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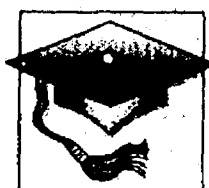
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Edgy officials broach redistricting



The administration and several board members admit there will be a major reaction among parents if there are any school boundary changes. One board member felt that the parents' "emotions will go off the Richter scale."

BY LEONARD POGER
EDITOR

Changing the schools which Wayne-Westland students attend is one of the most difficult things that a school board and administration can do, warned Superintendent Larry Thomas.

Speaking at a recent school board

meeting, Thomas and board members agreed that any change in school boundaries will stir parents' emotions.

But the board continued to reconfirm last fall's position to allow Thomas and the administration to move ahead with a proposed revision of school attendance boundaries and

organizing the secondary schools to have middle schools replace the existing junior highs. If eventually approved, ninth graders would be housed in the senior high schools.

Francis "Bud" Winter, school board president, stressed that without boundary changes, the current district inequities will grow. He also said that any changes would emphasize quality educational opportunities for students.

"I believe middle schools are the best thing for the district, but I can't do it without redistricting," said Thomas, referring to boundary

changes.

On the parents' reaction to boundary changes, board member Mathew McCusker said their emotions "will go off the Richter scale," suggesting a community-relations earthquake.

He recalled past boundary changes, some of which went well and some which didn't.

Winter said that in any school changes, he feels that students would make the adjustments easily with "parents to make the most noise."

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Construction zone



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Close look: Standing near buckets of paint and piping, Salvation Army Lt. Donna Price (right) tells fund-raising committee members Donna McEachern (from left), Margaret Harlow and Norma Weiser about the agency's under-construction community service center. The building is expected to be occupied in April. For more on the fund-raiser, see Page 2A.

City probes house fires

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Two houses caught fire in the 600 block of Parent, near Wayne Road and Cherry Hill, while a city subcontractor was using a generator to thaw frozen water lines, a fire official confirmed.

The fires were sparked in the homes' electrical service panels, damaging the rear of one residence and the utility room of another, said Patrick Harder, Westland's assistant chief/fire marshal.

No injuries were reported during the fires that occurred about 1 p.m. Jan. 26.

A similar incident occurred about a week earlier in the Millwood subdivision near Newburgh and Joy, causing minor damages around the electrical service panel of one residence, Harder said.

Harder couldn't confirm statements from a Parent Street resident who phoned the Observer and speculated that the latest fires started because the generator wasn't properly grounded.

"That's all part of the investigation that we've got going on," he said.

The city has hired an outside electrical engineer to determine what caused the fires. Harder said it ap-

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Bar patron rams four with auto

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

An angry patron driving away from a Westland bar rammed into four people and two cars, critically injuring both legs of a 28-year-old Westland man who didn't have enough time to jump from the car's path, police said.

The injured man has undergone at least two surgeries for leg injuries, and he remained in intensive care last week at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Detective Sgt. Donald Haigh said. His name hasn't been released.

Three other people received lesser injuries but weren't hospitalized fol-

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Police coordinate search for rape suspect

Police are looking for information on a man wanted in connection with a series of sexual assaults in Garden City, Westland and most recently Dearborn Heights.

Detectives in all three cities have been coordinating their investigations and last week released a composite sketch of a suspect, known for wearing a hooded sweat shirt and attacking in bad weather.

"We received a lot of responses, but we are still looking for more information," said Garden City Detective Sgt. Michael Lindman. "The three of us (detectives) met again in a cooperative effort this morning (Friday)."

The same suspect is believed to have been responsible for three attempted rapes and three indecent exposures Garden City businesses going back a year. The man also struck several times in the Wayne and Warren roads area of Westland at small businesses and apartment complexes.

The most recent incidents occurred at two Dearborn Heights hair salons on Ford Road — a woman reported being raped 10 days ago during an ice storm and another woman was raped in October.

The suspect has been described as a white male, 6 feet to 6 feet 3 inches tall, with a medium to heavy build and being 25-35 years old. Identifi-

fication of the suspect has been made difficult because he wears a hooded sweat shirt tied tightly around his face.

The man has a pattern of attacking women or committing indecent exposures during severe weather such as snowstorms and thunderstorms. Most incidents have occurred between 6 p.m. and midnight when the victims are working or walking alone. In some incidents he has been scared off when other people approached.

Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to call Lindman at 625-8863 or Westland police Sgt. Laura Moore at 721-6311.

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Thomas also said that "there are bound to be unhappy parents regardless of the information and research done."

He stressed that redistricting would result in more efficiencies and improved educational opportunities.

If the ninth graders are eventually transferred to the senior highs, a related action would be moving 1,200 elementary schools into the proposed middle schools, Thomas said.

The boundary shifts were proposed last fall by a citizens' committee to equalize the student enrollments within the district, particularly at Wayne Memorial and John Glenn high schools.

The school board then endorsed the administration's request to pursue its planning.

In discussing the middle school concept, Thomas stressed that he wants a true middle school curriculum and not just a name-change on the four junior highs.

The superintendent added that the administration will consider a "different process of delivering instruction," suggesting that there may not be the current 55-minute class periods.

Thomas said he isn't ready to

'I believe middle schools are the best thing for the district, but I can't do it without redistricting.'

Larry Thomas
superintendent

make any recommendations, but wanted the board's reconfirmation of the administration's continued planning.

In related discussion, the superintendent said that his long-range planning document for the district, called "Vision 2000," includes a potential bond issue to finance new buildings and repair existing schools.

One potential problem, Thomas said, is the projected population growth in the southwest corner of the district, which serves Canton Township.

Subdivision plans suggest a population growth, mainly west of I-275, he said.

Any planned bond election would be in the 1995-96 school year, Thomas said.

Service center Construction outpaces fund-raising

BY LEONARD POGER
Editor

Salvation Army officials are happy that the under-construction community service center on Venoy near Palmer is almost ready to serve low-income families. But they're worried about a fund-raising drive which is behind schedule.

The 12,500-square-foot building is expected to be occupied in early spring, with a dedication set for May 22. When the building opens in two months, the Salvation Army plans to offer new programs and services, and expand others which are now cramped into a second-floor location in a small, aging retail strip across the street.

The private, non-profit social-service organization launched the first phase of a fund-raising campaign in November with a goal of \$400,000, which would pay one-third of a \$1.2-million cost for building and equipment.

But only 10 percent, or \$40,000, was pledged or donated, officials said. They felt the campaign started too close to Christmas.

The organization, which has had a local committee meeting for several weeks to develop a strategy for fund-raising, will start "phase II" in hopes of raising the balance.

The community center will serve Garden City, Romulus, Taylor and Inkster as well as Westland and Wayne, the agency said.

An organizational brochure says that the special focus of the Norway center is the family, with varied services and programs

geared to provide counseling to help members deal with the stresses placed on families and how those stresses impact parents and children.

The brochure also noted that 426 people received emergency food from the center's food pantry, with 164 receiving rent or other special assistance through the Salvation Army's "People Care" program.

Some 832 received Christmas vouchers, while 43 had a warmer Christmas — thanks to the Salvation Army's coats program.

The Salvation Army, headed locally by Lt. Donna Price and Capt. Marina Brauer, plans a 30-minute video to be seen on the local cable-TV channel. An interview with a Salvation Army official will also be arranged and cablecast on Channel 8, said Diane Abbott, the city of Westland's cable contractor.

Committee members have made appearances before 13 civic and service organizations, with more to be scheduled.

The Westland Rotary Club will help with a benefit golf outing scheduled for May 19.

Gordon Howard, district representative for the Salvation Army, emphasized that the local funds raised to pay for the center's construction will remain in the communities to be served by the center.

He admitted that it may be hard to raise funds when potential donors know that the building is near completion and will be occupied regardless of the success of the campaign. But he and Price stressed that if the Salva-

tion Army falls short of its \$400,000 goal, the organization will have to borrow money — which reduces the local group's operating funds needed for programs and services. That would then lead to some planned programs or services to be delayed or dropped.

At last week's committee meeting, Price issued a lengthy list of programs and services for low-income families now offered through the Norway center and to be expanded when the new center is occupied this spring.

Those include a community food pantry, coats for kids, adopt-a-family, job-skill training, latchkey and learning enrichment, use of the gym for basketball, family budgeting and debt management, Boys Club/Girl Guard/Sunbeams youth groups, and day camp/vacation Bible school.

Price said that local businesses and groups may donate equipment or office furniture for the new center as a non-cash contribution.

On the "wish list" are desk chairs, bookcases, file cabinets, wall clocks, a lap-top computer and adding machines.

For the chapel, the Salvation Army would like donations of a videocassette recorder, slide projector, and camcorder microphones.

Items are also needed for the center's kitchen, nursery, activity room and gym/game room.

Interested people may contact Price, 722-3660, for information on the wish list and the fund-raising campaign.

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pears that normal procedures were followed during the thawing of water lines.

The fires caused electrical and some structural damages that caused two families to move out temporarily; one family is staying with relatives and one in a motel, according to one family member who declined to be identified.

One family used an in-house fire extinguisher to control a blaze, and Westland firefighters also responded to the fires.

Carl Clark, Westland's public services director, said he couldn't comment on the incidents, but he did confirm that a subcontractor was performing the work with the generator.

Beyond that, he said, "I have

no comment."

Clark declined to name the subcontractor. He said more information is expected in a few days when the outside investigator finishes his work.

In other incidents, arson is suspected in a Jan. 26 fire that caused about \$20,000 in damages to a vacant residence in the 27600 block of Eaton, Harder said. The house was being redecorated for a new occupant when the 2:34 a.m. blaze erupted, he said.

A flammable liquid was used to start a fire in the bathroom of the house, Harder said. Anyone with information about the fire is asked to contact Harder at 467-3261.

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lowing the Jan. 31 incident that occurred at 2:05 a.m. outside of the Rock-A-Way Cafe on Ford near Wildwood, on the Westland-Garden City boundary.

The case remains under investigation, and no charges had been filed as of Friday. Haigh said he expects to interview the driver today.

The incident began inside the

bar when the suspect became embroiled in a dispute with a female friend he had accompanied to the bar, Haigh said. The suspect was subsequently ordered to leave the bar.

The suspect also argued with other people, including a Rock-A-Way doorman who was among the injured, Haigh said.

The suspect, who had the keys

to the woman's car, started the vehicle, drove over a concrete parking block and rammed into a small crowd of people, injuring four, Haigh said.

"They tried to jump out of the way," the detective said.

The man who received the worst injuries was virtually pinned between the car bumper and the building, Haigh said,

based on preliminary reports. The long-term prognosis on the victim's legs wasn't known last week.

"It's possible he could walk again," Haigh said.

The suspect drove away in the woman's car, which was later recovered in Wayne, Haigh said.

Further developments are expected this week after the suspect is interviewed.

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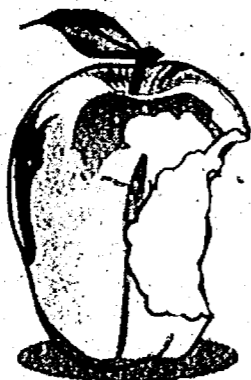
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NEWSPAPERS

Tax estimate for homeowners

(for full year of tax changes)

Proposal A has more than 900 words and affects six sections of the Michigan Constitution, but the words "higher sales tax" are what many voters are keying on as the March 15 election rolls around. The statutory plan outlines a long list of tax financing rules and regulations but a higher income tax is the major element of the plan. The bottom line is that homeowners want to know how the plans affect them. Grab a calculator and pencil along with your SEV (state equalized valuation) and personal income information. Then follow the chart below step by step to find out how you fare in the tax wars. Most tax changes, under both the statutory and ballot plans, take effect May 1. Exception: the real estate transfer tax would take effect next Jan. 1, 1995. Your principal residence will be taxed at 6 mills and assessments will be capped if Proposal A passes March 15, and at 12 mills if it doesn't. All nonhomestead property will be taxed at 24 mills. If you live in a condo you get the lower rate, too. The Treasury form says: "If you own and live in a unit in a multiple unit dwelling or in a multi-purpose building, give the percentage of the entire building that your unit (your principal residence) occupies." Both Proposal A (ballot plan) and the backup statutory plan, will raise \$10.2 billion for public schools. Both will set a short-term goal of providing \$5,000 per pupil in every district.



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(vacation, 2nd homes)		(vacation, 2nd homes)	
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• SEV of all property x HH mills () *	\$	• Homestead SEV x HH mills () *	\$
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Only for people selling their homes		Only for people selling their homes	
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• TOTAL TAX CHANGE (i.e. sum all prior lines)	\$	• TOTAL TAX CHANGE (sum)	\$
• 1993 school operating millage (insert local millage here) x 1993 SEV **	\$ -	• 1993 school operating millage (insert local millage here) x 1993 SEV **	\$ -
• NET TAX CHANGE (subtract 1993 school tax from total change)	\$	• NET TAX CHANGE (subtract 1993 school tax from total change)	\$

Estimated percentage of income spent on taxable items

INCOME	% OF INCOME
\$10,000	0.525
\$20,000	0.428
\$30,000	0.375
\$35,000	0.356
\$40,000	0.341
\$50,000	0.316
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\$80,000	0.267
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Source: Senate Finance Agency based on US Dept. of Labor, "Economic Survey of Michigan," 1982.

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The net tax change does not reflect the impact on your federal income tax nor does it reflect the impact of your Michigan Homestead credit.

Proposal A parade draws fans, critics

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

If we had laws against overloading bandwagons, the opponents and proponents of the March 15 education funding ballot proposal would have to be arrested.

As the bandwagons roll down the street heading for election day, politicians, companies, organizations and interest groups hop on board like metal shavings sticking to a magnet.

The choice voters face is between two different tax shifts, each designed to reduce government's dependence on property taxes to pay for public education.

A yes vote on Proposal A March 15 will produce a sales-tax increase from 4 to 6 percent. Vote no and your income tax will increase from 4.6 percent to 6 percent.

Ballot supporters

The sales-tax bandwagon, driven with zest by Gov. John Engler, contains the following passengers: The Michigan Chamber of Commerce; the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce; the Michigan Grocers Association; the Michigan Manufacturers Association; and the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

Also supporting the plan are the Police Officers Association of Michigan; the Detroit Board of Education; the Small Business Association of Michigan; Consumers Power Co.; Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson; state Reps. Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth, Deborah Whyman, R-Canton Township, and Lyn Bankes, R-Redford Township; state Sens. William Faust, D-Westland, and Robert Geake, R-Northville; Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack; Canton treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter; Canton clerk Loren

Bennett; and Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy.

Back income tax

On board the income-tax bandwagon are: The United Auto Workers; the Michigan Education Association; the AFL-CIO; the League of Women Voters; Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara; Livonia Mayor Robert Bennett; and state Rep. Justine Barnes, D-Westland.

State Rep. William Keith, D-Garden City, also prefers the income-tax plan, personally, but encourages voters to choose the plan that best suits their self-interest. "I'm not pushing it or selling it," he said.

Sales-tax plan advocates like the idea that the additional sales tax would be constitutionally dedicated to education, meaning it couldn't be tampered with by a future Legislature. They point out that the sales tax is paid by tourists and members of the "underground economy" - such as criminals - but income tax is not. And they like the 5-percent cap on assessment increases, which the income-tax plan doesn't have.

Income-tax plan advocates say the sales tax hurts poor people more than anyone else. They like the fact that state income tax is deductible from federal taxes. Keith said school districts are slightly better off with the income-tax plan. McNamara argues that the cap on assessment increases in the sales tax plan is bad because it will ultimately reduce revenue for local governments.

Canton Township clerk Loren Bennett favors the sales-tax plan. "I have been a longtime advocate that taxation of consumption is more logical and better overall economically than taxation of production," he said.

Still deciding

The Livonia school board

hasn't decided what to recommend. "We're reviewing both proposals," said Superintendent Joseph Marinelli. "Both have benefits and liabilities, and there is no clear winner. There are still unanswered questions."

Wayne-Westland schools Superintendent Larry Thomas said the district will receive the same amount of state money under either plan. However, the income-tax plan would be better than the sales-tax plan because school districts would have more freedom to seek bond issues to improve buildings, he said.

State Rep. Richard Young, D-Dearborn Heights, who also represents part of Redford Township, said it's hard to decide which plan is best. "Every once in a while I think I've got it figured out and someone throws a klunker in there."

Others are just mad about having to choose between two imperfect plans. Canton's Whyman said voters have a choice between a "bad plan" and a "terrible plan," but she supports the sales tax as the better choice. "I think we'll have a stronger economy (with the sales tax)," she said.

Marilyn Massengill, the Plymouth Township clerk, is undecided. "One moment I'm all set to go on the 2-cent tax increase, then I think, 'Do I really want to do that?'" she said. "I suspect I will end up voting for the ballot plan, but I don't think it's going to be as big a tax break as people think."

"I'm not happy with either proposal," said Plymouth Mayor Doug Miller. "I have a particular concern with the ballot proposal because it would take a lot of revenue away from the city."

Redford Township Supervisor James Kelly is more blunt. "You vote to tax yourself either way with no opportunity to say no," he said. "People will pay more either way. It's like asking, 'How do you want to die, by a gun or hanging?'"

Taxing questions on ballot plan spark reader queries

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Q. We're getting a rebate on our property taxes of up to \$1,200 each year. What happens to the rebate if Proposal A passes?

You're referring to the "circuit breaker." When property taxes exceed 3.5 percent of income, the state rebates some of that excess when you file your state income tax return.

If you're a senior citizen, the state rebates 100 percent of the excess. If you're younger, 60 percent.

Obviously, if your homestead property taxes are going down, your rebate will go down, perhaps to the vanishing point. Statewide, Michigan homeowners pay 34.5 mills. Under Proposal A, they'll pay 6 mills. If that fails, they'll pay 12 mills.

Under Proposal A, \$694 million in rebates will be wiped out. Under the statutory plan, \$573 million. Rebates will shrink to something less than \$200 million.

Look at the bright side: No longer will you be giving Lansing an interest-free loan.

Q. If I don't vote on Proposal A, is that the same as a 'no' vote? Or do I have to vote 'no'?

A. To have an effect, you must vote 'yes' or 'no.' Non-voters

don't count.

You may be confusing a public ballot with legislative voting. For example, there are 38 senators. It takes 20 senators to pass a bill. It doesn't matter whether 18 or 10 or zero vote 'no,' as long as 20 vote 'yes.'

Q. We've been told the tax plans take effect July 1. You wrote they take effect May 1. Explain.

A. With one exception, the tax bills become law May 1. But your summer property tax bill isn't mailed until July 1.

The exception is the real-estate transfer tax, which doesn't take effect until Jan. 1, 1995, under either Proposal A or the statutory plan. Meanwhile, there's a legislative move on to rescind that tax increase. Refer to Senate Bill 999 when writing to your state legislator.

Q. If Proposal A passes and the sales tax goes up from 4 percent to 6 percent, will that affect groceries?

A. No. Michigan voters in 1974 exempted groceries and prescription drugs for human use.

Nor will the sales tax increase apply to utility bills - electricity, gas, telephone. That rate will stay at 4 percent.

Q. I have a northern Michigan summer home as well as one in town. Will the

cut in property taxes affect both homes?

A. Not entirely, only "your principal legal residence," according to the state treasury department.

Your principal residence will be taxed at six mills if Proposal A passes March 15, and at 12 mills if it doesn't. All non-homestead property will be taxed at 24 mills under either plan - but that's still 10 mills lower than the current state average.

Q. How much paperwork is there to fill out to get my property tax cut?

A. Very little. Your name(s) and address, Social Security number(s), and the tax identification number of the property.

Q. I live in a condo. Can I get the lower rate, too?

A. Yes. The treasury form says: "If you own and live in a unit in a multiple-unit dwelling or in a multipurpose building, give the percentage of the entire building that your unit (your principal residence) occupies."

Another section of the form covers cooperative housing corporations.

This newspaper will try to answer all questions of general interest on school finance reform. By touchtone, call (313) 953 2047 ext 1881. One question per call, please.

Ballot wording details changes

Here is the official text you will see on the March 15 special election ballot:

PROPOSAL A

A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE STATE SALES TAX AND USE TAX RATES FROM 4 PERCENT TO 6 PERCENT, LIMIT ANNUAL INCREASES IN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS, EXEMPT SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGES FROM UNIFORM TAXATION REQUIREMENT AND REQUIRE THREE-FOURTHS VOTE OF LEGIS-

LATURE TO EXCEED STATUTORILY ESTABLISHED SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE RATES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

1. Limit annual assessment increase for each property parcel to 5 percent or inflation rate, whichever is less. When property is sold or transferred, adjust assessment to current value.

2. Increase the sales/use tax. Dedicate additional revenue to schools.

3. Exempt school operating millages from uniform taxation requirement.

4. Require three-quarters vote of state Legislature to exceed school operating millage rates.

5. Activate laws raising additional school revenues through taxation including partial restoration of property tax.

6. Nullify alternative laws raising school revenues through taxation including an increase in income tax, personal tax exemption increase and partial restoration of property taxes.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes ()

No ()

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It's official

State Rep. Keith won't seek 12th term

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

State Rep. William Keith, D-Garden City, won't seek a 12th term. He announced his retirement plans Wednesday night at the annual Garden City PTA Council's Founder's Day dinner.

In 21 years in the legislature, Keith has championed the cause of increased state support of low-valuation school districts, such as Wayne-Westland. More recently, he has also lobbied for changes in school curriculum to give high school graduates more job skills for the work world.

A former Garden City school board member, Keith has been chairman of the House Education Committee for nearly 10 years.

"It's been a great honor representing the schools — the children and the parents. You gave me my day in the sun. It's time to say good night," said Keith, overcome with emotion at the end of his speech.

A portion of Westland has been part of his district since the 1982 reapportionment of state legislative districts. He also represents Garden City, Inkster and Wayne.

Keith, who earlier in the dinner meeting had been made an honorary life member of the Michigan PTA, received a standing ovation as he left the podium.

Keith recalled that 30 years

'It's been a great honor representing the schools — the children and the parents. You gave me my day in the sun. It's time to say good night.'

*William Keith
state representative*



ago at a PTA Founder's Day dinner he announced his candidacy for a seat on the Garden City school board. Eight years later he later he announced plans to seek the Democratic nomination for state representative.

"I lost every precinct in Garden City, and Inkster and Dearborn Heights," he said. "There were three candidates so I won by 30 votes. It was not much of a mandate."

After being elected to the Legislature in 1972, Keith was appointed vice chairman of the House Education Committee and has chaired that committee for the past 12 years. A former banker, he is the senior ranking member of the House Corpora-

tions and Finance Committee.

"The dearest asset of the community, the state, the nation is the education of children. Every child can learn. We can't afford to waste one," said Keith.

In 1992, the Michigan Association of School Boards inducted Keith into the Michigan Education Hall of Fame.

"As a lay person, to be referred to as an educator is a great honor," said Keith.

Under term limitation Keith could have served two more terms in the legislature, but at 65 he decided against seeking another two years.

"A lot of things all came together at the same. Sure I have some mixed feelings," he said after his speech. "These are my

friends. I don't know what (I'll do), but I'll be involved."

More than a decade of work on school finance was one of the things that came together this year for Keith, who supports the statutory plan as providing greater benefits to school districts he represents. The statutory package goes into effect if voters reject a ballot proposal March 15 which includes a sales tax hike.

"School reform (legislation) was as good as it was going to get. Having spent a year on it, you aren't going to see many legislators anxious to grab those hot coals again," he said. "It will probably have to be tweaked, but this will be the basis for the way we fund schools."

Keith's announcement didn't come as a surprise. There had been rumors for some time that he wasn't going to run again, and school officials had been informed of his decision prior to the dinner.

Keith's retirement announcement comes just one week after U.S. Rep. William Ford, D-Ypsilanti Township, who has represented Westland for nearly 30 years, said he would not seek a 16th term in Congress this fall. His term will expire Dec. 31.

Candidates for Keith's seat are already getting into the race, several had been waiting for his official announcement to get their campaigns underway.

Teen arrested at school on burglary charge

A Franklin High School student has been remanded to the Wayne County Youth Home while awaiting charges in a series of January burglaries in Livonia and northern Westland.

Livonia police arrested the boy, 16, at school Tuesday morning.

The defendant implicated two acquaintances in the burglaries, one from Westland and the other an alleged member of the Latin Counts gang whose full name he said he didn't know.

Livonia detectives believe the boy was involved in a Jan. 21 bur-

Livonia detectives believe the boy was involved in a Jan. 21 burglary and Jan. 24 incidents in Livonia neighborhoods.

glary and Jan. 24 incidents in Livonia neighborhoods.

In each incident, someone broke into an unoccupied house from the rear and stole numerous belongings, police said.

Robbery defendant's hearing rescheduled

A Redford man charged with robbing a woman of her purse outside of a Westland grocery store appeared Thursday in 18th District Court for a preliminary hearing to determine if he should stand trial.

But the hearing was rescheduled for April 21 so that authorities can determine whether Donald Sheridan Duggan, 34, is competent to face charges.

Duggan could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted of an unarmed robbery that occurred at 6:35 p.m. Jan. 24 outside of Danny's on Middlebelt, north of Warren.

The hearing was rescheduled so that authorities can determine whether Donald Sheridan Duggan, 34, is competent to face charges.

A woman was walking to the store when a man lunged at her, shoved her, grabbed her purse and fled on foot. Duggan was later charged, and he was jailed in lieu of a \$10,000 cash bond.

Man ordered to trial in assault case

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man, accused of holding a knife to his ex-girlfriend's throat and threatening to kill her, has been ordered to stand trial on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Nathan Anderson Atkinson, 22, could face up to four years in prison and fines of \$2,000 if convicted in Detroit Recorder's Court. He was ordered to stand trial after he waived a preliminary examination Thursday in Westland 18th District Court.

His decision to waive the hearing averted pretrial testimony and prompted 18th District Judge Gail McKnight to send the case to Recorder's Court, where felony cases are heard.

Nathan Anderson Atkinson, 22, could face up to four years in prison and fines of \$2,000 if convicted in Detroit Recorder's Court.

The charge against Atkinson followed an 11:18 p.m. Jan. 22 incident in which his ex-girlfriend, 24, accused him of threatening her at knifepoint inside her residence in the 36600 block of Palmer.

The two used to live together, and they have two young children.

The woman told police that the two argued over her new boyfriend and that the suspect became violent, pulling a knife from his pocket and holding it to her throat. A not guilty plea was entered for Atkinson in 18th Dis-

trict Court.

The woman reported to police that she was told by her attacker, "I should kill you and then kill myself."

During a lull in the dispute, however, the woman managed to phone 911 for help, and the suspect went outside and sat inside his car until police arrived, according to the reports.

The suspect surrendered to police when they arrived on the scene, telling them, "I think you're looking for me," the reports said.

Atkinson has been released from jail after posting a \$5,000 bond. Judge McKnight has ordered him to have no contact with his former girlfriend and to see his children only when they are visiting their paternal grandmother.

On Thursday, Atkinson's defense attorney argued that the defendant should be allowed to see the children whenever he wants, but McKnight reiterated her order and warned that Atkinson's bond could be changed unless he complies with her ruling.

Atkinson is scheduled to be arraigned on the charge in Recorder's Court on Feb. 17, after which a series of pretrial hearings will be set in motion, leading up to his trial.

CLARIFICATION

A photo caption showing the Earth Angels youth dance group performing for senior citizens should have said the performance was at Taylor Towers, on Marquette near Taylor, Westland.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS GARDEN CITY PARK PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS CITY OF GARDEN CITY WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan, for the construction of the Garden City Park Phase II Improvement Project. Proposals must be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk located in the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135, at or before 10:00 a.m. local prevailing time, February 21, 1994 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Proposals shall be submitted for the complete furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment for the construction of the below listed principal items of work and approximate quantities:

Place 1.5 inch Asphalt	1,500 sq yds
Place 1.5 inch Asphalt	28,825 sq yds
Concrete Curb & Gutter	600 lin. ft.
Drainage Structure	1 each
18" Diameter Storm Sewer	150 cu yds
6" Aggregate Base	1,000 sq yds
Topsoil, Seed & Mulch	1,500 sq yds
Landscaping	1 each
Drinking Fountain	2 each
Benches	4 each
Walking Path Lighting	2 each
Lockville Playscope	1 each

And miscellaneous related items of work according to plans and specifications prepared by McNeely & Lincoln Associates, Inc. Plans, specifications and other bidding documents may be examined at the office of the City Clerk or at the office of the Engineer, McNeely & Lincoln Associates, Inc., 459 E. Cady, Northville, Michigan 48167. CALL 313-318-3199 TO RESERVE A SET OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS. Bidding documents may be obtained from the Engineer upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$10.00 per set. Documents will be mailed to prospective bidders upon request, accompanied by an additional mailing fee of \$5.00 per set, non-refundable. No bidding documents will be mailed or otherwise sent to a prospective bidder during the four (4) day period preceding the bid due date. A Bid Bond, and Labor, Material and Performance Bonds will be required. Bidders are advised that the specifications for this project include requirements for prevailing wage and fringe benefits, as specified under Section 15.05 of the Code of the City of Garden City, entitled, "Prevailing Wage and Fringe Benefits Requirements for Certain Defined City Projects." Each proposal must be submitted in duplicate on Proposal Forms provided by McNeely & Lincoln Associates, Inc., with the bidding documents. Proposals shall be delivered to the office of the City Clerk in opaque envelopes, with "Garden City Park Phase II Improvement Project" written in the lower left hand corner. The City of Garden City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informality or irregularity in any proposal in the interest of the City.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS RENOVATIONS TO CASS, WEBSTER, KENNEDY AND HOOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIVONIA, MICHIGAN BID PACKAGE NO. 15

The Livonia Schools Board of Education will receive firm subcontractor and material supplier bids for Sitework, General Building, Mechanical and Electrical trades for the construction of building and classroom renovations to Cass, Webster, Kennedy and Hoover Elementary Schools, located within the Livonia Public School District.

The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications. Documents may be obtained with a \$35.00/ set refundable deposit payable to Livonia Public Schools, at the office of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch Company, 735 South Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48343 (313) 334-2000, on or after Friday, February 4, 1994. Plans may also be reviewed at the office of the Architect, TMP Associates, Inc., 1191 W. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303, and in the F.W. Dodge and CAM Plan Rooms. Pre-bid meetings will be held Wednesday, February 16, 1994 at 3:00 p.m. at the Livonia Public Schools Business Office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI.

The envelope bearing your proposal must identify the proposal being bid and addressed to the attention of Mr. Arthur Howell, Director of Operations. It shall be delivered to the Livonia Public Schools Business Office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48184, or at the office of George W. Auch Co., 735 S. Paddock St., Pontiac, MI 48343, but must be delivered no later than 4:00 p.m., March 1, 1994. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the architect and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the bidder. A bid bond executed by a surety company acceptable to the Livonia Public Schools or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Livonia Public Schools shall be submitted with each proposal over \$18,972. All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convened at the Livonia Public Schools Business Office starting at 10:00 a.m., March 2, 1994.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole, or in part and to waive any informalities therein. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept that bid which in its opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner.

SUSAN J. THOMPSON
Secretary
Board of Education

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CERAMIC TILE WORK FOR FROST AND EMERSON MIDDLE SCHOOLS LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIVONIA, MICHIGAN BID PACKAGE NO. 16

The Livonia Schools Board of Education will receive firm subcontractor and material supplier bids for Ceramic Tile trades for renovations to Frost and Emerson Middle Schools, located within the Livonia Public School District.

The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications. Documents may be obtained with a \$35.00/ set refundable deposit payable to Livonia Public Schools, at the office of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch Company, 735 South Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48343 (313) 334-2000, on or after Friday, February 4, 1994. Plans may also be reviewed at the office of the Architect, TMP Associates, Inc., 1191 W. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303, and in the F.W. Dodge and CAM Plan Rooms.

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Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convened at the Livonia Public Schools Business Office starting at 2:00 p.m., February 16, 1994.

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Voters get a chance to curtail appeals

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Michigan voters will decide in November whether to stop automatic appeals by convicts who have pleaded guilty to crimes.

If voters say yes, it would cut the state Court of Appeals' work by about 25 percent.

"You still could ask leave (permission) to appeal," said Rep. Michael Nye, Republican co-chair of the House Judiciary Committee.

The House Tuesday gave 75 to 25 approval to the resolution, which last year had won Senate approval. A two-thirds vote of both chambers was necessary to place the issue on the ballot.

"I don't think we ought to mess with the Constitution," argued Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, one of the dissenters. "All we're doing is shifting the caseload from the Court of Appeals to the circuit (trial) courts. It's a shell game. I don't think it will save any costs."

Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, also was opposed. "Those who plead guilty are doing so under advice of an attorney to plead to a lesser crime," she said.

But Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, favored passage, saying the Court of Appeals would be alerted to grant permission to appeal where the sentencing judge had departed from sentencing guidelines.

The Michigan Constitution (Art 1, Sec. 20) grants "an appeal as a matter of right." The ballot proposal would add the words: "except that an appeal by an accused who pleads guilty or nolo contendere (no contest) shall be by leave of the court" of appeals.

Spot checks by this newspaper revealed that on many days, the Court of Appeals issues 15 opinions; 14 are in cases where a prison inmate has pleaded guilty; 13 convictions

are upheld; and the 14th is remanded (sent back) to the circuit court for resentencing because the judge has sentenced too harshly without adequate explanation. Very rarely has a convict pleading guilty had his case reversed.

Proponents say the sentencing guidelines provide an automatic red flag for the Court of Appeals to grant leave to appeal. They say an automatic right of appeal is unnecessary.

Prosecutors support the amendment because of the expense they incur in writing 35-page reply briefs to convicts' appeals.

Each appeal is heard by a panel of three judges paid about \$110,000 a year apiece.

Michigan has 24 judges on the Court of Appeals. The court says it has work for more than twice that many judges, and that Michigan has the most overworked appellate court in the United States.

Backers of the amendment say it would eliminate 25 percent of the appellate caseload and the need for many new appeals judges.

The ballot proposal, known now as Senate Joint Resolution D, was sponsored by Senate Judiciary chair William Van Regenmortel, R-Jemison, and co-sponsored by Sens. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, and Robert Geake, R-Northville.

SJR D next goes to the state Elections Commission to draft ballot language.

Here is how area representatives voted Tuesday:

OBSERVER area:
Yes — Republicans Lyn Bankes of Redford, Jan Dolan of Farmington Hills, Jerry Vorva of Plymouth, Deborah Whyman of Canton and Democrat Richard Young of Dearborn Heights.

No — Democrat Justine Barns of Westland.

Absent — Democrat William Keith of Garden City.

Pay up Lawmaker wants to bill convicts for tests

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Convicted felons would have to reimburse the state forensic laboratory \$150 for helping convict them under a bill making its way through the Michigan Legislature.

"Let's place the burden of the criminal justice system on those who create the cost," said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth.

"When there's a need for forensic science to come in — either the state police labor or a large city's — and when it's used in a conviction, the guilty person will pay a fee. It's important to send a message to the criminal element," Vorva told the Senate Judiciary Committee Tuesday.

That panel voted 5-0 to send the House-passed bill to the Senate floor for action, though not without some eyebrow raising.

"Forensic test" means a drug analysis, toxicology analysis, examination of latent prints, microchemistry, serology, firearms, tool marks or questioned documents,

according to a Senate staff analysis. It would not cover blood alcohol tests.

10 percent affected

"Do you have any idea what number of ages (indigents) are represented by assigned counsel?" asked Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit.

Vorva, a former police officer, estimated 25 to 30 percent of convicts would be able to pay the forensic lab fee.

Sen. Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, who does defense work, estimated 90 percent would be unable to pay. "You might be able to afford \$150 (lab fee) if not \$5,000 (for an attorney)," DeGrow added.

Janet Welch of the Supreme Court Administrator's Office also estimated 90 percent of convicts are indigent and unable to pay.

Welch asked that the court system by allocated 15 percent of any fees collected.

That annoyed Smith. "We pay the court's budget. Why are you asking us to do this? We pay for

every judge in the state." If enacted, it would be Vorva's first bill to become law. It would take effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns (about April 1, 1995) and would "sunset" two years later.

The bill would require a judge to charge the convict \$150 in addition to any fine or prison term.

Lab overworked

Capt. Richard Lowthian, director of the State Police forensic science division, said his lab performs forensic work on 50,000 criminal cases a year. It also investigated 472 crime scenes and made 1,375 court appearances.

Lowthian, said a graduate student at Central Michigan University surveyed 415 criminal justice professionals (sheriffs, prosecutors and police chiefs in the 39 largest cities) and found that 62 percent wanted forensic manpower and funding increased; 55 percent think it's inadequate.

"Simply put, the need for Michigan's criminal justice sys-

tem for forensic services has outdistanced my division's ability to deliver," Lowthian said in endorsing Vorva's bill.

"Backlogs are on the rise," Lowthian added. "One of our analysts had 20 subpoenas for 17 different courts in a single day. The emotional strain on these analysts is tremendous."

"Our division budget for fiscal '93 provides \$10.5 million for 163 full-time employees in laboratory operations. The division is in dire need of funding for equipment."

The Senate analysis said that if fees were collected in 25 percent of cases, \$650,000 in revenue could be generated.

Lowthian said Vorva's bill "means augmenting or supplementing our current funding and will permit us to secure the personnel and equipment we so desperately need."

Sixteen states have laws dedicating fines to forensic labs.

Refer to House Bill 4245 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

Schoolcraft prepares Valentine's Day dinners

Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Department is selling Valentine's Day dinners to go.

For \$29 you get a salad, chicken with wine sauce, mushroom rice

pilaf, veggies, cherry tart and truffles. For \$39 you get Caesar salad, Beef Wellington, potato and leek gratin, veggies, cherry tart and truffles.

Orders must be received by 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8. Pickups are available on Friday, Feb. 11, for those who want to celebrate early, and for the traditionalist, from

noon to 6:30 p.m. at the Professor's Pantry inside the Waterman Center.

Call 462-4491.

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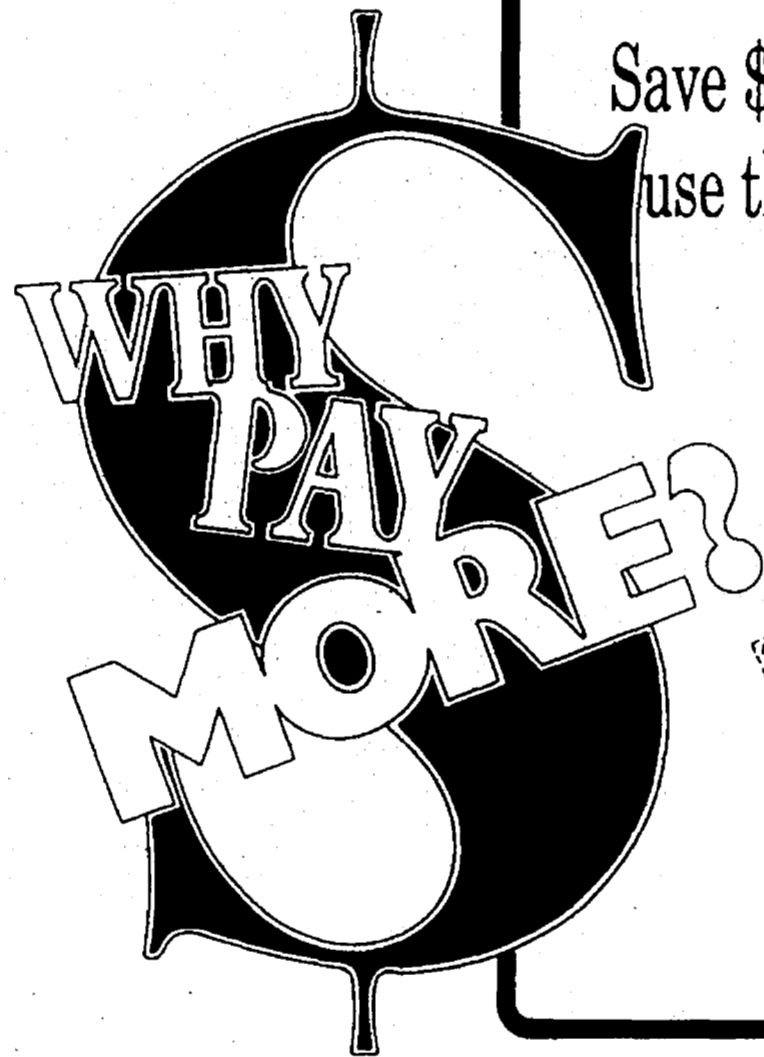
Officials of SMART are asking business persons how the bus system can better serve their employees.

Western Wayne County business folk are invited to meet with Michael Duggan, executive director of Suburban Mobility Authority Regional Transportation, 8:30

a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Westland's Bailey Recreation Center.

The idea is to get input from business owners and managers as to how SMART can best schedule its bus routes to serve people who have no other way to reach work.

Call 223-2308 to register for the meeting.



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Imagine a room filled with a collage of rose patterns. Though its name pays homage to another magnificent flower, the new Birmingham shop, Magnolias at 288 E. Maple, blossoms with an assemblage of all things rose. Petunia and Aster, the resident golden retrievers, greet you at the door this week wearing roses round their necks.

Once inside, tucked among the fine porcelains grouped around the cascading waterfall, you will find the following medley of flowering favorites that will make a room as luxurious as a rose arbor.

Our room setting begins with an antique French armchair in which to languish by the fire. Its graceful curves are accented by clusters of gilded roses (\$3,000). Accent the chair cushion with an assortment of handpainted rose motif pillows (\$85-\$242) or choose just one extraordinary antique pillow crafted of vintage brocades and centered with needlepoint roses.

On the chairside table, display a picture frame wreathed in dried sweetheart roses (\$48), a Herend porcelain bowl accented with tiny roses and filled with rose potpourri and an elegant rose topiary (\$150).

Your tea table might blossom with Highland Rose plaid napkins used as placemats upon which sit a Royal Copenhagen Flora Danica-patterned teapot (\$2,575) and dessert plates rimmed in roses and centered with pastoral English horse scenes (\$48).

Once you've graced your home with the regal rose, consider brightening your wardrobe with pretty petals. I snapped three-year-old Kelly

Dwight of Livonia in a pastel cotton denim all-in-one from Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place Mall. Pink roses bloom on a sky blue background and coordinate with pink and white pindots across the back. (\$51). Little rosebud buttons decorate the outfit that also features Kelly's favorite accessory — a polka-dot cap with a rose-patterned brim (\$15). Kelly's mom, Arlene, disclosed Kelly's Christmas wish. "I want to model and wear a hat," she said. This is her debut!

Ring around the rose

Share your love of the rose garden with your special Valentine by surprising her with these gift ideas. Warm her heart with a jacquard woven rose-patterned throw from The Giving Tree at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. (\$49.95). Show you care with a gold rose ring accented by a single diamond, one of a number of designs from Meyer's Jewelry at Fairlane, Northland, Oakland, Tel-Twelve, Twelve Oaks and Wonderland Malls (\$155).

Pen a love letter on Tiffany's red and gold engraved "Hearts" notecards from the Somerset Collection, Troy. A lipstick red rose garland shapes the stylized hearts and the envelopes are lined in matching crimson (\$35).

Finally, tuck a bouquet of medium-stemmed roses under your arm and grace a winter-weary corner of your home with a burst of color. Nature Nook Florists feature the shorter stems for \$20 per dozen. No need to snip off that extra six inches. The blossoms are as lush and full as any of the pricier varieties. There are 10 Nature Nook locations in area malls and Hudson stores.

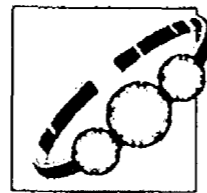
Linda Bachrack is a Birmingham resident. You can leave her column ideas at 953-2047, mailbox 1889 or fax them to her at 644-1314.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Malls & Mainstreets next week:

- A mall love story that will melt your heart.
- Farmington welcomes a new boutique.
- Bachrack shops for unique travel items.

Darakjian's jewels sparkle in new store



John Darakjian realized a lifelong dream when he opened an 8,600-square-foot, state-of-the-art fine jewelry and fine gift showroom in Southfield. Selling the "jewelry dreams are made of," Darakjian invites you to stop in and turn a few dreams into reality.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

Valentine's Day is a good excuse to add to your collection of gold, diamond and crystal. No collections to speak of? You may want to start one or two after browsing around the John Darakjian family's new store, Darakjian Jewelers.

In November, with wife Bergie and sons Armen and Ara working alongside, Darakjian combined the inventories and operations of his stores in the Franklin Center and the Advance Building at a new location on Northwestern Highway, between Franklin and Inkster roads. This Southfield store puts the entire operation under one very chic, contemporary roof — complete with wetbar, private "closing" rooms and customer lounge.

Armen manages the store and points with pride to the collection of fine watches, clocks, jewelry and crystal for sale to the shopper of discriminating taste. Among the lines carried are names like Bertolucci, Baccarat, Movado, Limoges, Swarovsky, Mont Blanc, Waterman, Jose Hess, Chris Correi and Audemars Piguet. They are the exclusive Michigan dealers of the Hour Lavigne museum-quality clocks.

"If we don't have a piece on the selling floor that a customer wants, we will get it," Armen states matter-of-factly. "Our service is second to none."

By grouping merchandise in showcases according to designer, Darakjian is able to create a series of

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Darakjian Dynasty: John Darakjian (left) of Bloomfield Hills and his wife Bergie pose with sons Ara of Southfield and Armen of Birmingham (right) in their new fine jewelry showroom, marking 30 years in business in Michigan.

Valentine shoppers get weekend perks

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

Retailers will treat valentine shoppers to everything from gift wrapping to serenades this week in an attempt to say "We Love You" and thanks for shopping here!

Jacobson's at Great Oaks Mall in Rochester Hills invites you to a complimentary St. Valentine's Day concert by the Academy of Vocal Arts Singers at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in Center Court. After you've selected a gift for your valentine, a \$2 donation to the Rochester Neighborhood House will see your gift specially wrapped. And if your gifts total \$50 or more, you get a free chocolate rose.

Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia invites kids to the Children's Department to make a valentine craft noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Watch chocolatier Micheal Koch hand dip strawberries and demonstrate how to make chocolate flowers from 1 to 3 p.m. A complimentary caricature of your valentine will be made with every purchase of two Christian Dior cosmetic items.

At Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, shoppers can have their valentine lingerie, truffles and watches wrapped free daily at Gala Hallmark, as long as the receipt shows the gift was purchased at a mall store.

MeadowBrook Village Mall merchants in Rochester Hills will set up a free gift-wrapping station Feb. 10-14 in Center Court. The merchants made a donation to the Rainbow Connection to have staff wrap shopper's gifts. Hours are noon to 8 p.m.

Westland Shopping Center is sponsoring a love letter contest Feb. 7-14. Entries can be dropped off at the Heart Express mailbox located at Customer Service in East Court. Three winners will be selected and presented with a shopping spree. Also, shoppers with receipts totaling \$50 or more at the Customer Service Booth receive a gift-boxed stationery

set to express words of love all year. Oakland Mall in Troy will give shoppers a gold box filled with chocolates if they buy an item worth \$100 or more from center stores. Just present the receipt at the lower-level information booth. Shoppers can also register for the valentine's gifts of their choice from a new Gift Registry Counter in Center Court.

Livonia Mall presents local legend Rennie Kaufmann singing "Songs of Love" 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, on stage near Crowley's. Kaufmann's concert is complimentary, a gift from the mall's merchants association.

These gifts with heart say, 'I Love You'

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

You know that love's the only goal. It can bring a bit of peace to any soul. — A. Fraser, "Every Kinda People"

St. Valentine's Day is next Monday and there are plenty of ways to bring a bit of peace to the special souls in your life.

The mall and mainstreet shops have thousands of tokens of affection for your mom and dad, your children, classmates, co-workers, and, of

course, your favorite valentine — all you add is the kiss.

First stop, the bookstores. Elaine Lepak of Coopersmith's at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia recommends several love-angled titles. There's "The Dating Handbook, or 2002 Things To Do On A Date," for \$4.95 or "Love: A Celebration in Art and Literature," \$45. The latter explores the topic of love through a collection of pieces by Neil Simon, William Shakespeare, Cole Porter, Mark Twain, Picasso and Rubens, to name a few contributors.

Lepak suggests a good old-fashioned romance novel to fuel the flames like "Knights of Fire" by Shannon Drake, "Velvet Angel" by Jude Deveraux or "Seduced" by Virginia Henley.

There are also how-to's for the not-sures, like "1001 More Ways to be Romantic" by Gregory Godek, "Fragrance and Aphrodisiacs for Lovers" by Maggie Tisserand and "Love Quotations" by Bartlett's.

For the young valentine, how about a copy of "Hugs" by Alice McLerran, "My Book of Funny Valentines" by

Margo Lundell or "Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch" by Eileen Spinelli.

Also at Laurel Park Place, Theresa Jaramillo of Wentworth Gallery suggests a romantic piece of art for one's lover. "What could mean romance more than a framed, offset lithograph of lovers in a gondola in Venice, Italy?" she wondered.

At MeadowBrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills, Soft Impressions Portrait Studio suggests a glamour session where you can create a high-

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Retail businesses in suburban malls and on suburban Main Streets are invited to submit announcements of upcoming special events and promotions for Added Attractions. The deadline to submit news is the Wednesday before publication on Monday. Send announcements to Malls & Mainstreets, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150, or fax them to 313-591-7279.

MONDAY, FEB. 7

PUPPET SHOW

The little puppet theatre presents "Aladdin" through February. Monday-Friday 7 p.m. Saturdays at 11 a.m. 1 and 3 p.m. Sundays 1 and 3 p.m. Free. MeadowBrook Village, Adams/Walton, Rochester Hills. 1-810-375-9451.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Hudson's salutes Afro-Americans with special exhibits, promotions and performances through February at various Hudson's locations. Feb. 7-13 Photo display at Northland in Southfield and Oakland in Troy. Art exhibit at Fairlane in Dearborn. Drawing to win 10 Black History Libraries at Northland and Fairlane. On Feb. 12, Center for Creative Studies Faculty Jazz Ensemble performs noon to 2 p.m. at Oakland Mall entrance, 14 Mile/John R. On Feb. 13, the Marygrove Traditional Dancers perform 1-2 p.m. at Fairlane and 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Northland. 1-810-443-6263.

TUESDAY, FEB. 8

KID'S CONCERT

Ann Shaheen-Herndon performs 11 a.m. Free. Newburgh Plaza Kids' Club members series. Newcomers welcome. Ages up to 5 years. Newburgh Plaza, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. 1-313-649-6500.

CAR SHOW

Preview of new Dodge/Plymouth Neon and Eagle Vision through Feb. 28 throughout the mall. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. 1-313-462-1100.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9

WONDER WALKERS

Monthly meeting of mall's walkers. 9 a.m. Food court. Co-sponsored by St. Mary's Hospital. Guest speaker Sheri Fletcher discusses volunteer opportunities at the hospital, "Catch The Spirit." Wonderland Mall, Plymouth/Middlebelt, Livonia. 1-313-522-4100.

THURSDAY, FEB. 10

BRIDAL SHOW

Jacobson's evening of fashion and beauty for brides-to-be. 7 p.m. Gift registry coordinator Oresta Pierce explains the store's bridal services, bridal gowns and bridesmaid dresses will be modeled. Bonnie Burk of Estee Lauder demonstrates cosmetic tips for the big day. Reservations requested. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. 1-313-591-7696, ext. 233.

FRIDAY, FEB. 11

VALENTINE FASHIONS

Noon to 2 p.m. Informal modeling of clothing from Jos. A. Banks and Winkelman's at D. Dennison's and Garden Court restaurants. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. 1-313-462-1100.

SATURDAY, FEB. 12

PRESSURE SCREENING

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Montgomery Ward area. Free blood pressure tests by American Heart Association. Repeated Feb. 14, 8-11 a.m. near Information Booth, courtesy of St. Mary's Hospital. Also, pennies wanted for mall benefit to raise money for handicapped-accessible play structure at Beverly Park in Livonia. Pennies From Heaven today only. Wonderland Mall, Plymouth/Middlebelt, Livonia. 1-313-522-4100.

SNOOPY VISITS

Pose with Snoopy and pick up a free gift. 11 a.m. to

noon and 1-2 p.m. Stage near Crowley's. Parents bring their own cameras. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. 1-810-476-1166.

SUNDAY, FEB. 13

HEART THROB

Soap star Bryan Dattilo, "Lucas" on "Days of Our Lives" visits 1-4 p.m. Center Court. Dattilo will sign autographs and meet fans. Wonderland Mall, Plymouth/Middlebelt, Livonia. 1-313-522-4100.

JAZZ CONCERT

Pianist Bess Bonnier performs while fashions in red are informally modeled from mall's shops. 1-2:30 p.m. Parisian court area. First 100 guests receive a complimentary chocolate rose. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. 1-313-462-1100.

CLASSICS BRUNCH

Co-sponsored by WQRS, noon to 2 p.m. Rotunda. Brunch catered by Sebastian's Grill. Proceeds benefit Detroit Institute of Arts youth programs and Center for Creative Studies music education programs. Reservations required. Tickets \$20 per person, available at concierge desk. Somerset Collection, Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. 1-810-643-6360.

STORYBOOK SUNDAY

Children's reading program. Jim Harper of WNIC radio reads "Sam's Surprise." 1 p.m. Center Court. Children may pick up forms for book reports to redeem for mall discount tokens and enjoy 99-cent kids meals at mall restaurants. Customers spending \$50 or more receive a free Storybook Sunday Reading Mat. Fairlane Town Center, Michigan/Hubbard, Dearborn. 1-313-593-1370.

MONDAY, FEB. 14

LOVE SONGS

Local entertainer Rennie Kaufmann sings "Songs of Love," 5:30-8:30 p.m. On stage near Crowley's. Free to shoppers and lovers. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. 1-810-476-1166.

MALLS & MAINSTREETS

Darakjian from page 6A

mini boutiques revealing the complete line of a designer's collections. It is also a wise way to un-complicate matters for busy clients of the '90s.

Darakjian Jewelers created a "Karat Club" to offer loyal customers special advantages like bonus gifts, discounts and benefits to their favorite charities. Members earn "karats" for purchases, donations and customer referrals that can be accumulated and redeemed for discounts.

Special showcase lighting reveals the true look of colored

gems in "natural light" so customers don't have to run to sunlit windows with jewelry items they may want to purchase. Gold pieces are grouped according to their weight in karats.

"Valentine shoppers should fancy anything red or heart-shaped," Armen advised. "Charm bracelets are back. We have over 300 charms to choose from. Limited-edition collector's pens make a great gift for a gentleman. I would also suggest cufflinks or a colored stone ring."

Armen brought out a collection

of watch boxes that would make a great gift for a man who has several fine watches to protect. The boxes are lined with velvet or hand-woven silk and covered in leather or highly polished wood from \$280 to \$2,100.

Armen said men and women who "wish to make a statement" are putting apple green or powder blue leather straps on gold watches.

"Color is hot in everything these days," he assured. "Baccarat crystal comes in colors now,

watch bands and faces from the finest clock makers now come in different colors, crystal stemware and vases come in colors. People want choices and the ability to express their individuality."

This year, Darakjian is celebrating 30 years in Michigan's jewelry business. The first store was opened in 1964 in Detroit after Darakjian's success as a jeweler in his native Syrian homeland.

Karen Gold, a Darakjian business associate said more than 700

people jammed opening night festivities in the new showroom.

"It was quite a night," she recalled. "The family has made so many loyal fans over the years."

In addition to selling fine jewelry and gift items, Darakjian's is an on-site full-service shop where repairs are made, jewelry is cleaned and designs are created by a staff of 14. Custom printing and engraving is also a customer service. Appraisals are given. Corporate gifts are available.

Diamond engagement rings are the store's largest selling item. Watches account for 30-percent of Darakjian's sales. Name-brand and custom jewelry make up 65-percent of sales. The final 5 percent comes from the sale of money clips, pens, clocks and crystal pieces.

A toll-free service line provides nationwide access to the store, 1-800-228-7140. Darakjian Jewelers is open Monday through Saturday.

Valentine from page 6A

fashion, very beguiling photo of yourself for your sweetheart, specially priced at \$9.95 for St. Valentine's Day. Soft Impressions also has studios in downtown Farmington and the Livonia Mall.

Carolyn Krieger-Cohen, a fan of The Print Gallery on Northwestern Hwy. in Southfield said, "Ah, L'amour," and then compiled this list of heartfelt tokens from the gallery: Robert Doisneau's portfolio of six black and white, ready for framing photographs of couples in love, \$12.95, Roy Lichtenstein fine art posters of couples in

relationships with clever captions that capture their emotions, \$20 and up, and James Rizzi's heart-shaped tins \$25.

The Print Gallery also suggests chocolate Home Improvement hammers, saws and wrenches for him and candy necklaces, corsages and long-stemmed lollipops for her at \$19.50 to \$3.50.

Hudson's is selling Baccarat crystal puffed heart paperweights for \$115 in red, blue, turquoise, yellow, amethyst, amber or light green. Joseph Schmidt's Chocolate Pandas are \$5 and \$24 also at Hudson's. Spokeswoman Chris

Morrisroe said lingerie from a red lace teddy to an elegant white robe with pearls and sequins, or some red-hot silk boxer shorts, always makes a very personal gift around Feb. 14.

The Bath and Body Elements shops say "Rub The One You're With" and suggest gifts of body fragrance, bath bubbles and lotions for sweethearts. At Victoria's Secrets, a bottle of "Rapture" spray cologne (\$35) comes with a seven-ounce bottle of complimentary body lotion for St. Valentine's Day.

At Record Town, a few "romantic" CDs usually \$16.99 are specially priced for lovers at \$13.99 this week. Joyce Giangrande at the Westland store predicted the soundtrack from "Sleepless in Seattle" will be a bestseller with classics like Jimmy Durante singing "As Time Goes By" and "Make Someone Happy," and Nat King Cole singing "Star-dust."

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ROLL CALL REPORT

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Here's how *Observer & Eccentric-area members of the U.S. Senate* were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Jan. 28.

SENATE

Arms for Bosnia: By a vote of 87 for and nine against, the Senate urged President Bill Clinton to lift the American embargo on arms

can better defend themselves against Serbs and Serbian allies in the civil war in the former Yugoslavia. The non-binding sense-of-the-Senate resolution was added to a fiscal 1994-95 State Department authorization bill (S 1281) that remained in debate.

Sponsor Bob Dole, R-Kan., said: "Bosnia is not a colony. It is a member state of the United Nations with rights under the U.N. charter including the right to self-defense. . . . By providing arms to Bosnians, we not only improve their ability to protect themselves but enable them to protect and deliver critically needed humanitarian aid."

None of the nine senators who voted no spoke during debate on the resolution.

A yes vote was to send U.S. arms to Bosnia. **Michigan Sens. Carl Levin, D, and Donald Riegle, D, voted yes.**

National Endowment for Democracy: By a vote of 41 for and 59 against, the Senate refused to increase spending for the National Endowment for Democracy from \$35 million in fiscal year 1994 to \$50 million in FY '95. The vote occurred during debate on a State Department budget bill

(S 1281). It killed a 43-percent increase proposed by the Foreign Relations Committee.

The NED was established during the first Reagan Administration. The majority of its budget goes to the AFL-CIO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Democratic and Republican parties, which act as government surrogates in promoting democratic reform in former police states. Supporters call it increasingly vital, while opponents say it wastes taxpayer money while improperly privatizing U.S. foreign policy.

Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., who supported the budget increase, said: "Now, at the very moment when we have the opportunity to reap the benefits of the end of the Cold War . . . to help move these societies to a permanent democratic status, is not the time to step back."

Amendment co-sponsor Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said NED "takes money from the American taxpayers in order to duplicate work that is already being done elsewhere. It is a flat-out waste of money."

A yes vote was to increase funding for the National Endowment for Democracy by 43 percent. **Michigan Sens. Carl Levin and Donald Riegle both voted yes.**

Trade With Vietnam: By a vote of 68 for and 32 against, the Senate passed a non-binding resolution urging President Clinton to resume normal trade relations with Vietnam. America embargoed trade with North Vietnam in 1964 and the entire country in 1975. The vote occurred during debate on a fiscal 1994-95 authorization bill (S 1281) for the State Department and related agencies that remained in debate.

Sponsor John McCain, R-Ariz., said lifting the embargo "is in the best interests of the United States as well as the people of Vietnam."

It is in our interest to have an economically viable Vietnam able to resist the heavy-handed tactics of their colossus to the north (China)."

Opponent Russell Feingold, D-Wis., said: "There are a couple of minimal steps I think we should demand before we establish trade relations . . . the release of all no-violent political prisoners and access for international humanitarian organizations to the Vietnamese prisons."

A yes vote was to lift the U.S. trade embargo against Vietnam. **Sen. Carl Levin voted yes; Sen. Donald Riegle voted no.**

MIA-POW Issue: By a vote of 42 for and 58 against, the Senate rejected an amendment linking open trade with Vietnam to more information from Hanoi on U.S. servicemen listing as missing in action or as prisoners of war in the Vietnam War. President Clinton could lift the trade embargo only after certifying Hanoi has provided the fullest possible accounting of the 2,000-plus American troops whose fate in Vietnam, Laos or Cambodia remains in question, under the amendment. The vote occurred during debate on the 1994-95 State Department budget (S 1281).

Sponsor Robert Smith, R-N.H., said "the vote on this amendment will be seen across the country as the vote by which every senator's commitment to the families of our nation's veterans and POWs will be judged."

Opponent Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, said an increased American presence in Vietnam "would very likely lead to increased cooperation. . . . The best way to get this issue behind us is through accession."

A yes vote was to withhold trade with Vietnam. . . . Hanoi has de-

more forthcoming about U.S. MIAs and POWs. **Levin voted no; Riegle voted yes.**

NATO Expansion: By a vote of 94 for and three against, the Senate endorsed President Clinton's "Partnership for Peace" strategy for eventually admitting some former Eastern European nations into NATO. The sense-of-the-Senate resolution was carefully worded so

as to not antagonize Russia. It welcomes countries such as Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland into NATO after they have instituted democratic reforms and shown they can contribute to the mutual defense alliance, among other conditions.

Supporter Sam Nunn, D-Ga., said questions must be addressed before extending NATO eastward: "Like, who's going to provide the forward deployment of forces if those deployments are necessary?"

Are we extending the nuclear umbrella? If so, what are the conditions of that extension? A lot of questions need to be asked and a lot of preparation is needed, and I think this amendment reflects the appropriate approach."

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A yes vote endorsed President Clinton's go-slow approach on expanding NATO. **Levin and Riegle both voted yes.**

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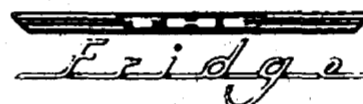
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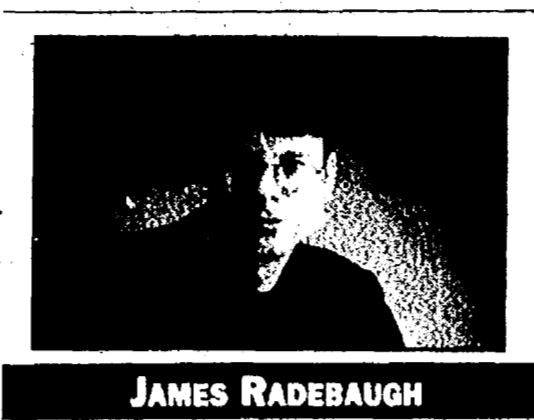
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POINTS OF VIEW

Schools don't translate benefits of language study

While traveling in Asia in the summer, I happened one afternoon to be eating dinner in Hohhot, the capital of the Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region of China. Among my companions was a Chinese college student. "Jeem," she said, as we ate roasted peanuts with chopsticks, "how you call in America?" We call them peanuts, I said. "Ah," she said, "penis." A Taiwanese woman who was eating with us — and whose English was much better — doubled over laughing while I explained the importance of the T sound in "peanuts." Such are the hazards of learning a foreign language. There are bigger humiliations. One is being overseas among people from several nations and being the only one who can't get by in a second language. This was my recurring frustration. One steaming morning in Vietnam, I boarded a train, found my compartment and sat across from a man I thought might be French. Drawing on the little French that I know, I asked

him, "Are you French?" To show off, I added, "I'm American." "Oui," he answered, with a good-natured smile. He indulged my feeble efforts to speak his language and told me, in very good English, that it was unusual to meet an American who spoke French. He was flattering me. Later, two Germans joined us. The Frenchman spoke to them freely in their language; then, apparently for my benefit, they all began speaking English. After we'd bumped along the track for about an hour, one of the Germans told the Frenchman that although it had been years since he'd studied French, he'd like to give it a try. Then he let loose a monologue that put my clumsy sentence fragments to shame. On another train, this time in China, I sat among Korean and Japanese students who spoke to one another in Chinese and English. I couldn't judge their Chinese (my own amounted to the Mandarin word for thank you), but their English was surprisingly good. After enough of this I started to feel



JAMES RADEBAUGH

ignorant, as if I were missing out on something other people took for granted. Somehow, 12 years of our public schools and four more of college had let me down. I wouldn't say this if it were just me, if it were simply that I neglected opportunities my schools provided, but the truth is, my ignorance of foreign languages is typical of American college graduates. Our schools just don't emphasize them. In the darkness of the 1970s, my own high school eliminated its foreign language requirement for college-bound students. What they were thinking is

anybody's guess. But even now, few public school students have an opportunity to begin a language before junior high, or even high school, and fewer still ever get the instruction needed to become proficient. This is a shame — and for more reasons than that we're dooming ourselves to feel stupid when we're around foreigners. The Frenchman on the train told me he studied languages to increase his value in the job market. This may not be much of a consideration in a country as big as ours, but maybe it should be. The trade deals that, for better or worse, are being signed these days mean we'll be doing more and more business overseas. Candidates who can bridge the language gaps will have an edge on some choice jobs. But, then, having a great job isn't the most important thing in the world. No, there are better reasons for studying foreign languages: It's fun — and educational. Kids who learn even a little of the grammar and vocabulary of another

language learn a lot about their own language and how languages in general work. They're bound to learn something about history and geography. They can gain a deeper understanding of literature and philosophy. In short, they become educated. As for the pleasures of fluency, of being able to converse freely in a second or third language... well, I'd love to be able to tell you about them. So, though I'm skeptical of current efforts to reform education — the people dominating the debate seem incapable of imagining the benefits, much less the methods, of a really good system of public education — here's one change I would welcome: Let's introduce all kids to at least one foreign language in grade school and expect at least some proficiency in at least one, preferably two, languages for all high school graduates who plan to go to college. Jim Radebaugh is a copy editor for Observer & Eccentric newspapers. You can reach him at 953-2128.

LETTERS

Outcome: Education?

Public Act 25 of 1990, the model "core curriculum," represents our state's turn at outcome-based education. Nine broad outcomes can be found in this document, and one of these nine goes by a familiar-sounding name — "mathematics and science."

and employability," reflect studies of more recent origin, which will require the purchases of new texts, as well as additional training for teachers, meaning, as the executive director of the MEA noted, "It will take some money." Some of the specific outcomes to be achieved include: examining the health-related aspects of the teenage pregnancy "issue," and making children evaluate their own personal risk for "chemical dependency."

In a world where laid-off middle-aged executives are forced to pivot in their career paths, our state will expect sixth-grade graduates to begin analyzing labor market opportunities, and to develop a "career plan of action." By the completion of 10th grade, students will determine whether going to college is consistent with this plan, and then choose the next two years' worth of studies accordingly. Under the guise of "quality reform," our governor seeks to enforce this core curriculum

across local district lines. Behind the smoke screen of a move to get "back to the basics," Michigan parents will be subjected to the indignity of paying for programs they don't want, much less even know about. But please — don't take my word for it that this "core curriculum" is an amoral experiment in statewide social engineering; call 1-800-292-1606, order a copy of PP-15, be prepared to spend \$5.20 — and then decide for yourself. David Fleetham, Ferndale

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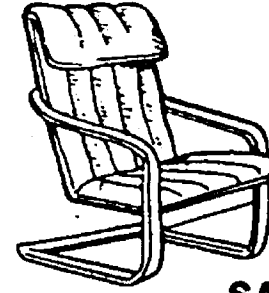
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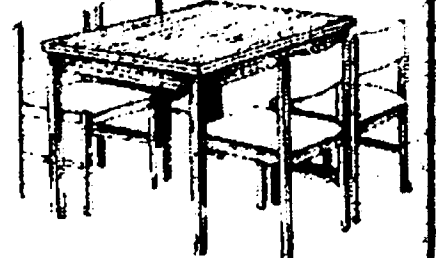


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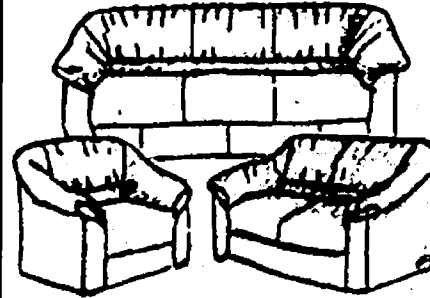
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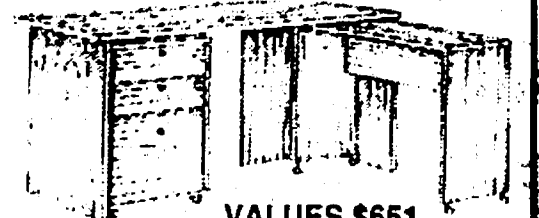
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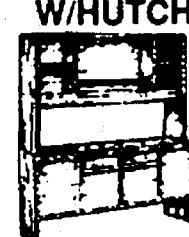


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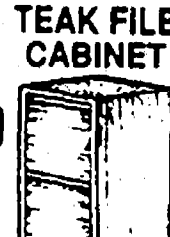
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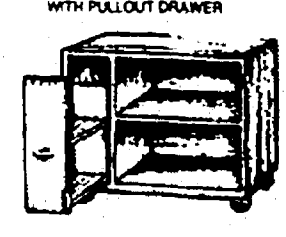
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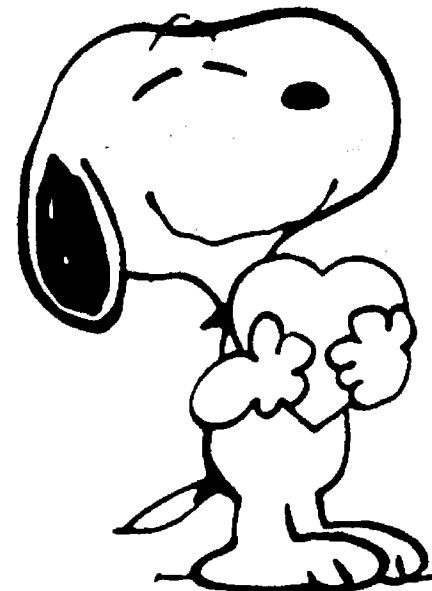
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GOP senators win important posts

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Area Republicans are moving up in the Michigan Senate hierarchy with the departure of Vern Ehlers, R-Grand Rapids, to the U.S. Congress.

Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, won Ehlers' old seat on the budget-writing Senate Appropriations Committee, "one of the most important functions in state government," in Bouchard's words.

To get that post, Bouchard had to give up the chair of the Education Committee, a policy panel, and a seat on the tax writing Finance Committee.

Bouchard's other committee posts will be (1) Energy and Technology and (2) Corpora-

tions and Economic Development.

Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, was named "temporary" chair by Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus, R-Alto. Honigman already chairs two committees — Labor and Local Government. In addition, Honigman was assigned to the Family Law, Mental Health and Corrections Committee.

Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, will move to the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs. In this new committee assignment, Dunaskiss replaces Ehlers as vice chair.

"We've been fighting for a long time to ensure that the

Waterford Hills landfill remains closed for good, and we've been waging a battle to prevent the construction of a solid waste incinerator in Auburn Hills," Dunaskiss said.

Dunaskiss gave up his seat on the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) but considered it a good swap. "Oakland County has a large population of outdoor lovers, and they are always keenly interested in environmental issues," he said. Dunaskiss will be on the panel looking at a package of bills to rejuvenate Michigan's 100 state parks.

Dunaskiss continues to chair the Senate Energy and Technology Committee and to serve on the Health Policy Committee.

Bouchard's new post means the Observer & Eccentric area will have three seats on Appropriations. The others are held by Robert Geake, R-Northville, and Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills.

More musical chairs may occur when voters in the Grand Rapids area fill Ehlers' Senate seat in a special election in April. Ehlers replaces U.S. Rep. Paul Henry, who died in mid 1993 at the age of 50.

How those jobs are affected will depend, in part, on the new senator's interests and experience in government.

Democratic committee assignments were unaffected by the Ehlers move.

McNamara seeks SC help for WC3

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara visited the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees recently wondering how Schoolcraft might help Wayne County Community College become a world-class school.

Schoolcraft officials, McNamara said, should be saying, "How can they help this fledgling college without taking it over?"

A few minutes later, McNamara mused, "Maybe ultimately there's a merger (of WC3 and Schoolcraft), or maybe Wayne State takes it on."

WC3 President Rafael Cortada, McNamara said, does a first-class job, but bears a tremendous burden in "one of the most diabolical school boards that he has to deal with." Cortada, McNamara said, has to fear for his job every time he "goes to the bathroom."

Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell said McNamara is right about Cortada's situation. "You hit the nail on the head," he said. "The politics makes it difficult to operate (at WC3)."

After the meeting, Schoolcraft board Chairman Steve Ragan theorized that McNamara wants one community college to encom-

pass all of Wayne County. Schoolcraft and the Wayne County government already cooperate in a number of ways. The college co-sponsors the Wayne County Procurement Fair, trains county employees, and helped McNamara lure a company called Optical Imaging Systems from Troy to Northville Township. The Wayne County Job Connection has referred 200 students to Schoolcraft.

But Dewey Henry, McNamara's economic development director, told the Schoolcraft trustees: "Even though we're doing a lot, it seems like we're not doing enough."

The trustees seemed cool to McNamara's idea to help WC3, but Ragan allowed that "much of this area is not well served by community colleges."

Trustee Mary Breen noted that Schoolcraft is "popping at the seams. We can't get our new (student services) building up fast enough."

Indeed, Schoolcraft's fall 1993 enrollment was 10,075, up from 9,568 the year before. In 1964, the year Schoolcraft opened, fall term enrollment was 2,018.

Schoolcraft is also popular with out-of-district students who must pay higher tuition than in-district students. In the current term about one-third of the 9,607 students do not live in the Schoolcraft district. Many of them come from the Redford Union, South Redford and Wayne-Westland school districts, which are in the WC3 district.

The Schoolcraft district includes the following public school districts: Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Northville, Clarenceville and Garden City.

McNamara names 3 to key county posts

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara has announced appointments for three county positions.

Bernard Kilpatrick was named assistant county executive for legislative affairs. Cassandra Smith Gray was named assistant county

executive for health and community services, replacing Kilpatrick. And Clintina Cooper Simms has been named director of the planning division in the department of jobs and economic development.

As head of legislative affairs,

Kilpatrick will be responsible for the county's relationship with other government entities.

As head of health and community services, Smith Gray oversees health care for the poor, the operation of eight health centers, as well as the county youth home,

the medical examiner's office, the office on aging and other operations.

As head of the planning division, Simms will be responsible for directing all county planning functions.

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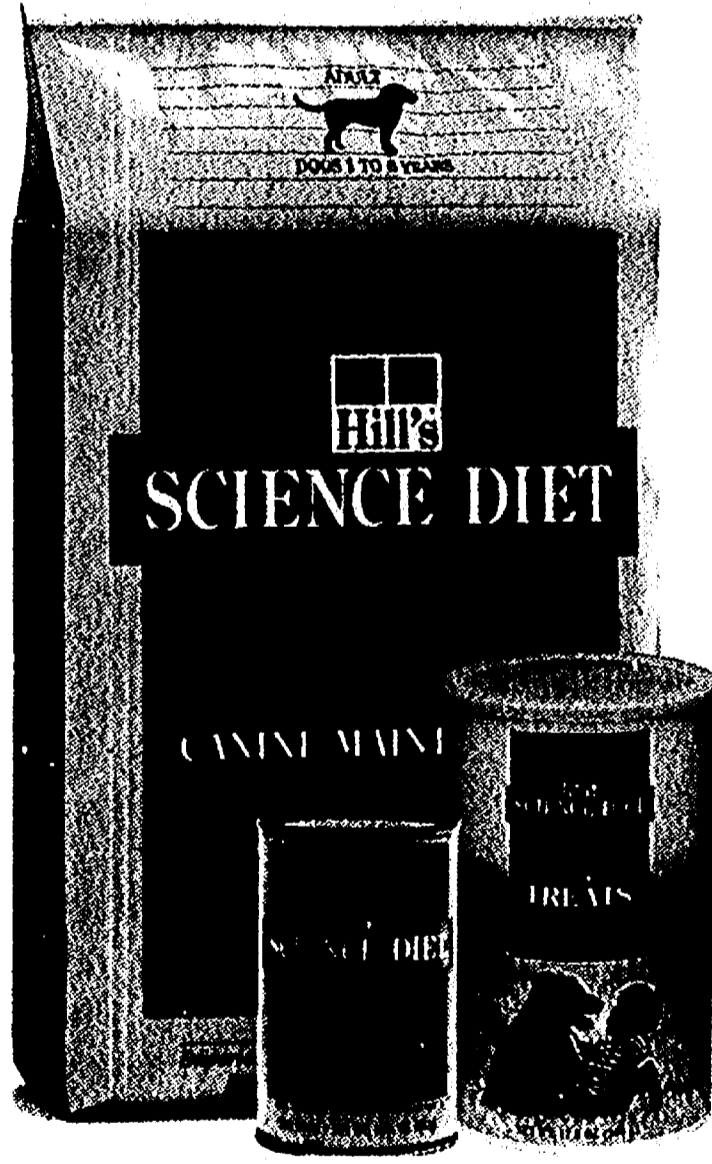
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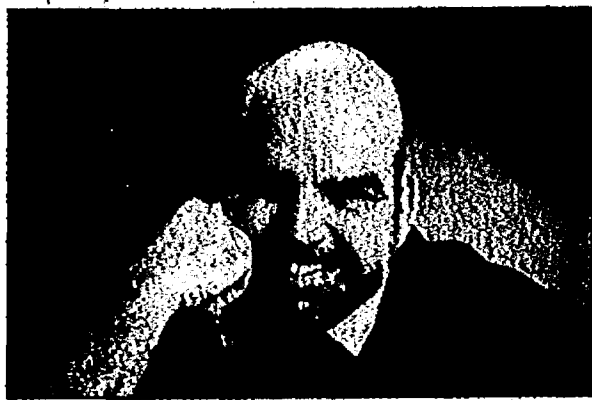
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CHEF LARRY JANES

Souper suppers warm winter weary families

Winter has taken its toll on the spirit. I am ready for spring. The snowblower has been used too much this winter. Dad's hip has been bothering him far too much, and momma gets cranky when bingo is canceled due to bad weather.

The Janes Gang kitchen has been simmering for weeks with steaming pots of chili, bean soup, lentils, and a connoisseur's choice of prime winter vegetables. If it can be made with carrots, cabbage, onions, squash and potatoes, it has been made and devoured, not in a heat of passion, but for the need to be heated and warmed.

So it was with interest that a new cookbook by Arthur Schwartz crossed my path. The advanced promo that precedes every text claimed this cookbook was "healthful, practical and economical as soup as a main course is a natural for the way people eat today."

What caught this writer's eye was that Arthur Schwartz was the author of a previous tome called "What To Cook When You Think There's Nothing in the House To Eat."

Simple dinner

Just like I feel right now, and short of a can of Hormel chili, there's nothing in our house to eat. The thought of going grocery shopping on a cold, blustery day had me examining all my options.

It was simply too good to pass up; the old recliner, a steaming hot cup of coffee, an old afghan and the furnace being turned up to a soul-warming 70 coupled with a copy of Schwartz' "Soup Suppers" (copyright 1994, Harper Perennial Publishers, paperback, \$15).

Like Arthur Schwartz, I too hail "from a serious soup-making, soup-eating family." Soup was seldom served as nourishment for the soul and the mind, but simply as sustenance. Soup was a supper and often a hearty lunch when coupled with a Velveta laced grilled cheese sandwich. But as age begins to set on this horizon, soup has begun to take on the cloak of something more than just food to eat.

On a cold winter's day, soup steams up the kitchen windows painting a Dickensian effect on the window pane. Soup fills the air with a steamy warmth. The aroma of soup fills the lungs with pungent bursts of pepper, healing blasts of garlic, soothing whiffs of cream, and nourishing spoons full of heartiness. The results are the same whether I simmer a stock all day long or simply empty a few cans of Progresso soup into the pot.

During the bleak winter days of February, nothing warms the cockles of your heart more than soup. Schwartz' "Soup Suppers" is by far one of the better soup cookbooks to cross my path.

Sampling recipes

Being a lover of Oriental soups, my first attempt at one of Schwartz' recipes was Norman Weinstein's Hot and Sour Chinese Soup. I am proud to say that I know of Norman Weinstein and have tasted his soup. (For the uninitiated, Norman is THE Chinese cooking teacher in New York City). The recipe was as complete as the one in my files and also offered serving suggestions (what to pair with the soup) variations for the vegans amongst us and tips on preparation and storage.

Schwartz claims that this recipe "was and is an even better cold remedy than chicken soup. Pepper clears the sinuses. Vinegar provides a healthy dose of vitamin C." The book is peppered, by the way, with recipes garnered from other noted cooks.

Speaking of other cooks, folks like momma might be a tad overcome by recipes requiring saffron pistils, chopped coriander, cellophane noodles, and celery root. The recipes are for people who are comfortable in the kitchen, and have a basic source for foodstuffs not usually found at the corner IGA. If you know your way around a renovated Farmer Jack, finding some of those gourmet items won't be difficult. When I asked momma if she knew what Cotechino sausage was or where I could get it, she looked at me like someone was asking her to how to fly to the moon.

On a more positive note, the recipes that came into fruition on my stove were all easy, tasty and of the stick-to-your-ribs variety that not only offered sustenance for the body, but also for the soul and the mind. If you like to make soup you will enjoy the book and what it has to offer.

See Larry Janes' family-tested recipes inside. To leave a message for Chef Larry, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then mailbox number 1886.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

■ You don't have to be Polish to love packzi. They're not just an ordinary doughnut.

■ Lucy Mitchell grew up in a restaurant family. Her supper suggestions are super.

SANDERS HOT FUDGE LOVE AT FIRST BITE

■ Sweet teeth everywhere ache with love for Sanders cakes and ice cream toppings. Fans share recipes for their favorite desserts.

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
SPECIAL WRITER

Some say "SANDers," but most say "SAUNDers." It doesn't matter. However you pronounce the name of Detroit's oldest and most famous confectioner, the image evoked is the same: creamy, gloriously rich hot fudge sundaes and cream puffs.

Like many present-day suburbanites, I cut my first sweet tooth at the counter of a Sanders store. A shopping trip downtown with my mother was never complete without a stop at Sanders palatial shop on Woodward Avenue. It's no wonder my single sweet tooth soon developed into a full set of sweet choppers.

I'm not alone. Suburban hearts everywhere beat with love for a hot fudge cream puff or a thick wedge of - be still my heart! - Bumpy Cake. I'm sure if you tested a true Sanders lover's blood, it would come out hot fudge positive.

"I was always a strict hot fudge man, a hard-core hot fudge fan," said Jay Emerson of



STAFF PHOTO

Delicious dessert: Stephanie Mellen puts finishing touches on her award-winning Sacher Torte Pie made with Sanders Bittersweet Fudge Topping.

Plymouth as he reminisced about his boyhood trips to his favorite Sanders store in Farmington. "Nothing's better than a plain hot fudge sundae with bananas on top."

Emerson, a technical graphics engineer and free-lance magazine writer, recently had his first fiction story published. However, coming up with the just right words to describe the taste of Sanders Milk Chocolate Fudge Topping proved difficult. "Mmmm, ooohh," he said a first, then settled for the simple statement, "there's just no other hot fudge like it, period."

Thirty years ago, Emerson's mother, Juanita, created a heart-stopping concoction that has since become a family legend. It consists of layers of sponge cake, hot marshmallow fluff, ice cream, as-

sorted Sanders toppings, and a banana buried somewhere in the middle. That hidden banana makes eating the dessert an adventure, said Emerson. "Every time you take a hunk out, you might get a piece of banana, you might not."

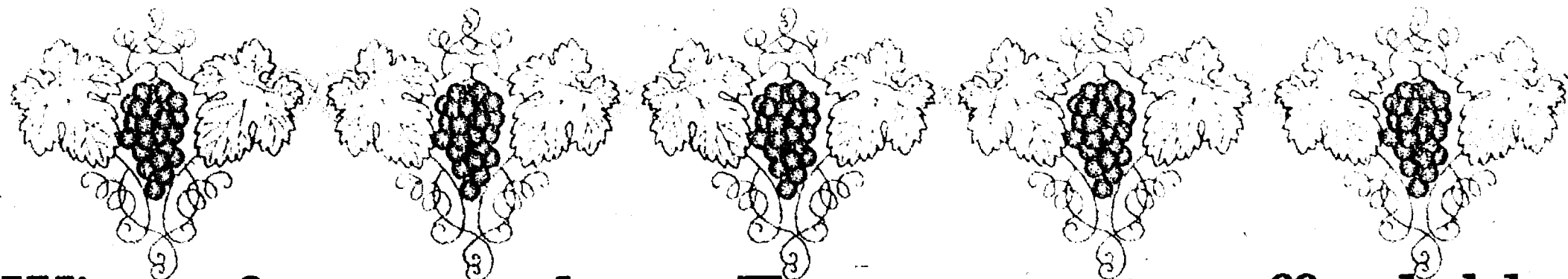
When all the Emersons get together for a family dinner, "Hot and Cold Spongy Delight" is usually on the menu. "It was a whole family project between Christmas and New Year's," said Emerson. "We kept improving on mom's original recipe. We were all there, my mother, my sister, her boyfriend, her kids, my girlfriend, my daughter, and Hobbs, my 5,000 word African Grey parrot. He eats everything." Will Hobbs eat Spongy Delight on Valentine's Day? "Maybe," said Emerson.

If Jay Emerson is a real hot

fudge man, then Stephanie Mellen of Troy is a real bitter-sweet chocolate woman desperately in love with Sanders Bumpy Cake. "I'm very particular in how I approach a slice of Bumpy Cake," said Mellen, an author, illustrator and motivational speaker. "First I eat the top, then the sides, then the cake. Of course, I eat it in a very ladylike way, with a fork, not my fingers."

Mellen is a creative woman whose recent book "The Crystal Rabbit," is being considered for the Newberry Medal Award. She also is a bit of a competitor, especially when it comes to baking. After winning third prize in a community festival baking competition one year, she was determined to do better the next.

See SANDERS, 2B



Wines from southern France, tasty, affordable

Wine Selections of the Week

Sauvignon blanc makes the easiest food match with white meats and an endless variety of seafoods.

Their price tags make them even more appealing. The best sauvignon blanc around is 1991 Beringer Vineyards Knights Valley Meritage (\$10).

Others we have enjoyed are:
• 1992 Buena Vista Lake County Sauvignon Blanc (\$9)
• 1992 Lakespring Sauvignon Blanc (\$9.50)
• 1992 Markham Sauvignon Blanc (\$9)
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The best buy is 1992 Napa Ridge Sauvignon Blanc (\$8).

Recent releases of chardonnay recommended are 1992 Felzer Barrel Select Chardonnay (\$12), 1992 Clos du Bois Chardonnay (\$13), 1992 Markham Chardonnay (\$16) and the 1990 Sterling Vineyards Winery Lake Chardonnay (\$20).

FOCUS ON WINE



ELEANOR & RAY HEALD

have priced hotel rooms in Aix-en-Provence. If the dollar strengthens against the French franc, southern France will continue to escalate in popularity with Americans.

The wines of southern France are also becoming popular with Americans because French producers have done three important things - improved the quality, kept the price down, and given the wines varietal (grape) names that Americans recognize.

"There was no demand and no premium for extra effort until the 1960s," writes Hugh Johnson, British author of the "Modern Encyclopedia of Wine" (Simon & Schuster). "Then educated wine-

makers and merchants began to realize that it was only the grapes that were wrong, the soils and climates of hundreds of hill villages have enormous potential."

Since June 1992, the wines of Les Jambelles have been available in southeastern Michigan. They are flavorful wines from the Vin de Pays d'Oc which includes the southern Rhone, Midi, Provence and Languedoc-Roussillon (LON-gvuh-doc roo-see-YOHN). Negotiant Melvyn Master knows this region well since he co-authored "The Wines of the Rhone" (Faber & Faber).

For size comparison, the Languedoc-Roussillon region alone contains 800,000 potential vineyard acres - one-third of the vineyard acreage in all of France. It extends along the French, Mediterranean coast from the Spanish border to the Rhone River.

"Ten years ago, the French government was subsidizing many farmers and wine co-ops in southern France," Master explains, "but the quality was poor." The quality was less than standard because the farmers grew as many tons per acre as possible and were paid regardless of the qual-

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Inspiration struck when she attended a wedding at which Sacher Torte, glazed in her beloved bittersweet chocolate, were served as part of the dessert buffet. "To me it seemed like there were 10 of them, although it could have been only three or four. I just knew I was going to make a pie version of Sacher Torte," she said. She did, and her "Sacher Torte Pie" took first prize in a baking competition.

Mellen serves her dessert — made with Sanders Bittersweet Fudge Topping, of course — only on special occasions or when someone begs her to bring it to a party. When asked about people's reaction to her special pie, Mellen said, "You don't ever bring this kind of pie to a party — unless they're all diabetics — and expect to have anything left!"

Wonderful pies seem to result when Sanders ice creams and toppings get together in a creative crust. Linda Talbert, a Beverly

Hills resident who is on the faculty at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, has produced some great "love at first bite" ice cream pies using Sanders toppings. When asked if she would consider using a substitute, she said, "not in our family!"

About once a month Talbert "sneaks into" the Sanders on Telegraph and Maple for two scoops of chocolate ice cream with a double dose of bittersweet chocolate topping. "No whipped cream, no cherry, no nuts. Nothing to adulterate the pure pleasure," she said.

For Barbara McKee of Livonia, the word pleasure begins with an "H," like in hot fudge cream puff. "I like the three distinct textures, the creamy smooth ice cream, the roughness of the cream puff, and how can I describe the hot fudge? Heavenly sounds good."

McKee, a full-time clerical worker for an automotive technology firm in Dearborn, likes her

desserts simple, especially if she has to prepare them. Her Bittersweet Raspberry Ribbon Cake fits the bill. "It's easy to prepare and can be done ahead of time. I think a lot of people can appreciate that."

McKee said her family used to ship Sanders hot fudge to her grandfather in California. "It was the one thing he missed when he moved," she said. "When he came for a visit we'd have to go to Sanders for a hot fudge sundae."

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For the past few weeks, Sanders' shelves have been dotted with Valentine hearts of all sizes and

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ty. Then, adventurous winemakers and producers came along looking for less expensive vineyard land where they planted premium wine varietals. They also encouraged their neighbors to plant premium wine varietals and taught them how to be good grape growers.

New technology, exported principally from California, allows the grower to make better wine. "Today, there's an abundance of quality grape juice in the market," Master said. With the help of a broker, Master locates, samples and buys wines, blends them to his own taste, and sells them in the United States. He is a negotiator. This is what makes Les Jamelles wines different than the wine from a single cooperative. Master has at least 20 different sources for blending which allows him to produce wines with character — something that is frequently lost in the larger cooperatives.

"The art of blending is like the art of cooking," Master explains. "The trick is to balance the different components and flavors to make a wine which entices and excites the palate. That is precisely our aim with the Les Jamelles varietals."

Master is able to sell his wines at affordable prices for three important reasons — there's a sea of wine in France, the U.S. tax on imported wine is low, and he does not spend money on expensive barrels. The wines of Les

Jamelles are meant to taste like fruit, not wood.

"In today's wine market," Master admits, "it is essential to have a quality product, which comes in an attractive package and is offered at a truly competitive price."

The wines of Les Jamelles are made from six varietals and are priced at \$7.50 unless noted otherwise. Reds include merlot, syrah and mourvedre while the whites are vigner, chardonnay and marsanne. Les Jamelles Merlot is a satisfying wine with coffee and cherry aromas and flavors. Les Jamelles Syrah is spicy with hints of black pepper. It is a solid wine with a generous finish. Les Jamelles Mourvedre is a Rhone varietal that has gained popularity in southern France as well as California. It is soft and supple with a big fruit impression. Les Jamelles Vigner, a white Rhone varietal (\$13.50) is worth the extra money. Its floral aromas are reminiscent of gardenias and Asian spice with flavors of fresh pears.

Les Jamelles Chardonnay is all fruit, unencumbered by oak. It has an attractive, fresh fruit aroma with good flavors and a crisp finish. Les Jamelles Marsanne, another white Rhone varietal, shows hints of apricots and peaches in a fresh fruity style.

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Sanders toppings make desserts special

See related story about Sanders on Taste front.

HOT AND COLD SPONGY DELIGHT

1 sponge cake, store-bought or homemade, any flavor
6 ounces marshmallow fluff topping
ice cream, any flavor
Sanders Milk Chocolate Fudge and Butterscotch Caramel toppings
1 banana

Cube sponge cake and place on the bottom of an 8 by 8-inch glass casserole. Spread with marshmallow topping and heat in microwave on medium for one to two minutes.

Cut banana in half and place on both sides of casserole. Cover sponge cake/marshmallow/banana layer with 4 to 6 scoops of any flavor ice cream.

Drizzle with equal portions of heated Sanders Milk Chocolate Fudge and Butterscotch Caramel toppings.

Sprinkle with nuts, chopped cherries, pineapple or whatever your heart desires. Serves six people.

Recipe compliments of Jaunita Emerson. She recommends vanilla or butter cream ice cream, but strawberry is divine too.

SACHER TORTE PIE

Crust:
One package chocolate wafers
½ cup butter, melted
1½ cups red raspberry preserves

Filling:
1 envelope gelatin
¼ cup cold water
2 ounces baking chocolate, unsweetened
½ cup water
3 egg yolks
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons vanilla
½ cup sugar
3 beaten egg whites

Topping:
2 ounces Sanders Bittersweet Fudge Topping

3 tablespoons butter
½ teaspoon instant coffee
2 teaspoons light corn syrup

To make crust: Crush wafers add butter. Press firmly against bottom and side of a 9-inch pie plate. Chill until firm. Coat inside of chilled crust with preserves and chill again.

To make chocolate chiffon filling: Soften gelatin in ¼ cup cold water. Combine chocolate and ¼ cup water and stir over low heat until blended. Remove from heat and add gelatin. Stir until dissolved. Beat egg yolks with ½ cup sugar until light; add to chocolate mixture, along with salt and vanilla. Set aside to cool. Beat egg whites, slowly adding ¼ cup sugar, until stiff. Fold chocolate mixture into beaten egg whites. Pour into pie crust.

To make topping: Heat Sanders Bittersweet Fudge topping and butter over low heat until blended. Add coffee and corn syrup. Stir until smooth and glossy. "Frost" pie. Chill in refrigerator until ready to serve.

Garnish with whipped cream scallops around outside of pie. Top with whipped cream with chocolate curls and drained Maraschino cherries. Serves six to eight.

Recipe compliments of Stephanie Mellen.

LAYERED ICE CREAM PIE WITH SANDERS TOPPING

Crust: 1 double-row bag of Oreo cookies, crushed
¼ cup butter (½ stick), melted
Filling:
Any two flavors of softened ice cream, 1 quart each
Any flavor Sanders topping
Meringue topping:
4 egg whites
¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon vanilla

To make crust: Thoroughly mix crushed Oreo crumbs and melted butter. Press mixture on bottom and side of 9-inch pie plate. Layer will be thick. Bake in a 350 degree oven 10 to 15 minutes, until it hardens. Watch for burning. Cool thoroughly.

To make filling: Layer any two flavors of softened ice cream (1 quart each) with any flavor Sanders topping spread between layers and on top. Freeze between layers.

To make meringue topping: Beat egg whites and cream of tartar until foamy. Beat in sugar, one tablespoon at a time. Do not underbeat. Add vanilla.

Cover top of ice cream pie completely with a high meringue and freeze overnight. Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Remove pie from freezer and place in oven to brown meringue. Watch carefully. Serves six to eight.

Recipe compliments of Linda Talbert.

BITTERSWEET RASPBERRY RIBBON CAKE

1 Sanders Golden Pound Cake
1 jar (10 ounces) Sanders Raspberry Preserves
1 quart vanilla ice cream
Sanders Bittersweet Fudge Topping
½ cup slivered almonds, toasted

Line a 9 by 5-inch bread pan with foil, forming a four-inch sleeve all around.

Slice cake lengthways into three parts. Spread bottom layer with ¼ to ½ cup (or to taste) of raspberry preserves and place on bottom of pan. Spread with slightly softened ice cream. Repeat with second layer. Top third layer with preserves

YOUR HEALTH

by Sandra John



PAYING LIP SERVICE TO VITAMIN B

Cleft lip is known to affect about one newborn in 750. This condition, in which the upper lip fails to grow together completely, often occurs in combination with cleft palate, which is characterized by an opening in the roof of the mouth where the two sides of the hard palate do not join together. Until a 1990 study was conducted at Marlin Luther University in Halle-Wittenberg, Germany, experts did not think that there was a way to prevent cleft lip. The German study, however, indicated that prenatal vitamin B complex supplementation (augmented by two injections per week) during the first trimester reduced the chances that a baby would be born with a cleft lip. The study involved 49 women whose fetuses were at high risk due to hereditary factors.

Vitamin deficiencies account for a multitude of problems in our lives — especially in the lives of our children. That is why it is so important for pregnant women to consult their doctors concerning supplements and to introduce vitamins and vitamin-rich foods into the family meals. The GOOD FOOD CO., a natural food supermarket, is Michigan's largest discount natural food source. We offer greater variety and better prices on natural foods than you will find in any other supermarket. We are located at 42615 Ford Rd. If you have any questions, please call us at 981-8100. We are open M-S 9-9, and Sun. 10-6. Happy Valentine's Day!

P.S. It is estimated that 25 percent of cleft-lip cases are caused by hereditary factors.

Enrich your diet with fiber

Many Americans get only 10 to 12 grams of dietary fiber per day when we really need 25 to 30 grams per day. Here are some tips from Karen Wilder, registered dietitian and staff nutritionist for Total cereal for getting closer to this dietary goal.

- Add ½ cup of cut-up fresh fruit to plain yogurt.
- Instead of drinking fruit juice, eat the whole fruit.
- Instead of spreading butter or margarine on toast, use mashed bananas and a sprinkling of raisins or a delicious open-faced breakfast sandwich.
- Substitute whole-grain bagels, pita bread, and English muffins

for those made with refined grains.

■ Try spaghetti or lasagna made with whole-grain pasta. Include vegetables in the lasagna for added fiber.

■ Include barley, dried beans, split peas or vegetables in stews and soups.

■ Add dry beans — garbanzo, kidney or other favorites — to salads and casseroles.

■ Use potatoes with skins when making mashed potatoes and potato salad.

■ Make snacks count by munching higher fiber foods, such as dried fruits. Or have a few almonds, filberts or peanuts. Popcorn is a good choice too.

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"It's like a little family here," said Karen Poikey, manager of the Sanders store at Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia. "The grandmothers bring their children and then the grandchildren start bringing their children."

When asked what is Sanders best-selling item, Poikey, who has worked for the company for 32 years, didn't hesitate a minute. "The cream puff is first," she said.

Ahh, I know about a million other suburban sweet tooth who will agree. But whether our sweet tooth aches for a cream puff, a slice of Bumpy Cake, or a ladle full of bittersweet topping on a scoop of chocolate ice cream, we know where to satisfy that ache — Sanders.

See recipes inside.

and freeze until set. Once set, fold sleeve over and secure. Freeze until serving.

Slice and garnish with heated Bittersweet Topping and toasted almonds. Serves six to eight.

As you are assembling the cake, make sure foil sleeve hugs layers snugly to maintain cake's shape.

Recipe compliments of Barbara McKee.

SANDERS' BROKEN HEART SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

1 five ounce paper cup filled with Sanders Milk Chocolate Fudge Topping, heated
1 ripe banana (an "empathetic" bruise or two is OK)
1 comfortable, old bathrobe
1 comfortable, well-worn couch
1 rented movie (no happy romances!)

Heat hot fudge while wearing robe. Pour fudge into paper cup. Stick movie into VCR. Collapse on couch. Peel banana and dunk repeatedly into cup of hot fudge. When finished, fix yourself another.

Recipe compliments of Renee Skoglund.

Microwave dessert, quick

A major improvement in saving time, money and trouble in the kitchen came with the microwave oven. There's an increasing number of recipes made just for these high-power ovens. Some can be great accompaniments to your meal.

This recipe for microwave apple crisp features Thank You Brand's new More Fruit Apple Pie Filling.

MICROWAVE APPLE CRISP

¼ cup (½ stick) margarine or butter
½ cup quick or old-fashioned oats
¼ cup firmly packed brown sugar

¼ cup chopped walnuts
1 can (21 ounce) Thank You Brand More Fruit Apple Pie Filling
Ice cream or whipped cream, if desired

Microwave margarine in medium-size bowl or 4-cup measure until melted. Stir in oats, brown sugar, flour and nuts.

Microwave on high 3 to 4 minutes, stirring frequently during last 2 minutes, until crisp and toasted.

Pour filling into 9-inch microwave safe pie pan. Microwave on high 3 to 4 minutes, until hot.

Sprinkle oat mixture over filling. Serve immediately. Top with ice cream. Makes 6 servings.

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Warm up with Chinese soup, clam chowder

See Larry Janes' column on Taste front.

NORMAN WEINSTEIN'S CHINESE HOT AND SOUR SOUP

- 3-4 dried black mushrooms
- 15 cloud ears (black fungus)
- 15 dried lily flowers
- ¼ pound boneless center cut pork loin chop
- 1 teaspoon plus ¼ cup thin soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon plus ¼ cup cornstarch
- 6 cups chicken broth
- 1 pad firm bean curd (2 by 2-inches)
- 6 tablespoons clear rice vinegar, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon (at least) fresh ground black pepper
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 scallions, finely diced
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil

In separate bowls, soak the mushrooms, cloud ears and lily flowers in hot water 20-30 minutes. Trim the fat off the pork and discard.

Cut pork into ¼-inch slices across the grain, then into thin shreds along the grain. Place the

pork in a bowl with 1 tablespoon of soy sauce. Mix well. Add 1 tablespoon cornstarch. Mix again. Set aside. Put all but 1 cup of the broth in a large pot over low heat. Squeeze the mushrooms dry. Discard stems and ends and shred caps.

Drain cloud ears. Select only the smoother parts, discarding the gnarled tips. Cut the flowers in half. Reserve along with the mushrooms and cloud ears. Cut the bean curd into ¼ inch strips.

Combine ¼ cup of the cornstarch with the reserved cup of broth. Mix well and set aside. Bring the heated broth to a lively simmer. Add the ¼ cup of soy sauce, then add the vinegar. Add the bean curd, mushrooms, cloud ears, lily flower.

Simmer 3 minutes. Add copious amounts of black pepper. Stir to mix. Give the cornstarch-broth mixture a last minute stir to blend well, then stir it into the simmering broth.

When the soup has thickened to a syrupy consistency, add the pork shreds and stir to separate. Reduce the heat so that the soup is barely bubbling. Slowly pour in the beaten egg in a circle. Let set for 10 seconds. Stir the broth gently to bring the egg to the surface. Top the soup with scallions and sesame oil. Serve immediately in deep bowls. Serves 4-6.

Variation: to make a vegetarian soup, eliminate the pork and use a vegetable broth.

DOWN EAST CLAM CHOWDER

- 2 dozen large chowder clams, in their shells, scrubbed and soaked
- ½ cup water
- 4 ounces salt pork, cut into ¼-inch cubes
- 2 medium onions, finely chopped (about 2 cups)
- 3 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into ½-inch cubes (about 3 cups)
- 2 cups water
- ½ teaspoon fresh ground white pepper
- 1 (13 ounce) can evaporated milk

2 cups heavy cream additional milk, if necessary

To steam and open the clams, in a large pot, combine the clams with ½ cup water. Place over high heat, cover and let steam until the clam shells open — no longer than 5 minutes.

Using tongs or a slotted spoon, remove the clams and shell them. Discard the shells. Strain the clam broth and measure. Add water, if needed to make 2 cups.

Grind or chop the clams, set aside. In a 6 quart pot, over medium heat, "fry out" the salt pork-let the fat render and the bits get brown. Add the onions and saute till limp. Add the potatoes, 2 cups of water, 2

cups clam broth and the pepper. Bring to a simmer over medium heat and cook gently, partially covered, until the potatoes are tender.

Stir in the evaporated milk, the cream and the chopped or ground clams. Heat throughout but do not allow the chowder to come to a boil. Let cool and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight. Reheat over medium-low heat, never allowing the chowder to boil. Serve piping hot in deep bowls, thinning with a bit more milk, if needed. Serves 4 to 6.

Recipes from "Soup Suppers" by Arthur Schwartz. (Copyright 1994, Harper Perennial, \$15)

Note: You can find black mushrooms, cloud ears and lily flowers at Oriental grocery stores.

Order your paczki early

Don't waste time standing in line on Paczki Day, Tuesday, Feb. 15! Order your paczki early.

For a list of bakeries in your hometown, call 1-800-967-5904 from a Touch-Tone phone, request Item number, 1215 to receive the list by fax. Have your Mastercard or Visa ready for the \$2.95 charge.

To receive a copy by mail, send check for \$2.95 to Keely Wygonik, Taste/Entertainment editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc. Livonia, MI 48150. For more information, call (313) 953-2105.

COOKING CALENDAR

To get your classes or events listed in this column, send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Taste Editor, the Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150. Or fax to 591-7279.

LOW-FAT CAKES

Mary Denning, owner of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland, demonstrates cake decorating and recipe substitutions for lowering fat and sugar as part of a heart-healthy diet, 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 at St. Mary's Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Cost \$8, call 591-2983, extension 2 to register.

ELEGANT DESSERTS

Schoolcraft College in Livonia is offering Desserts For Everyone, a four-week course 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Feb. 8. Pastry Chef Carol Calder-Deinzer will give demonstrations of elegant, yet simple desserts that can be made at home. The fee is \$100, call 462-4448 to register.

GROCERY TOUR

Garden City Hospital and Kroger are sponsoring heart healthy tours of the grocery aisle conducted by a registered dietitian, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17. Tours will be 1½ hours long at the Kroger at 5866 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Kroger will be providing food samples for you to enjoy as you tour. The cost is \$5 per person. Call Garden City Hospital, Development and Community Services, (313) 458-4330 to register.

LES SAISONS

Winter Soups and Stews, featuring Master Chef Jeff Gabriel of Schoolcraft College, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9. Les Saisons is on the corner of Fourth Street and Washington, downtown Royal Oak. Class \$25 per person or three classes for \$65. Recipes and tastings included. Call (810) 645-3400 to make a reservation.

WEIGHT WATCHERS

Free cooking demonstration, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, Weight Watchers, Troy Commons, 815 E. Big Beaver; noon to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Westland Meijer's, 37201 Warren Road.

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Filmmaker focuses on Alaska

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The Alaska John Zimmerle has come to know and love isn't like anything you'd see on TV's "Northern Exposure."

"I did get a chance to spend an incredible 40 days and 40 nights in Alaska," said Zimmerle, a Petoskey resident who owns the Wolverine Outdoor Education Center in northern Michigan. He traveled with filmmaker Steve Kroschel, a Minnesota resident, to Alaska in the spring of 1993 to work on a film project.

Zimmerle, who spent part of his growing-up years in Plymouth, was executive producer for the project. Kroschel was director/producer of the film, which they named "One Paw."

Zimmerle and Kroschel worked with a small film crew, doing their filming in the wilderness outside of Anchorage. The crew worked with two live wolverines, Skippy and One Paw, and a stuffed wolverine, used during dangerous scenes.

The film, which has not yet been released, tells the story of a boy's relationship with One Paw. The boy starts out rather bratty, but learns valuable lessons from the wolverine.

"We hope that it's test-marketed," Zimmerle said of the film, which is approximately 98 minutes long. "We'll certainly try to keep you posted."

"It's a buyer's market for the distributor right now. You may never see it, believe it or not," he said of the \$2.3 million project.

Zimmerle's not sure how well it will do in theaters, but knows there will be a video. This was the first film done by Kroschel, a Hinkley, Minn., resident in his early 30s.

His video, "Behind the Scenes of One Paw," included scenes of avalanches being set off for the production. The movie also includes a plane crash; it was difficult for the crew, working on a tight budget, to watch the expensive plane crash.

The movie called for different backgrounds, some with snow and some in warmer weather without much snow. The crew simply moved to different altitudes, depending on what was needed.

Alaska has a population of only about 500,000, centered in the Anchorage area, he said. He was in Alaska during the time of year when it's still light out at midnight. "You just never seem to get tired."

Zimmerle prepared for his trip north by reading such books as James Michener's "Alaska" and Charles Brower's "50 Years Below Zero."

"After reading those two books, I was really eager to get to Alaska," said Zimmerle, who did research on the film industry and did the fund-raising for the movie.

Family film

He and others are hoping the film will get a PG rating, and will be seen by a number of families. Its name could be changed to "White Paw" or something else.

"People want to be able to go to the movies and not have all this other stuff that's going on," he said of the family film market.

Zimmerle has plenty of experience working with children. He and his wife own the outdoor education center in Wolverine, Mich., which is visited by a number of students each year.

Zimmerle moved to Howell as a teenager. These days, he and his wife, who have three grown children, live in Petoskey. They're planning a move to Wolverine, to be closer to the education center, where students learn about the great outdoors.

OBITUARIES

LEO M. CAMERON

Services for Mr. Cameron, 83, of Westland were Feb. 7 at the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home with burial in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West Cemetery. The Rev. Frank Cowick officiated.

Mr. Cameron died Feb. 3 in Garden City. Born Dec. 27, 1910, in Millinocket, Maine, she was a longtime area resident, served in the Army during World War II, and was a retired postal service supervisor.

Survivors include: stepdaughter Frances Mikus of California, and sisters Viola Rathwell of Canton Township, Fern Boshard of Brooklyn, Mich., and Mary Jane Williams of Dearborn. His wife, Ethel, preceded him in death.

Memorials may be donated to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

KENNETH J. PERKINS

Services for Mr. Perkins, 35, of Westland were Feb. 5 from St. Theodore Catholic Church with interment in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Rev. Jerry Cupple officiated.

Mr. Perkins died Feb. 1 in Westland. Born Dec. 29, 1958, he was a lifelong area resident, a job setter at the General Motors Powertrain division in Ypsilanti, and a Red Carpet Keim real estate agent.

Survivors include: wife Rose Marie; daughter Patricia Marie; mother Patricia Rowland of Plymouth; brother Timothy of Plymouth, and sisters Wanda Tanis of Milford and Amy Rowland of Plymouth. He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Perkins.

Memorials may be donated to the American Heart Association of Michigan or given in the form of Mass cards.

Arrangements were by Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home, Westland.

LOUIS F. LUCHEWSKI

Services for Mr. Luchewski, 82, of Westland were Feb. 5 from St. Bernadine Catholic Church with interment in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Luchewski died Feb. 2 in Garden City Hospital. Born May 13, 1911, in Poland, he was an assembler.

Survivors include: wife Margaret; daughters Helen Carroll and Marlene Munson; four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland.

KATHERINE DENNISON

Services for Mrs. Dennison, 71, of Westland were Feb. 3 from the R. G. and G. R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia, with burial in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. Rev. Frank Haynes of Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist Church officiated.

Mrs. Dennison died of cancer Feb. 2 in her home. Born Aug. 14, 1922, she was a retired Federal Mogul Corp. secretary.

Survivors include: husband Allen; stepdaughter Irene Herr, and brother Matthew Dolkey of Philadelphia.

Speaker to address media and morality

Margaret Kobernik will give a speech titled "Media Lies Erode Moral Conditions" Feb. 24 to Right to Life-Lifespan in Livonia.

Eighteen years ago Kobernik was pregnant with her daughter when she was diagnosed as having chronic progressive Multiple Sclerosis. She is now a quadriplegic whose body below the neck is not voluntarily functional.

Kobernik, who has been interviewed by most major news channels and had an article written about her in a national publication, was contacted by the media

for her comments when Dr. Jack Kevorjian helped a woman with MS to die.

The Feb. 24 meeting of the Western Wayne County and Downriver Chapter of Right to Life-Lifespan, will begin 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Livonia Civic Center Library on Five Mile just east of Farmington Road.

There is no admission charge. Refreshments will be served.

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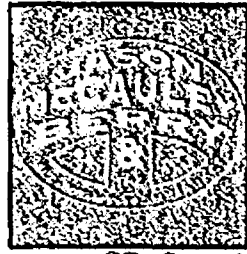
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STREET SOUNDS

Jason McCauley Berry and the All-Night Fish Market



The eponymous album marks the debut for this highly touted Detroit-bred guitarist and his oft-forgotten All-Night Fish Market — bassist Tim Carney and drummer Frank Corl.

With the release of this seven-song CD, first-time listeners will have the pleasure of listening to Berry in the privacy of their own home without making endless visual comparisons to Lenny Kravitz.

The CD is an adequate vehicle for Berry, a classically trained guitarist, to showcase his under-rated bluesy jazz-inspired voice. Lyrically, the former Weeping Rachel guitarist has the unusual talent of being able to translate his internal turmoil into effective painful lyrics without being self-pitying.

At times the instrumentals are a bit long, the songs end somewhat abruptly, and it doesn't exactly grasp the energy of Berry's innocently electric stage presence but that will come in time. For his first project, however, it's a tasty introduction to Berry and the All-Night Fish Market.

Jason McCauley Berry and his All-Night Fish Market mark the release with an 8 p.m. listening party and 9 p.m. performance Thursday, Feb. 10, at Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. Call 810-344-1999.

— Christina Fuoco

'Perpetual Love' with B-side 'Forever' — Sometimes Why



After an eight-month hiatus, Sometimes Why returns with the single "Perpetual Love" with the B-side "Forever." The songs show two opposite sides of the Rochester-based rock band, who recorded the single at The Disk in Eastpointe.

The wah-wah guitar and Dave Dean's raspy yet controlled vocals in "Perpetual Love" make it one of the catchiest pop/rock songs to be released locally so far this year. "Forever" is an attractive bare-bones acoustic, 1950s-style ditty. The crisp, clear production by the band and Steve Szajna bring out Dean's previously shadowed vocal talent as well as John Taminski's plucky bass and Kenneth Karasek's powerful drums.

The lyrics in both songs are simple, ("If you want to feel sunshine, I'm gonna put you in love. Close the door and lose your mind. Welcome to a perpetual love.") However, the aggressive guitars by Dean, Jeff Pelione and Chris Bennet in "Perpetual Love" and the strumming guitars "campfire version" of "Forever" make up for it. Welcome to a nice debut. The single is available at Record Time in Rochester and through Green World Management at (810) 651-8846.

— Christina Fuoco

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Street Scene next week:

- Christina Fuoco interviews the rock band Tool.
- John Monaghan takes a look at the movie scene.

Top acts bring sounds to town

■ This month brings a deluge of top national acts to Detroit. A few of the bands hope their shows go better than previous Detroit gigs.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

After two failed shows, the Mighty Mighty Bosstones swear their Thursday, Feb. 10, show at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit will go on as scheduled.

Their show in the fall at Harpo's in Detroit was cut short when lead singer Dicky Barret ordered his band to leave the stage after he allegedly saw bouncers beating non-compliant Bosstones fans. When the group tried to return to the stage, they found the power to their equipment had been cut. The show ended with Harpo's allegedly refusing to give refunds. (Repeated calls to Harpo's about the alleged incident went unanswered.)

Soon afterward, the ska/metal band scheduled another show in Detroit this time with the Butthole Surfers at the State Theatre. In a phone interview in November, Barret said he was looking forward to returning to Detroit because he felt he owed his fans a show. Three weeks before the co-headlining tour was set to hit Detroit, the Bosstones left the tour and subsequent dates were cancelled.

"We left the Butthole Surfers tour because we thought it would be (more) fun (touring with the Surfers), kind of like a mini-Lollapalooza there. But they were charging too much money for tickets... and acting like rock stars so we decided to leave the tour," Barret said via telephone from a tour stop in Hawaii.

Barret said Bosstones fans have a lot more to look forward to this time around.

"Maybe a lot more songs than six and I don't think they'll see a wet T-shirt contest either," Barret said about Harpo's traditional "Sexy Ladies Contest."

"I like women as much as the next guy but that's completely (ridiculous)."

Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. show, which also features The Exceptions, are \$13.50 in advance. Call (313) 961-MELT for more information.

The Wonder Stuff
Miles Hunt, lead singer of The Wonder Stuff, doesn't have many fond memories of playing in Detroit either.

"I've tried to wipe it from my mind," Hunt said about his last show in Detroit. "Somebody threw a bottle at me and I ceased the concert."

Perhaps their show at St. Andrew's Hall on Saturday, Feb. 19, will go smoother than the last. The Wonder Stuff is touring in support of its latest album "Construction for the Modern Idiot."

Like his band's previous albums, Hunt's lyrics are biting. Take some of the song titles for example: "Your Big-A... Mother," "Sing The Absurd" and "I Wish Them All Dead." Hunt said it's all in fun.

"I look at it more in a black humor sort of way. It's a lot of irony and sarcasm as opposed to taking it



Southern-fried Raging Slab — Paul Sheehan (from left), Mark Middleton, Elyse Steinman, Alec Morton and Greg Strzempka — will perform with Stick during "Three Floors of Fun" at St. Andrew's Hall.

straight," said Hunt who added that he's working on a book called "Everybody Feels a Little Hate Sometimes."

"I always try to keep a smile fixed firmly on my mouth when I say the most nasty things."

STREET BEATS

The Wonder Stuff and Chapterhouse, who recently released their latest album "Blood Music" with the soon-to-be dance hit single "We Are the Beautiful," will perform at St. Andrew's Hall at 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19. Tickets are \$8.50 in advance.

Lincoln Center Jazz

Former Allen Park Symphony Orchestra conductor Robert Sadin returns to Detroit this time with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra. The orchestra boasts an all-star lineup including Marcus Roberts, Joshua Redman, Nicholas Payton, Marcus Printup and Milt Grayson.

Sadin — who also worked with the Art Center Music School in Detroit, and the Detroit and Saginaw symphonies — recently took over as the orchestra's conductor after his predecessor David Berger left due to personal reasons. He said the orchestra's show isn't a typical jazz concert.

"The unusual part that you don't normally see in these type of concerts are film clips of historical jazz figures like Duke Ellington and Thelonious Monk," Sadin said.

The orchestra makes two Detroit-area appearances — Feb. 15 at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor and Feb. 16 at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. For more information, call (810) 645-6666.

Johnny Bravo

This relatively new band boasts a lineup of various punk alumni.

Johnny Bravo members, including drummer Matthew McCoy, Terry Bones, Karl and Murf — have gigged with bands like U.K. Subs, Ministry, Murphy's Law, The Exploited and Broken Bones.

"We're a punk influence with a raw edge, not like a punk edge. There's structure to it," Karl said. Bring the earplugs though. He warns that his band is "loud." They play Finney's Pub, 3965 Woodward Ave., Detroit, on Saturday, Feb. 12. Call (313) 831-8070 for more information.

Cracker and Counting Crows

"What the world needs now is another pop singer like I need a hole in my head," David Lowery sang in "Teen Angst," the first hit for his band Cracker. Ironically, since then the band has become alternative pop and now rock stars in their own right.

The release of their 1993 album "Kerosene Hat" has allowed Cracker to venture into previously uncharted territory — rock radio. Guitarist Johnny Hickman said that just further proves that Cracker doesn't fit in one musical style.

"All the parameters in various music genres, a lot of these lines (are blurred). We don't get behind any banner," Hickman said. Cracker will play the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, on Saturday, Feb. 19, with Counting Crows. (Tickets are \$10.50 in advance. Call (313) 961-5451.) Oh, and yes, the set will include a few songs from Lowery's former band Camper Van Beethoven.

"We pull a lot of songs out of the hat," Hickman said. Kerosene hat?

Nick Heyward

Speaking of former members of stellar New Wave bands, ex-Haircut 100 vocalist Nick Heyward comes to town on Sunday, Feb. 20, in support of his solo album "From Monday to Sunday." He will only perform a few Haircut 100 songs, if they're re-

quested, he said. Most of the time when he plays them, however, he sings to a bunch of blank faces. Lately, he's become more well known for his solo material, including the song "Kite," which has taken off on college and alternative radio.

"To remember a Haircut 100 song, they would have to be 25, 26. (These kids) must have been about 3," he said with a laugh about his new-found fame. "They probably never even heard of me until they heard 'Kite.'"

That's OK he said adding that if young fans will like Haircut 100, too.

"It's not that dissimilar in that they're 3-minute pop songs."

Heyward, along with Flop and Moxy Fruvous, performs Sunday, Feb. 20, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT.

Raging Slab

Raging Slab guitarist Elyse Steinman is convinced that her band is responsible for the awful cold front hitting the northern section of the United States.

"We've been following the cold front around. Everywhere we go, people say it (was warm) before we got here. I think we are the cold front," she said.

The tour, however, has allowed her band's popularity to heat up — thanks in part to the long line of Southern-influenced rockers like Raging Slab, who recently released "Dynamite Monster Boogie Concert." Steinman doesn't really see her band as Southern rock, however.

"We've always really tried to be pretty diverse in what we're doing

... We try to use as many influences as possible. We're more along the lines of Captain Beefheart I'd say."

Raging Slab performs with Stick at 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. are \$5.

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Record release party and performance at Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (rock) (810) 334-1099

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'Playboy' request spurs responses

STREET SENSE



BARBARA SCHIFF

Dear Readers, The high number of responses to the mother of the 12-year-old boy who wants a subscription to "Playboy" magazine reveals the pervasiveness of this issue in our culture.

Lots of young boys want to look at pictures of naked women and other sexually stimulating photographs. The replies are varied.

Last week's writer warned readers that pornography is responsible for sex crimes. This week, the mother responding reports her individual experience, which is about family dynamics, not pornography.

In the following weeks more comments will be printed. If you are like me, you will be impressed by the diversity in individual attitudes they show and by the thoughtfulness exhibited by many.

and, I want to add, then he thinks he is smarter than the rest of us.

My son is difficult to raise. The issue about "Playboy" was just another in a long list of overt and covert power struggles. My son argued about his bedtime, the food he ate, the time he left for the bus and most other responsibilities. I should have known at the time that sexy magazines were another battlefield in the same old fight of who's the boss. Unfortunately, it took until my son got older for me to see the light.

Maybe your caller's son is not like my son. But, because I struggle with this problem, I wanted to warn this mom to beware.

Dear Caller, Thank you for taking the time and trouble to share your experience, which will be helpful to many. Without wanting to place any additional burden on your generous nature, I would like to ask you what happened that made it possible for you to see "the light." Many could profit from that experience as well.

I also wish, for myself, and for the readers of this column, that I knew how, once you saw the light, your behavior toward your son changed and whether or not you could stop his manipulation of you.

The problem you describe is not an uncommon one, even though it is often difficult for parents to recognize. It is natural to want to think the best of our children. You deserve credit for confronting this difficult problem rather than running away from it.

Barbara

If you have a question or a comment for Barbara Schiff, a trained therapist and experienced counselor, send it to Street Sense, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. You can also leave a message by calling (313) 953-2047, mail box 1877, on a touch-tone phone.

Voice Mail Message:

Barbara, I read the message from the mother whose son wants a subscription to "Playboy." Some years ago I had a similar experience but with a different twist.

One of my sons is now 16. When he was 11 or 12, he also wanted to keep "Playboy" in the house. Like the mother who called you, I tried logically to reason out the best decision. I know now that I wasn't thinking about the situation clearly.

In my case, the appropriateness of the material was only a diversion from the real issue, which was, and is, my son's manipulation of his father, his siblings, his friends and me. For my son, disagreements are important because they bring the opportunity for power. If he can make others do what he wants them to do then he wins,

Day-Lewis is brilliant in 'Father'

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

MOVIES

Young couples laugh and tease as they enter the noisy pub in Guildford, just outside London. As the front door closes behind them, the pub explodes, the front windows flying out, blowing five people inside to smithereens and injuring several others.

In the real-life drama that followed, the British people required justice from the 1975 Irish Republican Army bombing and found it in Gerry Conlon, a Belfast native in London at the time. Pressured into a confession, he served 15 years in a maximum security prison for a crime he had nothing to do with.

He wasn't alone. Friends Paul Hill, Paddy Armstrong and Carole Richardson — collectively known as the "Guildford Four" — also received life sentences.

"In the Name of the Father," based on Conlon's autobiography "Proved Innocent," focuses on this dark chapter in London legal history. It's also a moving story about Conlon and his father Giuseppe, who shares a cell with Gerry after being named as an ac-

complice in the bombing.

Daniel Day-Lewis teams up again with Irish writer/director Jim Sheridan. The two worked together on "My Left Foot," copping Day-Lewis a best actor Oscar for his portrayal of palsy-stricken writer Christy Brown.

His performance here is no less stunning. Wearing bell-bottom jeans, wide-collared shirts and a mass of shaggy unkempt hair, this Conlon is no angel. Actually, he's a petty thief whose involvement with the IRA is no different than any other young man in Belfast at the time. He grew up with active members, but, as his father tries to say in defense, "he's not political."

Aside from quality acting, including Pete Postlethwaite as the physically weak but steadfast father, "In the Name of the Father" creates an amazing sense of place. Snaking through Belfast back alleys with Gerry, you really do feel part of the late '60s Irish uprisings that found locals lobbying

rocks and trash cans at British tanks.

Likewise, when Gerry tries his luck in London, we get introduced to an authentic hippie commune where residents rip up the floorboards for firewood. The images of wildly dressed hippies frolicking in parks to the stares of typically uptight Londoners compares poignantly to the dark times that follow.

Emma Thompson, still on area screens in "Remains of the Day," plays the solicitor who represents the Conlons in court years after the original trial. Much of the story is told through Gerry's recollections on a tape recording which he hopes will persuade her to take the case.

A lesser director would have made this a straight courtroom drama, but Sheridan, an immensely talented filmmaker, keeps these sequences to a minimum, focusing instead on the personal relationships. Gerry's transformation from aimless young hooligan to a politically aware man fighting not just for himself but for his father is both believable and poignant.

Politically, the movie depicts the dark side of both the London police and the Irish terrorists. When a notorious IRA leader arrives in the same prison as the Conlons, Gerry respects his ability to get things done but then backs away when he discovers the intense and often mindless hatred involved.

Modern-rock lovers will find haunting new songs from Irish performers Bono and Sinéad O'Connor during the opening and closing credits. Other music of the era, including Hendrix's "Voodoo Child (Slight Return)" and The Kinks' "Dedicated Follower of Fashion" are also creatively used.

Tightly scripted and surprisingly entertaining, "In the Name of the Father" could teach Hollywood a thing or two about making movies that deliver a message while rarely growing preachy or heavy-handed.

If you have a comment for John Monaghan, call him at (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1866, on a touch-tone phone, or write to him care of Street Scene, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

DETROIT FILM SOCIETY
Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call 833-4048 for information. (\$4 individual screening; \$25 series membership)

Musical double feature — "Roberta" (USA — 1935) and "The Gang's All Here" (USA — 1943), starting at 7 p.m. Jan. 11-12. Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire star in "Roberta," about a group of entertainers operating a Paris dress shop. Jerome Kern and Otto Harbach penned the score. The second feature is a colorful wartime musical directed by Busby Berkeley and featuring Carmen Miranda.

DETROIT FILM THEATRE
Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call 833-

2323 for information. (\$5)

"Combination Platter" (USA — 1993), 7 and 9:30 p.m. Feb. 11-12; 4 and 7 p.m. Feb. 13. A charming but anxious young man, recently arrived from Hong Kong, takes a job in a Chinese restaurant where he gets a funny and moving crash course in life, romance and tipping.

KINOTEK
Capitol Theatre and Arts Centre, 121 University, Windsor. Call (519) 971-5160 for information. (\$4.50)

"Fellini Casanova" (Italy — 1976), 9 p.m. Feb. 12-14. Perhaps Federico Fellini's darkest film focuses on Casanova's compulsive and loveless approach to sex. Donald Sutherland stars in the film the director called "a film about emptiness, a film about death."

MAGIC BAG THEATER
22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call

544-3030 for information. (\$4)

"A Clockwork Orange" (USA — 1971), 8 p.m. Feb. 10. Stanley Kubrick's visionary story of Alex, the gang leader who undergoes treatment for his anti-social behavior. Based on the novel by the late Anthony Burgess.

MAIN ART THEATRE
118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile) Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday. Call 542-0180 for information and show times. (\$6.50; \$4 students; \$3 twilight/matinee)

"King of the Hill" (USA — 1994). Stephen Soderberg ("sex, lies and videotape" and "Kafka") directed this tale of a boy's coming-of-age during the Depression. "Schindler's List" (USA 1993). Stephen Spielberg may finally get his Academy Award for this story of Oskar Schindler (Liam Neeson), a war profiteer and Nazi crony who protected and saved the lives of more than 1,000 Jews during the Holocaust.

"Six Degrees of Separation" (USA — 1994). Based on John Guare's award-winning play, a savvy young man (Wil Smith) poses as Sidney Poitier's son to cajole his way into the home of a Fifth Avenue couple (Donald Sutherland and Stockard Channing).

MAPLE THEATRE
4135 W. Maple Road, Bloomfield. Call 855-9090 for information. (\$5.75; \$3.95 matinee; \$2.95 twilight)

"The Snapper" (England/Ireland — 1993). When 20-year-old Sharon announces to her working-class parents that she's pregnant, her family and neighborhood react in some most surprising ways. The second film adaptation of a Roddy Doyle's trio of books about Dublin life ("The Commitments" was first) is a disarmingly funny movie highlighted by Colm Meaney's performance as Sharon's ram-bunctious father.

World beat musicians promote multicultural awareness

BY KYLE GREEN
SPECIAL WRITER

Being of Cherokee descent, Wayne Gerard felt good about donating a song to the "Dream Catchers Vol. 3" release. He knew it would help Blue Yonder Audio's goal of raising awareness of Native American causes.

He never realized how beneficial it would be for him, however. Prior to donating the song "Blues for Bay Mills" to the project, Gerard had only superficial knowledge of his grandmother's Cherokee heritage.

"I always remember the tone of her skin was more dark and she had long dark hair and she made some Indian dishes I can't recall," said Gerard, a Birmingham resident.

After working on the track, he realized how important heritage becomes with age — "It's more important to understand my history before I head toward the future."

The Wayne Gerard Group is

one of four instrumental bands who will perform at the "Dream Catchers"/Blue Yonder Audio benefit on Saturday, Feb. 12, at Alvin's in Detroit. The Repercussions, Surrogate Earth and Richard Cyr are also on the bill.

Blue Yonder Audio, the brainchild of local recording engineer Chris Staels, is a non-profit organization focused on assisting Native American causes through music by Michigan-based artists. Funds are generated by the release of "Dream Catchers" CDs and corresponding benefit concerts.

Staels created the project three years ago after driving through the Bay Mills Indian Reservation in the Upper Peninsula. At first the Royal Oak resident didn't think others would support his idea. Since then, his efforts have collected more than \$12,500 in donations for Native Americans. The largest donation of \$8,468 went to the Tribal College Endowment Fund which was added

to a \$25,404 grant from the federal government.

Staels, who is also of Cherokee descent, feels the live gigs are the key to his success.

"I'm not in a band and I know why I am doing it and I know that there are other politically correct things to do, but when we do a gig at Alvin's, there is so much energy and you can not quantify or quantify the power of music," he said.

The bands who are performing Feb. 12 all appear on "Dream Catchers Vol. 3," which includes 14 tracks in a spectrum of musical genres — acoustic jazz, folk, blues, soul and modern rock.

The five-member band Surrogate Earth, who contributed the song "Urban Reveille" wanted to become involved with Blue Yonder Audio not only to aid the cause but to practice what the band preaches, according to member Hideko Mills.

"This is one unit where diversity is actually working with different cultures and men and women," he said. "The whole idea behind the group is not only physical diversity, but to practice diversity."

Mills created her band to perform the song "Surrogate Earth" for the "Dream Catchers Vol. 2" CD. Not only has the band been

able to raise funds for Blue Yonder, but they've also raised a few eyebrows. Surrogate Earth — which also includes Murray Stewart-Jones, Donnie Lewis, Ken Kozora and Ken Mills — was nominated for a 1993 Detroit Music Award for best band in the world beat category.

Mills, who is of Mexican, African-American, Japanese, Irish, Cherokee and Mohawk descent, feels that groups like Blue Yonder Audio are beneficial to Native Americans' freedom.

"To have the freedoms that we (Americans) do and have the luxuries that we have, we had to rape and steal from these people (Na-

tive Americans) and I don't think it is beneficial to the members of these people," she said.

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Certification at issue

New aid act drops rule for administrators

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

The first error in Michigan's new school funding plan has been spotted.

Lawmakers eliminated a school code requirement that school administrators be certified by the state. But their school aid act penalizes school districts that hire uncertified administrators.

"We are the only state not requiring professional certification to administer our schools. It's a significant step backwards," Robert Schiller, superintendent, told the State Board of Education. "There has to be some cleanup."

"The State Board's authority has been usurped by the law," added Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester Hills, the board treasurer. "Several sections in the code have some constitutional questions."

The Michigan Constitution orders the Legislature to "maintain and support" free public education. But it gives the eight-member State Board of Education "leadership and general supervision over all public education" except universities.

The state Legislature, in a 26-hour marathon, completed work Dec. 24 on laws to replace local property taxes and change the way schools are run.

Schiller and his staff couldn't explain the Legislature's error, so board member Gumecindo Salas, D-East Lansing, took a stab at it: "This is part of the initiative to privatize schools. If you remove that requirement (certification), it's easier to move people in and out."

Gov. John Engler, in his October special message on education, told lawmakers that auto executive Lee Iacocca couldn't be hired to teach business, Jus-

tice Dorothy Comstock Riley couldn't teach civics and press corps dean Tim Skubik couldn't teach journalism under Michigan's tight certification laws.

Lawmakers did little to change that. Instead they allowed hiring of uncertified administrators — such as superintendents, principals and curriculum directors. Not only need they not be certified as administrators, but they wouldn't have to be certified as teachers.

The new school code (Public Act 335 of 1993) sets a June 30 deadline for the State Board of Education to establish new continuing education requirements for administrators.

The law applies to school districts, public school academies, intermediate districts and non-public schools.

"The good news," Schiller said, comes in new requirements for teachers.

Proposal to require experience for judges

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

A lawyer would need five years of experience before becoming a judge under a constitutional amendment before the state Senate.

"You wouldn't be able to step out of law school and buy your way onto the bench," said the sponsor, Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit.

"That's happened in my area," said Smith, citing judges in Oakland and Wayne counties but refusing to name names.

Currently, the Michigan Constitution says, "Justices and judges of courts of record must be persons who are licensed to practice law in this state" but does not set an experience requirement.

Smith's resolution sets an experience requirement of "at least five years." If adopted, the amendment would not apply to present judges. It would apply to Supreme Court justices and judges of the Court of Appeals, circuit

courts, court of claims, probate courts, recorder's court and district courts.

Smith's resolution Tuesday received 5 to 0 support in the Senate Judiciary Committee and was sent to the Senate floor without further comment.

Both the Senate and House would have to give the measure a two-thirds vote to put it on the ballot. Final decision would be up to the voters in November.

If approved, the constitutional amendment would apply not only to candidates for judge but for gubernatorial appointments to the bench. Gubernatorial appointees, however, always have been people with more than five years of experience.

Such resolutions have been offered several times in the Senate over the last 10 or more years, usually after a political unknown with a "name" has been elected to the bench. The proposals either haven't made it through the Senate or else have died in the House Judiciary Committee.

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WESTLAND SPORTS SCENE

Borchert wins award

Redford Catholic Central soccer player Adam Borchert was selected Jan. 21 as one of eight recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award (1993 fall sports season).

Borchert will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship. The award is sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

He will be honored Saturday, March 26, at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing during halftime ceremonies of the Class B boys basketball finals.

The CC senior has been active in soccer the past four years, earning All-Catholic, All-Observer and All-State honors. He was also a kicker on the CC football team and has participated in lacrosse.

Academically, Borchert is involved in student government (senior class vice-president) and was the National Honor Society's induction speaker.

Borchert was also a volunteer fund-raiser with WTVS. He plans to study engineering in college.

Northwood signs Piippo

Livonia Stevenson High senior setter Angie Piippo signed a national letter-of-intent last week to play volleyball at Northwood Institute.

Piippo is the Spartans' only returning starter off last year's state Class A quarterfinal squad.

She is leading Stevenson in assists-to-kills this season.

Northwood Institute's volleyball team belongs to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Shamrock skiers 3rd

Redford Catholic Central placed second on Thursday in the boys races to earn a berth in Thursday's league championship.

The Shamrocks, who finished the season in third place overall with 57 points behind Brighton and Birmingham Groves, were led by Jeff Buckley and Nick Muccinno.

Buckley took second place in the slalom (37.55) and Muccinno was third in the giant slalom (29.78). Todd Turowski was 13th in the slalom (41.65) and Steve Hartsoc took 16th (42.33).

Mark Klenczar was ninth in the giant slalom (30.44), Turowski 15th (31.48) and Matt Connolly 16th (31.18).

Spartans Good Sports

The Livonia Stevenson High boys soccer team, 1993 state Class A runner-ups, will receive the MHSAA Sportsmanship Award Banner during a school pep assembly, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 4.

Pistons scholarship

Builders Square and the Detroit Pistons Basketball Club have teamed up to award 12 \$1,000 college scholarships to worthy local high school seniors.

To apply, seniors must submit an application form, a high school transcript, SAT or ACT scores, one letter of recommendation from a faculty member, and an essay (500 words or less) entitled, "The Importance of a College Education." Applications, available at Builders Square stores or at local high schools, must be received by Thursday, March 31.

For more information, call Robyn Jones or LaShawn Boyce at 810-377-8245.

GC shooting clinics

Former Michigan State cager and former Northwood Institute basketball coach Pat Miller will conduct a pair of U-Can Shoot Clinics (boys and girls ages 10-18) from 1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at Garden City High School.

Miller has been a shooting advisor to the New Jersey Nets, as well as the Detroit Pistons of the National Basketball Association.

He has worked with such NBA players as John Salley of the Miami Heat, Micheal Williams of the Minnesota Timberwolves, Kenny Anderson of the New Jersey Nets and Dennis Rodman of the San Antonio Spurs.

The cost is \$20 per person for each session. Enrollment is limited.

For more information, call Kevin Wilkinson at 274-5405.

EMU winter baseball

Okland A's pitcher Bob Welch is scheduled to make an appearance during Eastern Michigan University's Winter Baseball Camps from 8:30 a.m. (registration) to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 12-13 at Bowen Field House. The camp is open to ages 10-18.

The weekend cost is \$75 (includes McDonald's lunch each day and camp T-shirt). Late registration is \$15.

All participants must bring bat, gloves and workout clothes.

For more information, call Roger Coryell at 487-0315.

Spartans capture Observerland title

Livonia Stevenson finished its climb to the top of the Observerland Wrestling Invitational, winning for the first time Saturday at Garden City High School.

By STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER



Livonia Stevenson assistant coach Jim Carlin was given a big share of the credit for the Spartans' win Saturday in the third annual Observerland Wrestling Invitational at Garden City High School.

Stevenson wrestlers will go so far as to say that Carlin means everything to them.

"Without him, we're not half the team," said Chris Jaztremski, a junior who won the 136-pound weight class. "He really is the team. He pulls something out of me I don't even think I have."

"You've got to believe or it's not going to happen. My freshman year, no one gave us respect. Last year, we came close. This year we wanted to make sure we do our best and win."

The Spartans, who are dominated by their junior and sophomore classes, won their first Observerland, as expected, with 222½ points. Stevenson had three champions and three runners-up, all of whom are juniors.

Carlin met most of Stevenson's wrestlers when he started a program in middle school. Carlin, who lost a hand to cancer a couple of summers ago, teaches some moves on the mat.

"He still beats us up, without the hand," Jaztremski said.

Redford Catholic Central, the defending champion, also had three champions and took second place with 213 points. Plymouth Salem took third with 139.

CC also has a young team with only two seniors, so next year's Observerland could be another two-team race.

Stevenson won two earlier tournaments to go with Saturday's conquest, but coach Don Berg, though pleased with the results, is looking a month ahead.

"People don't believe me, but I don't give a damn (about winning) because it's February and these are all preliminaries. The state meet in Battle Creek is what matters," Berg said. "But the boss (athletic director Roger Frayer) will be happy because I brought another piece of hardware home. We've spoiled him, bringing two home already."

Although most expected Stevenson to win the team title, the surprise was that none of the No. 1 seeds won the first six weight classes.

Heavyweight John Spolsky (CC), 103-pounder Matt Michalski (Farmington), 112-pounder Jason Milne (Garden City), 119-pounder Josh Banks (Livonia Churchhill), 125-pounder Dave Gardner (CC) and 130-pounder Steve Horvath (Garden City) came from lower seeds to win championships.

"This is a hell of a tournament," Salem coach Ron Krueger said.



JIM JAGGELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tourney placer: Stevenson's Chris Mullett, wrestling up a weight at 152, pinned his first three opponents, including Harrison's Scott Hines (above), but lost in the finals.

"There's some awfully good wrestling in Observerland."

Stevenson's Craig Martin, the top-ranked 189-pound wrestler in the state, put the finishing touches on the Spartans' win with a pin over Farmington Hills Harrison's John Amayo in 1 minute, 40 seconds.

Martin, 25-0, pinned each of his four opponents, the longest pin taking 3:40 in a semifinal win over CC's Andy Short.

Martin and Milne, the 112-pounder who upset a No. 1 seed, CC's Bill Lamb, 8-5, were named Most Valuable Wrestlers of the day.

"I know a lot are gunning for me and it makes me work harder, take one match at a time and do my best," Martin said.

Junior Scott Goldman was the other Spartan to repeat as a champion, beating Plymouth Salem's Jeremy Breithaupt, 9-5, in the final to move to 23-4 overall.

The Spartans' other win came from Jaztremski, who pinned Garden City's Tim Sayn in 1:45 in the final to improve to 22-7 overall.

Stevenson's Chris Mullett, the No. 1 seed at 152 and a defending champion, was pinned in the final by CC's Liam O'Donahue in 1:30. O'Donahue, seeded No. 2 and now 30-10 overall, employed the hand bone to pin Mullett, who is 22-5.

"I'm always hesitant to shoot it but I like the move and when it works it's pretty much a sure thing," O'Donahue said. "I've seen (Mullett) at a few tournaments and he looked good. I was surprised I could stick him."

WRESTLING

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1. Livonia Stevenson, 222½; 2. Redford Catholic Central, 213; 3. Plymouth Salem, 139; 4. Garden City, 135; 5. Farmington, 101; 6. Redford Thurston, 93½; 7. Livonia Franklin, 90½; 8. Wayne Memorial, 87; 9. Westland John Glenn, 86½; 10. Redford Union, 78½; 11. Livonia Churchhill, 73½; 12. Plymouth Canton, 60½; 13. Farmington Harrison, 59½; 14. Lutheran Westland, 49½; 15. North Farmington, 23.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Heavyweight: John Spolsky (CC) decisioned Dave Ross (LS), 7-6; consolation: Ben Shuh (RU) pinned Dan Michelson (RT), 1:35; fifth: Doug Cooper (PC) won by injury default over Bryan Sellers (LV).

103 pounds: Matt Michalski (F) dec. Dario Ianni (CC), 3-1; consolation: Dan Christenson (LS) dec. Dan Gruenwald (PC), 3-1; fifth: Craig McGahan (GC) dec. Jason Plumb (RT), 9-6.

112: Jason Milne (GC) dec. Bill Lamb (CC), 8-5; consolation: Chris Neville (F) dec. Richard Watson (WM), 6-2; fifth: Brian Horvath (LV) dec. Matt Allison (LS), 6-0.

119: Josh Banks (LC) dec. Anthony Underwood (JK), 3-2; consolation: Scott Hughes (PS) dec. Ezra Kramer (RT), 10-3; fifth: Bryan Barc (WM) won by technical fall over Mike Lane (F), 17-0.

125: David Gardner (CC) pin. Derek Jaeger

(FH), 3-08; consolation: Luey Haddad (RT) dec. Aaron Lapinski (PS), 14-5; fifth: Derrick Davis (GC) pin. Ryan Vartogian (LS), 1-48.

130: Steve Horvath (GC) dec. Mike Henry (JG), 3-2; consolation: Phil Mitchell (PS) won by disqualification over Adam Hill (LF); fifth: Jon Sata (LS) dec. Jeff Gutierrez (FH), 10-9.

136: Chris Jaztremski (LS) pin. Tim Sayn (GC), 1:45; consolation: Tony Dettora (LF) won by technical fall over Ron Burchmeier (RT), 16-1; fifth: Rob Pace (JG) dec. Ted Begley (LC), 3-0.

140: Mike Prough (F) dec. Kevin Griffin (CC), 9-1; consolation: Dave Craig (PS) pin. Jim Stewart (GC), 2-00; fifth: Mike Mars (WM) dec. Kurt Garcia (RU), 7-4.

146: Scott Goldman (LS) dec. Jeremy Breithaupt (PS), 9-5; consolation: Eric Arai (RU) pin. Chris Pascoe (CC), 1:30; fifth: Mark Mason (F) won by technical fall over Jason Brasgalia (LV), 16-1.

152: Liam O'Donahue (CC) pin. Chris Mullett (LS), 1:30; consolation: Ryan Bayer (LF) dec. Jim Stojanowski (LC), 6-4 in overtime; fifth: Steve Hughes (PS) pin. Dan Collins (PC), 1:45.

160: Brian Kolb (JG) dec. John Svec (PS), 10-3; consolation: Dan Krueger (CC) pin. Matt Fisher (LS), 0:57; fifth: Steve Faith (LV) dec. Andrew Hill (LF), 13-5.

171: Jesse Shakarian (LF) dec. Ben Lewis (LS), 3-2; consolation: Bryan Washington (RT) dec. Brian Connolly (RU), 9-3; fifth: John Wright (PC) dec. Brian Harpster (JK), 6-4.

189: Craig Martin (FS) pin. John Amayo (FH), 1:40; consolation: Eugen Barbu (LC) dec. Andy Short (CC), 6-5; fifth: George Palmer (GC) dec. Kaib Ford (WM), 4-2.

CC's other win came from David Gardner, who won the 125-pound class with a pin in 3:08 over Harrison's Derek Jaeger.

Glenn, which was ninth with 86½ points, had a champion, Brian Kolb. The 160-pounder beat Salem's John Svec, 10-3, in the final.

Franklin, seventh in the team

standings with 96½ points, had one champion as well. Senior Jesse Shakarian won the 171-pound class, beating Stevenson's Ben Lewis, the No. 1 seed, 3-2.

"He's beat me two or three times this year and I wanted to beat him this time," Shakarian said. "I've been running every morning, working hard."

Intercepted

Menser sparks Farmington upset of Rockets

By BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Farmington's Scott Menser triggered a heat sensor inside Westland John Glenn's gymnasium Friday night.

The 6-foot-10 senior point-guard went off, scoring a career-high 34 points as the visiting Falcons sent the league leading Rockets orbiting to their first boys cage defeat in the Western Lakes Activities Association, 73-61.

Steve Juncaj and Stanley Lewis added 13 and 12 points, respectively, for Farmington, now 9-4 overall and 4-3 in the WLAA.

Glenn is 9-3 overall and 6-1 in the conference, one game behind Plymouth Salem, now the only unbeaten team in WLAA play.

After losing earlier in the week to Salem and Plymouth Canton, the Falcons looked like a completely different ballclub against Glenn.

Menser, a smooth ball-handler as well as shooter, gave the taller Rockets fits, scoring in every imaginable way while running the Farmington offense.

He finished with four 2-pointers, five 3s and made 11 of 14 free throws.

"Scott was in a 'zone,'" Farmington coach Denny Mikel said. "This was by far his best game, not only shooting-wise, but also the way he was making decisions on the floor."

BASKETBALL

Menser said a Falcons' pre-game meeting ironed out a few things.

"We had to play more as a team," he said. "We had to pull it back together because lost a tough game to Salem (60-57), then we were kind of out of it against Canton (88-67). Everybody was kind of going their own way. We had to pull it back together because we knew we had tough stretch with Salem, Canton and Glenn all in a row."

The Falcons stunned Glenn by building a 42-26 halftime advantage.

Farmington led by as many as 19 late in the third quarter before Glenn made a late charge.

Lewis, who missed an ill-advised reverse jam on a breakaway layup attempt, helped fuel a late Glenn fourth-quarter run.

Tony Goins, the 6-4 senior forward, connected on three 3s to bring the Rockets to within seven, 65-58, with 1:53 remaining.

But Menser answered with four free throws and a basket to sew up the victory.

"The kid (Menser) had a career night," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said. "They really got hot with the three-pointer (nine total). We'd come up with two, but then we'd give up three and that can wear you down."

Guy Rucker, Glenn's 6-10 junior center, added 12 points, while guards Savon Hubbard and Albert Jones contributed 11 and 10, respectively.

The Rockets were stymied by Farmington's matchup 3-2 zone defense.

"We wanted them to make the outside shot and don't let them penetrate," Mikel said. "We really worked hard on that coming in. We also wanted to make sure we were getting back on defense because usually you can't rebound with a guy like Rucker."

Schuette, meanwhile, called the loss a "wake-up call."

"For a lot of the game we didn't play as intense on the defensive end as we wanted," he said. "We didn't take Farmington for granted, though. We knew they were a good team."

Menser, however, was surprised he was left open for jumpers off the high screen picks set by teammate Mike Tokar.

"Tony Goins was laying off me for some reason and I don't know why," said the Farmington guard. "Tony and I played AAU ball together. If I didn't have the shot, I wanted to get by with my quickness. I just got into a rhythm. I love playing the point spot because you can control the game more."

Menser had total control of things Friday against Glenn.

Daniels, Reeves make sweet music



AL HARRISON

TEN-PIN ALLEY

ABC-TV's Good Morning America came to Troy last Sunday. The program was aired from Bowl One Lanea and featured professional bowler Cheryl Daniels, who made an appearance with Motown star Martha Reeves.

Those of you who were still fast asleep missed the show. It was on at 8:30 a.m. We all know of Cheryl Daniels exploits as a top-notch pro bowler, just as we all know of Martha's singing.

Reeves is a famous vocalist from Detroit, notably with the Vandellas. Martha has taken up bowling, and Cheryl Daniels is coaching her in the finer points of the game.

It so happens that Cheryl's other pastime is her music. She sings and writes music, so this is Martha's time to return the favor and coach the bowler in her possible singing career.

The program was broadcast live and carried all over the United States. With the ABC worldwide telecast, it was seen by the rest of the world as well.

If you missed it, ESPN is getting ready to do another program with the same idea. Look for more details ahead. Bowl One will also have the U.S. Open Pro Bowlers Tour April 9.

Fourteen-year-old John Bolden, a student at Garden City High school bowls in the Wayne-Westland Youth Travel Classic League. Jan. 24 was a day to remember as Bolden came through with a 300 game.

It was the first in regular league play for the WWTYC, and Bolden is the youngest bowler to roll a perfect game at Westland Bowl.

The bowling community lost one of its finest. Rod Blakely passed away Tuesday. Rod was a genuine bowling enthusiast, an avid bowler, sponsor of the BBM Ladies team in the All-Star Bowlerettes and was recently involved in buying Bowlerama Lanea.

Rod was a local businessman, had traveled extensively with his wife, Deb, and was highly respected by all who knew him. Deb serves as president of the All-Star Bowlerettes, and we extend our condolences to her. Rod Blakely will be missed by all who knew him.

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- Bel Aie Lanes (Farmington):** Our Lady of Sorrows — Ken Bolkware, 222/644; Larry Taylor, 228/224/632.
- Wednesday Early Birds —** Gladys Hart, 206; Karen Weatherford, 200.
- Keplers —** Bruce Spider, 208-203.
- Drakeville Lanes (Farmington):** Ken Ginski, 266; Al Young, 682.
- Tuesday Junior House —** Leo Chams, 696; Steve Lingert, 682; Richard Singer, 268/677.
- Merchant Men —** Steve Klein, 682; Ken Holzner, 269; Scott Day, 270.
- Ansara's Big Boy Classic —** Ron LeChevalier, 267/728; Nick Reiser, 256/727; Joe Herbstreit, 268/759; Matt Caldwell, 267/742; Tom Leonard, 280.
- Country Lanes (Greenfield):** Ed Wright, 271-225/684; Sandy Weed, 213/600; Al Hamilton, 254/634; Ken Smith, 255/617.
- B'nai B'rith Brotherhood Eddie Jacobson —** Alen Zupka, 237-234/688; Lee Roth, 232-227/660; Steve Weinberg, 237-229/652; Dennis Eder, 224/629; Mike Lieberman, 246.
- St. Paul's Mens —** Bob Werner, 267/594; Dave Bason, 235/615; Dominic Polocca, 235/630; Calvin Smith, 235/687; Poo Gola, 232/654.

Wayne survives OT scare

BASKETBALL

Pitched a shutout. That's what Wayne Memorial did Friday against visiting Dearborn — when it mattered most. The Zebras outpointed their Mega Conference basketball foes by a 6-0 margin in overtime to escape with a 59-53 victory.

The win pushed Wayne's record to 10-4 overall. Dearborn is 9-4.

Jason Overton got the Zebras going in overtime, scoring the first basket. Rod Hardison led Wayne with 12 points; Lorenzo Guess added 11.

Jason Wilmoth's 17 points was best for Dearborn.

FRANKLIN 84, W.L. WESTERN 60: It wasn't until the final quarter that Livonia Franklin was able to pull away from Walled Lake Western Friday in Walled Lake.

The Patriots improved to 6-4 overall, 4-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Western dipped to 0-11 overall, 0-6 in the W.L.A.A. Central is 9-4 overall.

The Vikings led 28-23 after one quarter and 43-28 at the half. By the fourth quarter, they had increased their lead to 67-39. Free throws favored Central: the Vikings were 7-of-35 from the line (79 percent) to Stevenson's 7-of-9 (78 percent).

George Tobias blistered the Stevenson defense for six three-pointers en route to scoring 26. Scott Emert added 17. Stevenson got 13 from Jeff Nagy and 12 from Brett Ferris.

On Thursday, host Livonia Stevenson fell apart after the opening quarter, getting outscored 64-31 the rest of the way. Guy Rucker's 21 points topped John Glenn; Tony Goins

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added 16 and Albert Jones 10. For Stevenson, Steve Jacobs netted 12 and Eric Curl 11.

As in the loss to Central, free throws destroyed Stevenson. Glenn was 29-of-36 (80 percent) to Stevenson's 8-of-11 (72 percent).

REDFORD CC 62, BROTHER RICE 50: Catholic Central's victory over arch-rival Brother Rice coupled with Bishop Borgess' upset of Detroit-Jeanette gave the Shamrocks a share of first place in the Central Division Friday.

Sophomore guard Justin Hoener and senior guard Anthony Heasano scored 18 points apiece for CC, which led 22-20 at halftime and outscored Rice 19-9 in the third quarter.

Junior forward Mike Riddle finished with 11 points and senior center Joe Daly added 10 for the Shamrocks.

Senior forward John Taggart scored 16 for the Warriors, 3-5 in the division and 7-6 overall. CC is 6-2 and 8-4.

CANTON 78, CHURCHILL 51: Plymouth Canton controlled the pace of this game all the way, and the Chiefs did it with defense, limiting host Livonia Churchill to 14 first-half points Friday.

By that time they had a 30-14 lead and were well on their way to their seventh win in 12 games (4-2 in the Western Lakes). Churchill fell to 4-9 overall, 2-5 in the W.L.A.A.

The Chiefs have their fair share of shooters, starting with Matt Paupore, who burned the Chargers for 21 points — including three three-pointers. Paupore had 10 in the fourth quarter.

Ron Hunter added 20 points, Tad Rachal scored 16 (also with three three-pointers), and Ted Docks finished with seven assists and nine steals.

Churchill got 15 points from Ethan Jerome. Adam Bowser chipped in with nine.

LUTHERAN NORTH 62, CLARENCEVILLE 53: The visiting Trojans cut a 14-point deficit to six in the fourth quarter Friday but couldn't overtake Mount Clemens Lutheran North.

Mark Kalaj scored 27 points and had 10 rebounds for Clarenceville, 3-2 in the Metro Conference and 6-8 overall. George Gjoka added 10.

Chris Murovski pumped in 33 points for the winners, who led 29-20 at halftime and 48-32 after three quarters.

Rick Larson will have a greater role in coaching the Trojans since head coach Rob White has been transferred to Cincinnati.

White will be able to attend some games but not all. Larson will conduct practices and coach some games.

LOGGETT 67, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 60: Lutheran High Westland's eight-point halftime lead didn't last long.

Vernon Pennell's 19 points led Loggett, which improved to 8-5 overall, 6-1 in the Metro Conference. Lutheran Westland (5-7 overall, 4-3 in the Metro) got 28 points and eight rebounds from Jon Smolka and 12 points from Chris Tiernan.

Groose Pointe University-Liggett unloaded a 30-7 scoring barrage in the third quarter, and that was enough to propel the Knights to the home-court win Friday.

Lady Crusaders win cage thriller, 65-62

COLLEGES

Two free throws by Tracy Prybylski (from Livonia Ladywood) with 13 seconds left provided Madonna University with the cushion it needed to better Siena Heights, 65-62 Thursday in a women's basketball game at Madonna.

The victory ended the Lady Crusaders' three-game losing streak and elevated their record to 9-11. Siena Heights is 7-15.

Jill Burt's 22 points paced Madonna. Stephanie Crelley added 16, and grabbed eight rebounds. The Saints were led by Lisa Polanski with 18 points and Lateefa Moore (Wayne Memorial) with 13.

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Madonna had trailed 29-28 at the half. Superior shooting proved to be the difference for the Crusaders: They converted 21-of-47 from the floor (45 percent) to 28-of-74 for Siena Heights (38 percent). In addition, Madonna was 24-of-35 (69 percent) from the free throw line; the Saints were 7-of-13 (54 percent).

SCHOOLCRAFT 72, DELTA 63 (WOMEN): The defense supplied by Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team Wednesday was instrumental in the Lady Ocelots' victory over Delta at SC.

The win ended a three-game SC losing streak and evened the Ocelots' record at 8-8 overall. They are 4-7 in the Eastern Conference. Delta is 2-11 in the conference.

SC led 31-29 at the half, but Delta moved the ball inside for four easy baskets to start the second half. However, the Ocelots adjusted, moving Julie Kios into the middle. Delta was 2-of-10 from the field after the switch.

For the game, SC forced 27 turnovers while committing just 12 — a plus-15 ratio.

Angie Cerne's 20 points led the Ocelots. She also had six steals. Shelley Sockow (Plymouth Salem) had 18 points and eight rebounds and Alisa Wechter scored 10 before fouling out five minutes into the second half. Point guard Cindy Muhs was near-perfect running the show for SC. She had just one turnover and made 12 of 13 in 39 minutes.

Kristi Hill had 21 points and Leslie Cameron netted 12 for Delta.

SIENA HEIGHTS 122, MADONNA 87 (MEN): When the top team in the area goes up against the newest, results are predictable. Madonna University's men's basketball team aided its demise against Siena Heights Wednesday by scoring just four points in the first eight minutes.

The Saints had 31 by that time and were well on their way to a 24-point halftime lead.

The victory improved Siena Heights' record to 15-8; Madonna is 2-24.

Brent Tucker led the Saints with 24 points. Joe Dettling contributed 14 and 19 rebounds. Madonna got 19 points from point guard Doug Soper.

DELTA 105, SCHOOLCRAFT 78 (MEN): There were just too many weapons.

That's as good a way as any to describe Schoolcraft College's loss to Delta Wednesday at SC. The Ocelots simply could not contain the Eastern Conference leaders, who improved to 15-5 overall and to 9-3 in the league. SC is 1-11 in the conference, 7-15 overall.

Six players reached double figures in scoring for Delta: Wes Wood (21), Antoine Brown (19), Dave Kubczak (18), Rob Brown and Sylvester Liggins (13 each), and J.J. Waterman (11). Delta hit 41-of-73 shots (56 percent) from the floor and had 12 three-pointers.

RU's Stefanski on Brewers' 40-man roster

BASEBALL

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Milwaukee Brewers' prospect Mike Stefanski says his daughter Shelby, born March 31 1992, was a "spring training baby."

"You ask her 'What does daddy do?' And she says, 'Ball,'" said Stefanski, a 1987 Redford Union graduate. "She even goes down in a little catcher's stance."

As he approaches his third spring training in the Brewers' organization, there's another berth worth bragging about.

Stefanski recently earned a spot on the Brewers' 40-man roster and he's one of three catchers invited to spring training later this month in Chandler, Ariz.

Stefanski, who played at the University of Detroit-Mercy and was the Brewers' 40th round draft pick in 1992, learned about the

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transition to life off the field has been more difficult.

Stefanski's girlfriend, Dawn Larmi, who is Shelby's mother, lives in Ohio and is a bookkeeper. Stefanski said Larmi and their child visit on weekends but marriage has been delayed because of separate careers.

"My girlfriend's been very supportive of my career," Stefanski said.

The 6-foot-1, 200-pound Stefanski has played well at each stop he's made in the Brewers' organization.

Playing in the rookie league with Peoria, Ariz., in 1991, he batted .369 with 43 RBI.

In 1992, he was named a Midwestern League All-Star with Beloit, Wis., batting .273 with four home runs and 45 RBI.

Last summer, he batted .322 in 97 games playing with Milwaukee's top Class A team in Stockton, Calif. He had 22 doubles, two triples, 10 homers and knocked in 57 runs.

Milwaukee's director of player development Fred Stanley, who played as a shortstop with the New York Yankees from 1972-81, said Stefanski is a strong prospect.

"Mike is moving up the ladder, which is important," Stanley said. "What it comes down to is Mike is a dedicated young man, his goal is to make the big leagues and I think he'll make it."

"He is a good hitter, has knowledge of the game and is durable. He doesn't have a shot-gun arm but it's acceptable by big league standards. He has all the things you look for in a catcher."

Central queens

Ladywood rolls to another divisional title

Livonia Ladywood wrapped up the Catholic League Central Division volleyball crown Thursday with a 15-1, 15-6 win over visiting Harper Woods Regina.

The win improves Ladywood to 17-4-2 overall and 7-0 in the Central.

Stacey Judd was the Blazers' top hitter with six kills.

Lyndi Paling added four kills, while Anne Poglits contributed three back-row kills and four ace serves.

Setter Renae Rozell had 15 assists.

Defensively, Deborah Sobczak led with six digs, while Robin Danczak added four.

Erin LeSage had two aces.

Zemke sparks Trojans

Jaime Zemke carried Livonia Clarenceville to a 15-10, 14-16, 15-4 Metro Conference win Thursday over visiting Mount Clemens Lutheran North.

Zemke had 10 kills in 36 attempts along with nine digs and eight solo blocks as the Trojans increased their overall record to 12-4-1. Clarenceville is 5-0 in the Metro.

VOLLEYBALL

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION OVERALL STANDINGS

- (tie) Plymouth Salem 6-0
- Walled Lake Central 6-0
- Farmington Harrison 5-2
- Livonia Churchill 4-2
- Livonia Stevenson 4-3
- Westland John Glenn 3-3
- (tie) Farmington 2-3
- Northville 2-3
- (tie) Livonia Franklin 1-4
- Plymouth Canton 1-4
- (tie) North Farmington 1-6
- Walled Lake Western 1-6

LAKES DIVISION

- (tie) Walled Lake Central and Plymouth Salem, 2-0; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 3-2; 4. Westland John Glenn, 2-2; 5. Farmington, 0-1; 6. North Farmington, 0-4.

WESTERN DIVISION

- Farmington Harrison, 4-0; 2. Livonia Churchill, 2-1; 3. (tie) Northville and Plymouth Canton, 1-1; 5. Livonia Franklin, 0-2; 6. Walled Lake Western, 0-3.

Warriors top Cranbrook

Senior Brenda Turgeon came up with three important back row digs, while teammate Dena Purdy recorded 13 assists and no errors Wednesday, leading Lutheran High Westland to a 15-10, 15-10 Metro Conference win over visiting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

The Warriors are 13-8-2 overall and 3-1 in the Metro.

Jenny Pruchnik added four kills and six solo blocks. Emily Schroeder and Erin Cicero also chipped in with four kills apiece.

As a team, Lutheran Westland

served at a 93 percent clip as Julie Twietmeyer, Pruchnik and Schroeder combined to make good on 32 of 35 attempts.

Earlier in the week, Lutheran High finished second at the Whitmore Lake Invitational. Taylor Light and Life beat the Warriors in the final, 15-8, 15-1.

Chargers outlast Western

Margaret Wirth and Kristen Sanders combined for 15 kills Wednesday, powering host Livonia Churchill to a 16-14, 14-16, 10-15, 15-8, 15-2 win over Walled Lake Western.

The victory lifts Churchill to 7-3-5 overall and 4-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Aimee Cousino and Sarah Farklewicz each served six points in the fourth and fifth games, respectively, to spark the Churchill comeback victory. Heather Boni served seven points in the opening game.

Defensively, Mary Daly paced the Chargers with eight digs, while Jaime Clark, Renee Tomlinson and Amy Place each added five.

Salem nips Stevenson

WLAA leader Plymouth Salem held off an upset bid Thursday by visiting Livonia Stevenson, 16-14, 9-15, 15-4, 10-15, 15-9.

The Spartans fall to 9-10-6

overall and 3-3 in the Western Lakes.

Despite the loss, hitter Jen Monaghan stood out with 18 kills. Rachel Clark added 12, while Janene Copi and Michell Hale each contributed 11.

Setter Angie Pippo collected a team-high 39 assists.

Stevenson's top servers were Jill Millington (16 of 16) and Jill Van Tiem (12 of 12).

Anne Marie Aquino and Millington were the Spartans' top defensive standouts, according to coach Kelly Graham.

"It's the best we've played all season; I'm really happy with the effort," Graham said. "If we had won, we might have opened some people's eyes."

On Wednesday, Stevenson downed host Farmington in a WLAA match, 15-12, 15-7, 9-15, 15-5, as Pippo registered 31 assists, eight ace serves (21 of 21 overall).

Top Stevenson hitters included Copi (11 kills), Monaghan (10) and Michelle Hale (eight).

The team's top servers included Sheri Gromek (19 of 19) and Katie Christenson (18 of 19).

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Rice outskates CC, 2-1

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

The Birmingham Brother Rice hockey team used a resourceful offense Wednesday to beat Redford Catholic Central senior goalie Mike Brusseau.

The Warriors, scoring once on a rebound and once on a deflection, beat CC, 2-1, before a capacity crowd at Oak Park Arena.

Rice junior center Mike Jalaba broke a 1-1 tie at 3:44 of the third period, scoring a power play goal on a wrist shot from the point that was deflected in front of the net.

Brusseau said he saw the puck until it reached a traffic jam in front of the net.

"It was going toward my glove side, then it hit someone's pants and went in my blocker's side," Brusseau said.

CC started the week ranked No. 1 in Class A after beating Trenton 4-1 on Saturday but isn't expected to stay there.

The Warriors, who fell to second after being upset by Grosse Pointe South on Saturday, could regain the top spot this week.

Rice improved to 13-1 overall and 8-1 in the Metro League, a half-game ahead of CC. The Shamrocks are 12-1-1 overall, 7-1-1 in the Metro.

Rice kept Brusseau busy throughout the night, outshooting the Shamrocks 25-10.

Junior forward Keith Harris scored the first Rice goal on a rebound shot and senior defenseman Kevin Pederson had the lone CC goal.

"Rice has got a good club and I think our guys seemed intimidated by them," Brusseau said.

CC coach Gordie St. John said he was leery of playing the Warriors coming off their first loss.

"Mike (Brusseau) is an all-star but we just got outplayed and that's why you lose," St. John said. "Our defense did all right and Brusseau was outstanding, but our forwards had a tough time. It's my responsibility to deal with that the next few weeks."

The Shamrocks had a chance to end the game in a tie, but Rice killed off two CC power plays in the last 8:12.

Rice goalie Kris Arthur made a diving save on a backhand shot by CC's Jason Couture with the Shamrocks playing with four skaters on the ice to the Warriors' three.

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The Shamrocks failed to threaten on their last power play, which was earned with 1:12 remaining after senior forward Jon Heady was hooked from behind deep in Rice's end.

After a scoreless first period, the CC defense was guilty of letting the Warriors score the game's first goal in the second period.

Brusseau made the initial save on a shot from the wing but Harris beat the CC defense to the rebound and scored for a 1-0 lead at 4:59 of the second period.

"Brusseau's got such good hands, you've got to get traffic in front of him or he's going to come out, grab the puck and you won't get the rebound," Brown said.

The Shamrocks gained a 1-1 tie at 11:06 of the second period when Pedersen drilled a slap shot from just inside the blue line to beat Arthur on the far side.

STEVENSON 6, ANDOVER 3: Gino Gauci scored the go-ahead goal at 9:00 mark of the second period, propelling Suburban High School Hockey League leader Livonia Stevenson to the win Friday over Bloomfield Hills Andover in a game played at Edgar Arena. Stevenson is 12-5 overall and 10-1 in the SHSHL.

Doug DeVigna, Mike Lanspeary, Kevin Berger and Scott Brevik also scored goals for the Spartans, who erased a 2-1 second-period deficit.

Nathan Caladia added two assists. Goalie Eric Rosenau turned away 21 shots. On Thursday, Stevenson routed host Bloomfield Hills Lahser in a game played at the Detroit Skating Club, 15-1.

Berger led the way with four goals and two assists. Gauci added a hat trick, while Brian Calka and Brian Tarsin each scored twice.

Other Stevenson point-producers included Kyle McNeilance, one goal and four assists; Jeff Blazok, four assists; Caladia, three assists; Lanspeary and Rosenau, two assists each; Jason Baylis, Dave Gorton and Tony Ferrero, one goal apiece.

FRANKLIN 9, LAHSER 0: Dave Proctor notched the hat trick and goalie Pete Stasevich (15 saves) gained the shutout as Livonia Franklin blanked visiting Bloomfield Hills Lahser in a game played Wednesday at Edgar Arena.

Franklin is 8-8-1 overall and 5-6-1 in the Suburban High School Hockey League. Eric Hillebrand added two goals for Franklin, while Ed Kruschka and Jeff Berger each collected a goal and two assists.

Rick Leirstein and Matt Harrigan also scored goals for the Patriots. Joe O'Connell contributed four assists, while Kevin Bernard, Dominic Catanzarite and Jason Weier each added two. Brad Dicks also had an assist.

CHURCHILL 10, DEXTER 7: Jason Sameiko scored twice and Jim Pollock added a goal and two assists as Livonia Churchill (7-6 overall) outgunned the visiting Drednaughts in a non-leaguer Wednesday at Edgar.

The Chargers led 10-2 until late in the third period when Dexter exploded for five unanswered goals.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Feb. 8
Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Lutheran East at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Belleville, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.
Red. Thurston at Allen Park, 7 p.m.
Taylor Truman at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
Ply. Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Lv. Churchill at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Lv. Franklin at Westland Glenn, 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Lv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
Northville at Ply. Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Borgessa at Warren DeLaSalle, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at H.W. Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.
St. Florian at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Ply. Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 10
Lv. Stevenson at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Westland Glenn at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 11
Clarenceville at Lutheran West, 7 p.m.
Luth. N'west at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
S'gate Anderson at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Red. Thurston at D.H. Annapolis, 7 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Dbn. Fordson, 7 p.m.
Ply. Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Lv. Churchill at Northville, 7:30 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Lv. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Ply. Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Brother Rice at Bishop Borgessa, 7:30 p.m.
Warren DeLaSalle at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Wyan. Mt. Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at D.H. Fairlane, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Christian at S'Field Christ., 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Tuesday, Feb. 8
Lv. Churchill at S'gate Anderson, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 9
Lv. Stevenson vs. Wyandotte, 7 p.m.
Lv. Franklin vs. Dexter High at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 10
Lv. Churchill vs. B.H. Lahser at Det. Skating Club, 7 p.m.
Lv. Franklin vs. Birmingham at B.H. Cranbrook, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 11
Redford CC at G.P. South, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 12
Redford CC vs. Ann Arbor Huron at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Lv. Churchill vs. Dexter High at Ann Arbor's Yost Arena, 9 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Feb. 9
Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 7:30 p.m.
Oakland CC at Flint Mott, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 12
Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 8 p.m.
Madonna at Concordia College, TBA.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 10
UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 12
Concordia College at Madonna, 3 p.m.
Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

LIVONIA STEVENSON 44 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 20

Thursday at Farmington
103 pounds: Matt Allison (Stevenson) won by void; 112: Dan Christenson (Stevenson) pinned Jim Haile, 5:50; 119: Joe Martin (John Glenn) p. David Falzon, 3:48; 126: Anthony Underwood (John Glenn) dec. Ryan Vartogian, 11:0; 130: Mike Henry (John Glenn) decisioned Jon Sata, 13:5; 135: Chris Jaztremski (Stevenson) dec. Rob Pace, 15:4; 140: Scott Goldman (Stevenson) dec. Mike Lewis, 13:2; 146: Chris Hullett (Stevenson) won by technical fall over Rick Donahoe, 15:0; 152: Nick Petryk (Stevenson) dec. Ryan Cretens, 22:10; 160: Brian Korb (John Glenn) p. Matt Fisher, 0:44; 171: Ben Lewis (Stevenson) p. Brian Harpster, 4:30; 189: Craig Martin (Stevenson) p. Jim Lock, 5:08; **heavyweight:** David Ross (Stevenson) dec. Shawn Arbogast, 12:7.
Stevenson's dual meet record: 7-0 overall; 5-0 (clinched Lakes Division title).

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 37 FARMINGTON 29

Thursday at Farmington
103: Matt Michalski (Farmington) won by void; 112: Chris Neville (Farmington) dec. Melissa Keefer, 16:0; 119: Joe Martin (John Glenn) dec. Mike Lane, 14:4; 126: Anthony Underwood (John Glenn) p. Mike Connor, 1:18; 130: Mike Henry (John Glenn) won by void; 138: Rob Pace (John Glenn) p. Don Phillips, 5:44; 140: Mark Mason (Farmington) dec. Mike Lewis, 14:3; 146: Mike Prough (Farmington) dec. Richard Donahoe, 19:4; 152: Chris Engel (Farmington) dec. Andy Cassidy, 17:11; 160: Brian Korb (John Glenn) p. Derek Paquette, 3:29; 171: Drew Cunningham (Farmington) p. Brian Harpster, 5:34; 189: Jim Lock (John Glenn) dec. Rob Gingrich, 8:5; **heavyweight:** Shawn Arbogast (John Glenn) p. Adam Trelkison, 3:57.
Farmington's dual meet record: 2-8 overall; 1-5 (Lakes Division).

Clarenceville tankers gain 1sts

Nick Sosnowski, Sean Sachau, Yusef Lovette and Lindsey Larson garnered a total of 10 firsts and 11 second-place finishes for the host Clarenceville Swim Club in the 14-team Snowball Splash meet, Jan. 8-9, at the Clarenceville High pool.

Sosnowski, competing in the Boys 13-14 age division, won the 100-yard freestyle, 100 and 200 backstroke, 100 butterfly and 200 individual medley. He added a second in the 100 breast stroke.

Sachau (Boys 8 and under) captured the 100 freestyle, 25 butterfly and 100 IM. He was also second in the 25 butterfly, 50 freestyle and 25 breast stroke;

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5th, 25 backstroke.

Larson (Girls 8 and under) won the 100 freestyle, while finishing second in the 25 freestyle, 50 butterfly, 100 IM and 50 backstroke. She was third in the 50 freestyle, 25 backstroke, 25 and 50 breast strokes.

Lovette (Boys 12) won the 100 breast stroke and 100 IM. Among his other finishes: second, 50 freestyle, 100 backstroke and 50 breast stroke; fourth, 100 freestyle; fourth, 50 butterfly.

Tartars tap area talent

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Wayne State University's athletic motto is "Investing in the Future."

Third-year head football coach Brian VanGorder believes his program is headed in that direction after he signed 31 players Wednesday to 1994 national letters-of-intent, including four players with area ties.

"This is the best recruiting class we've had initially, but you never know until get the kids on the field, see their attitudes and what kind of work habits they develop," said VanGorder, who played himself at WSU and prepped at West Bloomfield High School. "I'm very optimistic, though. I think this is a strong class."

Among the area players slated to play next fall for the Tartars: Joe Walsh, a 5-foot-11, 205-pound linebacker from Redford Catholic Central; Brett Magyar, a 6-3, 225-pound defensive end from CC; Steve Hurst, a 6-foot, 215-pound center from Plymouth Salem; and Westland's Jason Bartos, a 6-1, 165-pound quarterback from Taylor Center.

Walsh was a member of the 1992 state Class AA championship team and helped CC to an 8-1 record last season.

"He's tough and that's what we like most about him," VanGorder said. "He's a good kid with good character."

Magyar, who transferred to CC in the middle of his junior year from Livonia Stevenson, turned down an offer from Central Michigan.

"Wayne State is a major research university and Brett felt real good about us academically," VanGorder said. "Not that Central Michigan doesn't have many of the same things, but Brett felt more comfortable staying close to home."

All of VanGorder's 31 recruits, with the exception of Fennville's Matt Schultz, reside in the metropolitan tri-county area.

"Basically we recruit this area," Van Gorder said. "We feel real good about the young talent we have available here."

Hurst, an All-Western Lakes Activities Association center, adds versatility to the offensive line, according to VanGorder.

"We liked his quickness, he has great feet," said the WSU coach.

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Boston College: Doug Brzezinski, OT, 6-5, 285, Redford Catholic Central; Iowa: Nick Kallas, 6-4, 245, DT, Redford Catholic Central.

DIVISION I-AA

Southern Illinois: Freddie Taylor, RB, 5-9, 170, Redford Catholic Central.

DIVISION II

Wayne State: Jason Bartos, 6-1, 165, QB, Taylor Center (Westland); Steve Hurst, OL, 6-0, 215, Plymouth Salem; Brett Magyar, DL, 6-3, 230, Redford Catholic Central; Joe Walsh, 5-11, 210, LB, Redford Catholic Central.

Grand Valley State: Mike Birt, TE/LB, 6-3, 220, Westland John Glenn.

Ferris State: Jerome Cosby, 5-10, 196, LB, Westland John Glenn.

Northwood Institute: Kevin Babcock, 6-1, 235, LB/DB, Dearborn Divine Child (Livonia); Joe Pongracz, 6-1, 205, OLB, Redford Catholic Central.

Michigan Tech: Ryan Ostach, 6-3, 190, WR/P, Plymouth Canton.

Saginaw Valley State: Ed Kennedy, 6-4, 200, DE, Farmington Hills Harrison.

"He could also play a guard spot if needed."

Bartos quarterbacked a run-and-shoot style offense under coach Forrest Bone at Taylor Center.

"In that offense we liked the fact that he could make changes at the line of scrimmage," VanGorder said. "He's very intelligent and he can compete. He has also shown good accuracy throwing the football."

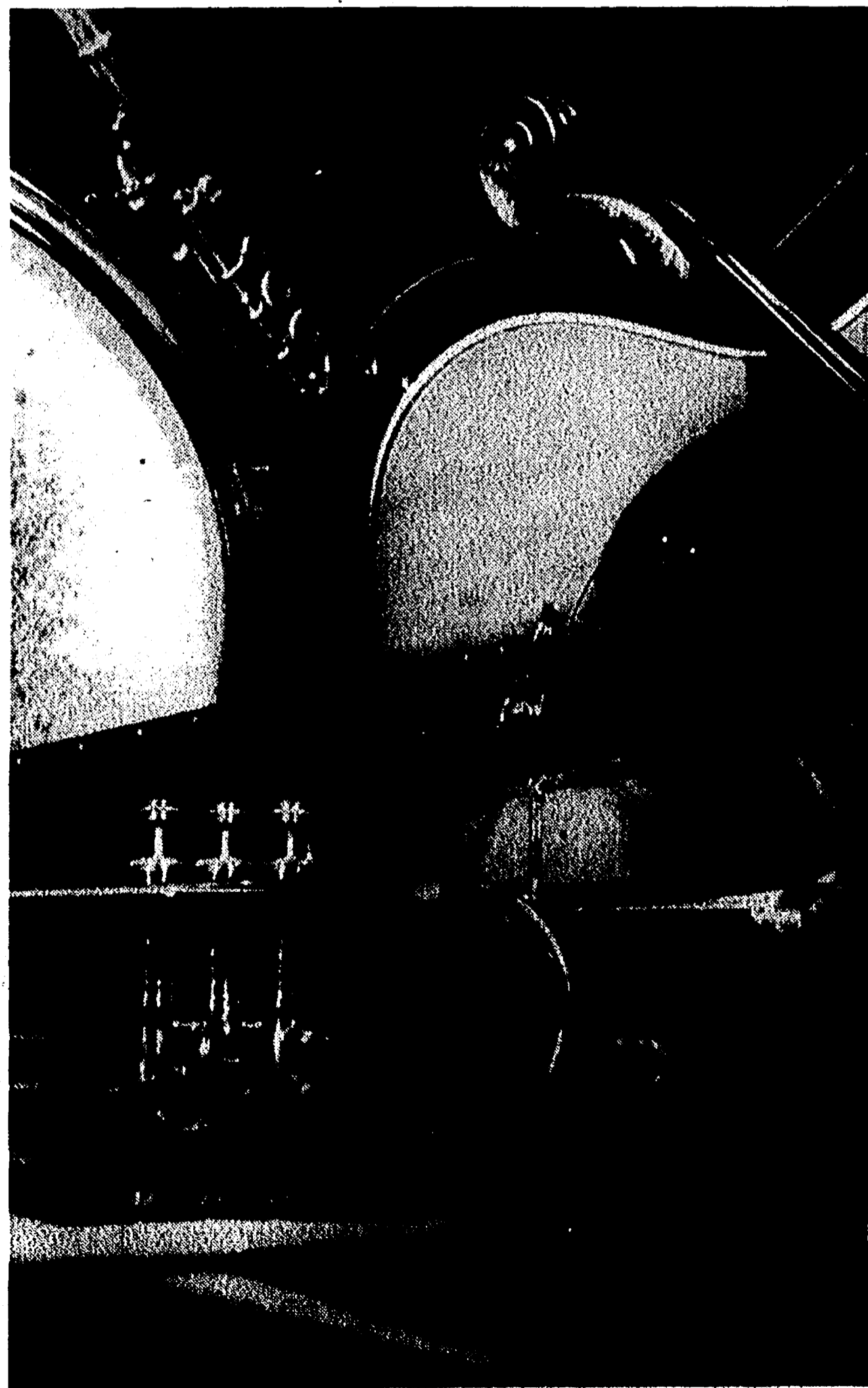
Northwood Institute, also a member of the Midwestern Intercollegiate Football Conference, grabbed two area players in Joe Pongracz, a 6-1, 205 outside linebacker from Redford CC, and Kevin Babcock, a fullback/linebacker from Dearborn Divine Child.

Babcock, who resides in Livonia, was a three-year starter for the Falcons.

The 6-1, 235-pound senior made 30 solo tackles and had 43 assists en route to All-Catholic League honors. He also rushed for 437 yards and three touchdowns.

In other signings, Michigan Tech took 6-3, 190-pound wide receiver/punter Ryan Ostach of Plymouth Canton, while Saginaw Valley State nabbed 6-4, 200-pound defensive end Ed Kennedy of state Class A champion Farmington Hills Harrison.

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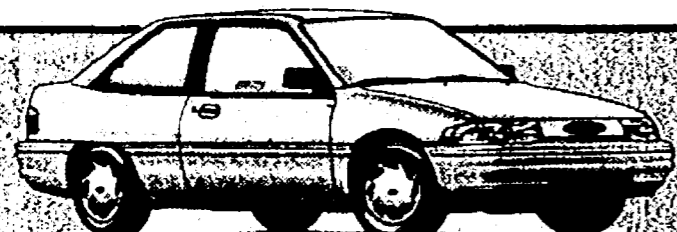


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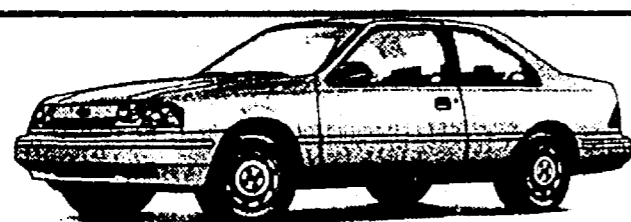
NEW 1994 ESCORT LX
4 DOOR WAGON Stock No. 1248

WAS \$13,130 IS **\$9,764***



NEW 1994 ESCORT GT
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WAS \$14,105 IS **\$11,282***



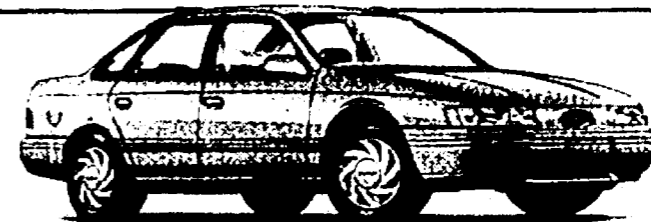
NEW 1994 TEMPO GL
2 DOOR SEDAN Stock No. 0186

WAS \$12,645 IS **\$9,581***



NEW 1994 THUNDERBIRD LX
2 DOOR Stock No. 1202

WAS \$18,145 IS **\$15,288***



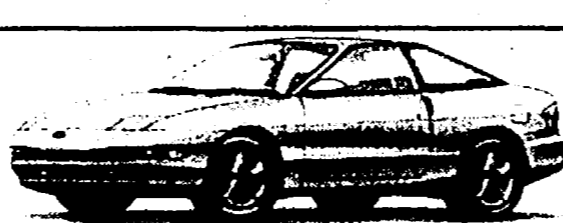
NEW 1994 TAURUS GL
4 DOOR SEDAN Stock No. 0201

WAS \$18,040 IS **\$14,944***



NEW 1994 PROBE
3 DOOR Stock No. 0769

WAS \$15,770 IS **\$13,471***



NEW 1994 PROBE GT
3 DOOR Stock No. 0676

WAS \$20,530 IS **\$17,191***



NEW 1994 RANGER 4X2 XLT
Stock No. 1308

WAS \$12,950 IS **\$9,412***



NEW 1994 RANGER 4X2
SUPER CAB STX Stock No. 1152

WAS \$15,036 IS **\$12,303***



NEW 1994 F-150 4X2
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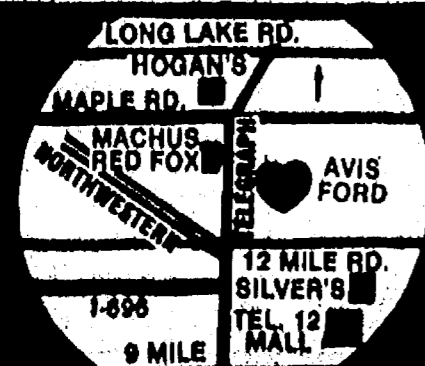
WAS \$17,888 IS **\$13,044***



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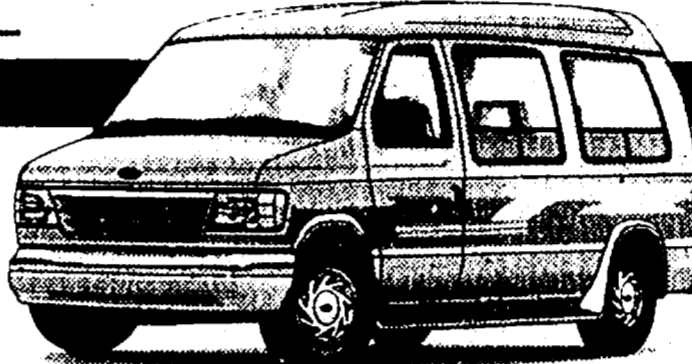
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1993 ESCORT LX 5-DOOR
Oxford white, opal gray cloth/vinyl, preferred equipment pkg., air conditioning, power steering, rear window defroster, 1.9L SEFI 4 cylinder engine, 5-speed manual trans. Stock #4044.

Was \$11,304 - SAVE \$2,511 **NOW \$8793***

1994 PROBE SE
2.0L DOHC, 253 valve package, 5 speed trans, sunroof, air, power group, speed control, tilt wheel, defroster & more. Stock #2138.

Was \$18,270 SAVE \$2281 **NOW \$15,989*** OR 24 MO. LEASE \$257**

1994 THUNDERBIRD LX
3.8L V6 engine, auto. O/D trans., air, tilt wheel, speed control, power windows, locks & seat. Keyless entry and much more! Stk. #2146.

Was \$17,695 SAVE \$2,072 **NOW \$15,623*** OR 24 MO. LEASE \$283**

1994 TAURUS GL
3.0L auto. O/D trans., A/C, dual air bags, locks, drivers seat, tilt wheel, speed control, cassette, defroster, cast alum wheels, and more. Stk. #2158.

Was \$19,630 SAVE \$3,269 **NOW \$16,361*** OR 24 MO. LEASE \$267**

1994 CROWN VICTORIA
4.6L V8 engine, O/D trans., air, conv. group, defroster, dual air bags, speed control, 2 locks & windows, steering & brakes & more! Stk. #2303.

Was \$21,668 SAVE \$3125 **NOW \$17,996*** OR 24 MO. LEASE \$317**

1994 RANGER XLT 4x2
2.3L auto. O/D trans., A/C, cast alum. wheels, cassette, p.s., p.b., and more. Stk. #8137.

Was \$14,626 SAVE \$2,732 **NOW \$11,894*** OR 24 MO. LEASE \$191**

1993 AEROSTAR XL EXT.
3.0L V6 engine, automatic overdrive transmission, defroster, air conditioning, cassette, power convenience group, 7 passenger and more.

Was \$20,265 - SAVE \$4,629 **NOW \$15,636***

1994 F250 4x4 XLT
5.8L V8, automatic overdrive transmission, air conditioning, speed control, tilt wheel, power windows/locks, trailer low pkg., cassette and more. Stock #4338.

Was \$24,287 SAVE \$3,599 **NOW \$20,688*** OR 24 MO. LEASE \$320** PER MO.

1993 F-150 XLT 4x2
5.0L V8 auto O/D trans., air, speed control, tilt wheel, power windows & locks, conv. group, aluminum wheels, step bumper & more. Stk. #7314.

Was \$18,812 - SAVE \$3827 **NOW \$14,985***

1994 RANGER STX 4x4 SUPERCAB
4.0L EFI V6 engine, automatic O/D trans., air, power windows & locks, speed control, tilt wheel, AM/FM stereo, sport cast alum wheels, much more. Stock #8131.

Was \$21,668 SAVE \$3125 **NOW \$18,543*** OR 24 MO. LEASE \$292**

1994 BRONCO XLT 4x4
5.0L V8 engine, auto O/D trans., air, p.s., cassette, all terrain tires, aluminum wheels & more! Stk. #8116.

Was \$28,341 - SAVE \$5,815 **NOW \$22,526***

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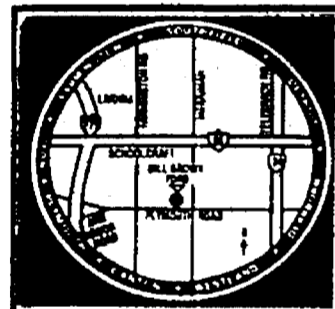
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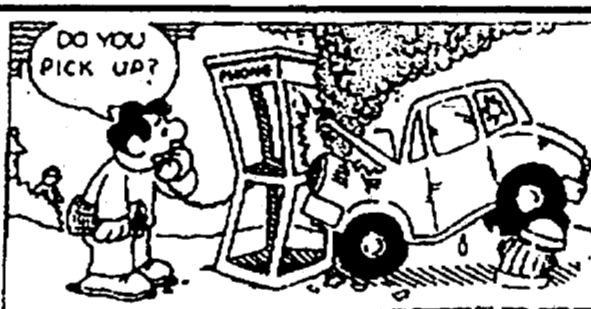
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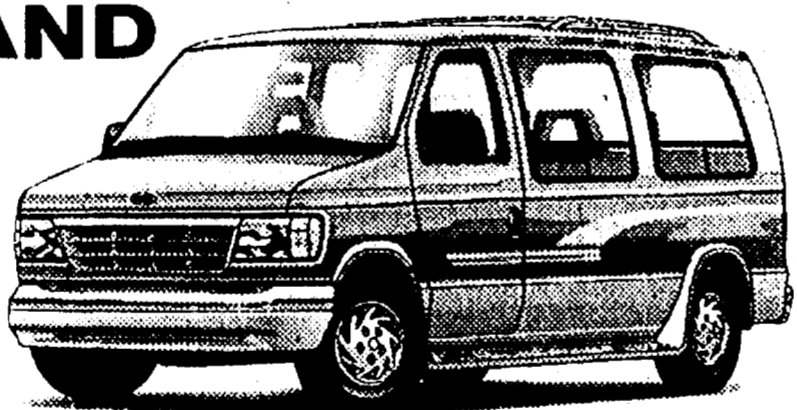
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Was \$19,557 **YOU PAY \$15,589*** OR 24 MO. LEASE \$235**

1994 RANGER XLT
XLT trim, stereo/cassette/clock, power steering, sliding rear window, chrome rear step bumper, cloth 60/40 split bench seat. Stock #4878

Was \$12,489 **YOU PAY \$9299*** OR 24 MO. LEASE \$137**

1994 AEROSTAR XL PL
Air conditioning, privacy glass, speed control/ tilt steering wheel, exterior appearance group, electric rear window, defroster, electric AM/FM stereo. Stock #45074

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1993 TAURUS LX 4-DR.
208 LX PKG.
3.8L EFI V-6, automatic, O/D transmission, speed control, rear window defroster, cassette, power antenna, keyless entry system, front/rear carpeted floor mats. Stock #9508.

Was \$20,591 **YOU PAY \$15,193***

1994 TAURUS GL 4-DOOR SEDAN
Front/rear carpeted floor mats, air, rear window defroster, power windows, lock light group, speed control, AM/FM stereo radio with cassette, 6-way power driver's seat, 3.8L EFI V6 engine, auto O/D transmission, P235/75 R15 BSW tires, cast aluminum wheels, cloth bucket seats. Stock #44810.

Was \$20,160 **YOU PAY \$16,579*** 24 MO. LEASE \$259**

1994 PROBE 3-DOOR SPIRIT
Dual electric remote mirrors, rear window defroster, tilt steering column convenience group, interval wipers, tinted glass, SE option, front color layered floor mats, manual air conditioning. Stock #44264.

Was \$16,360 **YOU PAY \$14,299*** 24 MO. LEASE \$215**

1994 T-BIRD LX 2-DOOR
Moonlight blue, clearcoat metallic, T-Bird option group level 3, dual illuminated view mirror, auto, air, automatic O/D transmission, front floor mats. Stock #44678.

Was \$17,925 **YOU PAY \$15,387*** 24 MO. LEASE \$329**

1994 ESCORT LX 3-DOOR SPORT
Air, power steering, rear window defroster, AM/FM stereo cassette radio, sport appearance group, 14" bright aluminum wheels, 1.9L SEFI 4 cylinder engine, 5 speed manual transaxle. Stock #43324.

Was \$12,590 **YOU PAY \$9994*** 24 MO. LEASE \$146**

1994 TEMPO GL 2-DOOR SEDAN
Air conditioning, light group, dual electric control mirrors, rear window defroster, floor mats, stereo cassette/clock. Stock #44196.

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TAURUS	\$300	\$2180						DATE
ESCORT	\$175	\$1880						