? Is Bush smart enough to know he's been hit? Is Michigan really a firewall for Bush in the event he loses the primary in New Hampshire?

I'd add one. Is all we are doing merely rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic?

Look at it this way. We are plop in the middle of the greatest surge of technological change since the Industrial Revolution hit England in the 18th century. The Internet is a present reality, and the enormous range and scope of future innovations stemming from the application of information technology are sure to bring fundamental changes to our entire society, from business to politics, from government to personal relations.

Yet are these the questions the news media pose and the candidates debate? Perish the thought! Instead the political system contents itself with petty arguments about piddling subjects: Taxes, subsidies to ethanol (of interest only to lowa farmers), abortion (which is on the way down, anyway), family values (everybody, including Hillary, is running away from Clington) and so on.

capacity to look over the horizon and focus attention on the big issues that might not be so apparent at the time but which eventually shake the roots of societies. Franklin Roosevelt reconstructed America in the wake of the Great Depression. Winston Churchill early saw the danger of Hitler.

I believe the next decade is going to be as revolutionary and creative as any period in American history. And I think a presidential compaign that ignores these issues is a sad and wasteful exercise in futility

Here are just a few questions Michigan voters might want to raise in town meetings with presidential candidates

Taxes, E-commerce was the big winner this Christmas season. Most sales over the Interpet tre not taxed. But most states and some cities rely on some form of sales tax. What's going to happen when governors and mayors discover.



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their tax base is being lost to untaxed Internet commerce? A national sales tax, almost certainly. This, in turn, will provoke a complete resetting of the relations between cities, states and the federal government.

Safety net. Certainly, saving Social Security is important, but in the age of the Internet. access to information technology is going to be as fundamental a need as a fixed income on retirement. Should everybody be guaranteed access to the Web as a right?

■ Education. The basic technologies of teaching and learning—lectures, note taking and reading—are all survivals of the Middle Ages. The Internet and information technology are opening the door for fundamental rethinking of the ways children and adults learn. We have yet to start talking about the consequences for our entire system of education.

Government. A persistent problem in late 20th century advanced countries is the inefficiency of governments in delivering services to taxpayers, coupled with confusion about the proper responsibilities of our three-layered (local, state and federal) system of government Why stand in line for hours to get your license renewed when you can get it done in seconds on the Internet?

Politics, Citizens are increasingly cynical about the political system. Voter turnout is low and getting lower. Certainly, there is room for debate about the ways special interest money infests our politics. But could information technology sweep aside the secret deals and revitalize citizen involvement? Or will the loternet open the door for a scary sort of mobocracy?

I doubt well-scripted sound bites or carefully programmed candidates will be able to handle these and other similarly far-reaching questions. But they desperately need to be asked

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### Make your views known! Write a letter to the editor



### Democrats use caucus to pick candidate

By MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@bomecomm.net

If local voters sometimes find presidential primary politics confusing, there is a reason. Just casting your vote in the upcoming Michigan ballot can be an intricate process.

The state's primary will be split this year, with Republicans participating in an "open primary" election Feb. 22. The primary operates like any other election. Voters just have to remember to register by Jan. 24.

Democrats have a much more complicated process for selecting their candidate - Vice President Al Gore or former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley. They'll host caucuses on March 11.

Democrats across the state will gather in local meeting halls across the state for "Iowa style" caucus sessions. Beginning at 11 a.m., the party will hold meetings asking members to vote by raising their hands. An old-fashioned round the room count will tally the results. The caucuses are expected to take no more than two hours, according to party officials.

For the first time this year. Democrats will be able to vote by mail, much like using an absentee ballot. Once they've voted by: mail, they cannot attend a caucus session.

Local caucus sites

Wayne County VFW Post 345 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Red-

(for Redford Township)

Livonia Library Auditorium 3300 Civic Center Drive, Livo-

(for the City of Livonia, 11th Congressional District portion)

Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer, Plymouth (Livonia, 13th Congressional portion; Canton Township; Northville: Northville Township: Plymouth; Plymouth Township)

Wayne Public Library 3737 W. Wayne Road, Wayne (for Wayne)

Maplewood Community Cen-31735 Maplewood, Garden

City

Voters don't have to be members of the Democratic Party to . participate, they must only be

willing to declare themselves to be Democrats.

The purpose behind the caucus

(for Garden City, Dearborn Heights, 13th Congressional por-

Marshall Middle School 35100 Bayview Westland (for Westland)

Inkster Recreation Center 2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster (for Inkster, Romulus)

Sheraton Community Center 12111 Pardee Road, Taylor (for the entire 16th Congressional portion of Wayne County)

Oakland County

Farmington Hills City Hall City Council Chambers 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road. Farmington Hills

(for the cities of Farmington Hills, Farmington, Novi. Northville and South Lyon, Lyon and Novi townships)

is the eliminate "crossover" voting, where members of one party vote in the other party's primary to "cause mischief," according to Democratic State Party Chairman Mark Brewer. They run up

**II** 'Democrats should not participate in raiding. We don't like it where people can crossover like that.'

> Mark Brewer Democratic State Party Chairman

numbers for a weaker candidate. If the purpose of a primary is to select the best candidate from

that party, such "raiding" should not be allowed, Brewer said. "Our official policy is that we discourage it. Democrats should not participate in raiding. We

don't like it where people can

crossover like that," he said. The last time Democrats participated in a presidential primary election in Michigan was 1992, when voters were required to declare their party preference. Without that declaration, the Democratic National Committee has concluded that state parties should use caucuses rather than elections, state party Communi-

explained. Once voters cast their votes for their favorite candidates, delegates to the Democratic National Convention will be apportioned on a percentage basis from the local congressional districts

cations Director Dennis Denno

according to the results on May 6 and for the state as a whole on May 20.

All told, the state will send 157 delegates, 22 alternates and 18 convention committee members off to the national convention in Los Angeles this August.

To vote by mail, Democrats must fill out an application. Forms are available through local party organizations or by contacting the state office by phone at (517) 371-5410, by fax at (517) 371-2056, or by sending a letter to 606 Townsend, Lansing, MI 48933.

Applications can also be obtained by e-mail at MIDEM-PARTY@aol.com, or on the party Web site at www.midemocrats.com.

Ballots must be returned by March 10.

To vote in person, Democrats must go the caucus meeting for their area. Registration that day will begin at 10 a.m.

### County begins campaign for Census 2000

Wayne County commissioners will be encouraging public participation in the U.S. Census through activities and programs designed to increase public awareness.

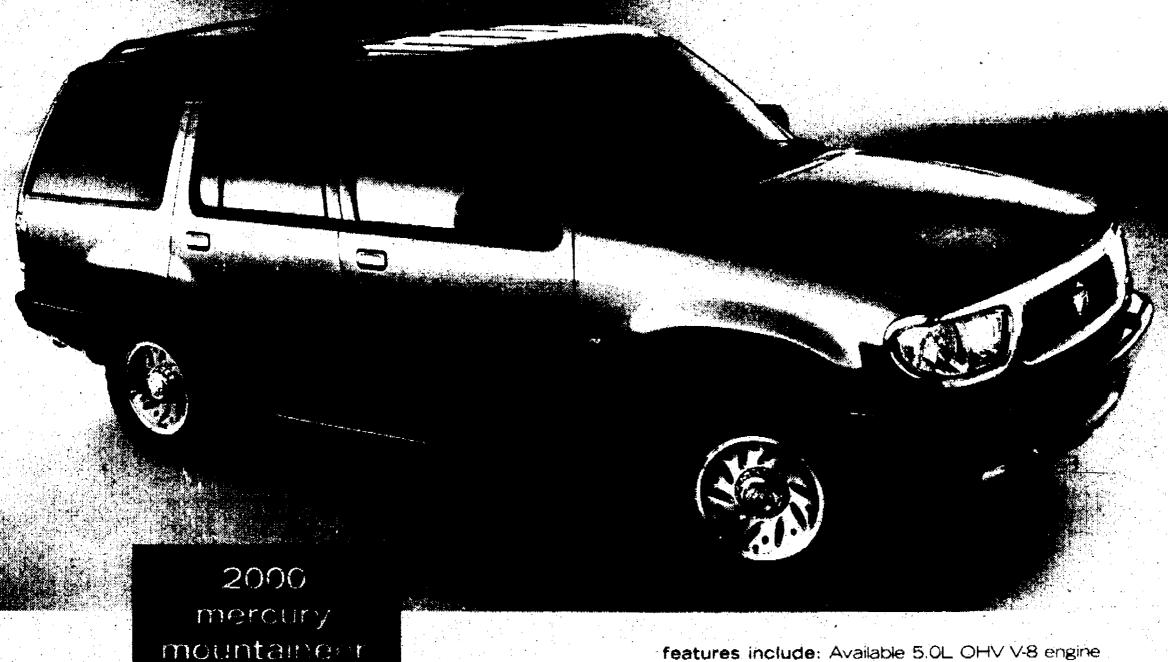
Wayne County Commissioner Christopher Cavanagh, who chairs the commission's subcommittee on Census 2000. unveiled a new decal Tuesday to be used to urge residents to participate in the census.

The decal uses a \*Census Count" logo with a check mark and reminds residents "Don't Be Left Out." It will be used on correspondence and distributed at public gatherings.

Cavanagh said a full count is important because the federal government uses census figures to distribute more than \$100 billion every year to local governments for roads, housing, schools, senior and youth programs and community services.

"After computers, the true test of Y2K readiness will be ensuring the full participation of residents in the census,' Cavanagh said. "A full and accurate count is essential to starting off the new millennium in the right way."





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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

### Living happily ever after has ripple effect

Recent research shows that couples who stay married are more likely to raise children who hit fewer teen land mines, and more importantly, become healthy, productive adults themsélves.

In a book called "Living Happily Ever After" by Wagner, Rausser and Collier, couples who have been married 30 to 60 years talk about what has kept them together. Their stories should inspire all of us.

Helma and Benno Schneider overcame incredible obstacles by escaping from a German concentration camp and lived in a forest for a year, only to then learn that 123 people in Benno's family had been killed by the Germans. Helma says the overriding principle for their marriage is, "We don't live for each other, we live with each other."

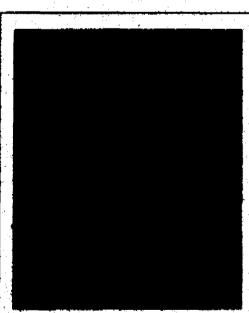
Another couple talked about a ritual they had of sitting together on the edge of the bed each morning and talking about what they were thinking or feeling. Peggy, the wife, reports that she needs to tell her husband her feelings, not waiting until it's gotten to the point where she is so hurting and so self-protecting that her anger frightens him. John, her husband, says he likes this method because it gets the problem "aired" before it gets to the stage "where I used to slip to the side and disappear."

Emmanuel and Sylvia Siegel have been married 64 years. Today, he has to dress, cook and clean her because of a stroke she had six years ago. But Emmanuel says that one of the secrets of long-term marriages is to do something to make the other person

happy all the time. "I don't do it so that she's better to me in bed or anything, I do it because I love her." Another couple explained that compromises must be made by both parties if the marriage is going to work.

Many years ago, one of my clients made a poignant comment about

Please see SENSORS, B2



### Harry Potter friend or foe?

Have you gotten wrapped up in the latest trend of mystery novels — J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series? So far, the series includes "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," and the latest installment "Harry Potter and

The Prisoner of Azkaban. Do you think the books are a way to promote reading among young people, or do they show too strong a connection to sorcery or witchcraft?

Whether you're a fan or foe of the series, and you live in Wayne County (particularly Garden City, Westland, Livonia, Redford, Plymouth or Cariton), blease contact Stephanie Angelyn Casola to discuss the books for an upcoming article, Call before Friday, Jan. 21, at the Observer Newspapers, Call ados nomecomm.net

### Prison visits renew **Inmates** spirits

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER

here's no mistaking the identity of the Robert Scott Correctional) Facility, a multi-level security women's prison Northville

Township, an area of expensive subdivisions and open fields.

The 35-acre site on Five Mile and Beck Roads is surrounded by three 12-foot fences topped with razor-ribbon wire, gun towers and electronic detection systems. Armed staff constantly patrol the road that wraps around the facility's perimeter.

June Clark of Plymouth, a prison ministry volunteer, has been there many times.



STAPP PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

this was different. This was Christmas. "I got in my car and started for the

prison. Then it hit me like a splash of cold water. I said, What can I say to this woman (inmate)?' I can't say Merry Christmas or Happy New Year. She's in for life."

Clark began her prison ministry 10 years ago. Through her late husband. Jim, she met the Rev. Art Lovely, a Jesuit priest at Sts. Peter & Paul She still remembers a cold Christ- Catholic Church in Detroit who visit-

Eve mas several vears ago when she set out from For baby: This collage of crocheted baby clothes comes from the office talents of the inmates involved in the lap robe program at the Christmas Robert Scott Correctional Facility. Left, June Clark of party Plymouth, a prison ministry volunteer, displays an afghan visit inmate at made by an inmate. Clark manages the prison's lap robe Scott. program: Although she had visited other

ed the Wayne County jail every day, walking the half dozen long city

"He was bent over and stooped with osteoporosis, and he had bad legs and feet, but he walked every day," she

Lovely encouraged Clark to become a prison ministry volunteer. Through the Archdiocese of Detroit's prison program, she began three days of training at Sacred Heart Seminary. She has never regretted her decision.

"They told me, "if you're looking for a pat on the back, don't go into prison ministry. You'll never see the fruits of

your labor. If people ever knew the joy I've experienced, they'd be beating down the door at Scott's."

STAFF PROTO BY BEYAN MITCHELL

Soon Clark was visiting prisoners, both men and women, in facilities across the state, concentrating on those inmates who didn't have family or friends. Some, she said, had not had a visitor in 15 years. These people crave visits from anyone, she said.

"It could be Ronald McDonald. They don't care. They're just so lonely: They just want someone to care about them."

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### Female inmates find a way to give back

other times!

BY RENEE SKOGLUND

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Deanna Nuan, 60, an inmate at Scott Correctional Facility since 1995. is affectionately called "Mother D" by the other inmates. She is an artistic, soft-spoken women and an expert crocheter. She also loves to give.

"Even before I came in here, I have always been a person who did things for others," she said.

About a year and half ago Nunn was seeking ways to say thank you to the Salvation Army for its frequent gifts of much-appreciated toiletries. She and three other inmates approached June Clark during one of her visits. Could she get them some

yarn? Clark's church, Our Lady of Victory in Northville which sponsors the prison ministry program, donated \$200. Clark bought 200 skeins and some plastic crochet hooks. (Knitting needles or metal crochet hooks are not allowed at Scott.) The women soon made 30 lab robes to be distributed to nursing homes.

The lap robe program has since grown to over 200 inmates who make afghans, hats, scarves, gloves and baby items. Many of the items go to St. Leo's soup kitchen in Detroit. Clark collects donated yarn and delivers it to the prison. "You can't see a driver. My car is full of yarn," she

Nunn crocheted a beautiful christening dress over five feet long. It took her more than six months to complete. The dress has an underskirt made out of new thermal under-



Baptism beauty: Geralyn Quick holds her baby daughter. Bryce, as she awaits baptism. The child is wearing Nunn's crocheted christening gown. Godmother Jennifer Kline looks on.

wear trimmed in crocheted yarn. It is looped in satin ribbons and has booties to match. She donated it to Our Lady of Victory for use by parish-

"Oh, it's just gorgeous," said Geralyn Quick, whose haby daughter,

Bryce, was baptized in the gown Dec. 19: "We got so many compliments on the dress. They thought it was handed down from grandmothers.'

Inmate Patricia Lickfeldt, 50, said she's "in love with June and the lap robe program." She has seen the positive affect the program has had on the inmates. "It gives them a good feeling without anyone thinking they have another agenda. Once they find out they can create something useful. things.

Lickfeldt said there is a need for atonement in prison. "It doesn't matter what the crime was, no matter how helmous, or if you're from a good. family or bad. It only matters that you give to others."

Melvina Smith, 56, was reluctant to join the lap robe program. She didn't know how to crochet. "I just sat around lookin' and lookin' and said I don't want to do that;"

Gradually, she was drawn into the program as she learned to crochet. "It was so interesting and mindsoothing. If I stay right with it, I can make an afghan in two weeks, a great big afghan.

.Smith now reads patterns and often orders yarn from a catalog. She's made afghans for her mother, daughter, grandson, nephew and sister. And, since she couldn't attend. her son's wedding, she made him an afghan.

"It has given me a sense of peace that I'm still able to do something." she said. "I felt lost when I came here. I wasn't accomplishing anything. Now I'm accomplishing some-

### Forgotten population

At Srott, the women face an aban dance of time and noise. They also have no choice when it comes to a room partner. The lap robe program has quieted people down. Clark said. and encouraged friendships between younger and older women.

However, prison life is still a harsh reality. Many times children stop visit leads them to do other constructive iting their parents. The inmates are the community's invisible neighbors.

> "Part of being a prisoner is being disposed of. For the time we're here we don't exist to the world. If they have to be conscious of us, they have to be concerned," said Lickfeldt, who has earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and business administration while in prison.

Prison life has made Nunn an observer, "You know, when you're home and have a family and housework and a husband, sometimes a person doesn't have the time to sit back, look and listen. (Prison) has given me a whole new insight into things," she said.

"I feel people on the other side of these walls feel there's violence here: that the women are crude, rude people. It isn't like that: If people could just come in and visit some of the women... There are women in here who don't have anyone to visit them. It would be so nice. If they could come in once, they'd see how wrong their perception of prison women is:" Pat Ernst, director of adult educa-

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### Convention Bureau Red Coats help at Auto Show

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Of all the work generated by the North American International Auto Show this year, Marilynn Compton's responsibility is to make the visitor's day a little brighter.

For the past 10 years, the Livonia resident has worked as a "Red Coat" for the Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau. If there's a big convention in town, chances are Compton's been there, working and chatting with visitors.

The bureau, which was the first of its kind established in 1896, aims to promote Detroit in the best possible light so the city's visitors can have an enjoyable time.

Red Coats - a title derived from the uniform they are recognized by are part of the bureau's temporary staffing vice. They register convention-goets and assist with information and program booths, cashiering, typing and

### **VOLUNTEERS**

selling merchandise.

"We make the experience as pleasant as possible," said Compton: "If registration is pleasant, it can turn (a person's) whole attitude around '

This is the first year the Red Coats have been asked to help out for the full run of the Auto Show, an event that attracts car lovers and car makers from all over the world:

In the past Red Coats have helped with the charity night that kicks off the show, but this year men and women sporting that signature item of clothing can be seen selling merchandise, programs and giving directions and information. It's all part of helping the show run smoothly, and Compton said she's happy to do it



Please see RED COATS, B2 Greeter: Marilynn Compton is a Red Coat volunteer.

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She now focuses her ministry on the women at Scott. The prison houses 844 inmates, ages 14 to 80, serving sentences for both violent and non-violent crimes. It is a multi-level security prison, since there aren't enough female prisoners to warrent separate facilities. Only 4 percent of Michigan's prison population is female.

She never asks them about their crimes.

"I have tunnel vision. When I so in to meet a woman, I care about her. If they don't want to tell me what they did, I don't sak. I feel that I have the same relationship with them as a lawyer or doctor. I don't disclose. People say everybody finds God in prison. What they tell me, I believe."

Instead, she speaks to them like a good friend.

" You encourage them to con-

tinue parenting to the degree they can. You encourage them to take advantage of every educational tool available. You encourage them very subtly in their spiritual journey. Each person is different. You go in as if you were going to someone's home for a quiet evening. You ask



Artistry: Deanna Nunn, an inmate at Scott Correctional, crocheted this christening gown, which was displayed for a time at the Old Village Yarn Shop in Plymouth Township.

them to tell you about them- long-ago Christmas Eve once selves."

Clark is recuperating from a serious back injury and has been confined to her home for the past several months. She hopes to resume her visits to Scott soon. She misses the women, whom she calls her "girls."

The inmate she visited on that

told Clark her visits were like God knocking on the door of her soul to tell her she was not forgotten. When asked what she has received in return for her visits, Clark quickly responded.

"Oh, my God. I can't begin. I have a million stories about the gifts they have given me."

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what changed in his marriage which had nearly derailed into divorce court. And what might that have been? Less selfishness. and becoming more "other-centered." That's what turns OK

marriages into excellent ones And how does a good marriage

impact your child? In the words of Charles R. Swindoll, "Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children." They are always watching how your marriage

Jacque Martin-Downs is the

coordinator of the Family

# Wedding bells

### Couples sought for ceremony

Location, location, location ...

The location of the wedding is essential to setting the tone of that special day, so consider hosting that most important day at Top of the Park, Ann Arbor's free, outdoor celebration of the performing arts.

For couples who have spent many happy evenings at the Top, getting to know each other, The Top may be the best place for the wedding.

Ingrid Sheldon, Ann Arbor's "marrying mayor," will unite one lucky couple in matrimony on

the stage at the Top, before an audience made up of the bride and groom's guests.

Couples need submit an essay of 2,000 words or less on why they want to get married at the Top of the Park by Feb. 29 and send it to the Ann Arbor Summer Festival office, 400 Fourth St., #150, Ann Arbor 48103 or by

fax at (734) 936-3393. Only one wedding will be held during the 2000 season.

The Top of the Park tent will be reserved for the happy couple's reception and the staff will help in finding a caterer and arranging for a bar and decorations to create an atmosphere tailored for lucky couple's needs.

The cost is the basic sponsorship fee of \$600 to reserve a tent. The Top of the Park staff will provide the bar, and the couple can chose between a cash bar or an invoice for the total cost. All catering and decoration costs will be paid directly to the businesses selected by the cou-

For further information please call (734) 647-2278.

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"It's a very nice job," she said after her first press day at Cobo Hall. "It's not a profession. You're free to decline anything."

That sense of freedom is one reason Red Coats stay with the bureau. Heather Chase, event staffing manager, said many of her 150 employees have been with the bureau for a decade or

"It's something people start doing and they love it," she said.

The bureau is always looking for Red Coats. An outgoing personality and customer-service skills are useful, said Chase. Cashiering experience helps but is not mandatory.

On her first day at the Auto Show. Compton estimated that 7,000 journalists milled around Cobo Hall, many of them purchasing souvenir shirts and merchandise for their families. And this isn't even the busy season.

Red Coats are busiest in the spring and fall, when the metro area is virtually flooded with shows and conventions. "Because of what the city is about, we have a lot of engineering (shows)," said Compton, "Usually I work with the cashiers or ... do data input. We register the attendees or else take their

money." What does it take to be a Red Coat? One word — personality. Compton admits that, yes, she is a people person, and that's an important attribute for this sort of work. "We work for the client and secondly we represent the metropolitan Detroit area and be as helpful as possible," said

She couldn't be happier. "They're really the nicest group of people, a very diverse group." They all work together and help each other out, especially during those hectic times when there are a lot of people waiting for assistance.

But it's the people who might just he passing through town who truly make her job worthwhile. "It's the little conversations. When they leave your station, it's sort of like you've made a friend. They have a different attitude.

For more information on becoming a Red Coat, contact the Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau at (313) 202-1991. They are always looking for additional help.

### CITY OF WESTLAND PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION -REGISTRATION NOTICE

This does not apply to persons already registered. Notice is hereby given that the last day on which persons may register to vote is Tuesday, January 24, 2000 for the presidential primary election to be held on Tuesday,

Registration will be taken at the office of the Westland City Clerk, Wayne County, Michigan, 36601 Ford Road, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS Westland City Clerk

### westland city council SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG NO 1-1/8/2000

Presiding: Council President Cicirelli

Present: Anderson, Barna, Cox, Griffin, LeBlanc, Scott 1: Approved: minutes of regular mtg held 12/20/99

Westland City Council continue conducting their mtgs on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, except when mtg falls on holiday, then it will be held following day -Adopted resolution approving the contract between the City & the Building

Authority for the acquisition, construction & financing of the building addition at the 18th District Court -Adopted resolution approving limited tax full faith & credit general

obligation, contract of lease for bonding of the 18th District Court expansion Introduced Budget Amendment 2000-11: Expansion of the 18th District Adopted resolution to obtain permit for construction of a storm sewer

connection, Barson's Greenhouse, 6456 Merriman Rd

Approved continuation of contract with LaLonde & Co., Design & Environmental Consultant for Public Education Plan Rouge Project General Permit, \$21,000 Disbursed \$1,672 to Oakland County Equalization Department as

Westland's share of defense fund against State mandated utility assessment

-Accepted bids made by D Waller for parcel #082-01-0044-000, amt \$26,000 & Nulook Construction, #083-02-0069-002, amt \$1,000

2: Confirmed appointment of T Taylor, expires 6/20/2004

3: Confirmed the appointment of J Chuck, expires 5/6/2000 5 & 6: Closed nominations & declared C Griffin Council President

7, 8, & 9: Closed nominations & elect D Cox Council Pro-tem unanimously. 10: Approved Check List-\$483,747.58 & Prepaid-\$3,630,310.40 with deletion

Mtg adjourned at 7:58 pm Minutes available in City Clerk's Office

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, January 18, 2000, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, shandoned vehicles. The first suction 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 hidder:

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### 2000 calendar illustrates Detroit history

Looking for a calendar?

The Detroit Historical Society is marketing a special 2000 calendar that documents the history of the city in a unique way.

The "2000 Days of Detroit Calendar" features an event in Detroit's history for each Mail orders must include the 6 percent sales day of the year and illustrations of Detroit tax and \$3 for shipping and handling. Order life and landmarks taken from the collection forms are available from the Detroit Histori- Museum, historic Fort Wayne and historic of Detroit artist William Moss.

Developed by the Detroit 300 Education Coordinator and Society volunteer Jim McConnell of Livonia and a committee of volunteers, the calendar costs \$11.95 (\$9.95) for Detroit Historical Society members). cal Society, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit Moross House.

48202. Credit card customers can call (313) 833-7939 to order by phone.

Established in 1921, the society is the major source of private funding for the Detroit historical museums - The Detroit Historical Museum. Dossin Great Lakes

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tion and social ministry at Our Lady of Nictory, has visited Nunn. "Her heart goes into everything she does," she said. "She does an enormous amount of work within the prison. She mentors younger women. She teaches them that time in prison can be spent productively. That's probably her chief min-

Nunn prays to be free one day but has learned patience. "God isn't done with me yet in here. When he's through it will happen. I've had more time to listen to God's instruction. I no longer say 'later."

Meanwhile, the women look forward to

# They told me, "If you're looking for a pat on the back, don't go into prison ministry." If people ever knew the joy I've experienced, they'd be beating down the door at Scott's.'

June Clark - prison ministry volunteer

Clark visiting once again. They hope it's soon. They want to give her a "recognition"

party when she returns. "It's a way of saying thank you for supporting the lap robe program and thank you for alleviating our loneliness and letting us know someone cares," said Lickfeldt.

"Everyone has to have one person who believes they're valuable just because you exist. If they think I'm worthwhile, maybe I

Volunteers are needed to collect and organize the yarn at Our Lady of Victory Church for the lap robe program; If interested, contact June Clark at (734) 354-9427 or Pat Ernst at (248) 348-8650.

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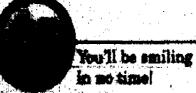
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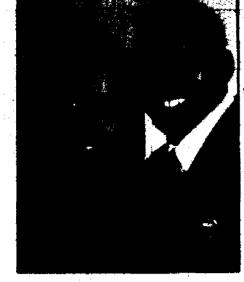
### ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

### Conner-Long

Kirk and Luddie Conner of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynette, to Octavis Long, the son of Rosie Long of Lansing.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a human resources specialist while pursuing her master's degree in communication at MSU.

Her fiance is a 1993 graduate of Lansing Sexton High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University. He is currently employed as a clinical counselor for the Michigan Department of Corrections while pursuing a master's degree in counseling



education at Western Michigan University.

A June wedding is being planned.

#### Redford Township, announce the engagement of their daughter. Kimberly Ann, to James Patrick Dunne, the son of William and Regina Dunne of

Livonia. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree in English literature and De Paul University with a master of business administration degree

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Browne

of Sao Paulo, Brazil, formerly of

Browne-Dunne

sultant in the Chicago area. Her fiancé is a graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in

in international finance. She is

employed as a management con-



electrical engineering. He is employed as an electrical engi-

A May wedding is planned at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Detroit.

### Birk-Kain

Leroy and Julie Dewstow of Plymouth and Randall Birk of Livonia announce the engage ment of their daughter, Rachel Joy, to Michael Bernard Kain, the son of William and Shirley White of Clawson.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and is a senior, majoring in English, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed as a student worker in the CASL Office of Advising and Records at the university.

Her fiance is a 1991 graduate of Berkley High School and is attending Oakland Community College. He is employed as a sales representative at Milliken



Millwork in Sterling Heights. A June wedding is planned at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

### Miller-Hochstein

Barb Miller of Livonia and Paul Miller of Myrtel Beach, S.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Ann, to Michael William Hochstein, the son of Virginia Tate of Texas and Bill Hochstein

of Westland. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School, He is employed at Plastomer Corp. of Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He is the owner of Climbers Tree Service.

An April wedding is planned at St. Genevieve Catholic



Church in Livonia

### Phillips-Nashion

Allyn and Carolyn Phillips of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter. Alison Marie, to Scott Michael Nashlon, the son of Edward and Marie Nashlon, also of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Canton High. School and pursuing a bachelor's degree at Madonna University. She is employed by Decision Consultants Inc. in Southfield.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High Schools. He has a bachelor's degree in computer science from Eastern Michigan University. He also is employed by Decision



Consultants Inc. in Southfield. A June wedding is planned at Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton:

### Hardie-Wojtak

Dr. and Mrs. James Hardie of Brooklyn, Mich., formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter. Laurie Ann, to Gregory Joseph Wojtak, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wojtak of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with degrees in business administration and communication.

Her fiance is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He is currently completing a degree in computer science at Wayne State University. He is employed by Canton Township as a technology specialist.

An October wedding is



planned at St. Joseph Shrine in Brocklyn.

### **NEW VOICES**

■ William and Jamie Fielhauer of Westland announce the birth of William James Jr. Oct. 1 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital, Grandparents are Jim and Pat Fielhauer and Jeff and Lydia Goins. Great-grandparents are William and Shirley Ringo.

m Phil Davidson and Kim Herriman of Livonia announce the birth of Nikolas Grant Davidson Oct. I at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Ed and Suzy Davidson of Westland and Russ and Pat Herriman of Livonia.

Michael and Linda Baldwin of Plymouth Township announce the birth of Timothy Gerald Oct. 9 at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital. He joins brother James, 2: Grandparents are Gerald and Gertrude Bazner of Dearborn Heights and Gerald and Kathleen Baldwin of Brooklyn, Mich. Jeanette Bazner of Dearborn Heights is his greatgrandmother.

■ Daniel and Sheri Thiele-

Oct. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins siblings Matthew, 14, Amanda, 6, and Austin, 20 months. Grandparents are Darryl and Jenny Bartlett of Westland, Jim and Marlene Findley of Wayne. Great-grandmother is Irene Kalosky of Vero Beach, Fla.

Kevin and Holly Yarber of Garden City announce the birth of their son Brandon Scott Oct. 28 at Garden City Hospital. Brandon joins brother Nicholas Anthony, 4. Grandparents are Jim and Marcy Twardzicki and Bob and Carol Yarber of Garden

Cortney and Kathie Hodge of Belleville announce the birth of Cortney John Oct. 29 at Garden City Hospital. Cortney joins sisters Nicole, 11, and Rebecca, 7. Grandparents are Dennis and Barb Frye of Westland and Cortney Sr. and Betty Hodge of Pennsylvania.

■ Gary and Caroline Vega of Taylor announce the birth of Sarah Euretta Nov. 3 at Garman of Canton announce the den City Hospital in Garden birth of their son, Dylan Chase, City, She joins 10-year-old

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brother Albert, Grandparents are Kathrine Lechel of Lincoln and Lucy and Albert Vega of Taylor. Her great-grandmother is Emma Vega of Garden City.

City. Grandparents are Dave Lassi of Taylor.

Greg and Sherri Bell of and Regina Bailey of West-Romulus announce the birth of branch, James and Beverly Bell Brittany Ellen Nov. 8 at Gar- of Detroit, Lou and Pat Rizzo of den City Hospital in Garden Farmington, and John and Doris

■ Eric and Kelly Kovacs of Livonia announce the birth of Sage Janice Nov. 8 at Garden

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

TOWN HALL

Mayor Robert Thomas will hold his first city of Westland Town Hall meeting for the year 2000 at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Tayfor Towers, 36500 Marquette, across from the Wayne-Westland Board of Education office complex. between Wayne and Newburgh roads in Westland.

### AT THE LIBRARY FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library group meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. 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, 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 secand 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 jointventure teams. Prior team experience is not necessary. This is an opportunity to build skating and team skills while having fun. For information, call Cheryl Gutowski at (734) 427-0**305**.

### **VOLUNTEERS** ASSISTED LIVING

Marquette House assisted living facility, 36000 Campus Drive in Westland, seeks volunteers to spend time with residents to provide an activity or a oneon-one visit. Call Peggy in

the activities department, (734) 326-6537.

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

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax deductible. For information, call (734) 728-8627.

CAMBLOT MALL Camelot Hall Convalencent 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 icented at \$5100 Ann Arbor Trail in Livenia. For information, call Esther or Diena in the Activity Department, (784) 522-1444, Ext. 27.

The Pet-A-Pet animal visitation program provides pet therapy with the help

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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, Margaret Martin, (734) 721-2821, 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month, and Marquette House, Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1681. 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month. There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, Stacy Suida, (734) 458-4392, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month.

### **SCHOOLS**

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

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tion, call April at (734) 207-

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottlemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Included are an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a pre-primary impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool for children ages 3-4, is located at 9601 W. Chicago. Parents learn with their children. Enrollment is limited. For information, call Karin at (734) 522-3714.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-yearolds in morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is located at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. Call (734) 728-

3559. GARDEN CITY CO-OP

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

St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. Registration liss begun. Call

(318) 274-6270. YWCA READMESS 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 DONDOL The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and busia chartar school. children in kindergerten. through sixth grade. The school emphasises basic education with business

and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

LITTLE PEOPLES

Livonia Little Peoples Coop Preschool is enrolling in programs for 3- and 4-yearolds. For more information, call (734) 422-1176.

LITTLE LAMBS

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

**GARFIELD CO-OP** 

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

BUILDING BLOCKS

**Building Blocks Preschool** in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia, has morning and afternoon classes for 3and 4-year-olds. A prekindergarten 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 for the 1999-2000 school year:

FRANKLIN PTSA

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

**TUTORIAL PROGRAM** 

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

ADULT LITERACY ..

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

MONES INCREMINE OUT Children ages newborn to age 6 and their mothers are invited to a Mom's

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Morning Out 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh, Livonia. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. The program is an optional coop, with parents working once a month. Call (734) 422-0149.

### **HISTORIC** WESTLAND MUSEUM

The Westland Historical

Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Call (734) 326-1110. FRIENDS MEET

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

### FOR SENIORS

**HEARING CHECKS** 

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

SENIOR CHOIR The Friendship Senior

Choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, meets 9 a.m. Thursdays at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh,

The Observer Reverges welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community

groups or individuals announcing a community program of event. Please type or print the infor-

mation below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft.

for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

Livonia, MI. 48150, or by Mix to 734-881-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday

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 for the older adult. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates resistance exercises using rubber tubing and light weights with walking and jogging patterns. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Robert Cassidy is the certified Jazzercise instructor. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632. TRAVEL GROUP

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

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE The Wayne-Ford Civic

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

**WORK REFERRAL** 

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

DYER CENTER

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

### **CLUBS IN ACTION** JAYCEES CELEBRATE

The Westland Jaycees 41st President Party Celebra -. tion will be held 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Joy

Manor, on Joy east of Middlebelt in Westland. Dinner, beverages and dancing will be included. Participants are looking for past Westland Jaycee members to attend. Price is \$20. For information, call (734) 480-4984.

**WESTLAND ROTARY** 

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

SWEET ADELINES

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

CHADD

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

T.O.P.S.

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

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

The Westland Easy Tolkers 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.

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DEMS' BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the M.J. Hall, 35412 Michigan next to the Farmer Jack Supermarket in Wayne. Call (734) 421-1517.

MORE DENS' RINGO The 13th Congressional

District Democratic Party holds bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy, Call (734) 421-1517.

ST. MEL CHURCH

Bingo games are held 6:45 p.m. Fridays in St. Mel Church's activities building, on Inkster Road north of Warren. Doors open at 4. p.m. Food is available. WPEL DINGO

The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold bingo games at 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for girls' softball

programs. The bingo games take place at the Wayne-Ford Civic League half on Wayne Road two blocks south of Ford, Westland

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors binge. games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy east of Middle

belt in Westland, Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army and School for the Blind, Call (734) 422-5025 or (734) 729-8681.

**SHAMROCK BINGO** 

Bingo is played at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road in Wayne, Doors open at 9 a.m. Food is available. Proceeds go to charity, Call (734) 728-3020.

SMOKELESS BINGO

"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Sts. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer east of Venoy in Westland, Offered are three jackpots of \$400. \$300 and \$200.

K OF C BINGO

Pope John XXIII Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays. The games take place in the Livonia Elks Lodge. 31117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman in Livonia, Call (734) 425-2246.

### **FOR YOUR HEALTH** HEARING IMPAIRED

Self-Help for Hard of Hearing People Inc. (SHHH) for Western Wayne County is an international nonprofit education organization of hard-of-hearing people. their relatives and friends. devoted to the welfare and interests of those who can not hear well. SHHH meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Allan L. Breakie Medical Building next to Garden City Hospital, Inkster Road between Warren and Ford. For information, call Robin Leitner at (734).595-0194 or Ginny Schröeder at the Garden City Hospital Audiology Department, (734) 458-

SCREENINGS

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

Anxiety or panic attacks? AIM / Agoraphobics In : Motion) meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. Call (248) 547-0400.

RATIONAL RECOVERY Rational Recovery is a non-

profit, self-help organization for people experiencing problems caused by alcoholand/or substance abuse or. other self-defeating behaviors. The group meets at 12:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Garden City Hospital Community Health Center. on Harrison north of Maplewood in Garden City Call (248) 476-2657

CHILDBIRTH CLASSES Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns. weekend childbirth instruc tion, si "refresher" childbirth education course and a new support group for expectant teens. For infor mation on programs, call (734) 458-4330.

CHILDBIRTH ASSOCIATION Classes for childbirth

preparation are offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes are avail able. Registering new classes every month. New Horn care classes and Caesercan preparation are also offered Call (734) 459 7477

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### New voices from page B3

City Hospital in Garden City. Sage joins brother Spencer, 2. Grandparents are Charles and Janice Wells and Edward and Felicia Kovacs, all of Garden City.

Jason and Michelle Kunka of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of Hailey Rose Nov. 9 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins sister Brittany, age 7. Grandparents are Alan and Amelia Kunka of Dearborn Heights and Suzanne Mason of Westland.

Paul and Anne McGuffin of Detroit announce the birth of Alexis Heliadore Nov. 10 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Megan Peterie of Detroit, Joe Schieraj of Bloomfield Hills and Dave and Lisa Bunker of Livonia.

Michael Nunnally and Nichole Berckley announce the birth of their son. Zachary Noah Nov. 12 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne, He joins siblings Richard Duane, Heather Nichole, Christian Nicholas and Elizabeth Paige, Grandparents are Richard and Nancy Nunnally of Novi and Donna Berckley of Harrison.

Brian and Christine Nelson of Wixom announce the birth of Paige Elizabeth Nov. 12 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City, Grandparents are Mack and Sue Nelson, Richard Novak and Janet Tunis all of Garden City.

Michel and Teresa LaSage of Garden City announce the birth of Blayne Michael Nov. 18 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins siblings Jessica, 13 and Christopher, 7, Lorraine Rosko of Garden City is his grandmother. Great grandparents are Bob and Olga, Wetzel of South Rock Wood.

Christopher and Stephanie Shasser of Westhand approunce the birth of Sydney Ann Nov. 13 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Bob and Kathy Shasser of Westland and Dave and Pat Beech of Canton.

Steven and Marisa Battagin of Dearborn announce the birth of Darien Renec Nov. 15 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City Grandparents are Judith DeGolyer of Garden City; and Ethel Witkowski of New-Raymond DeGolver of Knoxville, port

Tenn., and Luigi and Amelia Battagin of Dearborn Heights.

■ Sandra Kay Pennington of inkster announces the birth of her daughter Faith Ann Champine Nov. 19 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Faith joins siblings Ellisha, 5, Shana, 3, and Autumn, 2. Grandparents are Hershall and Brenda Pennington of Garden City.

Howard and Tammy Cooper of Inkster announce the birth of Rebekah Ann Nov. 23 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins siblings Christina, 12, Amber, 10, Robert, 8, Steven. 6, and Virginia, 3. Grandparents are Pat and Gary Slater of Westland, Jim Underwood of Wayne and Dorothy Campbell of Taylor.

**A Jason** and **Dawn Burke** of Garden City and Inkster announce the birth of Brittany Lee Nov. 24 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City, Grandparents are Ted and Sandra Longsdorf of Inkster and John and Sheila Burke of Garden

Kirk and Heidi Gamman of Garden City announce the hirth of Colby Kreutzer Nov. 25 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Colby joins brother Andrew, 5, and sister Breanna, 2. Grandparents are Dennis and Sally Kreutzer of Chicago and Bob and Arlene Gammon of

Mark and Jenny Rice of Plymouth announce the birth of Brandon Mark Nov. 25 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Bud and Shirley LeBlanc of Plymouth and Tom and Yvonne Rice of

■ Alicia Lynn Spencer of Garden City announces the birth of her son. Nicholas James Nov. 30 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City, Hergrandmother is Allen Joan

■ Michael Puddock of Westland and Amanda Sergent of Wayne announce the birth of Jonathon Scott Dec. 1 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins brother Michael Scott Puddock, 3: Grandparents are Larry and Tina Quiggins of Westland and Wayne and Joe

### Teens earn Girl Scouting's highest honor

### WAYNE COUNTY

Six Western Wayne County teens have received the highest award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award.

Jennifer Seguin, Kathleen Meszaros and Michelle Mitoraj, all of Garden City, and Gabrielle Raemy Charest, Quinette Tell and Danielle Anne Swan, all of Livonia, were among 34 girls in the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council to receive the award.

A senior at Garden City High School, Seguin has been a Scout for nine years. A student at Michigan State University, Meszaros has been a Scout for 11 years. Majoring in chemical engineering at Wayne State University, Mitoraj has been a Scout for nine years. They are all members of Senior Girl Scout Troop 2323.

The threesome teamed up on their Gold Award project, making and donating 100 stuffed animals to the city fire department and staging a program for younger Girl Scouts and their families to learn about fire

safety and awareness.

"I and my troop felt very proud to put on a project that affected so many people and in such away that someone's life could be saved because of what they learned at our program," said the 16-year-old.

For Meszaros, 18, the project made her 'aware of the world around me," while it made Mitoraj "feel good."

"I'm glad to do something for the community where the younger Girl Scouts enjoyed the fire safety day," the 19-year-old added. A student at Albion College, Charest has

been a Scout for 10 years. She is a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop 2553.

For her project, Charest, with the help of local Scout troops, made small crafts and, with the help of high school volunteers, visited and distributed the crafts to the residents. of a nursing home.

"I learned that I can become an effective leader and can offer a good example to younger Girl Scouts," said the 18-year-old. "I also learned that a little kindness goes a long way, especially to those who are in longterm care facilities."

A student at Schoolcraft College, Tell has been a Girl Scout for 12 years. She is a member of Senior Scout Troop 761.

For her project, she designed a pioneer garden at Greenmead Historical Village in

"My project made me feel better as a person and helped educate people in the community," the 19-year-old said.

Swan, who plans to major in special education at Eastern Michigan University, has been a Scout for 14 years. She is a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop 640.

For her project, she organized a bike and safety rally where she taught younger girls safety and crafts.

"This project showed me that I can be organized and finish whatever I start," said the 19-year-old.

The Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council is the fourth largest council in the United States, providing leadership and cultural development opportunities for more than 41,000 girls in Wayne and Oakland counties.

### Maid of Erin pageant looking for local contestants

A call has been issued to young women ages 17-23 to compete in the annual Maid of Erin pageant that will be held Feb. 26 Patrick's Day festivities. at the Gaelic League.

The pageant, sponsored by the United Irish Societies, serves as the kickoff to the annual St.

Contestants must be of Irish heritage. The winner will win a free trip to Ireland and will participate in Irish functions Birdie Flynn at (734) 464-8556.

throughout the year.

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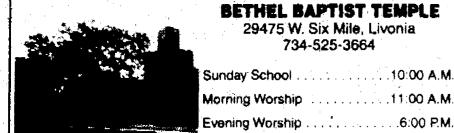


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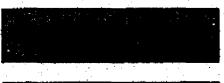
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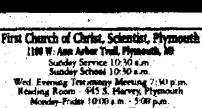
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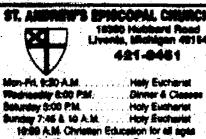


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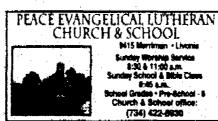
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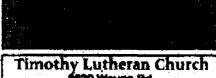
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FAMILY WEEK PROGRAM

Paul and Nicole Johnson will bring their original drama to Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16. The couple, who have been featured on such programs as "Focus on Family" and "Family Life Today," will reflect real life in their powerful drama. Call (248) 374-5956

### RELIEF EFFORT

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

### ANDY GRIFFITH NIGHT

Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will screen favorite episodes of the "Andy Griffith Show Sunday, Jan. 16. Brush up on your Andy trivia to win a prize. Refreshments will be served.

### 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, On Jan. 14. Pastor Paul Clough will be the speaker. Coffee and cookies will be served; Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4. Sanctuary at church, Hear Phillips, Craig and Dean, a free concert. Offerings accepted; Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317/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-

### THE GATHERING OF THE EAGLES CONFERENCE

The Detroit Chapter of the Ministry of the Watchman International hosts this fourth annual event dedicated to renewing the strength of the people of God, 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Jan. 28-30 at VanDyke Park Hotel and Conference Center in Warren. Speakers include Barbara Williams, president of the Ministry, and Allen Wilson of Eagles Nest Church in Calif. Reservations are \$100 per person, \$15 for lunch, Call (800) 560-9240 to make reservations or obtain a

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#### TAI CHE CLASSES

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

Tai Chi is a complete and integrated exercise which works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for persons of all ages and conditions of health.

### NEW SERIES

Canton Friendship Church is now offering "What's the Difference," a series on World Religions in the light of Christianity. 10:30 a.m. Sundays in January. Topics are "Hinduism and Latter Day Saints in the Light of Christianity" Jan. 16, "Unity and New Age in the Light of Christianity" Jan. 23 and "Secular Humanism. in the Light of Christianity" Jan. 30. Call (734) 451-2100.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** 

Calvary Baptist Church will have a women's retreat, "Choosing to Be God's Woman," Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Sessions include "Choosing to Be God's Woman, "Choosing to Trust," "Choosing to Be What God Wants Me to Be" and "Sharing Christ in Familiar Places." The retreat will be held 7-9:15 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The \$20 ticket price includes all of the seminar sessions, snack, continental breakfast and a boxed lunch. To register, call (734) 455-0022 MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each Feb. 11-Feb. 13 and March 10-12 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile. Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www.rc.net/detroit/wwme.

### HEALING SERVICE

The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward."

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**RELIGION NEWS** For more information, call the

church office at (734) 397-7132. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP Garden City Presbyterian

Church is offering a contemporary worship service at 9:15 a.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Garden City. The contemporary service offers upbeat music and an informal atmosphere.

### CHURCH FUND-RAISER

Clarenceville United Methodist Church is selling Entertainment

passbooks to raise money for the church. The coupon books cost \$40 and are available by calling Jim Robinson at (248) 347-1535 or the church office at (248) 474. 3444.

The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville offers an informal. drop-in support group for those struggling with the issues of a blended family. The group is hosted by the Rev. Paul Clough and meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Room

C309 of the church, 40000 Six Mile Road at Haggerty Road There is no cost and registration isn't necessary. For information, call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912. COMPRESITIAL HELP

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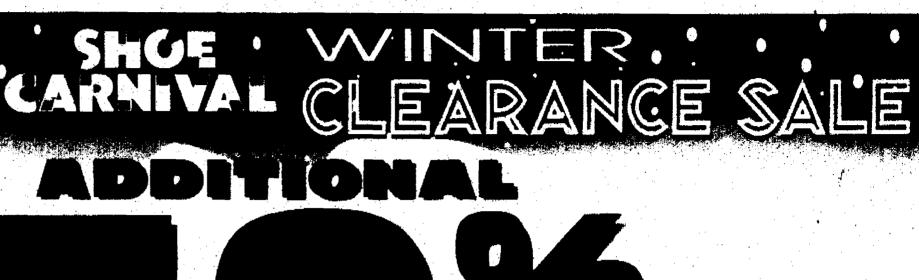
### THEFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of

Plymouth, has opened a new location at 494 N. Mill St., one block north of Plymouth Road. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For information, call the store at (734) 459-1250 or e-mail the church at fpcp@juno.com.

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### OBSERVER **SPORTS SCENE**

### Coyotes capture tourney

The Westland Coyotes, a Mite BB hockey team, captured the second annual Garden City Christmas Tournament including a 3-2 win in the championship final over the GC Cobras (Dec. 19 at Garden City Ice

The Coyotes also defeated the GC Raptors twice (4-1 and 2-0), the RFB Knights (3-2) and tied the Dearborn Renegades (3-3).

The Coyotes' Alex Wypych was named tournament MVP.

Other team members include forwards Jim Dutchak, Cory Edwards, Eric Franz, Todd German, Garrett Quattlander, Thomas Quattlander. Anthony Rystak and John Zoller, along with defensemen Matt Benyo, Nick Brooks, David Loos, Johnathan Martin, Blair Veit, Cameron Wludyka and goaltender Brittany Zeches.

### Mite Vipers prevail

The Livonia Vipers captured the annual Mite Shootout hockey tournament with a 5-2 victory Dec. 29 over the Livonia Blues in the championship final at Edgar Arena.

The game featured Red Wing National Anthem singer Karen Newman, who made a special appearance on behalf of the American Kidney Foundation.

James Tyler, Drew Sieber, Kevin Robinson and Stephen Burk scored goals for the winners.

Vipers earning assists included John Vella (two), Ted Roberts. Adam Yarber, Sieber and Robinson.

Sean Root and Matt Lewis scored for the Blues, while Michael Green. Bint and Root added assists.

In one semifinal, the Vipers defeated the Devils in a shootout after the two teams battled to a 2-2 draw through regulation and the shootout.

Craig Kolin and Eric Bird scored for the Devils with Christopher Cassar and Garrett Pearson earning assists. Tyler and Sieber scored for the Vipers with Robinson, Vella and Roberts and. Yarber drawing assists.

Garrett Pearson of the Devils and Michael Shonce for the Vipers each opened the scoring in the shootout, but netminder Jerry Kroph stopped. three shots in the shootout to win it 5-3 for the the Vipers. Devils goalie Jerry Kroph made one save in the

shootout. The Blues defeated the Leafs in the other semifinal, 1-0, as Brian Bint scored the game-winner from Matthew Hope.

Vipers goaltender Ruel Galang posted the shutout in outdueling the Leafs' Joe Steckel.

Bill Tyler, Paul Grandahl, Terrence Miller and Tony Givas comprise the Vipers' coaching staff. Sponsors include Title One, Concord Dental Group and Alkoz Inc.

The Mite Blues are coached by Randy Hope, Phillip Bint, Matt Meyers and Brian Pankow. The sponsors include Westland Control Systems, Northwest Blueprint and Tri-Star Electric.

The Leafs are coached by Bob Bowers, Mark Tuttle, Robert Smyth, Jim. Kubas and Scott Kerry. Sponsors include Bates Hamburgers, Mosse Expeditors & Freight and L.W. Kennedy Co.

The Mite Devils are coached by Dayid Gasior, Charles Cassar, Vince Grainer and Doug Plisko. Team sponsors include Sunglo Restoration Services and McFarlane-King Agency Inc.

### Pitch-catch clinic

Westland John Glenn will host a mid-winter pitching and catching clinic Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 22-23 at the school's gym (located at 36105 Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads).

Ages 8-13 will meet from 1-3 p.m., while ages 14-18 will meet 3:30-5:30

The cost is \$50 per player. Payment must be received no later than Wednesday, Jan. 19 to guarantee a spot. Walk-in registration the first day of the clinic is \$60.

Pitchers will receive instruction on proper form, balance, release point and velocity. Catchers will receive instruction on stance, receiving, blocking and throwing mechanics.

For more information, call John Glenn varsity baseball coach Todd Duffield at (734) 721-5127.

### For the record

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Greg Mellon should have been listed (Jan. 9 edition) as the Livonia St. Michael varsity girls basketball coach which captured the Mercy Hoops Christmas Classic.

# Blazers win, open title defense

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

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

The Catholic League volleyball championship trail apparently starts and still winds through Livonia Lady-

wood. The Blazers, eight-time defending playoff champions, were not razorsharp, but had enough to hold off fluridden Birmingham Marian in the Central Division opener Tuesday for both teams, 15-12, 13-15, 15-13.

With the homecourt victory, Ladywood improved to 9-7-1 overall. Meanwhile, Marian falls to 9-4.

"We were very slow and didn't play well - I'm hoping it was because we had two weeks off, but we'll get it going," Ladywood coach Larry Wyatt said. "Tonight we protected our home court and you've got to go through us in the Catholic League - at least for now." 🗶

Patty Horal, a 5-foot-9 senior, was Ladywood's top attacker with 11 kills. She also had eight digs. Erin Bartee, a 5-10 junior, contributed seven kills and four ace serves. (Both players made the all-tournament team Dec. 28 at Temperance Bedford.)

Jessica Tilson, a 6-foot senior, gave Wyatt some inspiration off the bench with nine kills.

"Tilson played well tonight, she was our MVP," Wyatt said. "This year we have to be more balanced. We want to play good defense and make people put the ball down against us. Obviously we have to be more balanced because we don't have that dominant hitter like wehad last year in Jenny Young 'now at Central Michigan University).

Other contributions came from setter Melissa Bückshaw (43 assists and five kills); Desiree Betts (team-high 10 digs); and Jenni Gregor (five kills and

After Ladywood won the opening game. Marian jumped out to an 11-4 lead in the second game, but Ladywood tied it a 13-all.

Katie Henry's kill evened the match, forcing a third-and-deciding game.

Ladywood appeared to have the third



game well in hand with leads of 11-4 and 13-8, but the Mustangs refused to quit, squaring it at 13-all with a fivepoint run.

But Ladywood served out the next two points, including an ace from Bartee, to win its Central Division opener. Sarah Cashen, a 6-1 junior, was Marian's top offensive player with nine kills, three solo blocks and three aces, Henry added five kills, while Katie Woch and Lauren Lamb each had four.

The Mustangs also started a freshman setter, 5-10 Erin Poglits, a familiar name in Ladywood circles. Her twoolder sisters. Anne (who just finished her career at Michigan) and Sarah

(playing at Loyola of Chicago), are former Blazer standouts.

Marian second-year coach Stephanie Storen was forced to use a makeshift

flu along with defensive specialist listless. It was a boring match I feel." Leslie Schmidt.

"With the bunch we had we were struggling, but it was an excellent effort," Storen said. "We had to covert Henry from outside hitter to middle hitter and I can't say enough how many blocks she had for us. She shut down one part of the middle.

"And we brought up Melissa Dowling beat in the Catholic League."



Bump, block: Livonia Ladywood beat Birmingham Marian in three games Tuesday night behind the play of Patty Horal (left) and Erin Bartee (top).

from the JV and she did a good job being thrown into the fire."

Ladywood's game plan was simple. according to Wyatt.

"For us, it's running our offense and Starting middle blocker Linda we also wanted to slow Cashen down." Andrews, a 6-footer, was out with the .. he said. "Tonight we were slow, kind of

Storen, meanwhile, notices a slightly different Ladywood squad in 2000. "Usually they have one or two strong

hitters they rely on," she said. "They're more diverse than they have been in the past. They're strong across the frontline." And the Blazers remain the team to





Tough break: Livonia Stevenson's Chris Cooprider (bottom, left photo) screams after breaking his finger in a match against Oxford Jason Eldridge at 145 pounds. Cooprider had to default the match. Saturday at the Redford Catholic Central Tournament. In another match, Stevenson's John MacFarland beat Westland John Glenn's Nick Wroblewski in the first round at the CC Tournament in the 171-pound class. For a complete roundup of weekend mat action, see page C2.

# Rouge averts Wayne upset bid, 71-63

One of these nights maybe Wayne Memorial will get the bounce it needs.

Wayne, spurred on by the comfort of home surroundings, extended visiting River Rouge through two overtimes Tuesday night but fell, 71-63.

The Panthers outscored the Zebras, 13-5, jumping out to a quick lead in the second extra session and holding Wayne at bay to improve to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the Michigan Mega Conference's Red Division. Wayne is 2-5 overall and winless in three Mega Red games.

Wayne bolted to a 17-8 lead and held the lead of nine points through halftime before River Rouge clawed slowly back. The Panthers tied the score late in regulation and both teams had chances to avoid

River Rouge and Wayne each scored six points in the first overtime and at the end of the extra period

### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

the Zebras saw a half-court shot rattle off the rim and go out.

Shane Nowak had a career game with 28 points for Wayne while Justin Goins scored 10 and Jermaine Garner eight.

Derrick Jackson led River Rouge with 19 points. Germane Collins added 15, Lionel Reeves 13 and Lewis Hamilton 10

Both teams were mediocre at the foul line River Rouge made just 9-of-22 free throws to Wayne's 7-of- 11 in the second quarter

\*BAPTIST PARK 68, HURON VALLEY 38: Jered Setsel scored 21 points Tuesday night to lead Taylor Baptist Park. which held a 35-19 halffithe lend.

Alan Kleinke's nine points topped the Hawks, 1.5 to Bap tist Park's 2/4 record.

.A.A. HURON 79, REDFORD CC 66: Ann Arbor Huron won

a non-league game on Tuesday at Redford Catholic Central. outscoring the Shamrocks in the fourth quarter, 30-18. Rodney Williams had a game high 34 points to lead

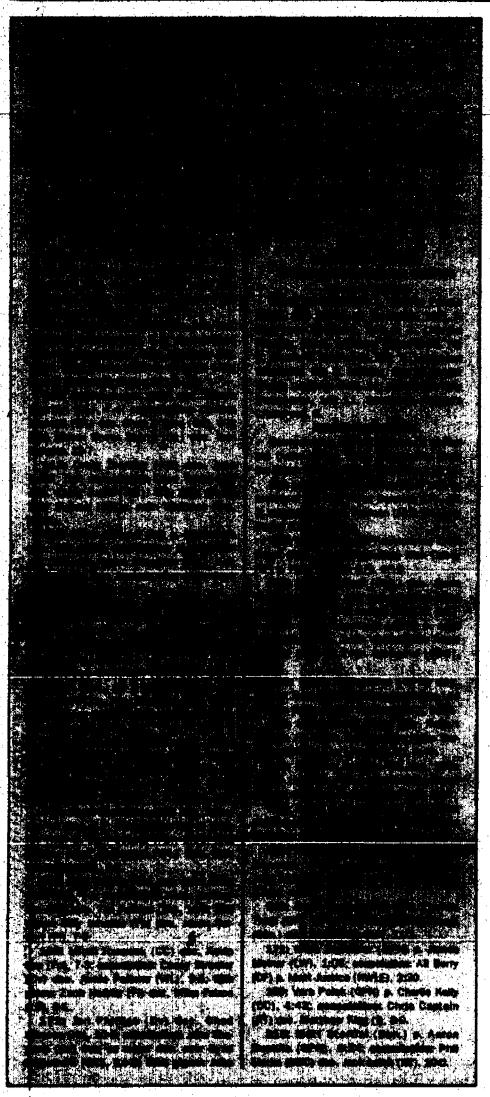
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Shamrocks in double figures. Senior forward Matt Loridas. added 12 and junior guards Mark Willoughby and Ryan Celeskey had 11 apiece Huron led 20.15 after one quarter before the Shamrocks.

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### Davison rolls to team title in Catholic Central Invite

### MAT ROUNDUP

Sure as John Hancock put his signature on one of the most important documents in U.S. history, Redford Catholic Central wrestler Mitch Hancock is bound to win an individual state championship this year.

His coach, Mike Rodriguez, predicts it.

Hancock improved his record to 23-0 by winning the 160pound weight class, highlighting the Shamrocks' efforts Saturday at their Wrestling Invitational.

Davison, a top contender for the Division I state title, won the team championship with 237 points and Holt was second with

The Shamrocks had the best performance of three Observerland teams in the 14-team field, taking sixth place (92.5), Livonia Stevenson, led by 103-pound state champion Josh Gunterman, was ninth (84.5) and Westland John Glenn came in last

Hancock beat Fruitport's Kevin Lee, 7-3, in the championship round.

He reached the finals with a bye in the first round and an 18-3 win over Warren Lincoln's Jamie Palomo.

"I don't think he's going to lose," Rodriguez said of Hancock. "He's on target, focused this year."

The sixth place finish as a team was disappointing for Rodriguez, who thought a top three finish was possible.

"We're not ready yet," he said. "Some should have won that lost. Davison is going to walk away with the state title. Nobody out there can stop them.

"We have another month to go. By (the) Observerland (meet) we're going to start flying."

No other CC wrestler won a flight but Jeff Wheeler, Ryan



In control: Livonia Stevenson's Josh Gunterman dominated Romeo's Jay Nelson in a 103-pound match at Redford CC Tournament. Gunterman pinned Nelson in the second round en route to the title.

Rogowski and Chris O'Hara reached the semifinal round.

Wheeler pinned Romeo's Tony Schuster in 4:54 for third place at 135.

"He's starting to show some real strong moves," Rodriguez said of Wheeler.

Rogowski lost to Oxford's Jake Shagena, 14-5, in the consolation. round at 171 pounds O'Hara also finished fourth, losing his consolation match to Warren Lincoln's Cainan Munsell, 9-3.

Rodriguez believes Rogowski, the younger brother of former CC two-time state heavyweight champion Casey Rogowski, will have a strong remainder of the season and career.

He's going to be his own man," Rodriguez said. "Sometimes he goes at 160 and Mitch goes at 171. He's a terrific back-

up to Mitch."

Not to be outdone was Gunterman, the Division I defending state champion at 103 pounds.

The Livonia Stevenson senior finished first and stayed unbeaten with a 9-2 victory over Davison's Keriston LaBelle.

Another strong showing was turned in by Spartan teammate. Imad Kharhush, who was runner-up to Clarkston's Clint DeGain at 152.

Stevenson also got fifth-place finishes from Bill Bullock (119), John MacFarland (171), Eric Puninske (189) and Tim McCarthy (215). Mike Falzon added a sixth at 160.

David Teets (119) led Glenn with a third place. Teammate Jeff Albrecht (130) was fourth.

See statistical summary.

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Hoavyweight: 1. Brian Brinsden (Farmington); 2. Derek McWatt (Canton); 3: Josh Rose (Clarenceville); 4. Kevin Packard (Litheran Westland): 1

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### COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

## Ocelots go to 3-0 in conference

How important is depth? Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team showed how significant a factor it could be on Saturday at St. Clair County CC, when the Ocelots lost one of their top players, Lamar Bigby, to foul

Going up against an opponent that was unbeaten in three previous games in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, and on their floor, it figures SC coach Carlos Briggs would need all of his weapons to be available.

SC's quality depth, however, proved to be the decisive factor. The Ocelots, who led 45-35 at the half, maintained that cushion and posted an 81-68 victory.

"That was a big win," said Briggs, "We beat a tough team on their floor, and they have some shooters.

"Defensively, we stepped up, and the guys stepped up when Lamar went out."

Keys to the victory were SC's superior rebounding (a 36-28 edge on the boards). turnovers (SC had 13, St. Clair 18) and freethrow shooting (SC: 27-of-36, 75 percent: St. Clair: 6-of-12, 50 percent).

Robert Brown paced the Ocelots with 23 points and 14 rebounds. Brian Williams Tri-State answered with a 10-2 run over the

### **MEN'S WRAP**

(Wayne Memorial), whose game has taken a turn for the better since the start of the conference season, added 14 points and seven assists; Nick Evola scored 13; and Quentin Mitchell netted 11.

Jim Campbell's 16 points was best for the

SC is now 9-4 overall, 2-0 in the conference. St. Clair CCC fell to 9-6 overall, 3-1 in the conference.

### Madonna rally falls short

Certainly, Madonna University didn't allow visiting Tri-State University to leave for home Saturday without knowing it had been in a game.

After falling behind by 10 at the halftime break, the Fighting Crusaders battled back against the bigger, more experienced Thunder, a team that came into the game boasting an 11-6 record (compared to Madonna's

With 4:53 left in the game, a basket by Madonna's Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) knotted the score at 51-all. But

next three minutes, and the Crusaders couldn't recover, eventually losing by a 66-58

The loss kept Madonna winless in two Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference games; the Crusaders are 2-16 overall. Tri-State is tied for first in the WHAC at 2-0; the Thunder are 12-6 overall.

Madonna trailed 34-24 at the half and 46-31 with 14:01 left in the game. But the Crusaders launched a comeback, outscoring the Thunder 16-1 over the next 6:24 to eventually tie it at 47-all on a Dan Kurtinaitis bas-

It was still tied (51-each) with 4:53 remaining when Tri-State, behind Jared Boll's and Joshua Treesh's four points apiece, took control for good with its 10-2.

Madonna was led by Putnam, who totaled 12 points, five rebounds and three steals. Mike Massey and Trevor Hinshaw contributed 11 points each: Hinshaw also had six assists and three steals. Jason Skoczylas added 10 points and seven rebounds.

Tri-State got 20 points from both Treesh and Boll; Treesh also had three assists and three steals, while Boll grabbed six rebounds. Chad LaCross added 11 points.

### Turnovers cost Lady Crusaders in defeat

The effort was there. Unfortunately, so were the turnovers.

That, ultimately, was what cost Madonna University's women's basketball team Saturday in a Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference game at Tri-State University.

The Lady Crusaders battled the Thunder evenly in almost every statistical category except turnovers:

They had 30 to Tri-State's 18, which resulted in 15 more shots for the Thunder, nine more baskets, a 24-9 edge in points scored off turnovers - and a 64.54 victory in Angola, Ind.

The loss dropped Madonna to 0-2 in the WHAC, 6-8 overall. Tri-State improved to 1-1 in

the conference, 11-5 overall The Crusaders had the advantage through the first half, build-

part to solid free throw shooting: They were 10-of-13 from the line (76.9 percent) compared to Tri-State's 1-of-2.

**WOMEN'S WRAP** 

That changed in the second half. The Thunder outscored Madonna 38-23, making all four of their three-pointers and 15 of their 25 floor shots (60 percent). Madonna was 8-of-22 in the secand half (36.4 percent) and 17-of-43 for the game (39.5 percent).

Kristi Fiorenzi, a junior forward from Plymouth Canton HS, led Madonna with 18 points, 11 rebounds, three steals, and two

No other Crusader, however, reached double figures in any-

Chris Dietrich was next-best ing a 31-26 lead thanks in great scorer with nine point's, she also

had five steals and four assists. and Carissa Gizicki had seven points, five assists and two:

Tri-State got 12 points from Sarah Zimmerman and 10 from Karen Reinhart.

There was some good news for Madonna: Lori Enfield, one of the trie of inside players who had been injured, returned to

Enfield, the Crusaders' starting center who suffered a severe finger injury against Wayne State Dec. 16, played 16 minutes and scored four points.

### St. Clair tops Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft College couldn't overcome a bad first half. although the Lady Ocelots gave it a good effort in the last 20 minutes Saturday at St. Clair Carly Wright netted 12. County CC

Trailing 39-25 at the half, SC best for the Skippers.

trimmed the deficit to six with 3:05 left to play but could draw no closer in losing, 77-66.

The loss evened the Ocelots' record in Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference play at 1-1; they are 2-7 overall.

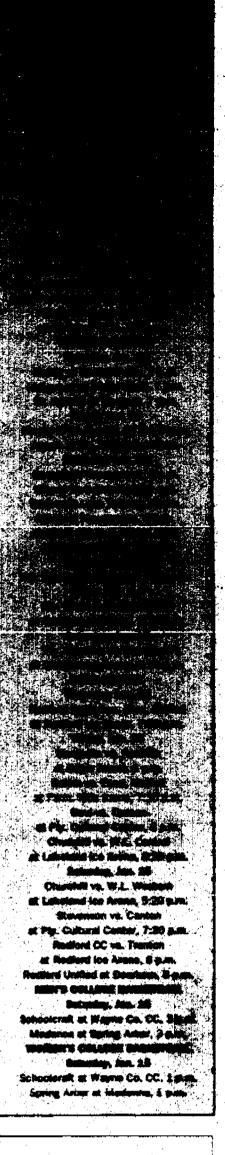
St.Clair improved to 3-1 in the conference, 7-8 overall.

"We were within six, but we couldn't quite get over the hump after making up the deficit," said SC coach Karen Lafata.

Four players reached double figures in scoring for the Ocelots. led by Angelica Blakely with 20 points; she also grabbed 10 rebounds.

Janelle Olson added 18 points. Antone Watson scored 14 and

Kara Jackman's 20 points was





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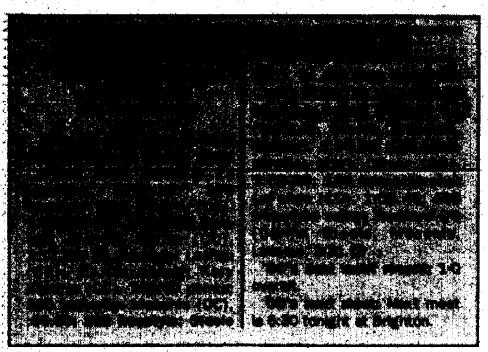
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### Ventimiglia hat trick spurs Spartans

Mike Ventimiglia scored a hat trick and contributed one assist Saturday to lead Livonia Stevenson to an 8-2 hockey victory over host Plymouth Salem at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Stevenson is 7-4 overall and 5-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Salem is 1-11 and 0-6.

The Spartans led 2-0 after one period and 3-1 after two periods before breaking it open in the final 15 minutes.

Mark Nebus contributed two goals and one assist, while Mike Peraino had one goal and two assists, Bryan Dery and Josh Latzman each collected a goal and assist.

Chris Wrigley and David Bonello each had

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two assists, while Sean Lewis, Matt Calus, Sai Perri and Mark Blazok added one apiece. James Pawlica scored for Salem in the second period from Steve Lyons.

Steve Nagel's goal at 13:29 of the third period from Lyons cut the deficit to 4-2, but Stevenson scored the game's final four goals. Sophomore goaltender Rob Grisius, was

victorious in his first varsity start for Stevenson, turning away 13 shots.

Stevenson unloaded a total of 64 shots on Salem goaltender Steve Steckel, including 28

in the final period.

.LADYWOOD 4. KINGSWOOD 0: Machrina Falion and Katie O'Dea each scored a pair of goals Tuesday as Livonia Ladywood improved to 10-1 overall and 9-1 in the Women's Michigan High School Hockey League by blanking Bloomfield Hills Kingswood at the Arctic Pond in Plymouth.

O'Dea also contributed two assists in the victory. Jana Beumel also assisted in Fallon's first goal, 47 seconds into the game.

Ladywood added two goals in the second period, both by O'Dea, and another in the third.

Goaltender Megan Shefferly posted the

The Blazers outshot Kingswood, 28-13.



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### Shamrocks ready to play after inactivity

This is one of the marquee weeks on the Detroit Catholic

Central hockey schedule. The Shamrocks have two challenges against perennial state powers, including an 8 p.m. Saturday face-off against rival Trenton at Redford Arena.

A big crowd is expected for the game between the two state pow-

erhouses. "A lot will miss a good game if it's not (sold out)," CC coach

Gordie St. John said. CC also was scheduled to play at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, a traditionally strong team in Class B-C-D, on Wednesday,

ending a two-week layoff. The Shamrocks, 8-1 overall, had been idle since Dec. 29 when they won the championship game of a two-day tournament in Milwaukee, Wis.

What was supposed to be a 10day layoff between games turned into 14 days when St. Thomas Aguinas in Ontario canceled out on a schedule visit last Saturday for a game at Redford Arena.

The Shamrocks have picked up a game in place of that cancelation, scheduling the Ice Dogs, a Triple A team, on Saturday, Jan.

Trenton was the only team to beat CC last year. The other meeting ended in a tie but it was remembered more for the fact that a Trenton player nearly lost his life after being slashed in the neck accidentally by a skate.

The game was called with the score tied and not resumed.

CC coach Gordie St. John, who missed several practices last week because of the flu, knows full well what these two games mean to the Shamrocks.

"It's going to be intense," St. John said. "We had a layoff and that always hurts you. I'm worried about Wednesday in partieular because you don't want people looking ahead to Trenton.

"We've had a history of playing tremendously competitive games against Trenton. They've got to be good, ranked third or fourth in the state.'

Trenton is led by defenseman Andy Greene, one of the best players in the state regardless of

class or position. "He's a real player," St. John said "You've always got to know

where he is. He's certainly one of

the best."

FLOORING

After juggling his lines most of the season. St. John likes the combination he's found on his top two with Dave Moss, Brett John and Jim Spiewak occupying one and Brian Williams. Brandon Kaleniecki and Joe Moreau the other.

There are no assurances they'll remain the same, however, he said.

"We keep moving them around and it's good for the kids to learn to play with each other," he said. "We tweak it when kids get complacent and bring in someone else. It keeps them sharp."

Williams leads the Shamrocks with 18 points (eight goals and 10 assists) and Kaleniecki has 14 points (eight goals, six assists). Moreau (six goals, seven assists) and Moss (six goals, seven assists) are tied for third on the team with 13 points each.

Senior goaltender Ben Dunne has a goals against average of 0.903.

"I like our work ethic," St. John said. "I don't like the fact we've had as long a layoff as we've had. It wouldn't have been bad if we hadn't lost the one game to St. Thomas canceling on

us. I could have gotten along with that. Right now these boys are tearing each other apart in practice. They're frustrated not having played games, whacking each other. We want to make sure they don't get hurt."

The Shamrocks still aren't at full strength. Junior defenseman Derek Genrich is out at least another month with an ankle injury, junior forward Ryan Lasecki is out for the season with a chest injury and freshman forward Eric Giosa remains

out with a hand injury. Junior defenseman Sean Genrich is playing despite a sore foot. The Shamrocks are hoping for the return this week of freshman Andrew Eggert, who missed the Milwaukee tournament with a groin injury.

"We've been hammered with injuries," St. John said.

Compuware Arena may be available with Birmingham Brother Rice no longer playing there but St. John said the Shamrocks are happy at Red-

"We're pretty loyal to Redford and they've been loyal to us," St John said.



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### Whalers stop Bulls

The Belleville Bulls got a goal with 19 seconds left in the secand period and added a second just 6:20 into the third - but by then, it was already too little, too

The Plymouth Whalers roared to their seventh-straight win by scoring three first-period goals and adding another in the second en route to a 4-2 triumph over the Bulls Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Defenseman Shaun Fisher. named the game's No. 1 star. and teammates Justin Williams and George Nistas each accounted for a goal and an assist, and goalie Rob Zepp turned away 26 of 28 shots for Plymouth.

The Whalers improved to 23-14-3 and moved into a tie for second place with the Windsor Spitfires in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division: both teams have 50 points (the Spitfires have played two fewer games, however). Belleville is 22-14-1.

Damian Surma got Plymouth going, scoring at the 6:29 mark of the first period, with assists from Williams and Fisher, Fisher made it 2-0 at 14:14 of the first period, Nistas and Eric Gooldy assisting.

Nistas' power-play goal at the 18:07 juncture of the first increased the Whalers' lead to 3-0; Gooldy got his second assist of the game, with Tomas Kurka also assisting:

Williams unassisted shorthanded goal at 3:15 of the second period made it 4-0 for Plymouth. The Bulls narrowed the margin with a goal from Randy Rowe late in the second and another by Kyle Wellwood early in the third, but they could get no clos-

Corey Batten made 30 saves in the game for Belleville.

Last Friday at London, defense ruled and Plymouth's defense proved more dominant. Sawruk.

### OHL REPORT

as the Whalers blanked the London Knights, 2-0;

Top scorers from both teams were held pointless, but Plymouth had some others step up when needed. Rob McBride got his third goal of the season (and second in as many games), chasing down a puck sent into the corner in London's end of the ice by James Ramsay.

McBride then cut in front of the Knights' goal and lifted a backhander over the glove of goalie Gene Chiarello.

It would be the only goal Whalers' goalie Bill Ruggiero would need, as he recorded his first-ever OHL shutout against the team he once played for. Ruggiero had 21 saves in the

Jamie Lalonde added some insurance when he pounced on a Knights' turnover in front of their net and wristed a shot past Chiarello Chiarello stopped 32 of 34 Whaler shots.

London was 10-21-5 through the weekend.

### Ambassadors get 5 stars

Five members of the Compuware Ambassadors — four of them starters - will be on the ice for the North American Hockey League's 2000 All-Star Game, which will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 22 in Geneva, Ill.

A sixth member of the Ambassadors, coach Mike Vellucci, will serve as an assistant to the East team's head coach, Joe Shawhan of the Soo Kewadin Casino Indi-

Forward Michael Smith. defenseman Andy Burnes and goalie Craig Kowalski will start for the East squad. Also on the East team are Compuware forwards Steve Swistak and Alex

### Churchill runner unt Western Lakes Activities Association for

Northville proyed to be Livonia Churchill's namesia Saturday in the Saline Invitational girls volleyball tournament.

Runner-up Churchill (9-2-1 overall) finished 3-1-1 on the day with its only blemish coming in the finals against the Mustangs, 7-15, 9-15.

"Northwile is very solid." Churchill coach Mike Hughes said. "They pass, play defense and blocked well. They didn't roll OVET "

In pool play, Churchill defeated Ann Arbor Huron (15-6, 15-9) and Ypsilanti Lincoln (15-3, 15-4), while splitting with Northville (17-15, 3-15).

Top individual performers on the day for Churchill included Meagan Sheehan, 32 digs and 13 kills; Shannon Munn, 18 digs and 20 kills; Sheila Gillies, 13 solu blocks; and Kristin Leszczynski, five blocks and six kills.

Leszcynski and Colleen Guardiola also provided solid setting.

Beth Bushey contributed four kills against Ann Arbor Huren, while Katie Happ served seven points against Lincoln.

### John Glenn 2nd in tourney

Westland John Glenn defeated host Farmington Harrison, 15-5, 15-12, Monday in a WLAA match.

The Rockets also finished second Saturday in a tournament at Walled Lake Cen-

Monday, Jamie McLeod converted all eight kill tries and served three aces to lead John Glenn to a victory in its WLAA opener. The Rockets are 3-2 overall.

Nicole Panyard had six kills and three solo blocks. Noelle Swartz posted six solo blocks and Jessica Sanchez had 21 assists plus five aces.

In the weekend tournament, John Glenn defeated Royal Oak Kimball, 15-1, 14-16,

15-2. believed Property significant and six kills plus Medacod's

The Rockets same back to know Roctmeter Adems, 12-15, 15-11, 15-5, wi Swarts serving seven acce and Sanche serving six.

"It was the best we've ever done in the tournament, coach Staty Carey of Jehn Glenn said. "We made the Gold Division out of pool play, which we've never done."

John Glenn ended up losing its last two matches.

Milford boat the Rockets, 15-2, 15-6, and host Walled Lake Central took their measure by 15-3 and 15-12 scores. Swartz had six kills against Central.

### Franklin breaks even

Good competition is usually a good thing. Even when it costs you a loss.

Livonia Franklin competed Saturday in the Grand Rapids Elite tournament and returned home with two wins and two loss-

The Patriots are now 7-4 and play at the Dow Midland Tournament on Saturday before beginning WLAA play Jan. 17 by hosting tough Northville.

"Some of the top teams in volleyball were there." Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel said. The competition was phenomenal and it was an incredible exhibition of the sport."

East Kentwood, rated second in the state, toppled Franklin, 15-9, 15-11, a great match" in pool play.

Fremont also decisioned Franklin, 11-15, 17-15, 15-9, before the Patriots rebounded to defeat Grand Rapids Northview, 11-15, 15-10, 15-12, and Alma, 15-6, 15-10.

"As a team," Diegel said, "we pulled Kelley, 18 assists.

The competition is very g open for everyone this

### Clarenceville acce i

Pour aces by Michelle Man six straight points Tendley nia Clarenceville to a 15-6, 18-61 over visiting Plymouth Christia

We're playing very sporedle di coach Alisha Love of the Tools "We're not peaking like we show we're getting there slowly but sure

Clarenceville lifted its record to 8-4 o

### Panthers topples Wayne

Redford Union had a successful start to its dual match sesson on Monday, be visiting Wayne Memorial, 15-12, 15-2.

Amy Walker led the Panthers with seven kills, three blocks, five digs and five as Debbie Hitt added six kills and two blocks and Bernadette Merriman had all dies and three kills.

Others contributing included Nicol McCausland, three kills and six Mas Sharon Barnes, four digs and three kills: Amanda Lippe, seven digs; and Megan

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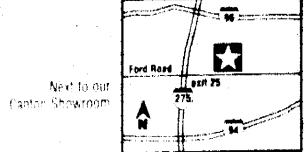
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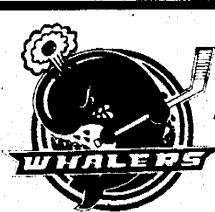
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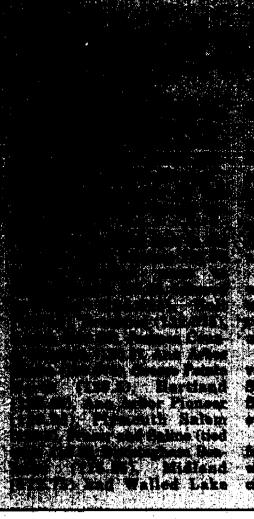
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"All I can look for is improve-

Against Walled Lake Jan. 4. the Rocks rolled to an easy 126.4-109.65 triumph in their first Western Lakes Activities

e on floor (8.1) beam (\$.0); Dendrines (7:98) and vault (7:75); Topor on floor (7.75), want (7.7) and beam (7.2); Zalinaki on vault (7.6): Valerie Quigler on floes (7.4); and Stephenie Olli en beam (7.15).

Saturday's invitational at Rockford begins at 10 a.m. On Monday, Salem travels to Farmington for a WLAA dual

**DUAL RESULTS** 

**WAYNE-WESTLAND 125.5** 

DBN. EDSEL FORD 108.1

Jan. 12 at Edsel Ford

All-Around: 1. Nicole Simonian

(WW), 33.425; 2; Kristen Con-

stantino (WW), 32.35; 3. Rebec-

Vault: 1. Simonian (WW).

8.775; 2. Costantino (WW), 8.05;

3. Julie Costillo (WW), 7.925; 4.

(tie) Hill (DEF) and Sarah Ver-

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nian (WW), 7.7; 3. Hill (DEF),

7.65; 4. Costillo (WW), 7.45; 5.

Balance beam: 1. Costantino

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.8.1; 3. (tie) Hill (DEF) and Jessi-

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GYMNASTICS

### Wayne-Westland splits 1st 2 duals

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER

Don't look now, but the girls gymnastics season is well under way for Wayne-Westland Unified squad, which opened its season last Wednesday with a 135.35-125.15 loss to Northville.

On Monday night, Wayne-Westland evened its record at 1-1 with a 125.5-108.1 victory at Dearborn Edsel Ford (see results below).

New coach Katie Boogren takes over for Debbie Hosein, who stepped down after seven seasons as head coach.

Ironically, Hosein, will remain as Boogren's assistant through the season.

"With only one senior, we're a very young team," said Boogren, who graduated from Westland John Glenn in 1997 and competed under Hosein. "We have some experience, but for the rest we'll have to grow and learn something new this year.

"The key is how well we can work with each other."

Boogren has a large squad ---22 gymnasts to be exact including four from Wayne Memorial High School.

The team trains out of Glenn and at the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics in Westland (where Boogren learned the sport under Doug Rowe).

Lost to graduation is Jessica Beach, who finished second in the all-around (36.1) at the Division II regional last March at Plymouth Canton.

She helped Wayne-Westland to a seventh-place regional team finish.

in both the vault (9.1) and floor exercise (9.45). She also took a third in the balance beam (8.95) and tied for eighth in the uneven parallel bars (8.6).

The cupboard, however, is not bare as Division II state qualifiers Nicole Simonian and Kristen Costantino, a pair of juniors,

Simonian was sixth in the allaround at the regional with a score of 34.85, including a third in the yault (9.0), fifth in the uneven bars (8.85) and a tie for ninth in the floor exercise (8.85).

Costantino added a tie for sixth on floor (8.95).

They will be joined by senior Melissa Holcomb, who will also compete in the all-around.

The trio will serve as tri-cap-

Two holdover sophomores, Pam Bean (from Wayne) and Hillary Van Dusen, also expect to make strong contributions along with sophomore Joya Marsh, and juniors Melissa Bell and Erin Shane.

Promising newcomers include freshman Sarah Verhines (Wayne) and junior Julie Costillo, both in the all-around

Boogren is also banking on freshman Jessica Hislop and junior Mandy Bies to add depth.

Wayne-Westland has only two home meets left on the schedule - 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 against Walled Lake and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9 against Beach was regional champion Brighton.

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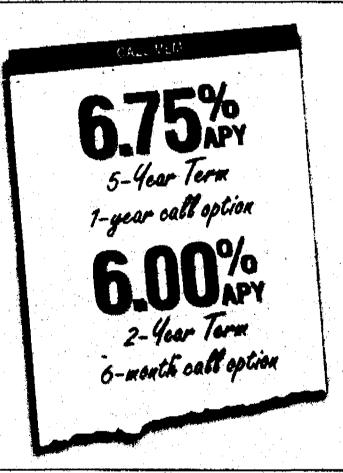
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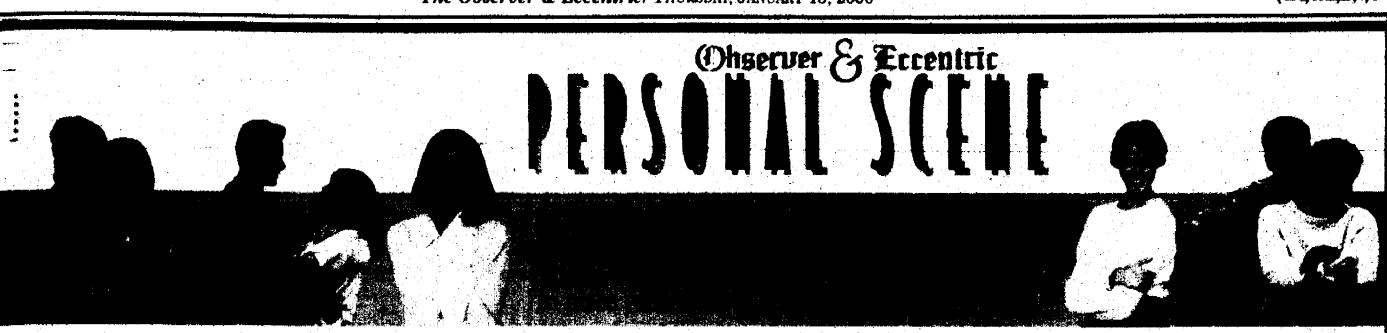




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# If you don't have to pay it back, it's actually FREE MONEY!

How To Get U.S. Government Grants & Low-Interest Loans For First-Time Home Buyers, To Start A New Business, Expand A Business, Buy New Equipment or Invest In Real Estate!

Detroit, Mi-What is FREE Money and how can you get it?

- Kimberty Willis got \$43,500 of FREE money to purchase her home.
- Louis Wilson got \$50,000 of FREE money to buy equipment for his construction com-
- Ernest & Catherine Curione got \$148,000 of FREE money to fix up their investment property.
- Walt Vanderweel got \$25,000 of FREE money and a \$50,000 low-interest loan to build his business and sold it for \$1.6 million!
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If you are looking to start your own business, expand your existing business, buy investment property or if you are interested in becoming a first-time home buyer, the answers to these questions will surprise you. They could also make a big difference in your net worth, your bank balance and your over all success in life.

#### It's FREE -- But You've Got To Work For Iti

As we all know, the best things in life are free, and the rest we have to pay for either by working hard or laying out cash. When it comes to government grants, you really can get FREE money. However, you will have to qualify and work for it. Sometimes you'll have to work hard and sometimes all you have to do is properly fill out the paper work and it comes easy.

You see through the government grant, loan and subsidy system, it is possible to buy your own home, even though you don't have a down payment. You might also be able to start your own business or expand your existing business even though you don't have the money you need.

This free money comes from the federal, state and your local city government grant, loan and subsidy systems. These systems can (if you qualify) help you to become a real estate investor, even though you don't have any money, or the knowledge to do it. Or if you're already a real estate investor, you might be able to get free money to fix up your property and neverhave to pay it back.

Sound too good to be true? Read on. It gets better!

There is one organization in particular that teaches how to find free money, low-interest loans and subsidies offered by the government grant, loan and subsidy system. They provide reference materials about all the programs available in your local area and guide you to which ones you might qualify for receiving a grant, loan or subsidy.

The company is called the National Grants Conference (NGC) and they are on a mission to educate local business people, property owners and individuals who are sincerely interested in learning how to get free money from the government. The introductory conference attendees discover little known programs that offer free government money, fow-interest toans, subsidies and great financial opportunities in their local community.

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There's a myth going around that only poor people can take advantage of free money grants, subsidies and low-interest loans. But really, some of the most famous people that have taken advantage of them in the past are the super wealthy. People like Donald Trump, his father Fred Trump and Ross Perot, to name just a few. Did you know that Lee lacocca got. \$1.5 billion for Chrysler and Stephen Jobs got money from the government to start Apple Computer? It's true.

In fact, most of the programs that people can qualify for actually fall in an income bracket that encompasses the majority of the American people. There are grant programs available in this area for people making as little as \$1,500 a month.

### Mid-Income Range

NGC specializes in helping people get government grants, low-interest loans and subsidy programs for those in the middle income range who make between \$20,000 a year on the low end. and up to \$300,000 a year on the high end.

\$110,000 Free Money To **Expand Business!** 



"We applied and were very surprised because in less than 30days we obtained our first grant for \$110,000. The grant is free. We

Director Of Sales Manufacturing Company Availability, terms and amounts of grants and loans vary. You must meet eligibility requirements to quality.

### Is it Really FREE Money?

If you don't have to pay the money back, it's actually free. However, you do have to meet eligibility requirements to qualify and grants are subject to conditions that vary. And in some cases, re-payment may be required if the program conditions: are not met. But if you can live with all that, this really is FREE

All this sounds great, but why is the government doing this?

### **Better Life & More Taxes**

Benefit number one is that as more people become home owners, they have a pride of ownership in their houses and they tend to be more productive members of society. They also pay property taxes and tend to be more stable in employment because they've got to make their house paymentto maintain their investment

### **Grant Money To Revitalize**

Communities That's why the government also provides grant money for investors to revitalize communities. They offer grants and lowinterest loans to property owners to take the properties that are in bad shape, that have been run down and re-build them and make them available for subsidized housing for the low to moderate income, as well as the

### More Jobs & More Taxes

The government also has programs for small businesses. The reason for this is because the small businesses drive the American economy. Most of new jobs are created by small businesses. We've seen the future in big corporations. They're downsizing, It's the small businesses. that are giving the economy a big lift-and providing more jobs.

### Programs For Women

There are special programs for women to get into business. The facts and figures about women in businesses are growing in this country and their success rate is extraordinary.

At the Conference, many opportunities for businesses and women have been identified and various local, state and federal

Local Free Money NGC has a team of research

programs will be targeted that

many people may be interested in

and may be able to qualify for.

specialists with offices in Chicago, Illinois and Rochester, New York. These specialists conduct daily research on every government grant, loan and subsidy program available in every major U.S. City as well as-all programs that are nation wide.

In almost every case NGC is able to provide a wide variety of different programs that local people can take advantage of.

#### \$100,000 For Your Business

There's one particular loan program that's really exciting. It's called the 'Low Doc Program.' This is for individuals who want to start or grow a business. And there's a simple one-page form you have to complete. With this form you may be able to qualify for up to \$100,000 for your business. It's a fabulous program that cuts through the red tape.

### \$50,000 Research Grants

If you have a great idea and are thinking. "If I just had the money..." — You will be interested to know that there is a research program, which allows up to \$50,000 if you have a great innovative idea on technology. The Government may give you six months of money for research.

### Resources For Small

As a small business owner you can apply for government funding. You can use the money for equipment, for purchasing equipment, for getting technical help, as well as for your inventory and to even purchase the real estate too.

In a sense, by using these programs the government helps you create the American dream: owning real estate and owning your own business.

### Who Should Attend?

If you are thinking that you don't want to work for a boss anymore, or you're sick and tired of your job or you don't want to commute any more, attend this conference.

Or maybe you simply don't have a sense of security working for somebody else. Take the time and effort and come to this local conference. Learn about these programs. If you have a great idea, you may be able to get the money for a new business or real estate investment and start to depend on yourself.

Look at all the examples on this page. People who've changed their lives and now have successful businesses and own their own homes and investment properties. These are examples of their own personal experience. Your experience may be different. It may be worse or it may be even better. The only way you'll ever know is if you try. Call and make your reservation today to attend the conference in your local area.

### Bad Credit Is Not A Block

Bad credit is not necessarily an obstacle any more because many lending institutions have made it easier to qualify for a loan and there are various programs for people in this situation.

### Bankruptcy Not What It Used To Be

Also, bankruptcy is no longer the kind of problem it used to be. That's because 1.3 million Americans filed for Chapter Seven protection last year. Banks understand that you can only go bankrupt once every seven years.

If you don't have a job, a business or a regular source of income or are in the process of declaring bankruptcy, it is doubtful that this program will be able to help your

### Participate On Any Level

The beauty in these programs is that you can participate on any level you want. If you just want to be a home-owner, there are programs available that may be able.

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#### Free Grant Money To Buy A Home

"I got an actual grant of \$35,000 towards the purchase of my home, plus \$2,500 to make the house energy efficient, and \$6,000 at closing time to pay for my closing costs (I-received \$43,500!). The grant is free. I just have to reside in the home."

- Kimberly Willis Child Support Examiner Availability, terms and amounts of grants and loans yary. You must meet eligibility requirements to quality



#### FREE \$50K Grant To Expand Business

"I went down and applied for grants. They gave me \$50,000. With that \$50,000, I was able to buy better equipment and with the better equipment, I was able to get bigger jobs. I made a lot of money after that and I didn't have to pay that grant back."

- Louis O. Wilson\* Construction Company Owner Availability, terms and amounts of prants and loans vary. You must meet eligibility reduirements to quality.



#### Free Grant Money To Fix Up Property "We received a grant

of a \$148,000. The property was remodeled. We applied for HUD tenants. and received an income from the state for approximately \$2,500 a month. We have no mortgage on the property and it is now valued at around \$228,000."

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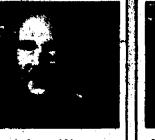


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Thursday, January 13, 2000

### THE WEEKEND

Keely Wygonik, Editor 734-953-2105, kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

ERIDAY



James Spader stars as Nick Vanzant, the pilot of a deep space medical vessel who must uncover a destructive force that threatens the ship, in "Supernova," a science fiction thriller opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.





The Stuttgart Ballet makes its Detroit debut 8 p.m. at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets are \$17-\$62. Call the box office (313) 237 SING or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

SUMPAY



B.B. King performs classic blues with special guest the Bobby "Blue" Bland 8 p.m. at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Avenue in Detroit. Tickets \$27.50-\$50. Charge by phone at (248) 433-1515 or (248) 645-6666.



Not Tieket item: "The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, through Monday, Jan. 17, in downtown Plymouth, features ice carving competitions, an "Icy Toyland," and other surprises. Open 24 hours a day, for more information or directions, call (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at www.oeonline.com/plymouthics.

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On stage: Jack Willis (left to right), Judd Hirsch and Cotter Smith star in the Tony Award winning play, "Art."

BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITE

rt" is about an artist the way "Fiddler on the Roof" is about a musician.
That is to say, it isn't.

The Tony Award-winning Best Play of 1998, which runs through Jan. 30 at the Fisher-Theatre in Detroit, deals with friendship, power and values.

Specifically, the aesthetic and monetary worth of an abstract painting, a large white canvas with some white stripes and nothing else. Starring Judd Hirsch, Cotter Smith and Jack Willis, "Art" is billed as a comedy.

Speaking by phone from Charlotte, N.C., the tour's stop before opening on Tuesday in Detroit, Smith took issue with that label.

Enjoyable

"The wonderful thing about this play is that it's so enormously enjoyable," he said. "And yet, it's also very serious and deeply moving. It's quite extraordinary."

Smith appeared on the ABC TV series "Equal Justice" and as Robert Kennedy in the mini-series "Blood Feud." In "Art," Smith plays Serge, one of three middle-aged, middle class Americans living in Paris. Recently divorced, Serge pays 200,000 francs (approximately \$40,000) for the abstract painting. His longtime friend Marc (Hirsch) takes one look and calls it something that won't get printed here but will get laughs at the Fisher.

A third friend, Yvan (Willis), is called in as mediator. In trying to appease the other two, he ignites

WITTY, MODERN 'ART'

A PORTRAIT OF FRIENDSHIP

Art

WHEN: Through Sunday, Jan. 30 at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd. at Second, Detroit.

**CURTAIN:** 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7 p.m. Sunday, No performances on Mondays.

TICKETS: \$25-\$47.50, available at the box office, and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (313) 872-1000 for information.

the quarrel that forces all three to re-examine their friendship.

"Art" was written by French author/actress Yasmina Reza and is directed by Matthew Warchus.

"To me the play is about the art of friendship," said Smith. "These friends, ostensibly over a piece of art, all of a sudden begin to uncover trouble in their relationship and how fearful they are of losing each other."

Author Reza drew on men she knew to craft the play, which enjoyed success in 25 countries before opening on Broadway two years ago. She has insisted that it remain set in Paris no matter where it runs, with some minor Americanisms substituted in the English translation for clarity.

Story meaning

One member of the audience who found the story very clear was nine-year-old Madeline Smith, Cotter's daughter.

"I was curious what it would mean to her," said Cotter Smith "She said, 'At first I thought you guys were ridiculous. I couldn't figure out what you were so upset about, why you were fighting over this painting.' And then she took a pause and said, 'But then I realized that you weren't fighting about the painting, that you were really very upset with each other about something else.' And I thought, that's

how powerful the play really is, that she actually got that at the age of nine."

Smith cautions against bringing children to "Art" because of adult language, but says "it's a great play to take teenagers to because I think it will excite them about the theater." The play runs 90 minutes, with no intermission.

The three stars had not worked together before "Art." Hirsch is best known for his starring roles on "Taxi" and "Dear John," but has twice won Tony Awards ("I'm Not Rappaport" and "Conversations With My Father," both by Herb Gardner). Hirsch starred in "Art" in London and then on Broadway, where Jack Willis (currently appearing on screen in "The Talented Mr. Ripley") joined the cast.

To prepare for the national tour, Hirsch invited his co-stars to his home in upstate New York. As Smith tells it, "he hired a cook and we hung out together; it was really wonderful. We all get along so well; it would be a mess on a nine-month tour if we didn't."

A founding member of the Matrix Theatre Company in Los Angeles, Smith derives more satisfaction from his stage work than from lucrative film and television offers.

"We don't have to wait 10 hours until they get the lights right and do every line 50 times," he said. "To me, theater is very primitive as it goes all the way back to sitting around a campfire. You really do sit in a dark room and tell a story to a breathing audience. There's nothing quite like that."

### **FAMILY FUN**

### Get in on the act, spend an evening enjoying theater

By KKELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

This is a good weekend to introduce your children to the magic of theater.

The Rising Stars, a repertory theater.

The Rising Stars, a repertory theater for young people in grades six through nine, ages 10-14, is presenting "Pride and Prejudice," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 13-14, at Andover High School on Andover Road in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$3 per person. Call (248) 433-0885.

Several local performers, including Lisa Andres of Livonia, are featured in Dearborn Family Theatre's production of "Bye, Bye Birdie," Friday-Sunday, Jan. 14-16, in the Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on the main campus of Henry Ford Community College, Evergreen south of Ford Road in Dearborn. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, with an additional show at 2 p.m. on Jan. 16. Tickets are \$10, senior citizens \$9. Call (313) 943-3095.

"Cinderella" opens Friday, Jan. 14, and continues through Sunday, Feb. 6. at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S.
Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. Tickets are \$14-\$16, all seats reserved. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 541-6430.

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Presented by Stagecrafters, "Cinderella," with music by Richard Rodgers/book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, features a cast of 27

people from all over metro Detroit. Karl Miller of Troy stars as the prince who sweeps Cinderella off her feet.

The Rising Stars

"Pride and Prejudice" is based on Jane Austin's classic novel. The play centers on Mrs. Bennet's determination to see her daughters married well. It is an age when a woman's future depended on who she married. Headstrong Elizabeth, the second eldest of the Bennet clan, resolves to marry for love, or not at all. Her refusal to do what is expected of her brings Mrs. Bennet to the "and of her nerves" in this romantic comedy set in the early 1800s.

The play features 22 actors from Bloomfield Hills, Pontiac, Sylvan Lake. Waterford, Clarkston and other cities in Oakland County, Rising Stars is sponsored by the Bloomfield Hills Parks and Recreation Department. In addition to putting on five shows per season, the group studies improvisation, monologue delivery and other aspects of theater.

"Pride and Prejudice" is directed by Thomas Logan of Pontiac and Danielle Paccione of Rochester Hills

In March the group will present "The Little Luncheonette of Terror," May brings "The Hobbit" and "The Skin of Our Teeth" is the scheduled summer production. For more information about The Rising Stars, call (248) 335-1788.

### Dearborn Family Theatre

Celebrating its third year, under the direction of founder and artistic director Mary Bremer, Dearborn Family Theatre is presenting "Bye. Bye Birdie," Jan. 14-16"



Acting: Shaina Yorke (left to right), Erin Biebuyck, Kaitlin Hoke, and Erica Lardo in a scene from the Rising Stars presentation of "Pride and Pres

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# Meadow Brook's obsession with playing it safe

"Dangerous Obsession," a psychological thriller runs through Sun day, Jan. 30 at Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University campus. Rochester Hills. Performances Wednesday-Sunday, curtain times vary. Tickets \$19.50-\$35, call (248) 377-3300, or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAPF WRITER

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The most telling feature of "Dangerous Obsession" at Meadow Brook Theatre is that the onstage drama doesn't attract the slightest interest until the uninvited house guest pulls out a

handgun. He points it to force confessions and to demand nothing less than the truth from his unsuspecting hosts - or else. (No need to point the gun at a critic.)

That gun-toting premise, by the way, can be found in easy formulas for television dramas and insipid soap operas. Need a boost of dramatic urgency? Point a gun. Not exactly an original idea. And unfortunately, that bit of dramatic trickery comes at the end of the interminable first act, whereby the only anticipation is how many alcoholic drinks can be imbibed by the cast before intermission.

Once it's clear that the visitor.

John Barrett (Robert Morgan), has arrived with a mission to confront the couple who he and his wife met at a business conference, the road ahead is painfully predictable.

Barrett is an annoying inquisitor searching for answers about the relationship between Mark Driscoll (John Biedenbach) and his own wife. The screw turns as it's revealed that Barrett's wife was in a "tragic" car accident. Who's to blame? Where's justice to be found? And for that matter, where was Mark Driscoll on that fateful night?

Barrett has his own ideas. He has arrived carrying a briefcase filled with bits of evidence to prove his case. Of course, he enforces his right to make a case by shooting off his gun every now and then and holding the Driscolls hostage to his plan. Barrett's intention straddles the line between an obsession and self-righteousness, but is never altogether believable.

Meanwhile, Mark and Sally Driscoll (Tracey Copeland) are coaxed into discussing their own tenuous bonds of marriage. And soon, it's their own relationship that's on trial. The notion of

Good or bad, art is always in the eye of the beholder

mutual trust has long been discarded.

-But can the truth save them or bring on their demise? Nevermind any statement about love, suspicion and the human condition. This play's resolution is something borrowed from a poll taken at a dinner theater production,

Dressed up as a domestic play about revenge and a psychological thriller, ultimately "Dangerous Obsession" suffers from a lack of plausibility.

The problems aren't with the production or the acting, but with N.J. Crisp's script filled with one too many cute and neatly arrived at revelations.

It doesn't help that Meadow Brook attempted to make the play more intimate by localizing several of the locations within the drama. Apparently, noting that the Driscolls are from Grosse Pointe Park and that Barrett is from Royal Oak is intended to make the story appear less unlikely. Doesn't work

Overall, "Dangerous Obsession" suffers from being overly neat and tidy, which makes it all too safe and predictable. Just like a made-for-TV movie. All that's missing are the commercial breaks.

### Fun from page E1

Lisa Andres of Livonia plays Rose Alvarez, the leading female role, while her daughter, Brooke, is cast as Kim MacAfee. Stephen Sell of West Bloomfield stars as Kim's dad, Harry MacAfee.

-Stephanie Travis of Southfield is in the teen chorus. Children's chorus members include Kandace Carr. Tabetha Tybercza and Darlene Vangel of Redford, and Kelsey Stewart of Westland.

I"Bye, Bye Birdie" opened on Broadway on April 14, 1960. The music was written by Charles Strouse. Lyrics are by Lee Adams, the book is by Michael Stewart. The show ran for 607 performances on Broadway.

Here are some other family shows that are now playing at metro Detroit theaters:

: "Annie Jr." is presented by Tinderbox Productions, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 22, 29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, 23, 30, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre.

# 'Bye, Bye Birdie' opened on Broadway on April 14, 1960. The music was written by Charles Strouse. Lyrics are by Lee Adams, the book is by Michael Stewart. The show ran for 607 performances on Broadway

Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit, Tickets are \$5. Call (313) 535-8962.

\*Jack in the Beanstalk\* continues at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main, downtown Northville, through Sunday, Jan. 16. Tickets are \$7, Call (248) 349-8110 for

# BACKSTAGE

but I know what I like." Traditionally, it has been uttered as a polite way to suggest that a particular work

You've heard

the expression,

and maybe even

used it. "I may

not know every-

thing about art,

is unappealing and devoid of meaning. In recent years, the expression seems to have evolved a bit. Now it's more like: "Get that worthless piece of trash out of here." Diplomaca and civility just may be a vanishing art.

That's why "Art," Yasmina Reza's Tony Award winning comedy, is a play for the times. The clash between modern art and old-fashioned friendship is so contentious that it presents a challenge to the actors to preserve the story's comedic intent. The current production, which runs through Jan. 30 at the Fisher Theatre, stars Judd Hirsch, Cotter Smith and Jack Willis. The furor in "Art: is over the value of an expensive piece of modern art that Hirsch considers just a waste of white on canvas. If that backdrop seems a bit tepid for such heat between the two, remember how Detroit

got so piqued about polka dots. In the next edition of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 16, series producer Mark Nathanson provides a behindthe-scenes look at the production with Cotter Smith and Jack Willis.

### Debate

The value of art is rarely a consensus, whether it's exhibited in a museum, gallery, or on a Detroit Public TV arts series.

Even though some of the Detroit area's most knowledgeable observers of the arts scene help select the attractions to be featured on BACKSTAGE PASS, there's often what I like to call a healthy debate about the segments used.

I'm sure there was a time when purists questioned the value of photography as an art form. The new techniques and powerful works of photographers throughout the 1900s squelched that notion.

Among them is Sandy Skoglund, featured in Life magazine as one of the world's top 100 photographers. The fact that she is also internationally known for her sculptures, installation pieces, and work in alternative media is further evidence of her stunning versatility in creative expression. Skoglund's work is being exhibited through Feb. 4 at the Elaine L. Jacob Gallery on the campus of Wayne State Uni-

"Misbehaving! Works from the Studio of Sandy Skoglund" includes photographs and sculptural elements from various installations in a career retrospective.

Marsha Miro hosts a feature story about the exhibit and the artist on the Jan. 16 edition of BACKSTAGE PASS.

### Cyber art

Cyber art is now the new frontier. While some artists are skeptical, others see it as the medium of the future. Certainly, it is a simple way for artists to exhibit their works.

Good and bad art will always be in the eye of the beholder. There are those who believe even the atrocious stuff deserves special merit. Browse the Museum of Bad Art (www.moba.com) for an eveful

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# JET captures the 'Prisoner of Second Avenue'

Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents the \*Prisoner of Second Avenue" through Sunday, Jan. 23 in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake. West Bloomfield, Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday: 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday: Tickets \$15-\$25, call (248) 788-2900.

BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

Melvin Edison is a 47-year-old throw rug ready to unravel. Burned out at work and bummed out at home, he comes apart at the seams the way only a Neil Simon can orchestrate it. As a local production, "Prisoner of Second Avenue" is played out as only the Jewish Ensemble Theatre can play it.

There is a dearth of area actors who are the right age for "Prisoner" and who can speak Simon lines, pause Simon pauses and look Simon looks. JET doesn't have this problem. It brings out the best local talent or it brings them in. With "Prisoner" they did both.

in Manhattan, the heat rises from the street fourteen floors below. So does the stench of garbage. Dogs are barking, neighbors are partying, the air conditioner keeps blasting and the toilet keeps running. Such is the stuff of which New York nervous breakdowns are made. For Mel (John Siebert), the clock is most definitely ticking.

"(We) live like some kind of a caged animal in a Second Avenue zoo," he moans to his patient wife. When she suggests an analyst, he answers, "I'm disappearing, Edna. I don't need analysts; I need Lost and Found." After being fired he concludes, "miracles don't happen when you're 47. When Moses saw the burning bush, he must've been 23, 24 the most."

Siebert\_captures that East Coast kvetching rhythm wonderfully, although a bit too fast at times. Michigan native Roxanne Wellington was brought in from New York to play Edna, and brings off the role-reversal very nicely. Forced to go back to work, Edna dutifully hurries home to make Mel lunch while he grows

On a sweltering summer night more paranoid about "The Plot". that only people stuck home listening to radio call-in shows know about. Watch as he cautiously unscrews the phone to check for bugs.

> After the breakdown, Mel's successful older brother and three daffy sisters arrive to help out. Brother Harry suggests they each chip in X dollars for doctor bills. "Is it a big X or a little x," they first need to know.

> There aren't three more perfect actresses in town for these roles than JET's Artistic Director Evelyn Orbach, Henrietta Hermelin Weinberg and Rochelle Rosenthal. They look like they've already lived through every word. However, they also give us unscripted business (cutting an apple, fussing with sofa pillows) that comes across more like oneupmanship than something to do. As Harry, Fred Buchalter competently deals with the crisis of Mel's illness and the burden of having those three as sisters,

> Director Mary Bremer misses the mark only twice. When the siblings come to call, Mel shows too little of the effects of the sedatives he's on inote to Edna;



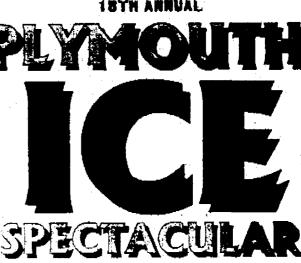
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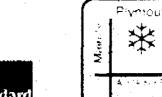


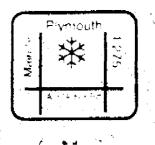
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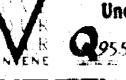
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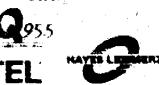
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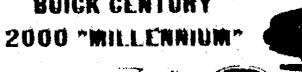
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Chapin's presentation will combine aspects of the family's history with facts about the design and manufacturing of Steinway pianos.

 Two lectures have been scheduled. Chapin will speak at Hammell Music's Livonia location at 15630 Middlebelt, North of 5 Mile road at 11 a.m. The program will be repeated at Hammell Music in Bloomfield Hills, 4110 Telegraph, South of Long Lake Road, at 2 p.m.

There is no admission charge, however seating for both lectures is limited. Phone reservations are being accepted by Hammell Music at (800) 742-4544.

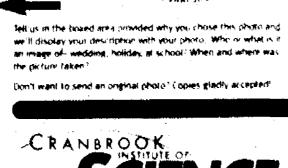
Chapin, who resides in New York City, is an accomplished actor with many television appearances and more than eighteen motion pictures to his credit. His hardcover book, from which the lecture is drawn, was released in late 1997 and is currently in its fifth printing.

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television series may recall an episode in which Chapin appeared to discuss the process of rebuilding Stewart's 1920s Steinway player grand.

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE "Valley Song," opens Thursday, Jan. 13 to 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, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

### MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

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"Dangerous Obsession," continues to Sunday, Jan. 30, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester, \$24-\$35, (\$19.50-\$24 previews Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 5-7), (248) 377-3300

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"Our Town" through Saturday, April 15, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, family night 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 (\$15, \$5 children); "Some Americans Abroad," through Saturday, Feb. 5, at the theater 4743 Cass, Detroit \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

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### AYON PLAYERS

"Made in the USA: Encore," a musical review showcasing the past century of American song and dance, Jan. 14-16, 21-23 and 27 29, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays! at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$15, student/senior/group rates available Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077

### **CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS**

"Weekend Comedy" by Jeanne and Sam Bobrick, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 14-15 and 21-22, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston, \$11, (248) 625-8811

### DEARBORN FAMILY THEATRE

"Bye, Bye Birdie," 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Jan. 14-16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, in Adray Auditorium at the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, Evergreen Road, south of Ford Road, Dearborn: \$10, \$9 seniors. (313) 943-3095

### PHOEMIX PRODUCTIONS

Present two comedies "Lone Star" and "Private Wars," Thursdays-Sundays through Jan. 16, show time is 8 p.m. except for 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan, 16 performance, at the Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Yosilanti. \$12, \$10 students/seniors/veterans. (313) 581-7544

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"Jake's Women," Jan. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at 21730 Madison, South of Outer Drive and East of Monroe.

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### SESAME STREET LIVE

"When I Grow Up," Jan. 19-30 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, \$25, \$16, \$14, \$10. (248) 433-1515

### STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Canton Project Arts holds its second annual storytelling festival Saturday, Jan. 22, "Storytelling Through the Ages" provides hands-on workshops and concerts for children and adults throughout the day and evening, children's show takes place 1-2:30 p.m. and a family concert 7-9 p.m. at the Summit on the Park Community Center, Canton. Tickets for the entire day and evening event are \$5, \$15 for a family of three or more. For advanced ticket reservations, call (734) 397-6450 TOY SHOW

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BIRNINGHAM MUSICALE A safute to the National Federation of Music Clubs, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates. Free, (248) 335-7160: DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Brahma' Second Symphony, Torke's Javelin and Hindemith's Mathis der Maler Symphony, 10:45 a.m. Enday, Jan. 14 and 8:30 p.m. Seturday, Jan. 15; special concert of spirituals and gospel selections

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With the Madonna University Chorale, Beethoven's "Symphony No. 9" and Richard Strauss' "2001 Space Odyssey," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia, \$15, \$10 students. (734) 464-2741/(734) 421-1111 YO-YO MA

#### The cellist performs 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann

Arbor, \$55, \$45, \$35, \$20, (734) 764-2538

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#### The planist performs French and Russian compositions, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, \$15. \$10 students/seniors. (313) 882-

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dance program in summer of 2000, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Wayne State University, 3226 Old Main, Detroit, Students unable to audition may send a video. (800) 221-3796

### CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for "A Case of Libel" by Henry Denker 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 17-18 at the Depot, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. (248) 625-8811 COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS

#### 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, open jam for string band musicians of all levets 4-6 p.m. (free), at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann ARbor Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor, \$7. (734) 426-0241

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Chapel Hills Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road. north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158 or

### eba@umich.edu FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Auditions for 12 men and 12 women for Cole Porter's "Kiss Me Kate," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.(248) 626-8767

#### FIRST THEATRE GUILD Auditions for "Pied Piper of Hamelin," a youth production for. school-age children through high school, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 644-

2087, ext. 151 FREEDOM DANZ: XPRESSIONZ Auditions for hip-hop flavored dance companies Friday, Jan. 21, ages 6-12 5:30-7 p.m., ages 13 to adult 7;30-10 p.m., at the studio on the second floor at 229 Gratiot.

### Detroit. (313) 964-8497 LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Auditions for the youth orchestra will be held Saturday, Jan. 22. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 591-7649

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS Auditions will be held 7 p.m.

Tuesdays, Jan. 18 and 25, and Feb. 1 by appointment, tenors and basses are especially needed by there are some openings for sopranos and altos, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080

#### PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY Rehearsals began 7:15 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 10, selected works to be performed are "Te Deum" by A. Bruckner, "Magnificat" by J. Rutter and "Coronation Anthems No. 1 and 4 by G. F. Handel, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-8353 SESAME STREET LIVE

### Auditions for actors who can dance and dancers who can act for

national touring stage productions. 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. (612) 375-9670, ext. 704 or www.sesamestreetlive.com

#### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Auditions for all voice parts, in room 530 of the Forum Building, at the college, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia: (313) 937-0975

### SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION

The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22). must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail CoufLinks@aol.com

### STAGECRAFTERS

Auditions for "Barefoot in the Park," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 17-18 (registration begins 6:30 p.m.), in the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, For performances March 24-26 and 29-31. and April 1-2 and 6-9, (248) 541-

### THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDPORD

is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford,

### ORGAN

W. MICHAEL SRITTENBACK Performs on the historic Aeolian Skinner organ 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at All Saints Episcopei Church, Williams and Pike streets, Pontiec. \$10. (248) 334-4571

"MUSIC FOR MEDITATION" SERIES

David Wagner plays the music of J.S. Bach: Trio Sonates and Individual Works Part II, noon Thursday, Jan. 20, at St. Michael's Church, Livonia, and noon Friday, Jan. 21, at St. Paul's Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, Free/

#### **AMIGO** 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at

Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150 JOHNNIE BASSETT & THE BLUES

### INSURGENTS

8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at Edison's 220 Merrill Street. Birmingham, No cover. (248) 645-

#### 2150 BESS BONNIER

With Paul Keller as part of the B' Jazz Vespers series, 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits and Bates, Birmingham. A free will offering is taken for musicians. (248) 644-

#### 0550 RON BROOKS

9:30 p.m. 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Saturday Sunday, January 15-16, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 662-8310 TODD CURTIS

Thursdays, at Elie's, 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

### BILL GAFF

8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

#### FRODE GJERSTAD TRIO Part of the Jazz at the Edge series.

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor, \$15; \$10, (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

### JEFF HASS TRIO & FRIENDS

Dearborn, (313) 336-6350

With Marcus Beigrave 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15; at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-8587 RICH K. TRIO

#### 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr.,

MATT MICHAELS TRIO With vocalist April Tini 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, with saxophonist Chris Collins, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at.Ron's Fireside Inn. 28937 Warren, east of Middlebelt Road, Garden City, \$5 cover. Reservations recommended

#### for the Jazz Room. (734) 762-7756 BILL MORRISSEY

8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at The Ark, 316 \$. Main, Ann Arbor \$12 (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666 (blues)

### TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS SIX

3-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Steak and Ale, 32750 Concord. across from Oakland Mall, Madison Heights, \$4 cover. (248) 588-4450

### STRAIGHT AHEAD

9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Edison's 220 Merrill Street. Birmingham, No cover, (248) 645-2150 TAKE 6

8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor, \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10, (734) 764-2538

### JANET TENAJ TRIO

Featuring Sven Anderson, plane and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Highway, Southfield.

#### (248) 351-2925 THE BROTHERS GROOVE

9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150 TOTY VIOLA

#### 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at Edison's 220 Merrill Street. Birmingham, No cover, (248) 645 2150

### ED WELLS

The planist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

### WORLD MUSIC

#### THE CASSIDYS A Dublin group with champion step-

dancer, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at Athens High School, John R and Wattles, Troy. \$15. (248) 435-5307/(810) 979-8406 MACAOIBH

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21 22, at John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern, 33338 Grand River, Farmington, (248) 474-5941 (Celtic folk music)

### FOLK/BLUEGRASS

COMPANY OF STRANGERS 9:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, Jan. 14 15, at John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern, 33338 Grand River, Farmington, (248) 474-5941

The musical storyteller and politi-

### cal satirist performs 7:30 p.m.

CHARLIE KING

Sunday, Jan. 16, at The Ark, 316 S Main, Ann Arbor, \$13,50, 1734; 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666 RARELY HERD 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Ockland Community College, 739

### S. Washington on the north side of

Lincoln, Royal Oak, \$15. (248) 544-4903 (bluegrass) LEON REDBONE 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 at The

Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, Please see next page Zuays a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

Continued from previous page \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666 RFD BOYS

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, \$10, \$9 members/students/seniors. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666 (bluegrass)

### POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762 7586

### DANCE

ADVANCED ENGLISH FROLIC

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of 1-94, Ann Arbor, \$7, (313) 937-1552 **BALLROOM DANCING** 

9 p.m. Saturdays, at the Dance Scene, 25333 Van Dyke. Centerline, \$6. Also swing and Latin classes. (810) 757-6300

COUNTRY LINE DANCING Lessons, dining and danking 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, in the Food Court at Wonderland Mall. Plymouth Road and Middlebelt, Livonia: (734) 522 4100

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE Hosts West Side Story Dance Workshops, learn actual choreography to be taught from the dance. numbers in the theater company's spring production, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1 and 8, at the theater, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe, (248) 594-9673/(313) 884-0196 or

www.gpt.org **HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE** Language and zither lessons. (248) 352 0927/(734) 946 6261

MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOC. Lesson 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16 (\$3. free for members), Boogle Woogle class, dance 4/8 p.m. \$6 members. \$8 non-members, at The Amber House 7012 F. Nine Mile hetween van Dyke and Mound, Warren (248) 926-5484

BEBE MILLER COMPANY

8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Power Center, 121 Fletcher Street. Ann Arbor, \$32; \$30, \$22, \$16. 1734) 764 2538 O'HARE'S IRISH DANCERS

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, south of I-696. Farmington Hills, \$12, (248) 471-7667

**POLKA BOOSTER CLUB** 

Inaugural Ball 4-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, doors open at 1:30 p.m., dinner at 2:30 p.m., at Pvt. John Lyskowa Hall, 6828 Waverly, Dearborn, Heights: (313: 561-8389/1248) 471-2963

STARDUST BALLROOM

Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays. lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, \$8, (248) 356-5678

STUTTGART BALLET

8 p.m.: Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 13, 15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, \$17 \$62. (313) 237-SING/(248) 645-6666

### COMEDY

### DOWN HOME COMEDY SUPERSTAR

Featuring D.C. Curry, Joe Torry. Sheryl Underwood, hosted by Bobo Lamb 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit: \$37.50. \$29.50. (248) 433-1515

**ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB** 

Mark Sweetman with Dee Profitt. 9:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, Jan. 14 15, at 2869 N: Pontiac Trail Commerce Township, (248) 624 1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Darwin Hines through Saturday. Jan, 15; Mike Green, Wednesday Saturday, Jan. 19-22, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia 8 p.m. Wednesdays Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Eridays and Saturdays. Third Level Iniprov and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5), (734) 261 0565

### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT

Diane Ford, Thursday Sunday, ian 13-16, John Proette Fraday Saturday, Jan. 21-22, at the clob. 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn.

(313) 584-8885 MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Dan Grueter, also Keith Ruff, Thursday Saturday Jan 13 15 June David, also Rob Little Thousand Saturday Jan 20-22, at the club. 269 E Fourth Result Day - 218 542-99(X)

SECOND CITY

"Phentom Menace to Society" Wednesday Sunday, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: \$10 Wednesdays. Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

#### MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM

Offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 220 E. Ann St., 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; "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. 5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS Mexican artist Alejandro Garcia Nelo creates a large scale paper altar in Rivera Court using the traditional Mexican folk art of papel. picado, Saturday, Jan. 15 to Sunday, Feb. 13, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 Garcia Nelo will give a demonstration of papel picado techniques, at the museum, 5200 Woodward Avenue. Free with recommended museum admission of

\$4, \$1 children, (313) 833 7900

http://www.detroithistorical.org

**DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER** IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest at 10 a.m. Mondays Fridays, "Thriff Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week. at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 5020 John R (at Warren), 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

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 100 Strand Drive 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 MEADOW BROOK HALL

Tours of the 110 room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sundays, on the campus of Oakland University. Rochester, \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12, (248) 370-3140

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM "Celebrate the Century" exhibit continues at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. \$2, \$.50-kids, \$5

family, (734) 455-8940 ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

"A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit continges through Saturday, Jan. 29. at the museum, 1005 Van Hoosen Road at Van Hoosen Farm, east of Rochester Road off Trenken Road. Rochester Hills, \$3, \$2 seniors: students. (248) 656-4663

SPIRIT OF FORD

Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages! NASCAR Pit Stop Challenge, Turbo Jour full motion simulator ride, 9 a milto 5 p.m. dady including the Martin Luther King. Ir. boliday Monday, Jan. 17, at 1151 Village. Drive, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village. Dearbern, \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages. 5 12 (313) 317 7474

### POPULAR MUSIC

### ALBERTA ADAMS

7 p.m. Friday Satistday, Ian. 21:22. Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Assessing Reproducted their Fige Ar. ages 248: 644 4800 Others LORI AMEY

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills, 1122 South Rochester Rd. All

ages, (248) 652-0558 ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL

Featuring Shawn Colvin, Arlo Guthrie, Great Big Sea, Matt Watroba and more, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$30, \$25, (248) 645-6666. ASTRAL PROJECT

8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. \$15 advance. (734) 662-8310. BECK

7:30 Thursday Feb. 3, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave. in Ann Arbor. All ages. \$22.50. Call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, Fox and

Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues). BOY SETS FIRE With Reach the Sky, 6 p.m.

Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue,

Saturday, Jan. 22, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$7. (313) 961-MELT. B'JAZZ VESPERS

With Bess Bonnier and Paul Keller,

6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Features "The Women of Jazz." (248) 644-0550

**BOTTLE ROCKETS** 

Wednesday, Feb. 16, The Shelter. 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (248) 645-6666 BROTHERS GROOVE

10 p.m. Tuesdays in January, Fifth Avenue, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. (248):735-4011; 9:30 p.m. Thurs. Feb. 3, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth, (734) 455-8450.

BUMP N' UGLIES CD RELEASE . With Teenage Frames, Gutterpunk. The Outsiders.. 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Jan. 29, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, All ages, \$5 advance/\$7 day of show. (313) 961/MELT.

SCOTT CAMPBELL

will nost an acoustic open mike jam every Thursday at 8 p.m. beginning Jan. 20 at Carbon, Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. Free admission, free parking, 18 and over. (313) 366-9278 or www.scottcampbell.net. **CHAIN REACTION** 

10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, Token Lounge, Westland. (734) 513-5030 CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27. Karl's

Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450. ALEX CHILTON

8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, St.

Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress. Detroit, All ages, Tickets \$13, 50 advance, (313) 961-MELT. CHISEL BROTHERS FEATURING

CHEF CHRIS

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28:-Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland, Free. 21 and over (blues)

Friday Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Beale

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND

Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw Street. Pontiac. (248) 334-7900. COMPANY OF STRANGERS .9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan 14:

15, Cowley's, Grand River at

Farmington Road, Farmington (248) 474-5941. COWBOY JUNKIES 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$20, \$25 on sale Jan. 31. (248) 645-6666

THE CRO-MAGS

With All Out War and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, All ages. \$10. (313) 961 MELT CROSBY, STILLS, NASH AND

YOUNG

8 p.m. Monday, Jan 24. The Palace of Auburn Hills, Tickets \$76, \$51, and \$40.50 reserved. Eight ticket timit per person - 248; 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100 CUBANISMO

7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10. The

Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25 advance. (248) 645-6666 THORNETTA DAVIS 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14 15.

28-29. Fox and Hounds, 1560. Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free All ages. ; 248: 644-4800 (blues) DETROIT BLUES: THE DELTA

MEETS DETROIT Featuring The Butler Twins, BB

Queen and more (2.4:30:p.m. Saturday, Ian. 22, The Scarab Club 217 Farnsworth, Detroit- Free -(313) 831 1250 DESNUDO

### Thursday Saturday, Jan. 13.15.

Wadon Wheel Tayern, 102 S. Broadway, Lake Onon (248) 693 6789

DJ SKRIBBLE

Will host. Global Beach Party. Friday Feb 4 at La Boom feer nightelib 1172 N Pontiac TradWalled Lake. (248) 962-1000

**DOMESTIC PROBLEMS** 

With Cloud Nine, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 8lind Pig. 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5: (734). 996-8555, www.blindpigmusic.com. **FAN MAIL TOUR** 

With TLC, Christina Aguilera, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16. The Palace of Auburn Hills: Tickets \$39.50 and \$29.50 on sale. (248) 645-6666.

FINVARRAS WREN Featuring Jim Perkins, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan 28-29, Cowley's, Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington.

THE FLATLANDERS

(248) 474-5941.

Featuring Joe Ely, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Butch Hancock, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, The Ark, Ann Arbor, \$20 advance, (248) 645-6666.

FREED

5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292. THE GREENHORNS

With Come-ons, Babykillers, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Majestic Theatre, Detroit, \$7 cover. (313) 833-9700

**GORDON BENNETT** 

10 p.m. Wednesdays in January, also Friday, Jan. 14. Fifth Avenue, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922. ALVIN YOUNGBLOOD HART

17:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14. The Ark. Ann Arbor, \$10 advance. (248)

645-6666. HARRINGTON BROTHERS 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, 25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward

ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues). COREY HARRIS 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, The Ark Ann Arbor, \$12 advance, (248).

Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, Free, All.

645-6666 ROY HAMILTON JR. & THE GOLDEN BOYS

7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, 20, 27, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, Free! All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues).

WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK With Big Barn Combo and Driftweed, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. Majestic Theatre Detroit. \$12.50 cover. (313) 833-9700 JEFF HEALEY BAND

8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, Magic Stick, Detroit, Tickets \$12,50 on sale now. (248: 645-6666. AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, Arbor. Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. No. cover. : 734: 213-1393 **IMMIGRANT SUNS** 

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28. Majestic Theatre, Detroit, \$7 cover. (313) 833.9700

**ALAN JACKSON** 

.With Lonestar, 8 p.m. Saturday: Feb. 5. The Palace of Auburn Hills Tickets \$32,50 and \$25,50. (248)

JAH RULE AND THE MURDERERS

.9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, St

Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress. Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance. (313) 961 MELT.

JAZZHEAD

9:30.p.m. Mondays in January. . Fifth Avenue Binlards, 215 W. Fifth Street, Royal Oak. - 248 - 542-9922 JIANTS

With Warmth and Soul 360, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan 26 Blind Pig. 208 S. First Street, Ahn Arbor. \$3, 173411996 8555, www.biinapig. mosic com.

JIMMIE'S CHICKEN SHACK

With JoyDrop and Sumad, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan 26. The Shelter. 431 E. Congress, Detroit, Arrages \$8 advance, \$10 day of show. (313) 961 MEU

JO NAB

9 30 p.m. Friday, Ian 21, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth. Street, Royal Oak + 248 - 542 9922

THE JUDOS

With Jo Dee Messina 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday March 1819 The Palace of Auburn Hills, Trokets on sale for \$65, \$32.50 and \$25, Group discount available for March 19, Call (248) 645 66664or (248) 371 2055 for group tickets.

JUMP LITTLE CHILDREN With Sugar Pall, 9:30 p.m. Friday

KNEE DEEP SHAG

Jan. 28. Blind Pig. 208 S. First -Street Ann Artior \$8 advance \$10 at door 21 and older - 234: 996 8555 of www.biindoignigsic.com JUST THE SAX

Albright, Marion Meadow's and Kimi Waters 8 p.m. Inday Feb 11 Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak \$36.50 248: 645.6666

Featuring Paul Taylor Gerald

With Park 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 Bland Fig. 208 5 First Street Ann Athon \$6 - 1341 996 856 www.buildbigbiokic.com

DONNA KRALL

Theater, Ann Arbor. \$35, \$25. (248) 645-6666.

KRESCENT 4 With Muzzle, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, Blind Pig, 208 S. First

8555, www.blindpigmusic.com. LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-

Street, Ann Arbor. \$4, (734) 996-

4300. SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills,

1122 S. Rochester Road. Free, (248) 652-0558; See them every other Wednesday at Woodruff's Supper Club, 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak, Free, Call (248) 586-1519 for details.

7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak, All ages. Tickets \$19.31 on sale now. (248) 645-6666.

LIVE 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, State Theatre, Detroit, Sold Out, LORDS OF ACID

With Genocide 2, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$17 advance, \$19 day of show. All ages. (248), 645-6666.

LOVESICK Jitterbug finals and shotdown, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, Blind Pig. 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor \$5. (734) 996-8555, www.blindpig music.com.

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### 'The Hurricane' will win over audiences

BY BOB THOMAS ASSOCIATED PRESS

I OS ANGELES - The fictional Rocky Balboa found his vindication in the ring. The real-life boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter achieved his in the courts after 20 agonizing years, and he had to do it from prison.

Norman Jewison's "The Hurricane" bears little resemblance to "Rocky" except that the protagonists of both are prizefighters facing long odds. "Rocky" was a heartwarming tale of an unknown who makes an unlikely climb to become champion. "The Hurricane" tells of a contender whose career is ended when he is snared in a legal trap of revenge

and bigotry.

Rubin Carter, whose slashing style earned him the name Hurricane, seemed destined for the middleweight title in the early 1960s. Then in 1966, he and a fan were arrested and charged with the shooting of three people in a New Jersey bar. The sole evidence was the testimony of an ex-con who claimed to have seen the pair fleeing from the bar with guns.

Even though they had been exonerated by the police and a grand jury, Carter and the fan were convicted and given three life sentences. After years of trying to prove his innocence, Carter was aided by an American youth and Canadian social

activists. They helped win his freedom.

Obviously this is first-class film material. The wonder is why it took so long to reach the screen.

"The Hurricane" traces Carter's life from his early days, when he fights a pedophile who preys on slum kids. A bigoted copnamed Della Pesca (Dan Hedaya) accuses Rubin (Mitchell Taylor Jr.) of attacking a pillar of the community, and the boy is sentenced to a juvenile detention

As an adult, Carter (Denzel Washington) transfers his anger into boxing, and his ferocity wins him victories and the adulation of the crowd. But at the peak of his career, he is again hounded by Pesca, the relentless Javert to Carter's Jean Valiean. The detective falsifies evidence and Carter is convicted.

Carter remains aloof from the other prisoners, sleeping by day and educating himself by night. His efforts for justice fail, even after his book, "The Sixteenth Round," is published. Pleas from Bob Dylan - who championed Carter in a song he wrote - and Muhammad Ali fail to sway the

An underprivileged city boy (Vicellous Reon Shannon) living in Toronto is inspired by the book and he makes contact with the prisoner. He also induces his three Canadian mentors (John Hannah, Deborah Kara Unger and Liev Schreiber) to help uncover evidence that would free Carter.

Having trained for a year and shed 35 pounds, Washington looks every inch the professional boxer. He is convincing in the ring and brings forceful emotion to Carter's long struggle for freedom. Shannon as the idelizing youth plays a perfect counterpoint to the anguished fighter, saving him from despair at his lowest moments.

The rest of the cast, most of them unfamiliar faces, perform admirably. Rod Steiger, who won an Academy Award for Jewison's commit in "The Hurricane."

Washington) is a boxer sentenced for a crime he didn't

Armyan Bernstein and Dan Gordon wrote the script, which was based on Carter's book and "Lazarus and the Hurricane" by

Sam Chaiton and Terry Swinton. The Universal Pictures release was produced by Jewison, Armyan Bernstein and John Ketcham. Running time is 140



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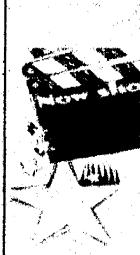
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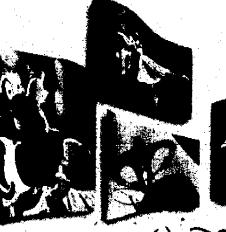


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is a hard one to admit to. As a little girl, I grew up watching The Monkees television. Davy, Mickey, Mike STEPHANIE A. CASOLA and Peter ran

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around singing songs and get-

ting into mischief, and I didn't want to miss a minute of it even if the show was already in re-runs.

When my family moved from our home in northern Indiana to Rochester, Mich., I couldn't have been older than 5. I vividly remember asking my mom if "The Monkees" would be on TV at our new house. That was the one thing I wanted to take with

It seems Jeff Franchi shared a similar experience. I didn't ask the guitarist whether his favorite Monkee was Davy Jones. but I did ask him for his earliest musical memory. And watching "The Monkees" was it.

Franchi, guitarist and vocalist for The Turnarounds -- a Wayne County-based blues band grew up surrounded by music. His father played the accordion, and his older brothers played in rock bands who often practiced

in the basement of the family's Farmington home. Franchi remembers setting up his toy drum set in the basement and playing along with the band when he was a little boy. It was a big deal when his brother let him sit behind The Real drum set. He played percussion for years, throughout his time at Farmington High School, but also took up the guitar, which he's now been playing for 20

"There was always music around," he said. "It was almost like I didn't have a choice."

Almost three years ago, Franchi made a choice. He joined four other musicians who share his passion for blues and formed a band — The Turnarounds. After one year of recording on and off at Circle Sky in Farmington and The Loft in Saline, the band is ready to release its first CD, titled "Are You Ready." In 15 tracks, The Turnarounds combined catchy originals with covers like Stevie Wonder's "Superstitious."

Initially called The Blues Shakers, the band consists of Franchi, guitarist Todd Best, a former Westland resident who attended Livonia Franklin High School, bassist and lead vocalist David Gondoly, a former Canton resident, and drummer Bill Henrikson, a Redford resident and

Redford Union High School graduate. To avoid confusion with other bands in the area, they changed the name to The Turnarounds.

Franchi and Best are co-workers at Joe's Music in Livonia, where they both play guitar. Best, who grew up listening to his brother's ACDC records, also acquired an affinity for playing music at an early age. He remembered making a cut-out of a guitar in third grade. He and his friends used it at a lip-sync performance of Pink Floyd's "The Wall" at school, Since that early stage experience, Best has grown used to performing. He met Gondoly while studying music at Wayne State University. And Best knew Henrikson from working with him in other bands over the past decade. They all came together to form The Turnarounds.

"We're just a bunch of friends playing music together," said Best, who admits he's always been interested in blues music. "It's really expressive."

Franchi agreed. "One of the reasons (the blues) attracted me is the fact that you can improvise. I don't like playing Top 40, being a human jukebox." He gets bored playing songs the same way. With blues, the music is open to ever-changing interpre-



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Both Franchi and Best agreed the best music derived from life experiences and true emotions. While the band performs regularly, and can be seen at places like Lowertown Grill in Plymouth, Franchi said live music in the Metro area isn't as easy to find as it used to be. Best agreed that more bars and clubs rely on DJs for entertainment, which makes it hard to find places to perform.

"If you do Top 40, you get more work," Franchi added. "I'm personally willing to put up with

that lumitation."

Best said blues music is something everyone can relate to. By adding elements of rock, jazz, pop, and even a little country, the music can draw in listeners who never thought they'd become blues fans. "We really mix it up."

Franchi has a saying for those who question The Turnarounds' style: "If you come in and see us and you don't like the song, stick around It'll change

Like the weather. The Turnarounds perform unpredictable blues Friday, Jan. 14, The Taproom,

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Ypsilanti, Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22. The Alibi, Farmington, and will host a CD Release Party for "Are You Ready" 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. Lowertown Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth, Call (734) 451-1213. More information and CDs are available at http://turnarounds.hypermart, net.

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### STAY TUNED...

Look out Jenny Jones. The talk show maven has taken a lik-Kalamazoo's Knee Deep Shag. talent.'

The band will return to the "Jenny Jones" show on Tuesday, ing to the musical stylings of Jan 18 The topic is "prove your

### **CD REVIEW**

Methods of Mayhem Methods of Mayhem MCA Records

No doubt shocking old fans, former Motley Crue drummer capture Roni Size's drum 'n' bass Tommy Lee has assembled hiphop heavyweights like Snoop Dogg and Lil Kim to help out on the self-titled debut record by his rap-metal band, Methods of Mayhem.

Give Lee credit for that, because the D-O double-G and the Queen Bee add spice and credibility to what could have amounted to a rip off of Limp Bizkit, Korn or any other rapmetal band of the moment.

Lil Kim heats up the track "Get Naked" with her typically trashy talk and, along with guests Fred Durst, George Clinton and Mix Master Mike, helped Lee find his way to alt-rock radio. The earnest delivery and bludgeoning beats make it easy to forgive the disposable lyrics.

Snoop Dogg rescues "Who The Hell Cares," while Kid Rock boosts "New Skin." Surprisingly, Methods of Mayhem manage to - without his help - on the closing cut, "Spun."

The lesson here is that Methods of Mayhem have released an acceptable record because they brought in the right people and made their rip-off of others' music sound somehow fresh.

Even so, the lyrics here are to be mostly avoided. Tommy Lee fires off like some angry juvenile at news reporters, police officers and others who have, it seems, conspired to make his life miser-

On "Narcotic," the lyrics reach a new low with "Forget about rehab. Give me more."

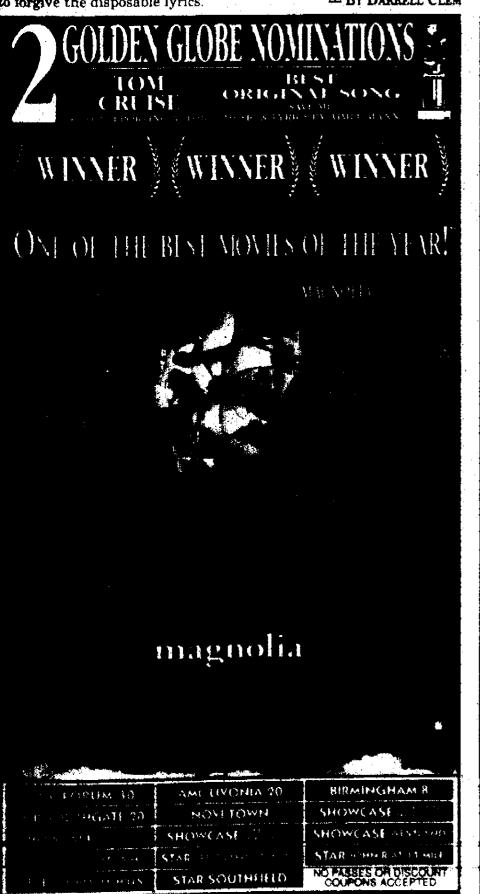
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# Hockeytown Cafe scores with Red Wings fans

By STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

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Ed Kroninger foresees a bright future for Detroit's Hockeytown

The Farmington Hills resident attended the opening of the Red Wings-themed restaurant last

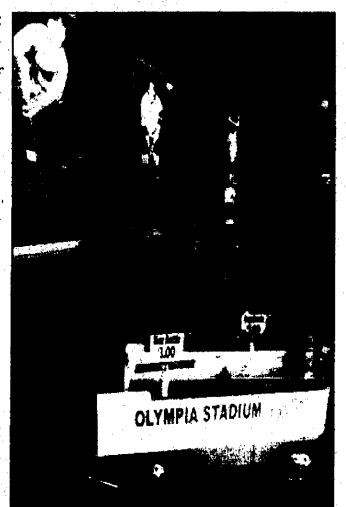
"I think it's fantastic. What an unbelievable location. It's gonna be great all year long. It's a goldmine waiting to happen,"

The restaurant on Woodward Avenue in the Second City building shows off Red Wings memorabilia from Hockey jerseys and photographs to an actual Zamboni parked in the entrance. Who needs a Hard Rock Cafe in Detroit? The restaurant just reassures fans and visitors alike that this is still "hockeytown."

Valarie Bollard said she was never a hockey fan until she joined the staff. I love working here," she said. "Everyone's very friendly."

One trip to the bar will prove

Sports fans: Hockeytown Cafe is decorated with a lot of Red Wings memorabilia.



**Hockeytown Cafe** 

Where: 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit - Inside the Second City .Building, (313) 965-9500.

Open: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Wednesday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday. Menu: American favorites including ribs and burgers with an eclectic mix of entrees such as Spinach and Brioche Encrusted White-

Cost: Appetizers, \$5.95-\$9.95, sandwiches \$5-7, pasta, \$11.95-\$15.95, entrees, \$13.95-\$21.95.

Reservations: Recommended for dinner Credit cards: All majors accepted

Highlight: For information about reserving the restaurant for groups, or dinner/show packages, call (313) 965-2222.

that. Hockeytown bartenders kick. chat with those who stop in for a beverage or meal. They mix up cleverly-named beverages like the Most Valuable Margarita or creamy drinks like a Break Away, which is made with vanilla ice cream, Chambord, Creme De Cocoa and rum.

Non-alcoholic specialties include a Wild Berry Breeze, for a strawberry and raspberry frozen treat, or a Squeeze Play, a lemonade carrying a raspberry

Drinks are placed on a strip of ice that stretches all the way around the bar, just another reminder of that special sport of choice. Hockeytown Cafe features eight domestic and imported bottled beers. The wine list shows nine varieties of white wine, 12 reds and four types of champagne or sparkling wine. Most are available by the glass or bottle.

### Three levels

Dress up or dress down. Bring the kids or a date; it's suitable for any occasion. The dimly-lit restaurant offers dining on three different levels, so even when the place is packed, it's possible to enjoy a meal with space and comfort.

But Hockeytown Cafe is more than atmosphere for sports fans. The menu offers a mix of traditional favorites and eclectic entrees fit to satisfy the hungriest food connoisseurs.

Leave the hockey sticks and pucks behind and start off with an unusual appetizer, like Hoisen-Sesame Chicken Skewers or Crab and Risotto Cakes. Those with light appetites might go for a Cobb or Classic Caesar

If the goal is a hearty sandwich, Hockeytown's got it covered. From a Chicken Focaccia

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sandwich with roasted peppers and provolone cheese, to a Grilled Portobello Mushroom Sandwich or Hockeytown's signature burger, choices are plenty. Sandwiches come with potato chips, but may be substituted for french fries and cole slaw for a

Entrees range from a slab of Baby Back Ribs to a Spinach and Brioche Encrusted Whitefish. Dinner entrees cost between \$13.95 and \$21.95 and include a starch and vegetable.

nominal fee.

The Filet of Beef is prepared with a Traverse City Cherry and Walnut Crust and a Port Wine Sauce, giving a hearty Northern Michigan appeal. Pork Chops take the tastebuds south when served with a Caribbean Barbecue Glaze and Mango-Cilantro

### Pasta

If pasta is your pick, try Cannelloni with Ricotta and Spinach or Blackened Cajun Beef Pasta, served with roasted peppers. tomatoes and a creole sauce.

To satisfy any sweet tooth, the

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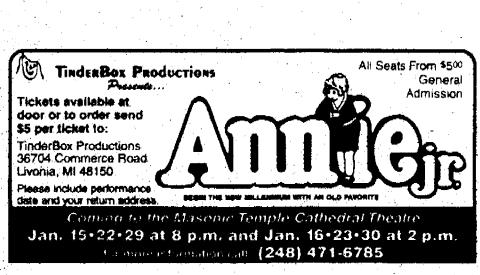
In the city: Hockeytown Cafe is inside the Second City building on Woodward Avenue, close to the Fox and State theaters.

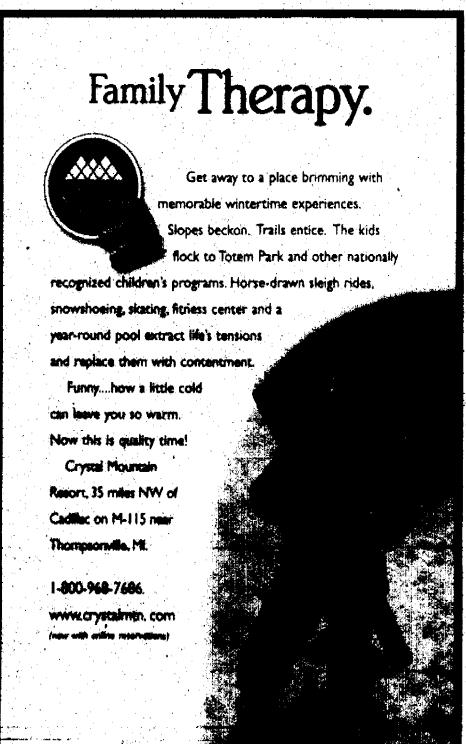
restaurant offers six desserts. Creme Brulee or taste the and seven varieties of sweet coffee drinks. Try an Apple Cobbler with a scoop of French Vanilla Ice Cream, or Rocky Road Cheesecake with an enticing chocolate glaze. Dip into a Rasp-

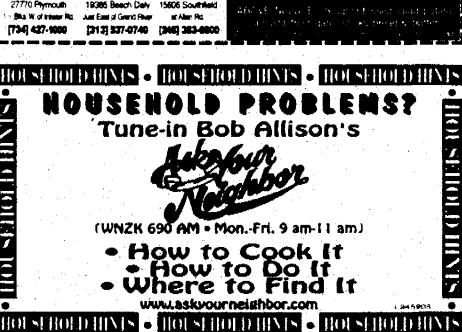
berry and White Chocolate

Almond Cherry Tart, which is baked in a sugar cookie crust

Whether the goal is to stop in before a game at Joe Louis Arena or grab a bite after a show at Second City, patrons won't leave Hockeytown Cafe hungry.

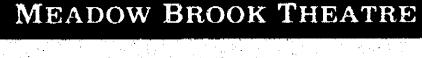














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