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Pensions to get more study

About 15 Westland taxpayers watched for two hours Monday night as Westland City Council members sparred on eliminating council pensions. The council plans to study alternative proposals.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A bitterly divided Westland City Council has avoided a decision on possibly eliminating council pensions by choosing to study alternative proposals.

About 15 Westland taxpayers watched for two hours Monday night as council members sparred and traded insults on a thorny issue that, in the end, remained undecided.

"This has been an exercise in futility," resident Walter Wnuk, 79, said as a council study session ended.

Wnuk, who receives an annual $7,200 pension for a 22-year, full-time manufacturing job, questioned why Westland officials retreated from the

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Session ignites dispute

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland City Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin, under scrutiny for a council pension that could reach $49,000, blasted two colleagues Monday for aggressively pursuing details about his pension.

Griffin, visibly upset during a study session, lashed out at Councilmen Richard LeBlanc and Glenn Anderson for filing Freedom of Information Act requests seeking details about his and former city Finance Director Michael Gorman's pensions.

LeBlanc and Anderson have filed requests with the Lansing-based Municipal Employee Retirement System (MERS) to glean such details as how Griffin and Gorman gained credit for their Westland pensions from service elsewhere.

Griffin warned his colleagues against misusing information they learn about his city pension, estimated to be

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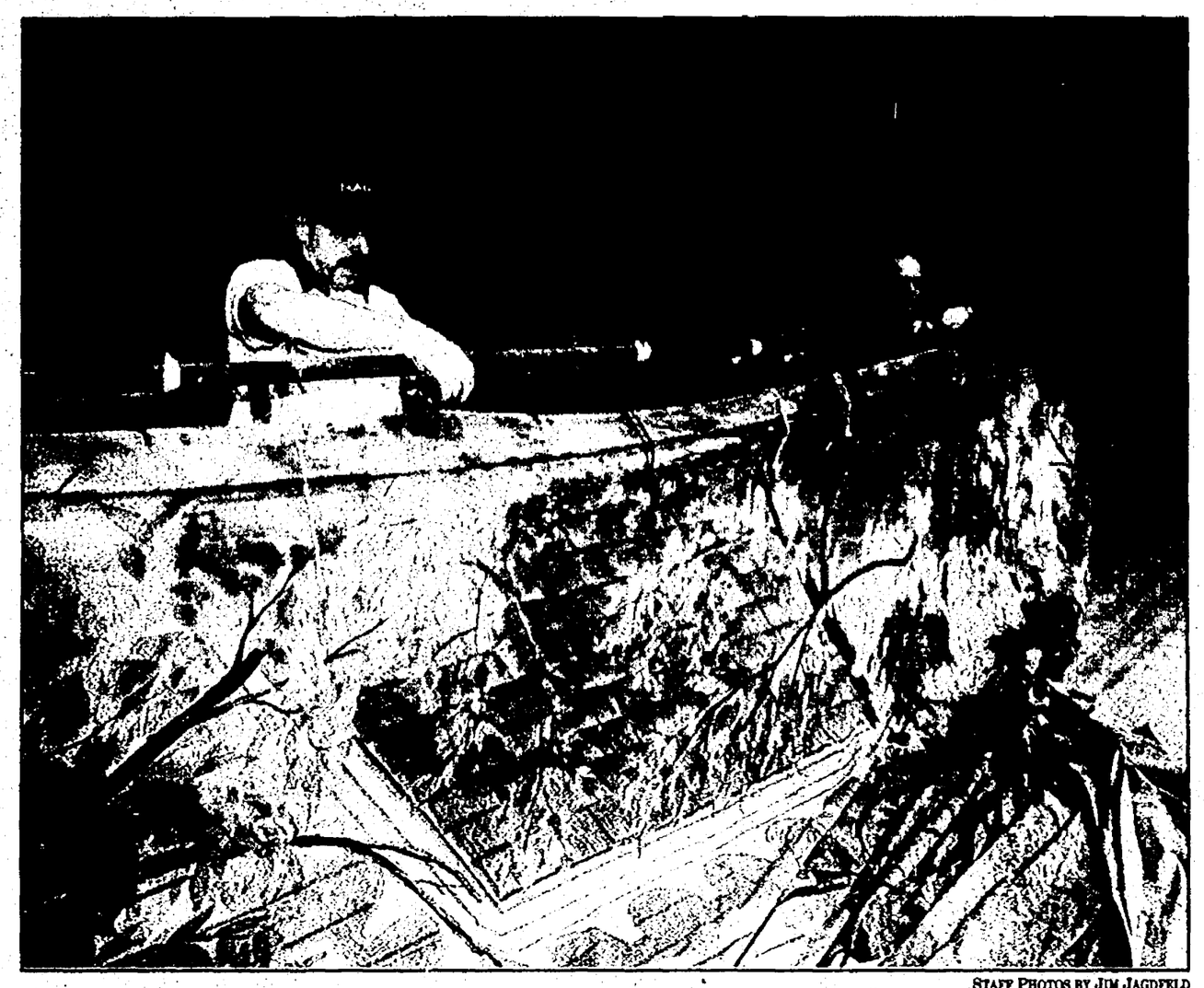

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Setting up: *Parents help out as the Westland All-Stars prepare for this weekend's presentation of "The Music Man" at Stockmeyer Auditorium in Wayne. Securing one of the drops to the bar are Paul Lulek, Tim Niland and Matt Conley.*

All-Stars stage 'Music Man'

There's trouble right here in River City.

Or there will be at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday as the Westland All-Stars Youth Drama Troupe performs Meredith Willson's "The Music Man" at Stockmeyer Auditorium at Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne.

Sean Clark, a 15-year-old student at John Glenn High School, will star as Professor Harold Hill. Jennifer Tocco, a 12-year-old student at Emerson Middle School, will star as Marian Paroo.

Other members of the cast include: Jessica Brent, Amy Burns, Jessica Clark, Steven Clark, Kyle Cole, Sarah Conley, Amanda Fannin, Jenny Fletcher, Daniel Fowler, Karyn Fowler, Kathryn Fowler, Corrine Garrett, Mallory Garrett, Jason Kantner, Bree LaFortune, Olivia LaFortune, Ashleigh Lezotte, Alyssa Lucas, Courtney Lulek, Erin Lulek, Rachel Lulek, Ian Maguire, Stephanie Meyer, Erin Murray, Sarah Nagy, Courtney Niland, Jennifer Olshavsky, Mark Palmer, Katie Pulk, Ernie Prinz, Anne Sanford, Sara Shay, Tiffany Siegfried, Becky

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Sneak peek: *As one of the new drops was hoisted into position, Jenny Tocco, who plays Marian the Librarian, peeked excitedly through a section of the backdrop. This was the first time any of the actors had seen the backdrops and they were quite taken with them.*

5 youths bound over

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Five Garden City teens will face trial on charges of trying to kill one Westland man and assaulting his friend as a bonfire party ended early Oct. 4 in Hines Park.

A Westland district judge, rejecting claims of self-defense, ruled Wednesday that James Thomas Domagalski Jr., David Ryan Kozakowski, Kyle Anders Tingstad, Christopher Totten and Brian Alan Wiatr should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

"I'm not saying these young people are guilty of these charges," 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos said.

But he ruled that evidence suggested the teens acted together during a 3:30 a.m. attack that placed 20-year-old Westland resident Robert Sumey in a weeklong coma and injured 19-year-old Kevin Baker.

Bokos relied in part on statements, made to Westland police, in which some defendants admitted using logs and beer bottles while attacking Sumey and Baker along a wooded path leading from Hines Park to Floral, a dead-end street near Warren and Inkster.

Bokos conceded that Sumey "appears to be more the aggressor" during a lingering dispute at the bonfire party, but he said the Garden City teens should have left the scene.

Instead, Bokos said, at least two of the teens got logs from a pickup truck before the group engaged in "this whole macho thing that we can't walk away from a confrontation."

All five teens now face trial for assault with intent to murder Sumey and assault with intent to do great bodily harm to Baker. Other than Totten, who is 16, the defendants are 17. All are charged as adults.

Kyle Tingstad's younger brother Kent, 15, faces juvenile court proceedings.

In court Wednesday, the defendants showed little emotion as Bokos announced his ruling, although a couple of them shook their heads. Bokos' decision capped three days of testimony spread over three months.

Family members accompanied the teens to court, nearly filling the courtroom in a strong show of support. Families have posted bonds allowing the defendants to remain free as they await trial.

All five teens could face maximum sentences of life in prison if convicted as charged. Bokos ordered them to be arraigned in Wayne County Circuit Court in two weeks.

Bokos rejected earlier arguments by defense attorneys who said each teen's role should be considered separately in Wednesday's ruling. Prosecutor Jane Cramer argued that all five teens acted with a "mob mentality."

Bokos ruled that the defendants not only acted together, but talked about the beating after they left the scene and met other friends.

Bokos relied on statements from friends who earlier testified that the

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Development firm wants to evaluate Cooper site

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

A well-known local real estate development firm, Jonna Realty Ventures Inc., wants to study the toxic Cooper school site to see what, if anything, can be built on the 43 acres in Westland that is owned by Livonia Public Schools.

Jonna has joined with both Consumers Renaissance Development Corp. and the Honigman, Miller, Schwartz and Cohn law firm to possibly develop the site under "brownfield" legislation passed in 1995 by the Michigan Legislature.

"Brownfields" are a state-authorized way to revitalize land not being used because of environmental contamination.

The city of Westland recently formed a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and plans to incorporate the Cooper site into its redevelopment plan. The plan allows Westland to use captured tax revenue to clean up and redevelop the Cooper site and others.

Four-month study

Both Jonna and Consumers plan to ask Livonia schools to give Jonna at least four months to study the site. The district will be asked to turn over all data it has on the site.

"We need 120 days to evaluate whether the property can be used," said Bruce Rasher, Consumers vice president, during an information meeting Tuesday at Cooper-at-Whittier Elementary during which the proposal was unveiled to the Cooper community.

"It will be a thorough evaluation. If, at the end of 120 days, the developer concludes it wants to pursue the project, it will make a presentation to the school board.

"If ... the developer does not feel the property is developable, the information gained will be turned over to Livonia schools," Rasher said. "They'll have

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Cooper

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new knowledge about the property to try to market it in another way.

"We hope to leave the school in a better position, either with a proposal or more information."

The site evaluation, which includes soil borings, surveys, samples of refuse buried on the old landfill, as well as information gleaned from previous testings, would be given free to Livonia schools, Rasher said.

Livonia City Planner John Nagy called Jonna a "top-of-the-line, reputable" firm responsible for numerous development projects in both Livonia and Westland.

Knows about problems

Grant Trigger, attorney for Honigman, Miller, Schwartz and Cohn, said all team members know the site to be studied is an old landfill.

Livonia schools closed Cooper in 1991 after soil tests showed high levels of lead, cadmium, mercury and PCB.

"We know the history is bad, many trucks went in there and dumped who knows?" Trigger said. "We know we're getting into a morass. From our testing we'll be able to make judgments about what can be done there."

Charles MacInnis, Consumers representative, asked the Cooper-at-Whittier community to "suspend judgment" on whether the site can be developed.

"We now have more questions than we have answers," MacInnis said.

Until "brownfield" legislation was passed, developers wouldn't touch contaminated property, Trigger said. "There were fears, strict cleanup requirements, costs, liability issues."

With its brownfield authority, Westland cah capture earmarked tax revenues from all taxing units. This money could be used to clean up the Cooper site.

The Cooper site would then be sold to the Jonna company, which would build something profitable for the developer.

At Tuesday's meeting, Trigger said Jonna most likely would suggest a recreational/residential use and is less likely to recommend something commercial or industrial.

Catherine Pare, a Westland resident who has monitored actions at the Cooper site since news of its contamination first surfaced, said she would "love to see something done with that site."

However, she cautioned, no area children should be put at risk if a new study gets under way.

Consumers, Jonna, and the law firm plan to work with ATC Environmental Consultants in studying the site. ATC is a national consulting firm specializing in site evaluations, creative environmental remedies and the redevelopment of "brownfield" land.

Recommendations made by ATC will also be reviewed by another environmental firm not connected with the project, MacInnis said.

Consumers Renaissance was formed two years ago by Consumers Energy as a nonprofit corporation dedicated to handling the redevelopment of "brownfield" sites.

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defendants, after leaving Sumey and Baker on the wooded trail, voiced concerns that the victims might be dead. One statement to police indicated that Sumey was kicked even after he lay unconscious on the ground.

In announcing his ruling, Bokos said he hadn't heard "a more sad and tragic case" that could have been avoided for the defendants, their families and the victims. "It's truly a very unfortunate case," he said. Bokos did note that the burden of proof against the teens will be tougher at the trial level. "I'm not saying this (evidence) can't be refuted at trial," he said.

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OBITUARIES

WILHO MAUNO

Funeral services for Wilho (Bill) Mauno, 81, of Brighton were recently in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

Mr. Mauno, who died Jan. 7 in Brighton, was born in Calumet. He was a former resident of Livonia from 1953 to 1994. He attended Calumet schools. He served in the Army in World War II. Prior to the Army, he served in the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1935. He was a member of the UAW No. 1313 and The Finnish Center. Mr. Mauno was employed as a machinist for Burroughs for 32 years.

Surviving Mr. Mauno are: son, Douglas Mauno of Westland; daughter, Lois of Westland; many nieces and nephews; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Mauno was preceded in death by his wife, Esther, in 1997.

Memorials may be made to the Finnish Center Association, Farmington Hills.

BRUNO H. MILLER

Funeral services for Bruno Miller, 81, of Inkster were recently in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland, with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Steven K. Bieghler of Good Hope Lutheran Church of Garden City.

Mr. Miller, who died Jan. 11 in Inkster, was born in Milwaukee, Wis. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for Ford Motor Co. for 40 years as an electrician at the Rouge River Plant, retiring in 1976. He was a member of American Legion Post 32, Livonia.

Surviving Mr. Miller are: wife, Martha; son, Bruno of Apple Valley, Minn.; daughters, Patricia Munis of Buffalo, N.Y., Bonnie Reynolds of Redford, Judith Flower of Westland, Sherry Swartout of Westland; brother, Robert Miller of Florida; sisters, Florence Stenske of Florida, Mary Mutschler of Belleville, Mildred Syzmanski of Hamtramck, Hilda Ragella of Florida, Dorothy Grea of Florida; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Henry Ford Vascular Research Fund.

GEORGE H. WARNER

Funeral services for George Warner, 85, of Westland are 1 p.m. today, Thursday, Jan. 15, at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Road, Garden City, with burial at Knollwood Memorial Park, Plymouth. Officiating is the Rev. Jeffrey A. Sivyer.

Mr. Warner, who died Jan. 11 in Wayne, was born in Indianapolis, Ind. He lived in this area 60 years. He was a parts inspector with Chrysler Corp. for 35 years, retiring about 1970. He was a lay minister for his church for 25 years.

Surviving Mr. Warner are: wife, Wyvonna; son, Eugene; daughters, Darliene Bigha, Sandra Barker and Cindy Sivyer; brother, Ervine Warner; sister, Norma Schroge; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

FLORENCE T. KOLAR

Funeral services for Florence Kolar, 75, of Westland were recently in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. James B. Jones from Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Mrs. Kolar, who died Jan. 12 in Garden City, was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She was a billing department supervisor.

Surviving Mrs. Kolar are: son, Richard; daughter, Kathleen Greuber; brother, Fraser Forsyth; and sister, Viola Winborn.

Mrs. Kolar is preceded in death by her husband, Frank.

Memorials may be made to multiple sclerosis efforts or the charity of your choice.

MARION F. SUMERTON

Funeral services and burial for Marion Sumerton, 81, of Westland were recently at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley. Officiating was the Rev. Mark Cryderman. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Miss Sumerton died Jan. 10 in Wayne. She was a clerk-typist.

Surviving Miss Sumerton are: sister, Ruth Johansen of Mesa, Ariz.; niece, Connie Rose; nephew, Walter Sumerton of Garden City.

Memorials may be made to the Westland Methodist Freewill Church.

RUTH B. NANCE

Funeral services for Ruth Nance, 79, of Inkster were recently in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Nance Cemetery, Ripley, Miss. Officiating was the Rev. Christopher Harris, Garden City Presbyterian Church. Funeral services will also be Saturday, Jan. 17, in Mississippi.

Mrs. Nance, who died Jan. 8 in Garden City, was born in Erin, Tenn. She was a custodian.

Surviving Mrs. Nance are: sons, James Nance of Westland, Phillip Nance and Charles Nance of Garden City; brothers, Tom and Archie; sisters, Edna and Dorothy; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Nance was preceded in death by her husband, Ruben, and six brothers.

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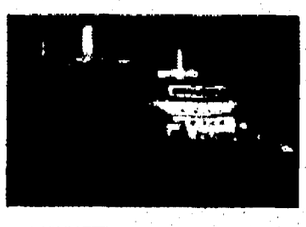

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All-Stars *from page A1*

Smith and Michael Smith.

The production, which includes the musical numbers "76 Trombones," "Wells Fargo Wagon," "Gary, Indiana," and "Till There Was You," is directed by Elif Celebi of Southfield with assistant director Alexis Williams of Southfield. Thirty-eight local children are in the production.

The All-Stars' production will get wider recognition as well. Westland resident Marion Tuley, 91, is an acquaintance of Rosemary Willson, widow of Meredith Willson. She plans to send a program and flier from the program to Rosemary Willson in California, according to Pat Garrett, All-Stars secretary.

The Westland All-Stars, a theater troupe of children ages 6-18, began in the fall of 1994. The All-Stars participate in the city of Westland's Halloween Walk, and perform at Westland's WinterFest.

It is a nonprofit organization sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department. Any child of school age can join from Wayne and Westland.

"The Music Man" will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16-17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Performing Arts Center, 3001 Fourth, at the corner of Glenwood, Wayne. Tickets are $5.

Helping hands: *Dads get a building "column" ready to hoist into position. In the foreground, Bill Lezotte guides the column. In background, from left, Paul Lulek and Doug Ford.*

Dispute *from page A1*

$49,000 a year at the end of his current two-year term.

"No one had better violate my rights to privacy with my family," he said. "I don't intend to have my privacy invaded.

"I'm not going to stand for this," Griffin added. "This stinks."

LeBlanc and Anderson have been on a longtime crusade to eliminate council pensions that they don't believe are warranted for part-time service. They filed their FOIA requests to gain more public information.

"This is not a personal attack of any kind," LeBlanc said Tuesday during a telephone interview. "I'm not going around being critical of Trav's family."

Griffin has freely admitted that he paid more than $10,000 of his own money to be eligible to transfer eight years of pension credit to Westland from his former Dearborn Heights teaching job.

Those years, combined with his four years as Westland mayor and 14 years as a council member, give him 26 years of full-time credit toward his city pension.

"I did nothing illegal," Griffin said Tuesday during a telephone interview.

LeBlanc and Anderson want to eliminate council pensions, although such a move couldn't be made retroactive to affect Griffin and others.

LeBlanc, Anderson and some citizens are highly critical of a pension system quirk that allows some council members to receive full-time credit for part-time council positions.

Council members who have ever held a full-time city job, such as former Mayor Griffin, also receive full-time pension credit for their part-time council years.

Griffin stands to receive about $49,000 if he retires in 1999, far more than his other colleagues. Former Mayor and current Councilman Charles Pickering qualifies for about $32,000, but other council members stand to receive less than $3,000 at current calculations. LeBlanc has opted out of the system altogether.

LeBlanc said he filed his FOIA request amid concerns that a broader report being sought from the city could take some time to compile.

But Griffin said he believes that LeBlanc and Anderson want to draw attention to his pension to discredit him politically.

"They want to try to make me look bad for whatever reason," he said Tuesday, adding that they want to hurt whatever political ambitions – if any – he might have in coming years.

"I don't intrude into my colleagues' personal lives," Griffin said, "and I don't intend to."

Griffin said MERS turned him down when he asked to be told what information was being sought about him.

Griffin questioned why LeBlanc and Anderson didn't make FOIA requests for other city officials who have transferred pension credits to Westland. He also chastised them for seeking the documents as private citizens, rather than as public officials.

LeBlanc said Tuesday he still is a Westland citizen, even though he has been elected to office.

Anderson has said repeatedly that he believes the council pension system wastes taxpayer dollars and fuels public district of elected officials. He has said the system can inspire greed.

Obituaries *from page A2*

ROSE KOTCHEVAR

Funeral services for Rose Kotchevar, 75, of Westland were recently in St. Bernardine of Siena Church. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kotchevar, who died Jan. 7 in Garden City, was born in Ely, Minn. She was a homemaker.

Surviving Mrs. Kotchevar are: husband, Albin; daughters, Rose McHugh and Jeanne Fuller; and five grandchildren.

Pension *from page A1*

■ Council President Sandra Cicirelli said she would appoint a study committee.

issue.

"What are we running away for?" he asked. "We're ducking something here, folks, and it's not right. I think it's wrong – absolutely wrong."

Wnuk said council members shouldn't cushion their retirement years at taxpayer expense, particularly by receiving full-time pension credit for part-time city service.

"That's the abuse I think we're talking about," he said.

Pensions as high as $49,000 wouldn't be cut for current council members, but the system could be changed for future members.

Battle lost

Councilmen Richard LeBlanc and Glenn Anderson fought a long battle but couldn't convince their five colleagues to vote on eliminating future pensions.

Even so, most council members Monday appeared willing to have a committee study alternative proposals – some suggested by Westland taxpayers.

Resident Mike Kelley, 50, offered a simple solution.

"Let the voters decide," he said, suggesting a ballot proposal to coincide with the next council race in 1999.

"That's an option," Councilman Charles Pickering said.

"It might bring more people out (to vote)," Sandra Cicirelli, council president, said.

Kelley also offered a compromise allowing council members to receive one year's pension credit for each two years they serve in office.

Immediately following Monday's session, Cicirelli said she would appoint LeBlanc, Anderson and Councilwoman Justine Barns to serve on a study committee, but by Tuesday she had phoned the Observer to say she would later announce a new lineup.

Much publicity about Westland pensions has focused on Councilman/former Mayor Charles "Trav" Griffin, who stands to receive as much as $49,000 for 26 years of service by the time his current two-year term ends in 1999. He worked as a part-time council member for 14 of those years, but will receive full-time credit because he once held a full-time job.

Council members such as Sharon Scott, who has never held a full-time city job, now qualify for less than $3,000.

Some residents said recent news of council pensions caught them by surprise.

"There's no way in the world they should be getting a pension," Lawrence Damask, a 78-year-old Ford Motor Co. retiree, said Monday.

Damask said many city residents struggle every day at jobs but don't have pensions afforded to council members.

Different views

Some council members portrayed their jobs as virtually full-time due to long hours they said they spend studying issues. Their annual pay is $11,011, although Cicirelli receives $12,107 as president and Scott gets $11,559 as president pro tem.

Some critics question why pensions should reach $49,000 for elected officials earning $11,011 in their last post.

Administration officials stress that pensions aren't paid directly by the city. Finance Director Tim McCurley said the city now pays about $2 million a year – for all city employees – to the Lansing-based Municipal Employee Retirement System.

MERS handles pensions. Westland recipients become vested in the system after six years on the job.

Mayor Robert Thomas said in some years the city has paid nothing into the system because of lucrative market gains that kept MERS healthy.

But Anderson said officials shouldn't downplay taxpayer money that goes into the system, because "there's no magic pot" used to pay pensions.

Griffin said he didn't seek public office for a pension. "Frankly," he said, "I didn't know they existed."

But he said he has worked hard to improve Westland and that he deserves his pension.

"I think I've earned my pension," he said.

Griffin said council members already may choose to opt out of the pension system, and he questioned why Anderson didn't.

"I think your actions don't speak what your words do," Griffin said.

Anderson said he was prepared to vote down council pensions before he became vested in 1998, but couldn't win enough council support.

At one point, a shouting match erupted between Anderson and Griffin, as Cicirelli struggled to maintain calm. Anderson became upset when Griffin interrupted him.

"I sat quietly while you ran your mouth; now you're going to hear me, sir," Anderson said.

But Griffin said he wouldn't allow Anderson to make misleading statements.

"I'm not going to let him tell lies anymore," Griffin yelled.

Councilman Pickering said future council members should be allowed to decide whether they accept or reject pensions, although he conceded at one point that the current system "has the potential for being abused."

Pickering said a study of pensions should focus not only on council members, but also on employees such as police officers and firefighters.

Pensions aside, Pickering said council salaries don't reflect the time they spend on city issues.

Most council members said they haven't received pension complaints from constituents. Even so, Cicirelli said she hopes that residents don't perceive elected officials as being greedy.

"I sure hope that people don't think we're out for financial gain on this issue," she said.

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County honors Duggan with leadership award

County employees were recognized recently for outstanding performance at the Annual Achievement Award Ceremony.

This year 89 employees received individual and team awards. The awards were instituted to acknowledge the contributions made by employees to the county and its residents in the areas of leadership, service, performance and charitable work.

"These awards encourage and acknowledge job initiative, hard work and commitment to volunteer work," said Ed McNamara, county executive. "I'm honored to have so many special people in our team."

Outstanding employee awards were given to 26 employees. Award recipients' activities ranged from devising new computer systems to help the county run smoothly, initiating programs to help victims of domestic violence and other crimes and helping obtain the state license for the Juvenile Detention Facility.

Outstanding employee Lynda Baker, special assistant director of Wayne County Coordinating Council to Domestic Violence, created the Wayne County Domestic Violence Handbook. She also obtained grants from the Michigan Justice Training Commission to hold a conference on domestic violence attended by 400 professionals and Gov. John Engler.

Baker's achievements and insights have been recognized by the state of Michigan. She was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Batterer Intervention Services to develop statewide standards for handling domestic violence.

Extraordinary efforts have impacted cities and companies. Recommendations from Herman Taylor, county appraiser, averted a property tax war and saved Wayne County, the city of Wyandotte and BASF millions of dollars in attorney and expert witness costs.

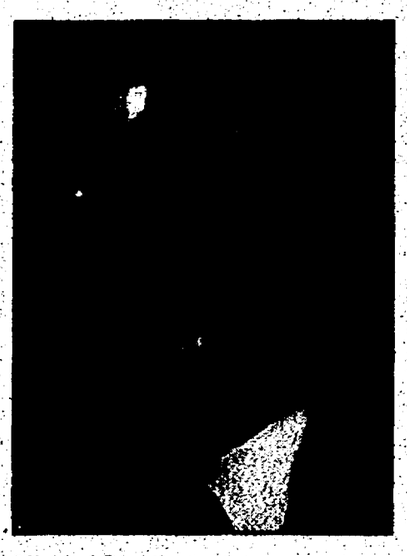
Suggestion Award

Randall Sims of the Wayne County Department of Airports received the Employee Suggestion Award and $2,000 for his cost-saving suggestion of applying a solar film to the windows at the L.C. Smith Terminal at Metro Airport. To date, he has saved the county more than $28,000 by reducing the need to have the chiller and steam generators running constantly.

Individual and team meritorious service awards were given to 55 employees for their quality of work. This commitment to excellence has made a difference by improving customer service and public safety and saving taxpayers millions of dollars.

Employees who exemplify volunteerism by working for the welfare of others were recognized with the Humanitarian Award. Recipients were three employees and the Mental Health Division. Programs such as Habitat for Humanity benefited through the assistance and dedication of Eddie McDonald, housing director for Jobs and Economic Development, who secured properties for housing development.

The 1997 Major General Anthony Wayne Leadership Award was given to Michael



Michael Duggan

Duggan, Wayne County deputy executive. Duggan was cited for his leadership qualities in the financial recovery of Wayne County, the creation of the on-premise child care facility at the Wayne County Building, and the agreement to build the twin stadiums and the Midfield Terminal at Metro Airport.

"Mike's negotiating skills, tenacity and instinct for what's good for the County have been instrumental in building an efficient government and implementing programs that benefit all residents," McNamara said, as he handed the award to Duggan. "We are fortunate to have Mike as a part of our team."

Other award recipients were:

Meritorious Service Award, individual category: James Davis, Wayne County Sheriffs Department; Cheryl Hildreth, community development division; Mary Jane O'Neil, quality assurance division in patient care management; Raymond Walsh, outcounty office of the county prosecutor; Cynthia Wilson, Wayne County Sheriff, Theresa Hawkins, prosecutor's office; Susan Muggelberg, auditor general's office; Michael Prochaska, business development; Treassa White, auditor general's office, and Yvonne Wright, board of commissioners.

Meritorious Service Award, team category — Administrative team, Department of Information Processing: Rochelle Downs, Pamela Rhodes, Adrienne Williams and Dennis Suszynski; Department of Environment in-service team: Ann Chevalier, Patrick Cullen, Carolyn Dubose, James Hatcher, Richard Leverette, Brian Herman, Judy Mikulski, Sharon Reeves, Dean Tuomari and Mary Vangieson; Department of Information Processing, Computer Services Team, Richard Chelekis, James Day, John Foot, Mari Murdzia, Trudy Morse and Marvin Sheats, and the Department of Environment compliance and public affairs team, Patrick Cullen, Ronald Fadoir and Michael Flowers.

Community service

Also, community service officers from the Wayne County Sheriff Department, Juan Cross, Scott Gatti, David Green, Dewayne Hayes, William Rollstin, Michael Modes and Eugene Wright. Ad hoc committee Robert Biga, Commissioner George Cushingberry, Patrick O'Donnell, Kevin Maillard and William Holman. Wayne County corporation counsel litigation team: Margaret Flanagan, Andrew Grifka, Dia Chiky Mason, Ellen Mason, Samuel Nouhan, Nathan Pardi, W. Steven Pearson, Herman Petzold III and Nancy Rade.

Outstanding employees

Others recognized for their dedication included:

Lynda Baker, Wayne County coordinating council to domestic violence; Judith Johnson, health services for the Wayne County jail; William Steven Pearson, assistant corporation counsel; Herman Taylor, management and budgets assessments and equalization division; Angela Burris, board of commissioners; Sara Jondro, Wayne County Third Circuit Court; Martin Krohner and Kevin Simowski of the prosecutor's office.

From the Department of Community Justice, the following people were recognized from the juvenile detention facility team: Sandra Brown, Stanley Daniel, Luvenia Flowers, Carolyn Jones, Judith Muhammed, Bruce Smith, Yema Walker-Vance and Janice Pearson.

From the Department of Management and Budget, these employees received awards: Rita Aquilina, Ronald Davies, Lamine Dia, Alicia Hardy, Kristine Moore, Norbert Opyd and Jonya Riley.

From the appeals division team from the prosecutor's office, recipients were Glenda Davis, Grace Hampton and Faye Watson.

Receiving humanitarian awards were Eddie McDonald, from Jobs and Economic Development; Kit Spencer from the Board of Commissioners, Artina Moses, from the prosecutor's office. In the team category, Dr. Barbara Dorsett and Peggy Frankie of the mental health board received awards.

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What sanctions?

By June state Superintendent of Public Instruction Art Ellis will announce what sanctions he will impose on 22 public schools that for various reasons are still unaccredited.

"Less than one percent of schools are unaccredited," Ellis told the State Board of Education Jan. 8.

By law he could 1) replace the principals, 2) require the schools to consult with a university about how to improve, 3) allow parents to move their children to another school, or 4) close them.

One of the 22 is University Public Schools, Michigan's first public charter academy. Located in Detroit, it is operated by Wayne State University.

Others are: Detroit (2), Flint (8), Grand Rapids (3) , Highland Park (1), Muskegon (3),Muskegon Heights (1), Saginaw (1), Beecher (1) Benton Harbor (1).

The State Board last September approved 10 criteria for measuring schools. They covered administration, curriculum, allocation of resources, professional development for educators, maintenance of physical facilities, community relations, a 3-5 year improvement plan, collection of data, use of technology, and improvement of low-achieving groups.

State tech praised

Mark Westin, representing Apple Computer in Boston, told the board he points to Michigan as a good example of how to integrate technology into teaching.

"There has been a tremendous influx of technology," he said. "But only 3 percent of schools in the U.S. are integrating technology into the curriculum."

Westin said more users are leasing rather than buying computers. About 30 percent of computers now are leased, "but the laws in Michigan make it difficult to lease."

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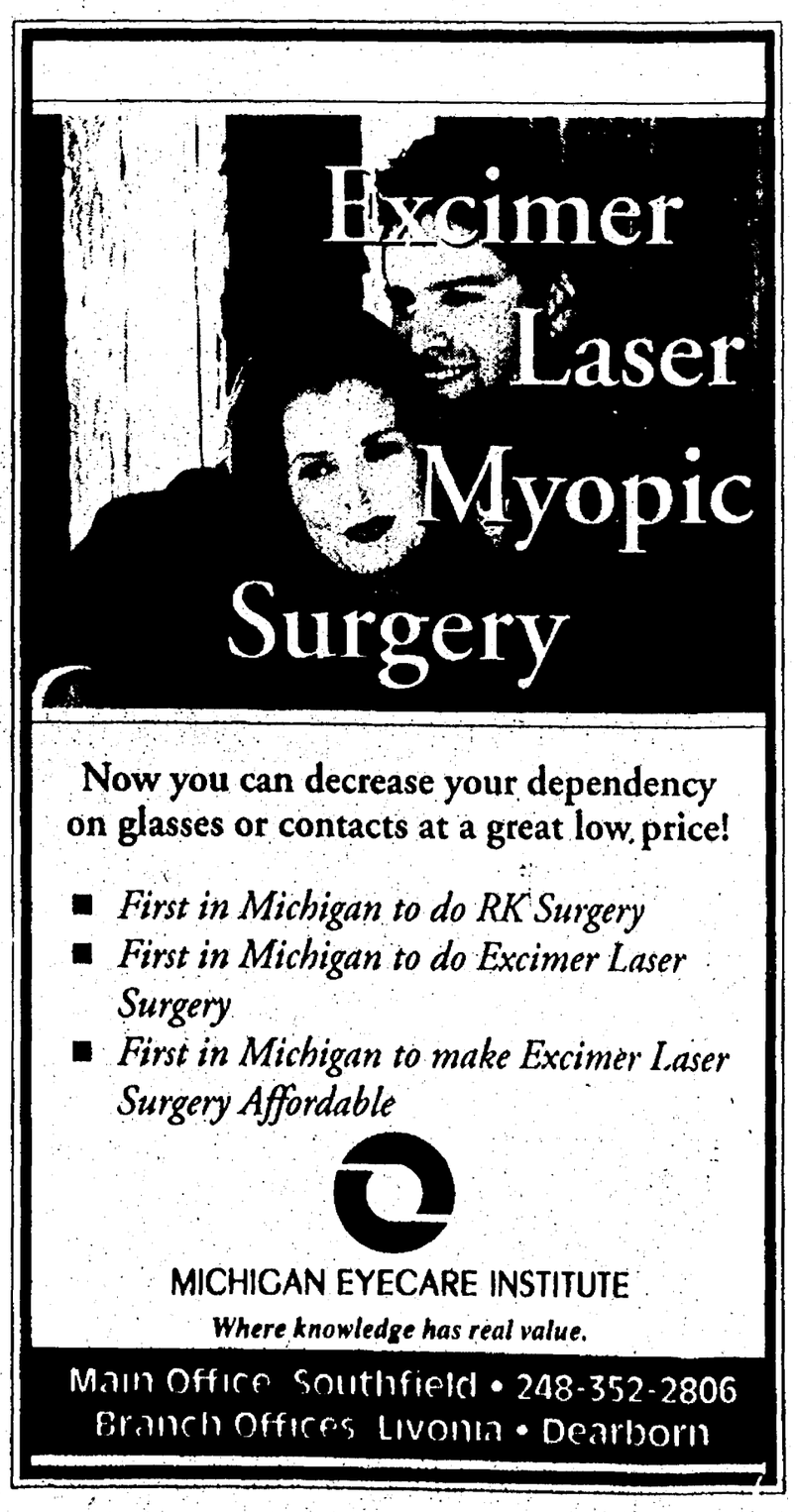

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Suburban bus service expands

Since the Detroit Department of Transportation has decided to make cutbacks in its suburban bus service, SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation) is filling the transportation void for the vast majority of riders affected by the cuts.

When SMART, at the time SEMTA, first designed much of its service, it aimed to avoid duplication of DDOT's major routes. However, when DDOT cut routes like Eight Mile to Livonia, Plymouth, Schaefer and Schoolcraft roads, SMART decided some adjustments needed to be made.

"SMART recognizes that service to Wonderland and Livonia malls is a major concern, so we are supplementing some of that service," said Ron Ristau, Director of Services for SMART.

Livonia Mall can be accessed by SMART's Middlebelt route. Wonderland is serviced by SMART's Livonia-Redford route and the Middlebelt route. However, service is lacking during evening and weekend hours. Therefore SMART is supplementing service on Route 295 Livonia-Redford on weekday evenings and all day Saturday and Sunday. This service will connect with DDOT's Plymouth route to carry passengers to the suburban malls. DDOT has estimated the number of affected riders at 1,500. However, that includes the total number of riders on DDOT's cut routes. It is important to note though, with SMART providing service alternatives, the number is significantly lower.

SMART to seek tax renewal

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

About three years ago the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation was saddled with a $20 million deficit.

Thanks to voters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, SMART is on the verge of ridding itself of that deficit.

"We've just received an audit for the end of a two-year period which showed a deficit of $7.1 million," said Richard Kaufman, SMART's general manager. "We plan to eliminate that within the next year."

Kaufman said that was the first of three promises made during a millage campaign three years that SMART has since fulfilled. And now, it is time for another millage renewal to be placed on the Aug. 4 ballot.

Suburban Wayne County residents will be asked to renew a 1/3 mill for SMART's public transportation system of buses, possibly for four years. That property tax will cost the owner of a $100,000 home about $16.65 a year.

Kaufman said SMART will seek the four-year term so election renewals will fall on county ballots and not cost taxpayers and communities more money for special elections. The current SMART millage actually reached its third year in December 1997, so it must be renewed some time this year to collect property taxes in December 1998.

■ 'Three years ago, we went to the voters and said, 'Here's the promises, trust us.' Today we say 'Your trust was well-placed.'

Richard Kaufman
–SMART general manager

"We're just going to try and get the word out that SMART is running effectively and efficiently," Kaufman said.

SMART officials expect to promote the promises made and kept by SMART officials, Kaufman said.

More users

The number of riders has increased. In December 1997, a single one-week average zoomed to 206,000, and it has jumped from 175,000 three years ago to more than 200,000, a figure that is reached often, Kaufman said.

Those figures actually declined before they increased. That occurred because rider routes were studied to research changing job demographics.

"SMART redesigned the entire system," Kaufman said. "We added Telegraph, 15 Mile and Northwestern (highway). As a result, we have increased ridership."

Increased use

For senior citizens who cannot drive themselves, the smaller commuter buses are important to them for trips to shopping centers or the doctor's office, Kaufman said.

"We have partnered with 50 communities to add transportation in their communities," Kaufman said. More than 4,000 riders a day use the buses, Kaufman said.

Kaufman expects to promote these goals during the millage campaign. "Three years ago, we went to the voters and said, 'Here's the promises, trust us.' Today we say 'Your trust was well-placed.'

"SMART was a good economic buy in economic and human terms."

Kaufman knows there will be some residents who oppose public subsidies of public transportation systems and he is ready to counter their arguments.

"When you look at it in economic terms, (SMART) allows an entry level worker to get to work where they otherwise may sit at home collecting welfare payments, or it helps an elderly person go to the doctor or shopping. It is not a question between a low or high quality of life, it is a question of having any quality of life."

Without SMART, metropolitan Detroit would be a less desirable place to live, Kaufman said.

"We're just going to try and get the word out that SMART is running effectively and efficiently," Kaufman said.

Hispanic group honors UM-D

The University of Michigan-Dearborn is among 24 Michigan colleges and universities chosen nationwide by The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education for "offering solid opportunities to Hispanic students" in 1997.

The selections are based on a review of surveys from college presidents, course catalogs and information on higher-education institutions, according to Jose Lopez-Isa, publisher of The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education. Feedback from students, parents, professors, counselors and educational advocates also play a role.

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DNR loss may be tool for battling public boat launches

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Opponents of state boat launches won a major legal battle when the state Court of Appeals said the Department of Natural Resources must follow township zoning rules.

"A welcome breath of fresh air ... Local government still exists," said Jeff Lyon, attorney for Burt Township in northern lower Michigan's Cheboygan County.

Burt Township's victory – which the DNR could challenge before the Supreme Court – shows local county units they may have a new tool for battling public boat launches on lakes.

Currently boat launch opponents are supporting House Bill 4363, sponsored by Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, to require public hearings before the DNR can develop a launch. Crissman's bill would tilt the hearings in favor of homeowners' groups which could pack the hearing. The DNR, Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the boating industry oppose her bill.

Burt Lake, at 16,700 acres, is one of Michigan's largest inland bodies of water. The DNR has one first-class ramp (able to handle the largest recreational boats) at Burt Lake State Park at the south end.

In 1989, the DNR obtained options on two lots on the northwest shore, almost 10 miles away. Burt Township's zoning administrator requested that the DNR apply for township approval because the area was zoned R-1 residential. The DNR replied that, as a state agency, it didn't need township approval.

Supporting the township's side were the United Burt Township Association, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and Michigan Lakes and Streams Association. Not only did they file "amicus" briefs, but their attorney even took part in oral arguments before the Court of Appeals.

The township obtained an injunction blocking the DNR's project from Cheboygan Circuit Judge Robert Livo. The DNR appealed. Appellate judges Mark Cavanagh of Royal Oak and Maureen Pulte Reilly of Grosse Pointe Park upheld the injunction.

The issue was whether every state department is an 800-pound gorilla that can place a facility where it wants. The Court of Appeals said some can – and some can't, and the DNR can't. It reviewed the law, one statute and case at a time:

■ **Prisons** – The state could build a prison in Detroit because "the Legislature had intended to grant the Department of Corrections immunity from local zoning ordinances when establishing state penal institutions."

■ **Gas and oil wells** – The Township Zoning Act says townships may not regulate or control oil and gas wells.

■ **State universities** – They have "exclusive jurisdiction" in the construction of their buildings.

■ **Schools** – not exempt from local zoning ordinances.

■ **State Police** – "not immune from the provisions of local zoning ordinances."

But the Legislature, in the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), didn't clearly exempt the DNR from local zoning. "In the absence of any evidence that the Legislature intended to give the DNR exclusive jurisdiction over its subject matter, we cannot find it immune from local zoning ordinances," said the appellate opinion.

The DNR argued the state constitution says, "The conservation and development of the natural resources of the state are hereby declared to be of paramount public concern ..."

But the appeals court said that, while the Legislature assigned the DNR the task of providing outdoor recreational facilities, it assigned similar responsibilities to local units, such as townships. "Accordingly, we cannot conclude that the constitution compels a finding that the DNR is exempt form local zoning ordinances."

The court said townships may not totally prohibit a land use. "Accordingly, defendant (DNR) will have recourse if a township attempts to engage in exclusionary zoning."

Judge Helene N. White of Detroit issued a strong dissent, raising the probability that the DNR will appeal to the Supreme Court. Assistant Attorney General James Stropkai was unavailable for comment, and the attorney general's publicist could not be reached by press time.

Any appeal will be speedy because DNR's funding for that site runs out at the end of September.

White disagreed that the Legislature intended to let township zoning limit the DNR's mandate to provide outdoor recreation.

"The NREPA sets forth a comprehensive legislative scheme assessing the protection, conservation and development of the natural resources of this state," she wrote. The DNR "is granted authority to buy or condemn land on behalf of the people of the state" for outdoor recreation ...

"The navigable waters within this state belong to all the citizens of this state ... and the Legislature has granted the DNR the power to construct facilities for vessels in those waters."

That grant of authority "is inconsistent with the view that a local unit of government can control public access through local zoning," White said.

DNR wins one

The DNR won underground mineral rights in a court challenge from the Bonehead Hunting Club of Montmorency County.

Located in the northeastern lower Michigan wilderness that attracts many local cottage owners, campers, hunters and anglers, Montmorency is in the heart of the so-called "Pigeon River Country," where much natural gas has been recovered. Atlanta, the county seat, bills itself as the "elk capital of Michigan."

The Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 in favor of DNR and two oil companies, Shell Western E&P Inc. and North Michigan Land & Oil Corp.

The problem began with a 1943 fire that destroyed the Montmorency County Courthouse, including all its real estate records in the register of deeds' office.

In 1948, Bonehead won a chancery court "default decree" recognizing it as the sole owner of the property. In 1993, the DNR filed a complaint for title to the mineral rights. In 1995, the local circuit court vacated Bonehead's decree and concluded that the DNR reserved all mineral rights and the rights of ingress and egress.

"There is no evidence that MDC (Michigan Department of Conservation, forerunner of the DNR) ever received notice of the proceedings initiated by (Bonehead) in 1948," said the appeals court. The MDC in 1946 also recorded four tax deeds on the land. Thus, the appeals court said the chancery court lacked jurisdiction over the land.

"We believe that the evidence clearly establishes that the DNR's claim to the mineral rights is far superior to that of plaintiff's," said Judges Barbara B. MacKenzie of Saginaw and Janet Neff of Grand Rapids.

Dissenting, Judge Michael Smolenski of Grand Rapids said the 1948 court had jurisdiction and its decision for Bonehead wasn't void. He noted the DNR waited 45 years before filing its complaint.

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State officials challenge school, city boundaries

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That system is coming under challenge. Some Michigan officials have talked of having, say, Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer take over the Detroit public schools, the way big-city mayors do in other states.

"Other mayors have reached out with the club. That's not my style," said Lansing Mayor David Hollister, who won praise from the State Board of Education for his leadership in community efforts to help the ailing Lansing public schools.

"It's not a turf war," agreed Lansing Superintendent Dick Halik. "He (Hollister) has a platform that I, as a superintendent, don't have. He can bring in General Motors, the UAW and chamber of commerce leaders."

At stake, Hollister told the state board Jan. 7, are 16,000 jobs and $600 million in investment that General Motors would like to place in Lansing. He quoted GM officials as saying:

"We (Lansing) have the best workforce and the best labor-management relations. Oh, by the way, half of our workers will retire in the next 10 years. We need productive, hard-working, efficient workers with good math skills, good computer skills and many who can speak Spanish because we have a sister plant in Mexico."

Hollister, 55, spent six years in county government and 20 in the state House of Representatives where he was a hero among social workers but less so with industry.

Community tools

Elected mayor in 1995, Hollister set up a blue-ribbon committee headed by Michigan State University Peter McPherson to explore how a community could help schools – in five years – achieve a zero dropout rate, make every child computer literate, give everyone the work ethic and have every child drug-free.

Some of their tools:

■ **Tutoring** – They signed up 1,000 volunteers who would mentor one child, one hour a week, for one year, in reading. Hollister himself is a volunteer. Their target: 1,400 kids in grades 3-5 who are reading below the 30th percentile.

"Those mentors have to be mobile," said Halik, the superintendent. "Some kids change schools five or six times a year." Turnover in some schools is 100 percent a year.

■ **Truancy** – Police have recruited retirees to track down kids who aren't showing up for class. "Lots of kids disappear when Mom is on drug treatment," said Hollister. "We haven't solved it."

■ **Curfew** – "The (city) police department does sweeps of kids who aren't where they're supposed to be," said Rossie Ray-Taylor, deputy superintendent of schools. "The (county) prosecutor's office has taken on the attendance issue."

Parents who fail to get their kids to school or who let them violate curfews are brought before the law and have a choice of punishments: pay a fine, do community service or spend a day in school with their kids. "Most would rather pay the fine," said Hollister. "Going to school with their kid is the least favorite option."

■ **Partnering** – The UAW came up with seven laid-off auto workers who work in schools as teachers' aides. "They're the most honored people in the school. The laid-off guys are getting paid anyway," Hollister said.

■ **Donations** – "GM showed up with a $10,000 check for computers," said Halik. "We tried that through the schools and got not one cent.

Halik said he had several critical letters telling him to "take back managing the schools." His response: "They're entirely wrong. The superintendent needs to get all the resources he can."

National model

Hollister, Halik and Ray-Taylor spoke at the invitation of State Board president Kathleen Straus, D-Detroit. "The State Board will be exploring examples of partnerships where schools are working hand-in-hand with the community," she said, praising the Lansing model.

"This could be a model nationally," said board member Herb Moyer, D-Temperance. "It's non-adversarial."

"Pontiac has a lot of the same problems," said board vice president Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester, citing mobility between schools. Pontiac's answer was to transport kids to their original school to provide stability. Did Lansing try that?

Yes, said Halik, but it still resulted in high rates of tardiness and absenteeism.

What will happen, they were asked, if GM doesn't produce two new car models in Lansing?

"The skills GM is asking are the same others are asking," replied Ray-Taylor, pointing to Sparrow Hospital.

Added Hollister: "We stand to lose 16,000 jobs if we don't get it right."

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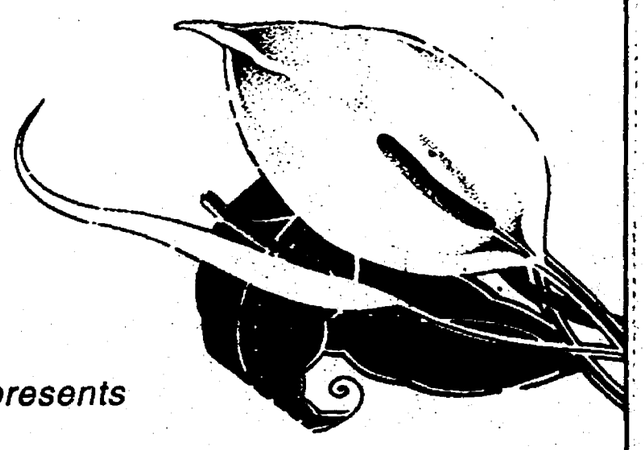

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Changes loom for county commission in '98

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioners are expected to kick off the new year of business today by naming a replacement for Ken Cockrel.

Cockrel, a Democrat who represented Wayne County's 5th District in Detroit, was elected to Detroit City Council in November. Cockrel served through the end of the year.

Commission Chair Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, would not comment Monday on who Cockrel's replacement would be, but Solomon said commissioners would choose one today. Sources indicated Tuesday Cockrel wants commissioners to appoint his wife, Kimberly, a Detroit schoolteacher.

The Wayne County Charter states that the commission has 30 days from a commissioner's resignation to appoint a successor. Commissioners generally follow an unwritten rule that the resigning commissioner can recommend a successor, which the other commissioners approve. The appointee must reside within the district and be a member of the same political party.

Cockrel's old post is not the only vacancy commissioners have had to fill. Ed Plawecki Sr. was appointed by commissioners in November to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Michelle Plawecki, his granddaughter. That seat represents Wayne County's Ninth District, which includes Redford Township, Dearborn Heights and part of Livonia, east of Middlebelt.

The elder Plawecki will serve until elections are held within the next two months.

Five candidates filed and none withdrew their petitions by 4 p.m. Friday, so these five (Republicans William Bates and Kathleen Husk of Redford Township and Democrats Shaun McLachlan, Edward Plawecki Sr. and Pete Zajac of Dearborn Heights) will appear on the Feb. 10 primary election ballot. The winners from each party will advance to the general election on March 10.

All the county commission seats are up for election this year. The filing deadline is 4 p.m. May 12.

Elections will be held in August and November for seats held by Plawecki, Vice Chair Kay Beard, a Westland Democrat who represents Garden City, Inkster and Westland in the 12th District; Thaddeus McCotter, a Livonia Republican who represents the 10th District in an area of Livonia west of Middlebelt, Northville, Plymouth and Plymouth Township, and Bruce Patterson, a Canton Republican who represents Canton, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren townships and the city of Romulus in the 11th District.

The commission currently has 12 Democrats and two Republicans on the commission.

Other action expected

Commissioners are expected to act on other items today:

■ An proposed ordinance to compel the county executive to appoint at least one county commissioner to the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Board. A public hearing is scheduled for today at the meeting at 10 a.m.

■ A contract with Derse Exhibits of Grand Rapids for $388,130 for the design and installation of the first phase of exhibits at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland. The exhibit will incorporate the history and nature of the site to educate the public about Nankin Mills and the surrounding areas.

■ A contract between Wayne County and the Michigan Department of Transportation for traffic signal modernization at seven locations along Warren Road from Henry Ruff Road in Westland to Fenton Road in Dearborn Heights.

County offices to close for King observance

All of Wayne County's government offices and courts will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday.

That includes the Wayne County Building in downtown Detroit, the parks and recreation administrative offices at Nankin Mills in Hines Park, the Kay Beard Building in Westland, Circuit and Recorder's courts and offices of county executive, clerk, treasurer, register of deeds and commissioners.

These offices will reopen on Tuesday.

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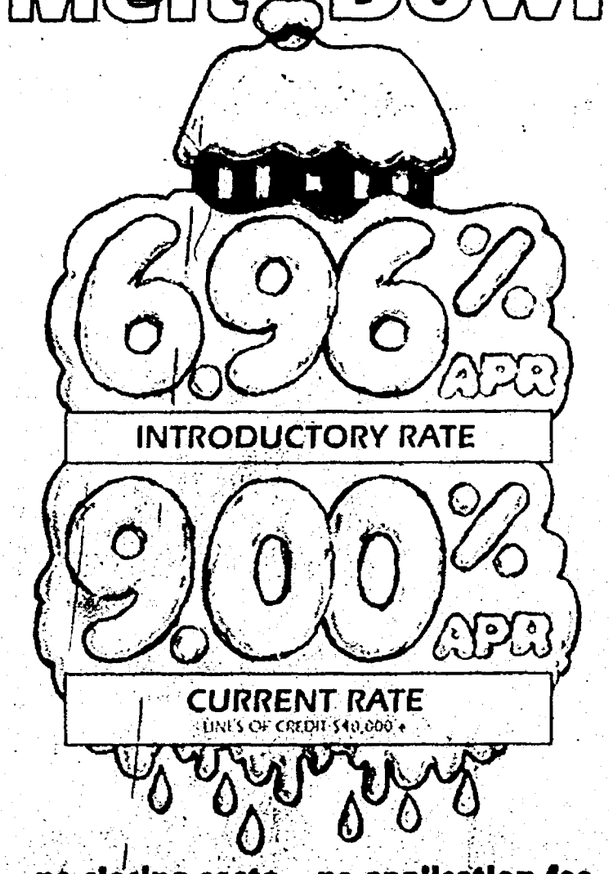

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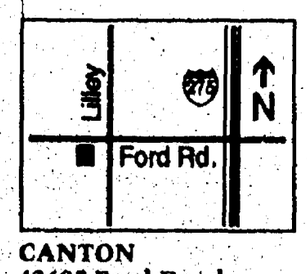

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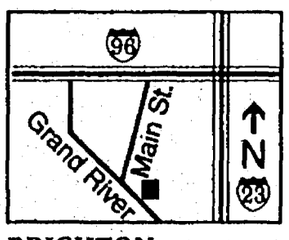

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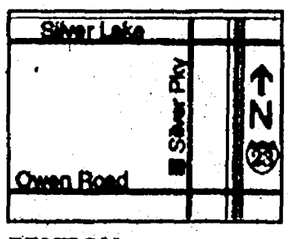

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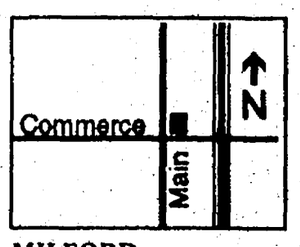

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Madonna partners with computer firm

Madonna University and New Horizons Computer Learning Centers, both in Livonia, are collaborating to offer computer training to students.

"Madonna's partnership with New Horizons enhances the career options of our students who are preparing to enter the field of computer and network technology or computer and network technology or computer graphics," said Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic affairs at Madonna University. "This opportunity will give our graduates a competitive edge."

Through the collaboration, Madonna University will award students college credits for computer classes taken at New Horizons. A joint certification program will offer Microsoft and Novell technical training from New Horizons to prepare students to obtain certification as a certified Novell administrator, certified Novell engineer or Microsoft certified systems engineer. Students also may earn commercial art credit for courses taken in computer graphic applications such as Illustrator, Photoshop and QuarkXPress.

"Madonna students can now take advantage of our comprehensive computer training programs while earning credit for their degree," said Mark McManus Jr., president of New Horizons Computer Learning Centers.

Computer collaboration: *Madonna University and New Horizons Computer Learning Centers, both in Livonia, are collaborating to offer computer training to students. Officials recently met to sign a contract, which included Mark McManus Jr. (front, from left), president of New Horizons, and Sister Mary Francilene, president of Madonna University, and Jerry Kuchka (back row), account executive for New Horizons, and Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic affairs of Madonna University.*

Under the agreement, students may enroll at any New Horizons Computer Learning Center located in Michigan, which include sites in Livonia, Southfield, Troy and Detroit.

New Horizons is the largest network of Novell Authorized Education Centers and is one of the largest Microsoft Authorized Technical Education Center networks.

County parks plan more improvements

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

It may be the dead of winter, but Hurley Coleman anticipates the next few months will be busy ones in Wayne County parks.

Not that the parks have a flurry of activities planned with the flurries of snow. What is planned are parks improvements, all over Wayne County.

"We've got a lot going on this year," the director of Wayne County parks said. "We really have a lot."

Here are some of the improvements:

■ Wayne County will build a $7.8 million family aquatic center in Chandler Park on Detroit's east side. It will be open to all county residents and is expected to be completed by July, Coleman said.

■ Golfers also will hit the links this summer at Inkster Valley Golf Course on Middlebelt Road. A $2.5 million, five-year contract with Torre & Bruglio, Inc. of Pontiac was approved by county commissioners in December for maintenance and grounds keeping services there.

■ Naturalist programs at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland have begun at that facility. Money will be spent on exhibits this year depicting the history and nature of the area, ranging from the early days of the facility as a grain mill to the 20th Century use by Henry Ford and the housing of the world's first hydroelectric generator, created by Thomas Edison.

■ But in another important phase of the county's recreational upgrade, new soccer fields, in-line skating rinks, basketball courts, playscapes and renovated comfort stations are all part of the park improvements, strewn throughout parks in western Wayne County from Bell Creek Park in Redford Township to Wilcox Lake in Plymouth.

Coleman hopes to deliver on many of the millage promises made two years ago during a campaign to promote voter approval of the quarter mill.

"None of this could be done without the millage," Coleman said. "This is stuff that's needed to be done for 30 years. The parks millage allows us to do that."

Several comfort stations and rest rooms will be remodeled throughout western Wayne County.

Park improvements include Merriman Hollow in Westland. A comfort station will be renovated and new roof installed.

In Northville, a playscape and picnic pavilion will be completed by the end of July. A comfort station will be renovated at Wilcox Lake. Improvements are expected at Colonial Park in Inkster, a roadside park in Plymouth and Helms Haven in Dearborn Heights.

Old tennis courts will be renovated as street hockey rinks in Northville, Bell Creek Park in Redford and the Warrendale picnic area in Dearborn Heights.

This work will be completed by May.

Basketball courts will be installed at Warrendale and Perrin Field near Inkster roads in Hines Park. New soccer fields will be created at Colonial Park in Inkster, off Haggerty in Plymouth, and Parr Field between Beech Daly and Telegraph along Hines Drive.

How does the county monitor all these activities?

"We've had a program management team that has all the technical and design discipline, and engineering firm with sales, construction management person," Coleman said. "We've got several people who are watching this project."

Contractors will pave and light up the lot at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. A barn also will be renovated to house a bicycle livery for rentals to use along Hines Drive. The park's bike path is 90 percent completed and is expected to be open this spring, Coleman said.

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Prevention

Heat, cold cause problems

■ The very dry environment usually present in winter generates a static charge in your hair so that literally every strand repels the others.

The constant movement from cold to hot, dry buildings during the cold winter months can cause problems for your skin and hair, problems that may continue even after a slight warming trend.

So what can you do to protect yourself?

"Set up a portable home humidifier to introduce more moisture into the air and ease the problem of dry, flaky skin," said Dr. Dexter Shurney, medical director for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. "During winter, the cold temperatures, winds, and heated homes join together to rob the skin of its natural moisture."

Shurney also recommends people:

■ Drink additional amounts of water. In the summer when you're hot and perspiring, it's easy to drink lots of liquids, but it's equally important in the winter to drink eight glasses of water a day.

■ Use a skin moisturizer or cream, particularly if you spend time outside.

■ Apply an anti-chapping salve to protect your lips from becoming dry and cracking. An inexpensive but effective way to keep lips moist is to cover them with a thin layer of petroleum jelly at bedtime.

Before children go outside, rub petroleum jelly lightly on their lips and cheeks.

Another winter complaint is "fly-away" hair. The very dry environment usually present in winter generates a static charge in your hair so that literally every strand repels the others.

Spray fabric softener onto your hair brush before use, or rub your hair brush with one of the anti-static pads you use in the clothes dryer and use a hair conditioner after each shampoo.

"Remember that none of the conditions normally have any serious or long-term effect on your health, but unchecked they can make life more difficult during the winter months," said Dr. Shurney.

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LIVONIA STEVENSON
Crafters are needed for the Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club's Spring Spectacular craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Spaces – 10 feet by 10 feet or 5 feet by 16 feet – cost $50. Limited electricity is available at no additional cost, and chairs (no tables) are available upon request. For an application or more information, call (734) 464-1041 or (248) 478-2395.

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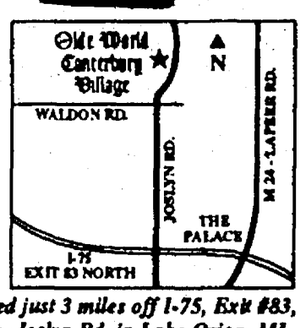

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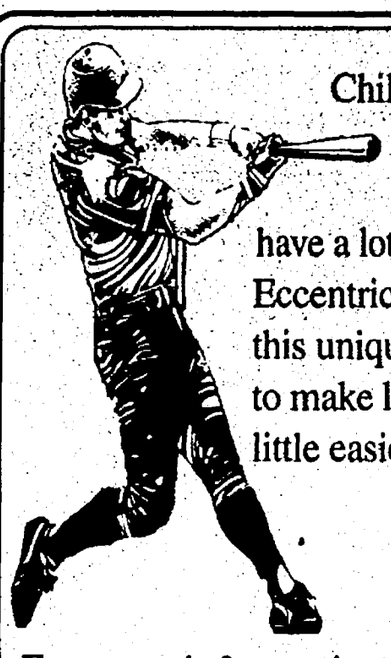
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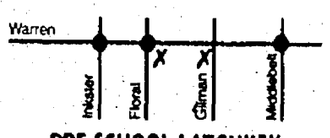

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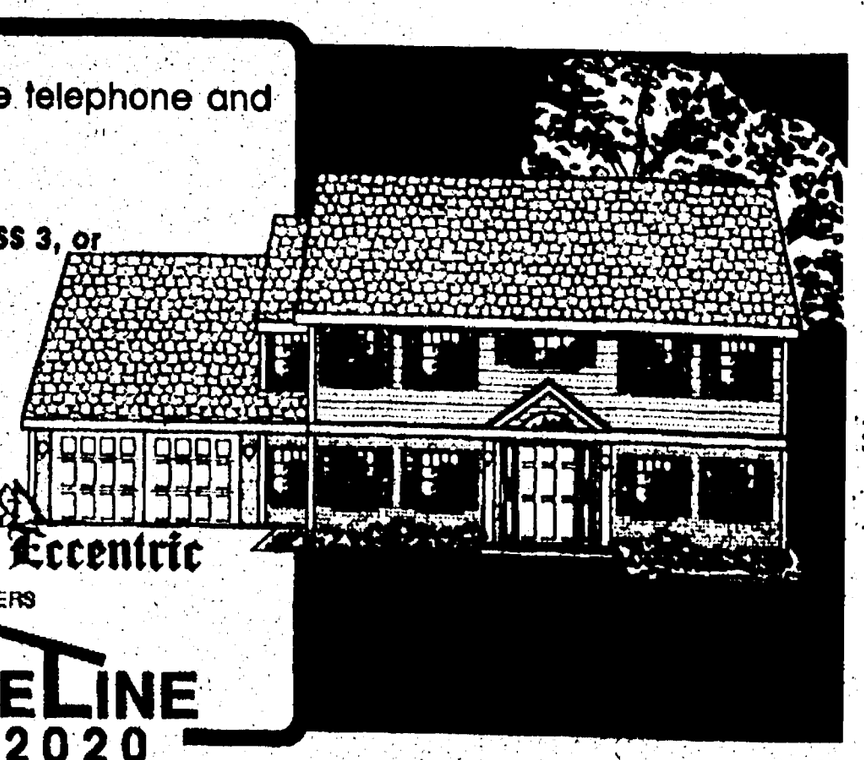
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STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

SBT hearing

Southfield will be the site of a public hearing on Michigan's single business tax when the House Tax Policy Committee meets from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, Jan. 16.

Rep. Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield and vice chair of the panel, has set it up in the Southfield City Council auditorium, 26000 Evergreen. The local chamber of commerce is working with the panel.

The committee will study SBT's effects on small business. Other panel members from the area include chair Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, John Freeman, D-Madison Heights, David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville, and Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

Experts from both government and business have been invited to testify, Quarles said.

SBT produces about $2 billion in revenue per year. It replaced the corporate income tax and a long list of other taxes when it was passed nearly 30 years ago.

Laws signed

Gov. John Engler has signed into law:

■ Senate Bill 664, expanding the investment options of local units of government. The sponsor, Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Milford, said it will "allow local units to diversify their investment options, thus creating an opportunity to receive a greater return on investments." Each local unit must adopt an investment policy, including guidelines for safety.

■ A supplemental appropriations bill with $750,000 for a hangar and land at Grand Ledge Abrams Municipal Airport, providing secure storage for aircraft stationed at the local armory.

■ A supplemental appropriation of $2.19 million for the Deerfield Hills natural area in Livingston County. Total project cost is $2.9 million. State money will come from the Michigan Natural Resources Land Trust.

■ Seven bills refining the high school proficiency tests (HSPT). The tests will be given in the last month of 11th grade and the time reduced to eight hours. Nonpublic students and home-taught students may take the tests.

■ An amendment to the Michigan Telecommunications Act that will increase the discount to low-income customers of 20 percent of their basic local exchange rate of $8.25, whichever is greater. It also increases the discount for senior low-income customers to 25 percent of the basic rate or $8.25, whichever is greater. Sponsor is Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion. The law has immediate effect.

In addition, the governor announced $2.6 million in HIV prevent services grants to 40 agencies, including:

■ $15,000 for the AIDS Partnership Michigan of Ferndale, for counseling and testing.

■ $55,000 to the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, Dearborn, for testing and outreach.

■ $60,000 to the Pontiac Urban League for counseling, testing and group education of African Americans.

■ $15,000 to Youth Living Centers of Inkster for group and individual education of African American youth.

No to cloning

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, will introduce a bill to make human cloning illegal in Michigan. It follows the announcement by an independent Chicago scientist that he will attempt to clone humans within the next two years.

"There is too great a risk, not only of failure, but a risk to human life if the cloning of human beings is allowed," said Bennett. "We need to protect life in all its natural beauty, not create an artificial life born of high-tech medical wizardry."

Three appointments

After the resignation of Mark Murray as director of the Department of Management and Budget, Gov. Engler announced two replacements:

■ Janet E. Phipps as director of DMB. Previously she was director of Iowa's Department of General Services. She earned degrees in food and nutrition and a master's degree in public administration from Iowa State University.

■ Mary A. Lannoye of Williamston as budget director. She has been Michigan's deputy director since 1995. Earlier she was with the Public Health Department in administration and finance. She was Wayne County budget director from 1987-91. She has B.A. and M.P.A. degrees from Michigan State University. Lannoye's position is cabinet level, and she will report directly to the governor.

Both Murray and his predecessor, Patricia Woodworth, recommend splitting the post.

Engler also named James Brandell as his new director of external affairs. He will oversee governor's appointment and constituent services divisions. He replaces Tim Ward of Okemos who resigned to manage Engler's 1998 campaign for a third term.

SMART hits record ridership – again

The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) weekly ridership reached the 200,000 plus mark for the second time this year the week before Christmas.

According to ridership numbers released this month, SMART served 206,376 riders during the week of Dec. 15 through Dec. 21, nudging out the previous record of 204,138 set during the week of Sept. 22 through 28.

Not only was this the second time in 1997, but this is the second time since SMART's inception in 1989 that weekly ridership has reached the 200,000 mark.

SMART officials say improved customer service, sound mechanical performance and new, innovative marketing programs have all played a major part in SMART's effort to connect the tri-county area, making transportation a relaxing, productive experience.

"SMART has continued to provide exemplary service to the tri-county area," explained SMART General Manager Richard Kaufman. "Setting record ridership twice in one year is proof that SMART is committed to providing the finest service to the metro Detroit region."

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The program accepts hosts who have young children, no children or teenagers. If you can provide a bed, a place to study, meals and a loving heart you can be a host, said Lynne Levenbach. She and her husband, Gideon, of Plymouth Township are local contacts for the PAX program.

Students take English tests, undergo personal interviews, save their money, prepare an application, gather references and then hope for an American family to open its home and heart, said Lynne Levenbach.

Students have their own medical insurance and spending money.

For more information, call the Levenbachs at (734) 453-8562 or (734) 453-6851.

Red Cross issues appeal for blood

Emergency appeal for all blood donors issued by American Red Cross

The Red Cross is seeking emergency donations of type) blood, according to Jeff Weathers, MT (ASCP) director, Hospital Services.

"There are dangerously low levels of B and A type blood as well. We import blood from other Red Cross Midwest regions on a daily basis, however, just like southeastern Michigan many regional inventories are low and there is not an adequate supply of blood for everyone," Weathers said.

To donate blood, call 800-GIVE-LIFE.

"It may seem that emergency appeals for blood donors are issued frequently, and they are," said Mary Anne Stella, acting chief executive officer, southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. "However, the reality of this situation is as quickly as we collect blood, it is tested and then distributed to hospitals. Our only hope for increasing our blood supply is with a widespread response from our community," Stella said.

Red Cross donor centers are located in Ann Arbor, Bloomfield, Dearborn, Livonia, Novi, Oak Park, Renaissance, Roseville and Southgate.

To donate blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more, and be in general good health. Please take the time to help those in need of life-saving blood. Call 800-GIVE-LIFE.

American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region Donor Centers are open 1-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Centers are closed on Sunday.

The Livonia Center is in the Bell Creek Office Plaza, 29691 Six Mile Road, Suite 100.

Other centers are in Novi, 41160 Ten Mile Road, (east of Meadowbrook Road)

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OPINION

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Honor King

Take part in local celebration

Local residents will have several chances to recognize Martin Luther King Day on Monday and throughout the week, and we hope they take advantage of them.

It was overdue, but the city of Westland has for the first time prepared a program to commemorate the late civil rights activist, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. – almost 30 years after his death.

Organizers are hoping to draw hundreds of people for a noon Monday, Jan. 19, march from the Westland City Hall parking lot to the Westland public library, planning committee member Ronaele Bowman said.

Marchers will walk east on Ford Road and then north on Central City Parkway to the Westland library, where a variety of activities are scheduled to honor King.

To celebrate cultural diversity, marchers will carry flags of some 25 countries.

The noon march will be followed by activities expected to begin about 12:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at the Westland public library.

The program will include musical selections from John Glenn High School's Glenn singers; skits performed by Adams Middle School students and other youngsters; dramatic recitations of Dr. King's speeches by New York native Gary Gibbs; and performances by the St. James Methodist Church Choir and the Gratitude Steel Band.

For those who can't attend the Westland activities, there are other area activities commemorating King.

A weeklong observance and a variety of programs celebrating the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. are being sponsored by the Multi-Cultural Affairs Office of Madonna University in Livonia.

At 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, and again at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, a program "Stories That Celebrate Martin Luther King" will be featured at Madonna. Accomplished storyteller and Madonna graduate Yvette I. Adams will spin stories honoring the late civil rights leader.

Monday's program will be in Room 2407 and Wednesday's in Room 2403.

A mix of storytelling and songs with some crowd participation, it will include "Daddy" by Yolanda King, an ode to Martin Luther King Jr., the fable "The Frog Wanted To Be a Singer" and "Talking Eggs."

At 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, and 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23, in Room 2401, a program titled "Try To Remember" will feature LaRon Williams from Ann Arbor, who will walk attendees through the past and future with memories of this great humanitarian.

Westland Mayor Robert Thomas has said he hopes the local King celebration will "demonstrate the diversity in Westland by bringing together people of many cultures, ages, races and religions in a spirit of common purpose and understanding."

And we hope King's dream will have a voice in these local celebrations, and that residents will go out and hear that message.

Integration only cure for woes

President Bill Clinton has been promoting the idea of a national dialogue on race.

We believe this idea has merit. We also agree with those who insist that any true "dialogue" on race must include those with a variety of conflicting views on the best means of ending racial problems.

But as we approach Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we find that race still matters in this country and that despite the validity of many conservative positions on race, many are using those positions as a pseudo-intellectual shield for their racism.

In the great racial debate of the 1960s, Martin Luther King Jr. was the eloquent spokesman for integration. He never denied the need for black pride or community identity, but he died believing that the only way to achieve parity and justice for black Americans was through complete integration into a basically "color blind" America.

We are now engaged in a great national debate over "affirmative action." Legitimate arguments have been made by conservatives, including many black conservatives, that these programs have created racial tensions rather than alleviating injustices.

Unfortunately, this has allowed a lot of self-righteous posturing by racists. People who never saw the injustice when blacks were systematically denied jobs, college admissions, housing, insurance, bank loans and service at stores *because of their race* suddenly see an assault on the "American Way" when programs are instituted to redress these past (and present) discriminations.

Nor do these people, including some prominent state legislators who are playing the "race card," acknowledge a long history of ghettoization that has separated blacks into neighborhoods with inadequate housing, few job opportunities, aging and poorly run schools and little opportunity to acquire the necessary skills to live in a fast-changing urban environment.

This urban pressure cooker has led to an unbalanced crime rate, many young blacks seeing crime and drugs as the only way out.

Though this is a pattern that many ethnic groups had to endure when they first arrived in the United States, only blacks have had to endure it through generation after generation. Major institutions such as insurance companies, banks, realty companies, employers and universities have participated in this discrimination.

Affirmative action was meant to redress those policies. It has produced many success stories, including Colin Powell and Clarence Thomas.

It has also caused consternation for some whites who have been "rejected" when a black applicant with marginally less qualifications has been admitted. Unfortunately, the people who oppose affirmative action are not the people clamoring for better schools and fair housing and insurance reform.

The only way out of our racial morass is integration. Programs that promote stronger black communities and responsible group action, such as the work of the Black Muslims, have much to commend them. And welfare reform that ends dependence on government, when linked with job training and back-to-school programs, also has merit. But, ultimately, a strong black community that doesn't interact with the larger white community will never achieve full parity.

The only road to integration is the movement of more black Americans into a solid middle class through better education, better jobs and better housing.

When the current debate is over, those are the goals we must achieve.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What do you think of the possibility of human cloning?

We asked this question at the Westland public library.

"The whole idea is ridiculous. You can't clone a person completely, their personality and everything."

Gina Ravenenda

"I think it's stupid because you can't make another person just the same."

Rachel Hicks

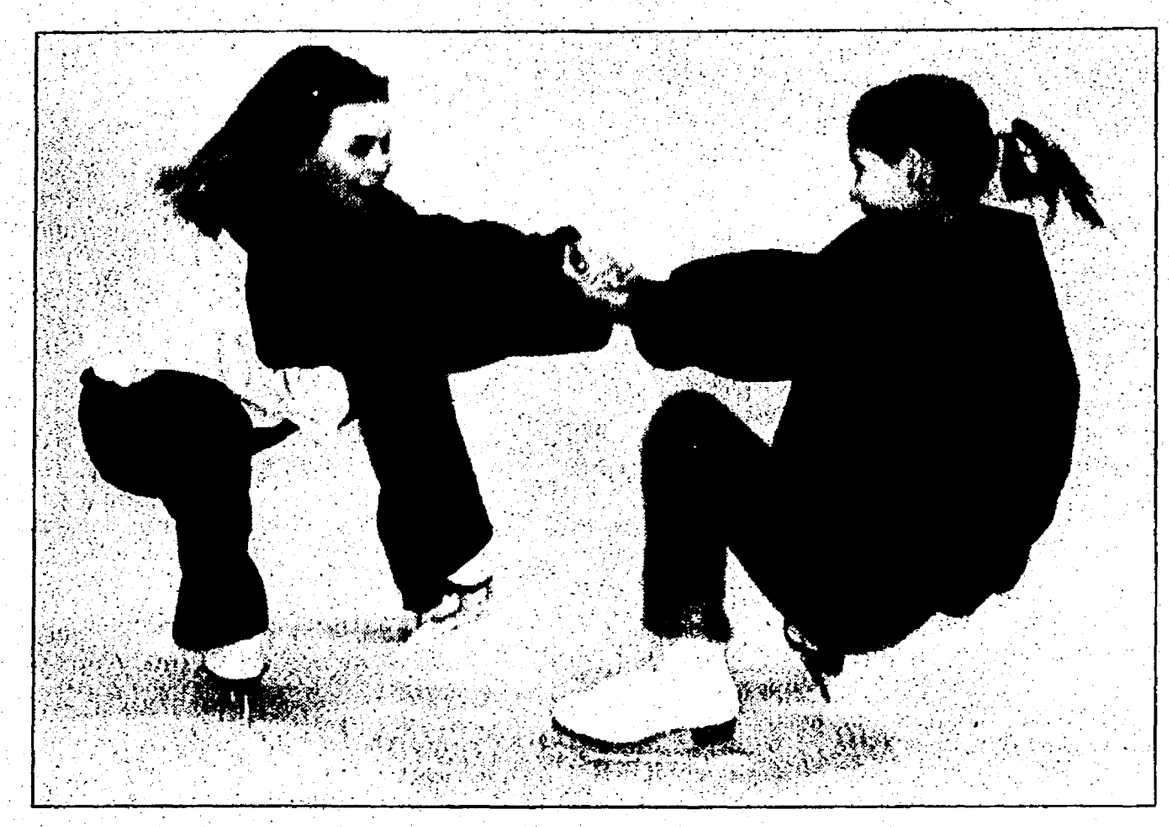
"I disagree with it. There are way too many people in the world now. To have double the same people wouldn't benefit our society."

Lori Schleisher

"Actually, I don't agree. It's not conducive to clone humans."

Asha Mony

Taking a spin



Winter activities: *Keeping active in the winter is sometimes a challenge. But there are ways to have fun and exercise. Here, Amanda Moran, 12, and her friend Ashley Mijal, 12, do a spin together at the Westland Sports Arena.*

LETTERS

Asian 'tigers'?

Korea has joined Thailand and Indonesia in the IMF economic dog house. But why? What did they do wrong?

In general, Asian "tigers" stand accused of saving too much, working too hard and too cheap, investing too much, and exporting too much.

But, under normal economic conditions all of the above would be considered economic virtue, not vices.

So, why is the IMF imposing "harsh restrictions" on these former "tiger economies?" In effect, producing an "engineered recession" in Asia.

Because Asian economies are producing more good than the global economy can now "safely" consume! Consider: For several decades the American consumer has been the "engine" of global consumption. In effect, Americans accepted the Keynesian idea that what was wrong with the modern industrial economy was under-consumption, and not over-production.

So, we consumed and consumed and consumed. Americans became, in effect, the world's "designated consumer." In exchange for our expected consumption of the world's goods we exported huge quantities of U.S. bonds.

These bonds were the proximate cause of the over-building of the Asian economies! And they have created a "dollar bubble" that has made the U.S. the world's largest debtor nation.

In the old days, gold would have been pouring out of the U.S. and into Asian currencies, and the U.S. dollar would be collapsing. But not today. Why?

Because by the strange alchemy of the post-gold standard world, the U.S. dollar has "become" gold. Or, at least, its technical "reserve" equivalent for banking purposes.

And, Fed chairman Alan Greenspan has become, by that same alchemy, the keeper of the world's "technical gold mine."

So, herein lies the real problem:

Greenspan can't allow U.S. dollars to be continuously pumped into the global economy any faster than the rate of GLOBAL productivity growth, which is now roughly 3 percent per year. As the only truly global currency, the U.S. dollar is restricted by the rate of global productivity growth, not by the rate of the U.S. productivity growth. This is very important to remember! Why?

Because when the Asian "tigers" were small-scale producers, during the Cold War, we tolerated their 8 and 10 percent growth rates for purely political reasons.

But now, Asia is going to have to endure the same "low-growth scenario" that most developed Western economies have endured for many years. But, supposedly this is the price we all have to pay for our central bank "managed currencies" in a post-gold standard world.

But, will Japanese and Korean workers be "cowed" as easily as American workers were in the '80s and '90s? Will they accept the "3 percent solution" straight-jacket as willingly as we did? I think not.

I do not think the consequence of this Asian recession have been fully thought out. What happens to U.S. bonds? What if the Asian recession spreads?

And, most important, will the Asian "tigers" ultimately accept Greenspan's "dismal 3 percent utopia"?

Walter A. Warren

Big joke

Columnists have stated that everybody benefits from affirmative action!

They must be joking. How happy is the man who has the highest qualifications of all those applying for a job when someone with lesser qualifications is hired? There are teachers in our classrooms who insist that affirmative action is beneficial to everyone.

Neil Goodbred

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POINTS OF VIEW

Inpatient care vital for young substance abusers

She tried to get off drugs and alcohol through the adolescent outpatient program she was first assigned to after an evaluation at the Maplegrove Center in West Bloomfield.

One afternoon, I looked up from my desk at the office and there she was. "I can't do it this way," was her desperate plea. "I have to go inpatient."

It was the mid-'80s and there was a waiting list for the 14 adolescent beds, later expanded to 16, in Maplegrove's six-week inpatient program. In fact, it took every day of that six weeks, and then a long period of outpatient care, for her to conquer the tricky disease of alcoholism. Thankfully, in those days, insurance covered the cost of her residential care.

Now, here in the late '90s, statistics show alcohol and drug abuse is rising again, with students experimenting at an ever younger age. Yet on Dec. 31, Maplegrove Center, considered among the top 20 best treatment centers for alcoholism and drug abuse in the country, closed its inpatient services for adolescents.

The program was a shadow of its former self. The one-time six-week program had been trimmed to five to seven days, the maximum insurance companies will pay for residential in this new age of managed care. Its adolescent population was averaging 2.5 people. Its energies had been thrust, of necessity, into outpatient care.

Still, even the shortened stay and fewer patients proved a lifesaver for Cheryl MacIlwain's 17-year-old son, for whom the outpatient program was not working.

But her insurance company would only pay for two days. And when she wanted to pay for the rest of the week herself, the insurance company wouldn't allow it. She had to resort to calling her congressman, John Dingell, who intervened successfully on her son's behalf.

"The week seems to have turned his life around," says MacIlwain, a resident of Dearborn. He now is doing well in the outpatient program. But he says: "I wouldn't be clean today if I hadn't gone inpatient."

Robin DiMeglio of Oxford has her 13-year-old son back. He overdosed at middle school after drinking an inordinate amount of alcohol within a few minutes. She frantically searched for

JUDITH DONER BERNE

an adolescent residential program, finding only Maplegrove and Brighton Hospital. "Maplegrove was there when we needed it," she said. "He still refers back to his time there as the turning point in his life." Insurance covered his seven days in residence.

Both MacIlwain and DiMeglio are writing letters to anyone they think might help restore the program so other addicted teens can have the benefit of inpatient care within the tri-county area. Both see a huge difference among teens in the outpatient program who have had residential treatment and those who haven't.

In a Jan. 5 letter asking for help to Hillary Rodham Clinton, DiMeglio wrote: "It is clear to us that these children have not had their drug cycle broken by any "real" intervention and have no "real" intention of becoming drug-free. We watched some families drop out ... because the parents alone could not control their children's drug use. Some of these parents had previously begged to have their children inducted into the inpatient program, but were denied for insurance reasons."

"Insurance companies don't want to cover in-house treatment," confirmed Glenn Black, administrator of Maplegrove, which will continue to offer inpatient treatment for adults. Unfortunately, Maplegrove has no proof of its residential program's effectiveness, since it has not tracked the young people who have gone through since it began in 1985.

A program that keeps those statistics is Pathway Family Center in Southfield, a lesser-known, highly structured program that specializes in hard-core adolescent addicts. They have tracked graduates of the year-long treatment program for up to five years, reports Terri Nissley, CEO. Success rate is 70 to 80 percent and that does not amount to only being substance-free. "We are out to produce a productive person," Nissley said.

Pathway beats the insurance game by finding private homes for young addicts to live in while they begin their recovery. Now, Pathway is looking for a larger treatment site in order to triple the number of young people it can serve.

Nissley is disappointed to see Maplegrove close its residential unit. "Between managed care and the change in insurance, it's sad to see what's closed," she said.

For truly addicted adolescents, the most effective treatment is to remove them from the people and patterns that feed their addiction. Closing Maplegrove's residential program is clearly a step backward for our young people in need of help.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is former managing editor of the Eccentric Newspapers. You can comment on this column by calling (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1997, or by writing.

Italy's shown Italian-style in production

Americans became interested in Italy shortly after World War II. First was the Italian food fad, then movies and tourism. Usually, Italians were portrayed in caricature, as when Dean Martin sang: *"When-a the moon hits-a yo' eye like a big pizza pie, that's amore!"*

Italy to Americans meant Mafia films or American-style romances with Italian backgrounds like "Three Coins in a Fountain" and "Roman Holiday."

Into the breach steps Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre, best known for its graduate students' performances of Shakespeare and Moliere.

This season, the Hilberry has come up with a 1959 play by Eduardo de Filippo called "Saturday, Sunday, Monday" – one act for each day. He's sort of the Neil Simon of Italy.

Setting is the Naples home of a middle-class family. Mama and papa have a falling out, a son wants to escape the staid family mold by starting his own stylish shop, the daughter flirts with a TV career and splits with her boyfriend, and so on.

The play is built around food, with aromatic cooking of ragu on stage. Every character stands out in the 17-member cast.

Mark Finnell, a third-year Hilberry player from Farmington Hills, handles the elderly grandfather's tantrums with the aplomb of a middle-aged man. He's younger.

Sara Wolf of Rochester Hills has starred as "Little Mary Sunshine" and Hermia in Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream," so an Italian maid would seem a little out of her line. It isn't.

Costume designer Kathleen Crosby of Rochester also has handled the chores for "Tartuffe" and "Hedda Gabler." The Eastern Michigan University graduate avoids caricatures with clothing, too.

In sum, serious Italian art deserves serious stage treatment and serious applause. One can see why so many Hilberry trainees have gone on to rewarding careers on stage, screen

TIM RICHARD

and TV.

"Saturday, Sunday, Monday" will be repeated until Jan. 30. Ticket information: (313) 577-2072.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

Airplane experience a nightmare

PHILIP POWER

Many airplane passengers – especially business travelers – are feeling pretty grumpy these days.

Bargain fares that are unavailable or irrelevant. Cramped seats. Scant information. Cattle car treatment.

I know how they feel. On Sunday, Jan. 4, coming back with my family from a holiday abroad, I and 166 other passengers were detained against our will for more than six hours in an aircraft parked on the tarmac at Cincinnati International Airport.

Water ran out. Food, too. For a while, toilets were full and inoperable. Parents of sick children were frightened. A severely injured passenger ran low on pain medicine.

Nobody involved could do the humane, common sense thing: Get the passengers off to a secure place where they could go to the bathroom and call anxious families.

Not Allegro Air, the carrier. Not Northwest Airlines, the ground service provider. Not the U.S. Customs Service nor the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service nor the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the responsible federal agencies. Not the Cincinnati International Airport Police.

Here's what happened.

I bought round-trip tickets – Detroit, Caicos islands and back – through Travel Charter of Troy. Travel Charter contracted with Allegro Air (owned by a Mexican company) for the airplane and crew.

On Jan. 4, Allegro flight 492 left the islands at 5 p.m., bound for Detroit. At 7:45 p.m., the crew announced the Detroit airport was closed "due to weather" and that the flight was being diverted to Cincinnati.

We arrived in Cincinnati at 8:15 p.m., parked in an isolated part of the tarmac and later heard over the PA system: (1) The weather is still bad in Detroit; (2) we cannot not leave the aircraft until "customs" clears us; (3) customs and immigration authorities are unavailable; (4) the delay might be up to five hours.

By 11 p.m., passengers were, well, restive. I borrowed a cell phone from another passenger and called Gene Clabes, publisher of this company's newspapers in northern Kentucky, where Cincinnati International Airport is located. "Can't you do something? People are getting mighty uncomfortable."

Three Airport Police cars arrived along with a Northwest ground service vehicle. I asked police if they couldn't let passengers deplane under their custody into a secure area where they could get a drink, go to the toilet and make a phone call. "We can't do anything. It's the feds who have the jurisdiction. And until they say so, you cannot leave the plane."

Five hours later, we're still detained against our will while the authorities dither.

By 1:30 a.m., a passenger passed a note up to me: "Everyone walk forward to exit this plane – calmly, but just do it!" Things were getting tense.

At last, we get to a gate. More dithering, plus extensive finger-pointing. Somebody from the Agriculture Department threatens the pilot with a fine if anybody gets off. A woman bolts out the door sobbing, "I'm not going back on that plane."

Finally at 2 a.m. the pilot announces the weather has cleared and he intends to proceed to Detroit. Ten passengers leave. The rest of us take off at 2:34 p.m. No apology from Allegro.

To detain against their will 167 American citizens for six hours on an aircraft with no food and water, inadequate toilets, sick kids and increasingly hysterical passengers is shameful and unnecessary.

Who's responsible? Jack Miles, Allegro's vice president for U.S. operations, blamed the feds: "People were told they couldn't get off the plane. Whose responsibility is that?" John Shay, port director for the U. S. Customs Service, blamed Allegro: "They went to Cincinnati knowing full well there was nobody around to clear the passengers or service the plane."

When I suggested a conference call to sort out the contradictory stories, Miles refused.

How to prevent a repetition? Put passengers first, jurisdiction and regulations second.

The U. S. government and the airline industry should negotiate an emergency procedure to get passengers off a plane and into a secure area. Designate a central authority to make decisions, reachable by a 1-800 number. Empower local police to take charge of international passengers. Share costs.

It's better than what happened Jan. 4.

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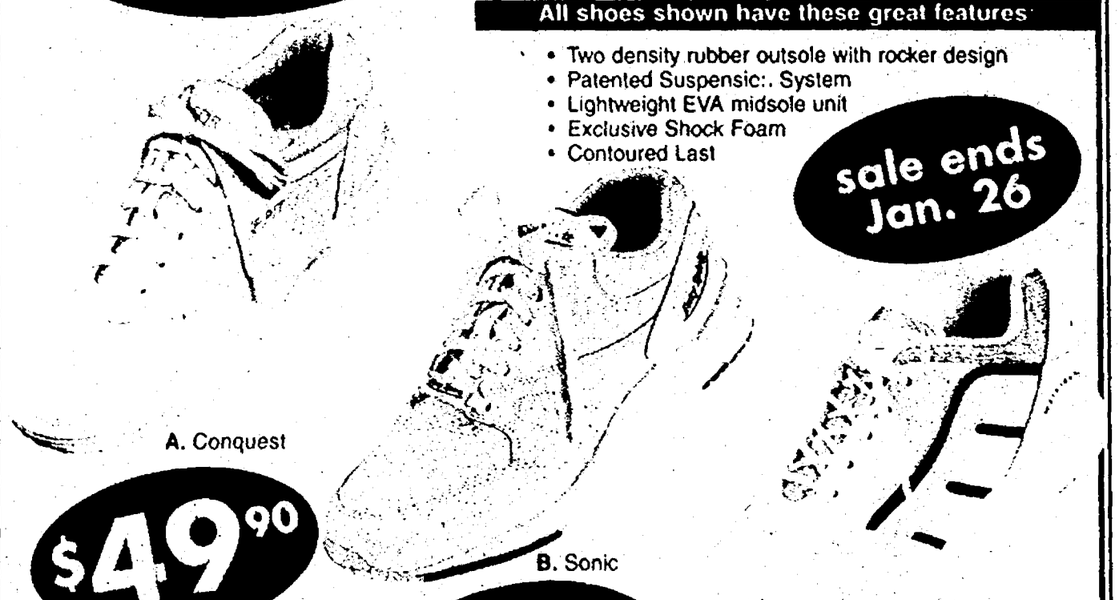

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Hospice to offer grief recovery series

Hospice of Washtenaw will offer a five-week grief recovery series 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 3-March 3, at Hospice of Washtenaw, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor.

The program is dedicated to helping survivors adapt to their grief and to gain and develop new skills in coping. The goals are to help participants understand the stages of grief and how it affects them, and learn to deal with difficult emotions like anger, guilt and loneliness.

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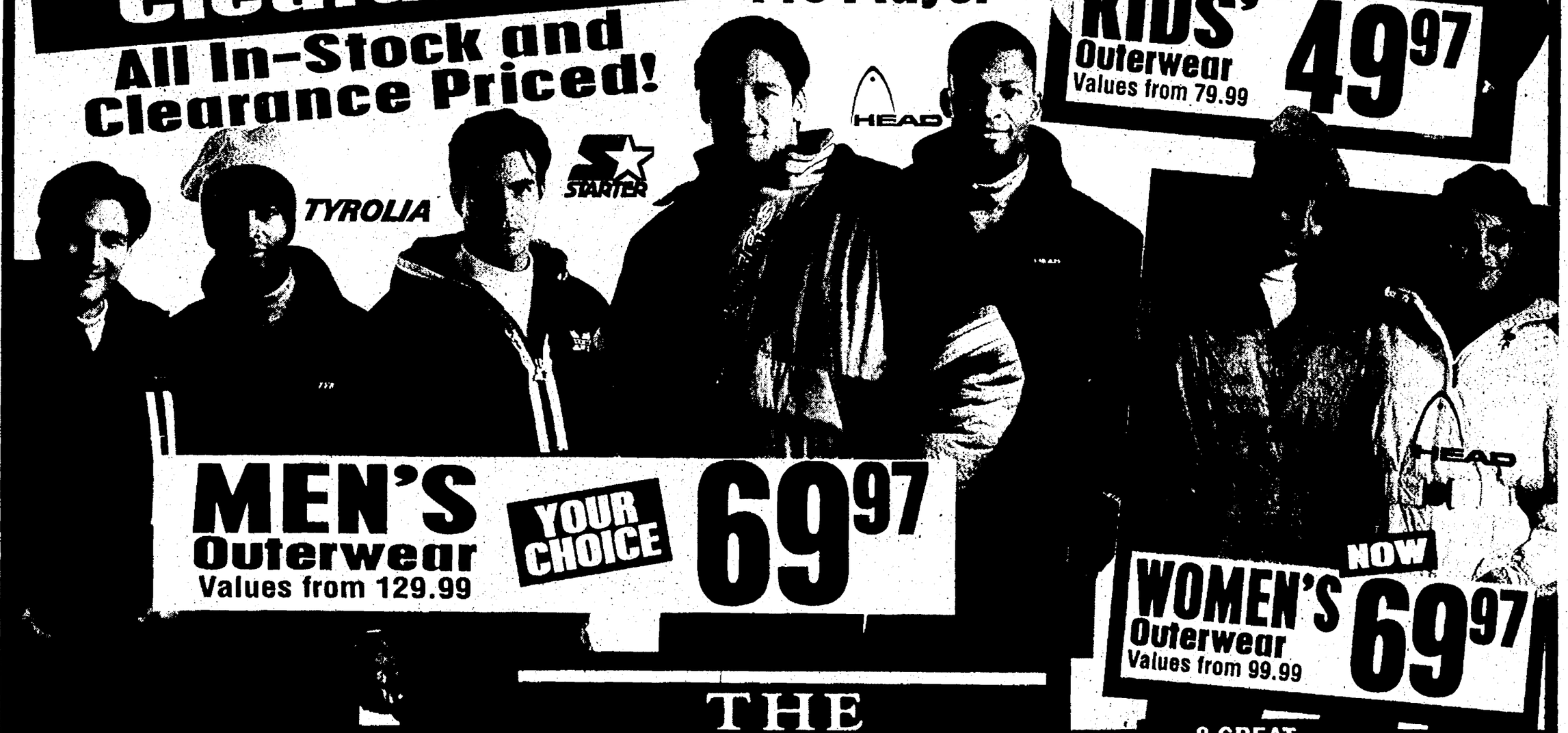

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JACK GLADDEN

Buying a car and January: It's not for me

December 1983. The Feminist's car buys the farm. She's coming home from work one night, gets off I-275 at Ann Arbor Road and ends up coasting into a Shell station. Steam's spewing out of the radiator. Bad water pump. Among other things.

I don't know where I was at the time, but she called a neighbor to pick her up and drive her home. For the next month, I drive her to work – on the east side of Detroit – put in my time at Wayne State, then pick her up around 5 or so and we do the commute back to Canton. Thirty-seven miles. One way.

So in January, after making it through the holidays, we do some serious car shopping.

Well, yeah, we have a trade-in, I tell the salesman, only it's not here. It's, uh, sort of parked at a service station down the road. He's understanding. We drive to the station, he looks the car over, makes an offer and we go back to the showroom and close the deal. New car will be ready the next day.

The Feminist drops me off at the station to pick up the "trade-in." It's covered with and surrounded by snow. And it won't start. One of the station mechanics gives me a jump start and we get it running. But as I'm pulling out of the snow bank, it stalls.

Another jump start and I manage to keep it running. It's spewing steam and the temperature gauge is in the red zone, but I make it to the dealership and park it on the front lot. We sign the papers and The Feminist gets in her new car and pulls away from the dealership. In the middle of a snowstorm.

The last thing we saw was a tow truck dragging our "trade-in" to the back lot. And it looked like the sales manager was shaking his finger at our salesman. I don't know what that was about.

January 1986. My left leg is in a cast from toe to hip. I slipped on the last step leading to the family room and shattered an ankle. And my six-year-old hatchback is acting funny. Shaking and shimmying when I drive it, which is a good trick anyway since it's a stick shift and my cast-bound leg doesn't work the clutch very well. We do some serious car shopping.

We decide to look, just for the heck of it, at the new minivans. The hatchback is really quivering as we pull into the parking lot.

"You have to have a new car," The Feminist says. "You like the van? Let's just do it."

"It's too expensive. We can't afford it."

"You have to have a new car. You can't drive that thing you have now. It's dangerous."

It's shaking and wobbling even worse when we drive to the dealership the next day. But it makes it. We pull out of the lot in the new minivan in the middle of a snowstorm.

January 1990. "Your son just totaled my car!" It's The Feminist on the phone.

"He *what*?"

"He went up to the store for me, and on the way home some guy ran a red light and plowed into him. My car's totaled!"

The son is OK. But the '84 sedan with the 100,000 miles on it – which had been in perfect condition a few minutes earlier – is a total wreck. It's time to do some serious car shopping.

We find her a car, a compact, not a full-size sedan, that she likes and we can afford. But the dealer is way over on Detroit's east side. We close the deal, I drive her to the dealership and about 5 in the afternoon she pulls out in her brand new car to make the 40-mile commute back to Canton. It's snowing.

January 1998. The '86 minivan is still chugging along, with 104,000 miles on it. The automatic choke is a little funky, but if I let it warm up for 10 minutes, it runs fine. The sliding side door doesn't slide any more and

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Divine intervention

Dieters turn to God for help in losing weight

■ It was registered dietitian Gwen Shamblin who came up with a program that combines God with weight loss, and it's her enthusiastic supporters who have helped get her Weigh Down Workshop in churches throughout the metropolitan area.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Weighty commitment: *Participants in the Weight Down Workshop at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton listen to group leader Peggy Schneider who lost 27 pounds and became "obedient" to God with the help of the program.*

Religion and weight loss doesn't seem like a logical partnership, but that union is helping hundreds of local people lose weight.

Thanks to the Bible-based Weight Down Workshop, Liz Cross of Ypsilanti and Don Siebel of Plymouth have lost more than 100 pounds by attending the workshops at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. Eleanor, a Livonia resident who refused to give her last name, was able to stop taking the medication Glynase for diabetes after she slimmed down.

"I think it's really the Lord within you that allows you to stay with it," Siebel said. "He's changing your heart. Your relationship with Jesus is changing. All of that weight loss is just an outward sign of that change."

The Franklin, Tenn.-based Weigh Down Workshop, founded by registered dietitian Gwen Shamblin, is a nondenominational Christian-based weight loss program. Through a series of 12 specially designed classes, videos, audio cassette tapes, workbooks and Bible lessons, participants learn to exchange their desire for food for a desire for God's word.

"A lot of people think it's about saying 'Dear God, please don't make me eat another piece'; it's not that it at all. I just eat less and pray more," explained Beth McBain, a Canton resident and workshop alumna who now leads a group at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia. "It's all about getting to know your body and getting to know your God, so you know how to feel physically fulfilled, emotionally fulfilled and spiritually fulfilled."

Since Shamblin started her first support group in 1986 in a Memphis strip mall, more than 250,000 people have participated in the program. Locally, there are about 16-20 workshops in Farmington Hills, Redford, Livonia, Canton, Plymouth and Westland churches and homes.

The cost of the program is $103 for the first session. The price includes the audio tapes, the "Rising Above the Magnetic Pull of the Refrigerator" workbook and the 12 1 1/2-hour classes. The next 12 weeks is $55 and includes an additional package, "Feasting on the Will of the Father," a testimony/travel diary and four supplementary audiotapes. The third session is free unless the participant wants to purchase another workbook and tape.

Those interested in participating in the program must join by the second meeting of each session.

Regain control

Shamblin, who authored the book "The Weigh Down Diet" (Doubleday), uses behavior modification, biofeedback, psychology and religion to help people lose weight.

"She teaches us to trust the body that God gave us to control what you need to eat to be the weight you need to be," McBain said. "The majority of us don't eat because we're physically hungry. We eat because it's noon, because we're bored, or because it's there. She teaches us to get back in touch with our physical hunger."

Using her Southern drawl and her acute sense of humor, Shamblin begins by telling workshop partici-

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Where to find a Weigh Down Workshop

There are more than 180 churches in suburban Detroit offering the Weigh Down Workshop. Participants must join within the first two weeks of the 12-week sessions.

Offering the Weigh Down Workshops locally are:

■ Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. Its next session begins in April. Call Jennifer Smith, (734) 416-9280, or the church at (734) 459-0013.

■ St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton. A new session begins in the spring. Call Irene Akers at (734) 455-4431.

■ Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. New sessions begin in the spring. Call the church at (734) 455-0022.

■ Tri-City Christian Center's Family Impact Office in Wayne. The next workshop is at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays beginning Feb. 7. Call the center at (734) 326-7780.

■ Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. The orientation is 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in rooms B2 and B4. Call the church at (734) 422-1150.

■ St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia. The group meets at 7 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 19-April 6. Call Beth McBain at (734) 495-0342.

■ Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Road, Plymouth Township. Call the church at (734) 453-7630.

■ Agape Christian Center, 41550 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Its first session is scheduled for the spring. Call Carol Barton at (734) 425-1233.

■ Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. It offers two groups – 9-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays (group began Jan. 13) and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays (group began Jan. 8). Those wishing to join the Thursday night group must attend the Jan. 15 meeting. Those wishing to join the Tuesday group must attend Jan. 20. Call Judi Hicks at (734) 397-0313.

■ Sybille Vought offers a home study in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-0076

■ Covenant Community Church, 25800 Student (off Beech Daly, north of Five Mile), Redford. A new group is forming at the church. Call the church at (313) 535-3100.

■ Christ Lutheran Church, 14350 Wormer, Redford. Call Roberta Miller at (313) 531-6807 or the church at (313) 534-3462.

■ First Baptist Church, 33400 Shiawassee, Farmington. New session is meeting at 7 p.m. Mondays beginning Feb. 2. Call Judie Burrell at (734) 422-4829 or the church at (248) 474-0350.

■ Grace Chapel, 27996 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills. Call Char Schwedland at (248) 855-1264 or the church at (248) 488-0151.

■ First Baptist Church, 217 N. Wing St., Northville. It offers two groups. Call Debbie Millner at (248) 476-8846 for the group that meets on Mondays, or Keith Bushey at (313) 255-3201 for the group that meets on Sundays.

■ Parkside Church of Christ, 17200 W. Outer Dr., Dearborn Heights, is beginning a new session, lead by Redford Township resident Elaine May, in March. Call the church at (313) 278-8120.

DAR – Belonging is a matter of relativity

STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Historically patriotic: *Local members of the DAR's Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter include Jacqueline Gonterman (from left) and her mother Laura Merwin, current chapter president, and Doris Richards.*

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Doris Richards of Plymouth Township is the descendant of William Prout, a soldier of the American Revolution.

It's his allegiance to the war that made it possible for her to be a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a patriotic society of descendants of veterans who fought in the war between 1775 and 1783.

Although Prout didn't die on the battlefield, but on a ship on the Hudson River, Richards is eligible for membership in the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the DAR because of Prout's role as an active American patriot.

Richards, who has held a longtime interest in genealogy, has had much success investigating the roots of her family tree, tracing a 1620 Mayflower passenger, Steven Hopkins, to be an ancestor of her mother's lineage.

At the age of 76, the Plymouth grandmother says it isn't the distinction of being a DAR member that makes her affiliation worthwhile, but the camaraderie of other members she's come to enjoy over the last 18 years.

She's also befriended several relatives she never knew existed thanks to the research she's done locally and in Washington, D.C., where the DAR has a library in Constitution Hall.

"I've been able to go out and find other people," said Richards. "It's a fun hobby especially when you start searching the women's lines. "I met a third of cousin of mine I never knew I had. And I know my mother didn't know she had a second cousin living in Pontiac, Michigan.

"We've become good acquaintances and enjoy each others company."

Common interests

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a national society of women, eligible by reason of birth, whose descendants were recognized patriots as members of the military or "rendered material aid" to the cause.

"There's a great sense of pride among DAR members," said Pat Keyes of Northville, a 10-year DAR member. "I'm very patriotic and proud to be a daughter."

Keyes established her kinship with American Revolutionary soldier Pvt. Seth Sears of Long Island,

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pants not to eat until they are physically hungry.

"The idea is to let food get to your stomach before your mouth has gobbled much more of it," McBain said.

Shamblin suggests going without food for as long as possible, so participants can feel "real hunger," and eating only half of a portion.

The program continues with lessons on digestion, "How the Thin Eater Stops," metabolism, other diets and "how man-made rules do not lead to freedom" and staying focused on the diet after the 12 weeks.

The audio and videotapes as well as the workbooks suggest passages in the Bible that offer related messages.

"I learned things about God and the Bible that I never knew," Cross said. "It inspired me to go back and read the Old Testament."

Peggy Schneider, a group leader at Geneva Presbyterian added: "The Bible is the only self-help book I need."

A self-described "career dieter," McBain, like most of the Weigh Down participants, had tried most of the commercial diets.

"With Weight Watchers, you focus on food ... You weigh food, you count food. Here you can eat anything you want to eat when you're hungry. You just stop when you're full," said McBain, who went from a size 18 to a size 8.

"You don't focus on the food, you focus on the Lord," Siebel added.

After reading about the diet in a magazine, McBain inquired about it at her church, St. Matthew's in Livonia. The church wasn't offering it, so she attended sessions at Canton Community and Geneva Presbyterian churches.

Ten months and 50 pounds later, her friends at St. Matthew's wanted to know how they could participate in the Weigh Down Workshop. The former Livonia resident now leads a group at the church.

More than 100 pounds later, Cross said that attending the workshop, studying the workbook and eating less was worth the time.

"Once I cut that first piece of chocolate cake that I didn't have to feel bad about, it was all worth it," she said.

Schneider, who lost 27 pounds, explained that if it wasn't for the workshop, she wouldn't have been as "obedient" to God.

"We turn our lives over to God in all areas, not just food. I turned my job over to God and my children over to God. I want God's will for the rest of my life."

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N.Y., through a line on her father's side.

Throughout the United States there are several hundred chapters, similar to the Sarah Ann Cochrane of Plymouth/Northville, where women 18 years of age and older gather for social, educational and fund-raising causes on a month-to-month basis.

Laura Merwin, Cochrane Chapter president and DAR member since 1959, was initially a member of the Children of the American Revolution in the 1930s, due in part to her grandmother's membership in the Ft. Pontchartrain Chapter of the DAR in Detroit.

Over the past 38 years, Merwin, 72, has held several regional, state and national positions with the organization as has her 39-year-old daughter, Jacqueline Gonterman of Livonia.

Gonterman was an Outstanding Junior in 1993 and competed for the Junior title at the state, regional and national level where she was voted first National Junior in Washington, D.C.

"I have remained active in the chapter because of my involvement within the community and my interest in genealogy," said Merwin. "Although not all of our members continue to research their family histories once they've proved their line; they think no more of genealogy."

Keyes said most of the members enjoy the charitable aspect of the DAR whose benefactors include local veterans and needy children of the Appalachian Mountains region.

"The DAR means meeting very lovely people and it's a way for a lot of us to get out and enjoy the community, new friends and to contribute time to worthwhile projects," said Merwin.

Both DAR members said chapters make it somewhat easier for potential members to prove their eligibility by affording them the opportunity to work with a DAR Lineage Registrar who has access to the DAR's Patriot Index, ancestry lists of other DAR members from across the country.

"You have to start within your own family, working with parents, grandparents and great grandparents and gather pertinent information, such as birth, death and marriage dates by using certificates, local records, census and family papers," said Richards. "But our files can be very helpful when it comes to tracing former members of the DAR who have already proven their heritage."

Between Merwin and her husband, an active member of the Sons of the American Revolution, they have established 11 descendants of the American Revolution.

"Some have found more than 30 lines, depending on their ability to research successfully," said Merwin.

If you would like information on the DAR or the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of Plymouth/Northville, call Chapter Registrar Pat Dickerson at (734) 495-0132.

WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION

A Special School Election has been called to be held in said School District on the 17th day of February, 1998, for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Eight Million Three Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($108,300,000.00) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following:

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

YES _____

NO _____

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tuesday, the 20th day of January, 1998 up to 5:00 o'clock p.m., Local Time, is the last day on which unregistered persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at said election. Application for registration should be made to the clerk of the city in which the voter resides. Persons desiring to register must ascertain when the respective clerks' offices will be open for receiving registrations in addition to 8:00 o'clock a.m. until 5:00 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, January 20, 1998.

Martha Pitsenbarger
Secretary of Board of Education

Dated: January 8, 1998
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Specifications and bid forms are available at the office of the Board of Education in the Purchasing Department.

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Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of bid opening.

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the rear hatch won't open at all. The radio only tunes AM stations and I can't set the clock, which means I can't switch between standard and daylight-saving time, but at least it's right six months out of the year.

Then it starts to shake. Really bad. It takes both hands on the steering wheel just to keep it on the road.

"Come on," The Feminist says. "We're going to do some serious car shopping. You can't drive this thing like this. It's dangerous."

So a few hours later the minivan literally shakes, rattles and rolls into the parking lot, and after papers are signed, money exchanged and the license plate transferred, we pull out into the night in the new compact sedan. It isn't snowing. Just a little freezing rain.

At work the next day, someone asks: "So, you been to the Auto Show yet?"

"No," I say, "and I don't plan to. I don't like looking at cars in January."

Jack Gladden is a copy editor for the Observer Newspapers. He lives in Canton Township.

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C.A.R.E. seminar to focus on helping children

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

As the president of the Wayne Civitans, Rose Mary Miller gets to designate one project as the President's Project. She spent the entire year as president-elect deciding what it would be and picked an issue near and dear to her heart – children.

Named C.A.R.E. (Civitans Advocating Resources for Everyone), the project actually contains three projects that deal with children – S.M.I.L.E. (Start Making It Livable for Everyone), G.R.O. (Grandparents' Rights Organization) and Hear My Voice.

"It took me two years to learn about these groups with what we went through with my granddaughter," said Miller. "They didn't help us out, but they have given us a lot of support and that means just as much."

The club will bring representatives of S.M.I.L.E., G.R.O. and Hear My Voice together on Wednesday, Jan. 21, to educate the public about the work being done.

The seminar will be 7-9 p.m. at UAW Local 900 Hall, 38200 Michigan Ave., south of Newburgh Road, Wayne. It will feature brief presentations by S.M.I.L.E. and G.R.O. and a brief panel discussion by Hear My Voice. The special guest will be Jan DeBoer.

On hand will be Edward Sosnick and Richard Victor, who cofounded S.M.I.L.E., which provides a positive approach to help adults and children through the process of divorce and separation without the need of "doing battle."

■ 'If you can get through a divorce without tearing the kids apart from end to end, then it's good for the kids.'

Rose Mary Miller
–Wayne Civitans

The program is available in every county in Michigan. It is mandatory in Oakland County and some families in the divorce process are referred to it in Wayne County, according to Miller.

"If you can get through a divorce without tearing the kids apart from end to end, then it's good for the kids," she added.

As its founder and executive director, Victor also will represent G.R.O., which provides help and support for grandchildren and grandparents, advocating on behalf of their rights.

Joining in the Hear My Voice panel discussion will be Anne Row and Robby DeBoer, the organization's president and vice president respectively.

The group promotes the right of all children to have a safe, permanent family and works to protect children who are harmed or abused.

"These projects are working to make life better for children," said Miller. "And we as adults have to take responsibility for the children, they're our future."

The discussions will be followed by a question-and-answer period, which Miller anticipates will take up most of the seminar.

The organizations also will have fliers available and representatives from Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Family Resource Center and UAW will be on hand to discuss services available to families and children.

The Civitans have offered a program on S.M.I.L.E. for Parenting Day through the Wayne-Westland schools, but this is the first time the group has tackled a seminar.

Miller is hoping for an overflow crowd, but will be pleased if 100 people show up for the program. Invitations have been sent to Civitan clubs throughout the states, neighboring school districts and city officials and "everybody from the governor on down," she said.

"I hope it's packed," Miller said. "If I have to talk to people in the parking lot, I will."

The club hopes to have an idea of how may people will be attending and is asking interested people to call Miller at (734) 595-6558 or write her at 34325 Stellwagen, Wayne 48184, by Monday, Jan. 19.

"This is not a normal project for the Wayne Civitans, but it has been a dream of mine for a long time," said Miller. "If out of the whole seminar we help one child, I'll be thrilled."

ENGAGEMENTS

Beardsley-Krantz

Ken and Mary Beardsley of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to Charles Lawrence Krantz, the son of Robert and Judy Krantz, also of Canton, and the late Judith Krantz.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is currently teaching seventh and eighth grade at Bethany Baptist School in Detroit.

Her fiance also is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is a lumber broker for Timber Products in Farmington Hills.

A May wedding is planned at St. Thomas A'Becket Church in Canton.

Kurgan-Phillips

Diane Kurgan of Garden City announces the engagement of her daughter, Sharon Marie, to Timothy G. Phillips, the son of Jimmy and Geraldine Phillips, also of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Garden City High School. She is attending the University of Michigan where she is pursuing a degree in gerontology.

Her fiance is employed by Benchmark Management Corp. as a maintenance technician.

A wedding is planned for Feb. 14 at St. Dunstan's Catholic Church in Garden City.

Luckey-Gagnon

Robert and Carrie Luckey of Milford announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Edith, to Andrew James Gagnon of Westland, the son of Judy Gagnon of Westland and Joe Gagnon of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Oakland University. She is employed as a parole agent with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He works at Carmack Appliance, a family-owned business, in Garden City.

A March wedding is planned at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington.

Celeski-Duke

Arnold and Robbie Celeski of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristie Lynette, to Donald Wesley Duke Jr., the son of Donald W. Duke of Plymouth and Sharon Sartorius of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed as a flight attendant by Northwest Airlink Airlines.

Her fiance is also a 1992 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is employed as a machinist at Fluid Automation in Livonia.

A May wedding is planned at Divine Child Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights.

Bedard-Mallon

Judith A. Bedard of Livonia and Ernest J. Bedard of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Louise, to Robert Francis Mallon, the son of Francis and Claudia Mallon of Livonia.

The bride-to-be received her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and her master's degree from Wayne State University. She is employed by the Wayne County Family Independence Agency.

Her fiance earned a bachelor of science degree in aeronautical engineering from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He is employed as an aluminum applications engineer with Alumax Mill Products in Farmington Hills.

A May wedding is planned at Newburg Church in the Greemead Historical Village in Livonia.

Odom-Loiselle

Nancy and Howard Odom of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie, to Jason Loiselle, the son of Ron and Fran Loiselle of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is a junior high school science teacher for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Her fiance is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed by Schmaltz & Company, P.C.

A July wedding is planned at the Solid Rock Bible Church in Plymouth.

State museum to house AAUW anniversary quilt

A quilt created during 1997 by the American Association of University Women of Michigan has a permanent home.

Made as part of the AAUW's 75th anniversary celebration, the quilt is now housed at the Michigan Historical Museum, 717 W. Allegan, Lansing. While plans for exhibiting the quilt have yet to be finalized, it can be viewed by visitors, if requested in advance.

All 54 AAUW branches from across the state designed and then hand-stitched squares for the quilt. The squares were sewn together in alphabetical order from left to right, with the Adrian AAUW in the upper left corner and the Wyandotte/Downriver AAUW in the bottom right corner.

Some squares contain portraits of women from the community – suffragette Anna Howard Shaw (Big Rapids AAUW) and former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Coleman (Marshall AAUW).

The Plymouth AAUW, known for the children's play it presents each year, chose to depict its most recent production of "Snow White," while the Troy branch portrayed the new bridge spanning Big Beaver Road and connecting Somerset North and South.

While the state AAUW organization is 75 years old, nine of its branches – Detroit, Ann Arbor, Lansing Area, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Flint, Birmingham, Iron Mountain/Kingsford and Saginaw – are older. The oldest is the Detroit branch, founded in 1889.

The AAUW is open to anyone with a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. Student affiliates also are welcome. There are more than 4,300 members in Michigan and 160,000 nationally.

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Volunteers help CHHCS meet needs of patients

The efforts of more than 100 volunteers at Community Hospice and Home Care Services raised more than $10,000 for the eighth annual Tree of Memories fund raiser, held at Wonderland Mall in Livonia during the holiday season.

Volunteers created the angel ornaments, stuffed mailers, delivered flyers, and were present at the tree for many hours to accept donations from mall patrons.

"Our volunteers are very special," said Maureen Butrico, CHHCS executive director. "They are a constant inspiration to all of us daily as they assist with any activity and fill our requests for help."

With the number of CHHCS volunteers increasing, the agency is again offering its volunteer training program, beginning in February.

The program will be offered free of charge to community members and runs for eight weeks. Classes will meet from 6 to 9 p.m., beginning Feb. 18.

The program includes an introduction to the concept of hospice, effective communication skills, spiritual aspects of care, bereavement and grief and family dynamics. There also will be guest speakers and group activities.

"The eight-week program not only provides extensive knowledge for future volunteer assignments, it also evokes a new sense of self-awareness within each participant," said Laurie Behling, director of volunteer services. "The skills learned in the program are applicable to both hospice and life in general.

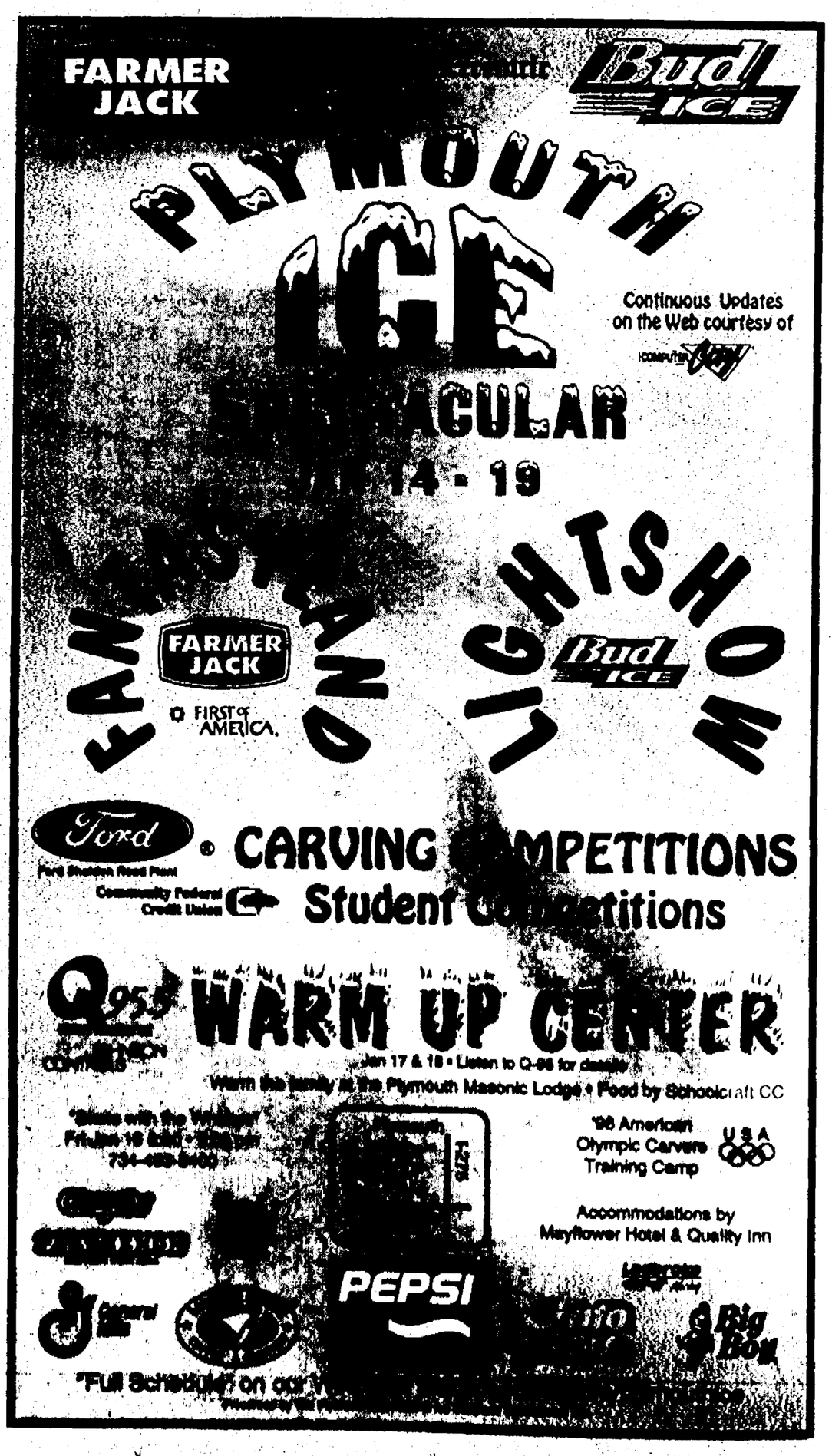
"Volunteering is a wonderful way to meet others with similar interests, learn more about yourself, and help those right in your own community."

Volunteers are needed to help with direct patient care and companionship, respite care, bereavement care, special events, marketing activities and office work.

At work: *Jan Beatty (left) and Pat McCormick, both of Westland, were among the volunteers who helped place ornaments on Community Hospice and Home Care Services' Tree of Memories at Wonderland Mall.*

For more information or to enroll in the volunteer training program, call Behling at (734) 522-4244.

Founded in 1981, Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. of Westland and Plymouth is committed to providing meaningful services to the incurably ill and their families in western Wayne, southern Oakland and eastern Washtenaw counties.



Stitch in time

Quilts are an American art form

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

There's one important thing to remember when handling Merry Silber's quilts – always wear white gloves.

"The oil from your hands leaves spots and stains the quilts; it's very bad for antique quilts," the prominent quilt show curator told an audience at the Women's Resource Center luncheon at Schoolcraft College. "And never, never, never keep quilts in plastic bags. The vapor found inside of the bags creates mildew."

Silber suggests putting the quilts in pillow cases and "try not to launder the quilts too much."

During her hour lecture, Silber showed off about a dozen quilts from her collection which spans more than 100 years.

She purchased a marriage quilt, circa 1850s, for $25. It is now worth approximately $1,800.

"The green dye found on quilts like this one was very problematic before the industrial revolution; it faded," said Silber who was introduced to quilting by her daughter.

She held the quilt up to the light to show listeners another effect of the pre-industrial revolution era.

"If you hold it up to the light, you can see the cotton seeds because it was made before the cotton gin was invented," she said.

Silber's second oldest quilt is from 1813 and boasts a desert star pattern. It was all hand pieced and backed, in part, with ribbon.

Another quilt pictures a mini-scale grandma's garden. All 7,000 hexagons were hand-sewn in a mosaic pattern.

"It's a very, very rare quilt and another one of my favorites," Silber said of the quilt created between 1840 and 1850.

Holding another quilt from her collection, Silber explained another problematic dye – indigo blue, which has since been banned by the United States.

"It's a rich, royal lovely blue, but it's so toxic that people who handled it had a horrendous reaction and some died," said Silber who has 35 blue and white quilts in her collection. "I do a lecture on indigo blue dye and it reads like a dime novel. Still to this day, it's filled with romance and mystery. Many books have been written about it."

The optimum number of stitches per inch is 18. Silber's tulip quilt has 20.

"There's something about our ancestors that is so admirable," she said. "American patchwork quilts is one of two American art forms. The other one is jazz."

Quilts have declined in quality, however, she said. Silber recalled one story about a friend who bought a quilt at a store and "the workmanship was so dreadful that after the first washing it fell apart."

Her collection has been shown throughout the area. The Detroit Institute of Arts has housed 20 of them, while Michigan State University has held 36.

"Michigan State University has the best textile conservatory in the country," she said. "In the New York Times, there was a feature article about the director of the Michigan State University museum who has a huge show in New York of Native American quilts, so I feel very au courant."

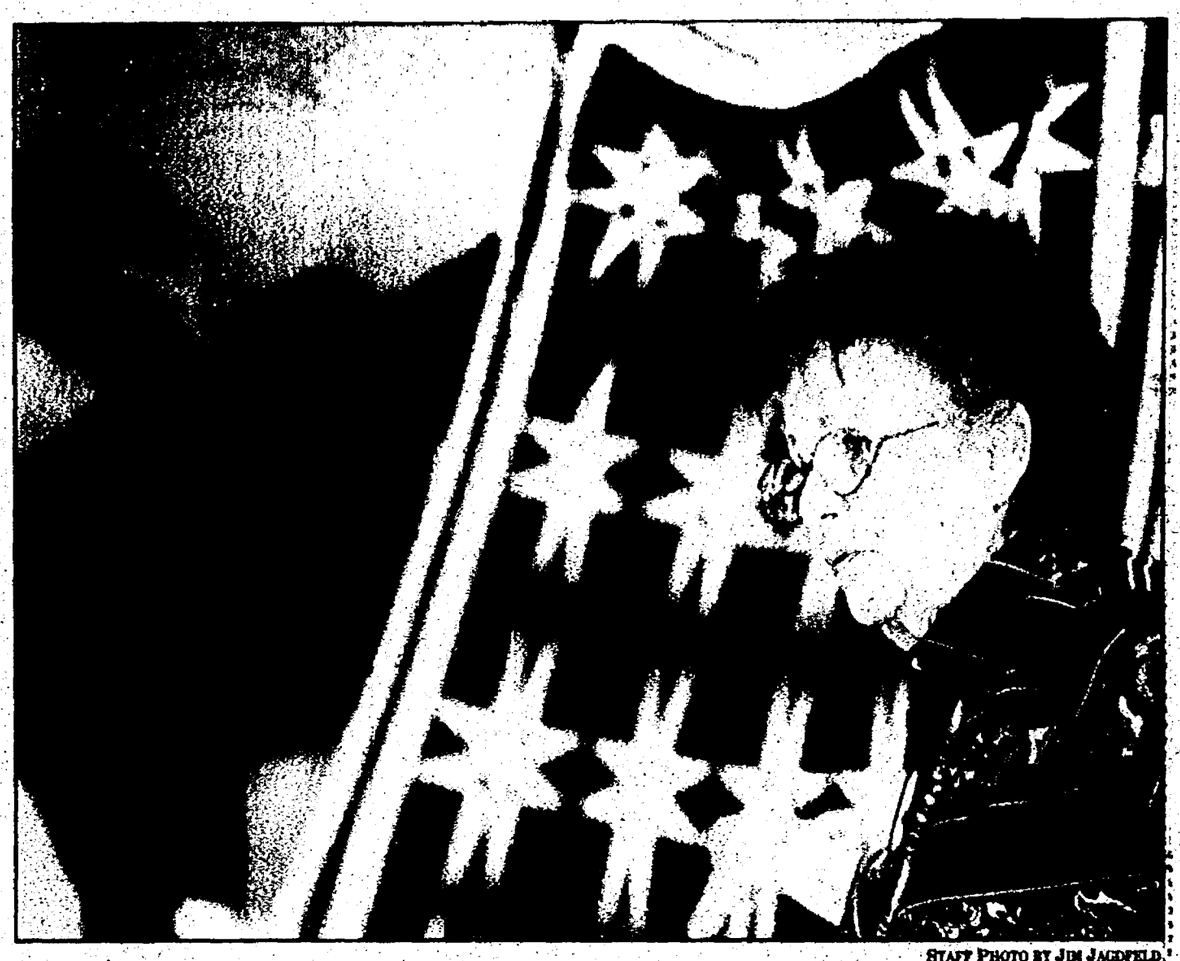
Silber is winding down her career in quilt collecting. She told her husband that she was done buying, but gave in her to urges and purchased a fleur de lis quilt.

"Pretty soon my collection will go to all my kids; all the ones they don't want will go to MSU," she said. "I'm completely sold on how they took care of them. They build special huge vaults that are acclimated right."

The Women's Resource Center's winter luncheon series kicks off 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30. The guest speaker will Jennifer Todd, a graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary arts program and an experienced cake decorator, who will tell participants everything they ever wanted to know about chocolate.

Upcoming programs include Kathleen Wider, author of "The Bodily Nature of Consciousness: Sartre and Contemporary Philosophy of Mind," on Feb. 20 and Minnie Adams who will talk about Elderhostels, a non-profit educational organization for older adults, on April 17.

Tickets for the individual luncheons are $14 per person. For more information, call the center at (734) 462-4443.



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Bit of history: *Elaine Tomalty of the Women'sResource Center helps Merry Silber display one of the several quilts in her collection, which spans more than 100 years.*

99s' lunch features pilot Bea Steadman

Fascinated by flying since childhood, Bea Steadman's experiences range from commercial pilot in 1946 to an astronaut candidate in 1961.

She will share her lifetime in aviation with members of the Michigan Chapter 99s and the public at a noon luncheon Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Fox and Hounds in Bloomfield Hills.

The luncheon costs $20 per person and includes a full lunch with a choice of chicken or beef. Reservations can be made by sending a check, payable to Michigan Chapter 99s, to Allison Drum, P.O. Box 39138, Redford 48239 by no later than Jan. 20.

Steadman started and operated her own flight school and charter service at Flint's Bishop Airport, where she trained pilots and sold aircraft. She received the highest Federal Aviation Administration rating of airline transport pilot and instructed Reserve Air Force officers after World War II.

She also flew in and won air races like the Transcontinental Air Race (Powder Puff Derby), International Air Race and Michigan SMALL Race.

In 1961, she was one of the original 25 women selected for possible participation in the space program and was one of 13 women who passed the Mercury program's medical examinations, meeting or exceeding the standards set by the Mercury astronauts who took the same test. Before flight training was approved, NASA decided not to allow women to become astronauts.

Elected president of the International 99s, an organization of women pilots active throughout the world, in 1968, Steadman is completing work on a book chronicling her experiences.

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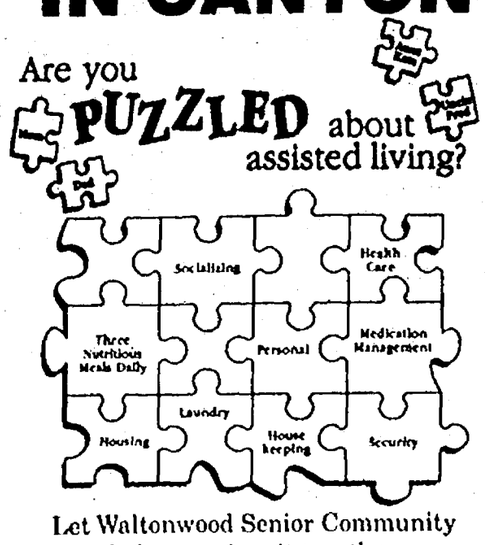

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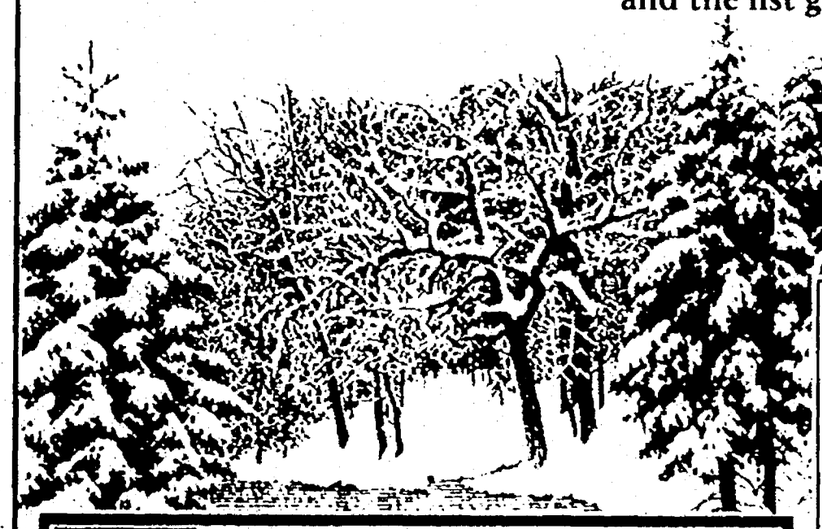

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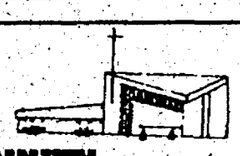

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Emilie Barnes to speak at Spring Break

Registration is being accepted for Ladies' Spring Break at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia on Saturday, March 7.

Author and speaker Emilie Barnes will be the featured speaker and will present the seminar, "More Hours in My Day," tailored to meet the concerns of women.

Based on her popular book of the same name, she will give practical tips on time management, home organization, setting priorities and creative hospitality.

Barnes has written 22 books and co-authored six cookbooks, with more than one million copies sold.

She has appeared on national television and radio programs, such as the "700 Club," Trinity Broadcasting Network, "Focus on Family" and "The Home Show."

The seminar will run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It costs $25 per person, including lunch.

To register or for more information, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

Memorial Church of Christ is at 35475 Five Mile Road, between Levan and Farmington roads, Livonia.

NEWBURG NIGHT OUT

Newburg United Methodist Church will present its eight-week Newburg Night Out program 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Jan. 15, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

An inexpensive dinner will be available 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by classes in "Parents of Adolescents," an educational series and discussion group to learn specific skills to guide your teen successfully into adulthood; "That the World May Know," a video tour of Biblical sites; "The Search for Meaning," exploration of the book, "The Search for Meaning" and learn how to come to grips with what it means to be a human being who lives, loves, works, plays, suffers and dies; and "Genesis and the Hidden Face of God," an exploration of the Genesis programs produced by PBS and led by Bill Moyers in conjunction with 38 biblical authorities.

Running at the same time will be drama and choirs for children. There also will be child care for younger children. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0149.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries's will have a game night at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. Participants are encouraged to bring their favorite game. Cost is $1 for snacks and beverages. Free child care is available. Single Point's next installment of "Talk It Over" program will feature Linda Limbers Mitchell speaking about "Goal Setting" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, in Knox Hall.

Indoor volleyball is offered at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Knox Hall. A $1 donation is suggested to help maintain the equipment. For more information, call (734) 422-1854.

REVIVAL

Pastor John Henderson of Victory Temple Church will present a revival 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Full Gospel Church, 291 E. Spring St. in Plymouth's Old Village. Henderson has been referred to as the Apostle by those who know his life and spirit. For more information, call the church at (313) 453-0323.

CHORAL FESTIVAL

The Redford Choral festival will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford.

Joining the Aldersgate choir will be the choirs of Redford Baptist Church, Covenant Community Church, St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Lola Valley United Methodist Church and St. James Presbyterian Church.

Each choir will sing individually and join together in singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" and "Blest Are They." The congregation also will sing favorite songs. The festival is free of charge.

SUNDAY LESSONS

"Your Time, Talent and Treasure" will be the lesson at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at Church of Today West in Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook, between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads, Novi. The church also offers youth education, a course in miracles at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and others courses in 4T, meditation and unity basics. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or at its Web site, http://www.cotw.com.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Membership classes for those wishing to join St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at the parsonage. The five-week course covers St. Matthew's Church, the United Methodist tradition and Christianity as a whole. For more information, call Don Besecker, church life coordinator, or the Rev. Chuck Sonquist, at (734) 422-6038. The church is at 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

CONFIDENTIAL HELP

Life Care Ministries of Livonia offers a free, confidential Christian telephone listening service 10 a.m.-10 p.m. by calling (734) 427-LIFE Monday through Saturday. Life Care Ministries can be reached through P.O. Box 530611, Livonia 48153-0611.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. The topic will be "Just what is a Christian Science practitioner?" on Jan. 18, "Christian Science and marriage and family life" on Jan. 25, "Does Christian Science do anything about the world's problems?" on Feb. 1, "What would a Christian Scientist do if he were in a serious accident?" on Feb. 8, "Why are you Christian Scientists always talking about healing?" on Feb. 15 and "How do Christian Scientists deal with financial concerns?" on Feb. 22.

"The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

DIVORCECARE

DivorceCare, a special 13-week video seminar and support group, is being offered 7:15-9:15 p.m. Sundays at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton Township. The series features nationally recognized experts covering such topics as "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," and "Forgiveness." Child care is available. Call (734) 459-3333 for more information.

'MIRACLES' COURSE

Unity of Livonia continues its "A Course in Miracles" 1-3 p.m. Mondays throughout January and February at the church, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The course combines spiritual wisdom and psychological insight into a practical answer to mankind's deepest innermost need. The purpose of the course is to teach the process of "removing the blocks to the awareness of love's presence." For more information, call the church at (734) 421-1760.

TEAMKID

TeamKid, a unique club which blends activity with interactive learning, discipleship and Bible memory, meets 5:45-8 p.m. Sundays at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The program is for children in grades 1-6 and provides practical Biblical answers in a fun and interesting setting. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-0472.

WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

Several churches in the area, including Canton Township's Geneva Presbyterian and Livonia's St. Matthew's United Methodist churches, are offering the "Weigh Down Workshop," a bible-based weight loss program. The workshop includes videotapes, audiotapes, group discussion and a workbook to use as a daily journal. The cost of the materials is $104.

The 12-week session will run Mondays, Jan. 19-April 6 at St. Matthew's, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call Beth McBain at (734) 495-0342.

The Geneva Presbyterian's group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the church, 5835 N. Sheldon Road, Canton Township. Contact the church at (734) 459-0013 for more information. People interested in the workshop but are not available on Mondays and Tuesdays can call (800) 844-5208 about other sessions in the area. There are more than 180 groups meeting in churches in the Detroit area.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Men Who Make a Difference, a small group of Christian men dedicated to the biblical principles of building a "Godly Man," meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The group is open to men of all denominations who wish to diligently seek the face of Jesus. For more information, call (734) 421-0472.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan is offering beginning and continuing Tai Chi classes 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Tai Chi is a series of gentle turning and stretching exercises that have been practiced by the Chinese since the 11th century. For more information, call (248) 332-1281.

STONE SOUP WEEKEND

Stone Soup, a winter weekend for people of all ages will be held 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

Designed to bring people together for fun, fellowship and education, participants will gather in Gutherie Hall Friday evening for singing and games

On Saturday, there will be a continental breakfast at 9 a.m., followed by the program of exploring who each person is and what gift each brings to the gathering. Following lunch, there will be a guest speaker and craft activities for the whole family.

After dinner, there will be activities for all ages , with a Gong Show, filled with silly'skits, closing out the weekend.

Stone Soup costs $10 per person and $25 per family and covers the pizza, continental breakfast, lunch, dinner and program. Child care will be provided for the youngest children on Saturday morning and afternoon, if needed.

To register, send a check, payable to Newburg United Methodist Church, to 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-0149.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will have a Together Dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Divine Providence Catholic Church, Nine Mile Road between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads. The charge will be $8, including refreshments. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

The group also meets on Sundays for breakfast and Mass – 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile Road, Livonia – call Val at (734) 729-1974 – for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Restaurant, Plymouth Road east of Merriman, Livonia, and for pinochle at 7 p.m. every other Friday – call Rose.

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, east of Merriman Road, Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, with "The Grief Process," presented by the Rev. Chuck Sonquist.

The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Dr. Duane Cuthbertson will be the special guest speaker at a marriage enrichment seminar offered at 6 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 8, 15 and 22, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton.

Cuthbertson is a professor of psychology at William Tyndale College, a conference/seminar speaker and author of "Marriage Manuel" and "Raising Your Child, Not Your Voice." He also is executive director of Growing Together Ministries.

The seminar topics will be "Why Marriages Fail" on Feb. 8, "How to Have a Conflict-Free Marriage" on Feb. 15 and "How to Correct Your Spouse and Get Away With it" on Feb. 22.

For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills and renew their love Friday through Sunday, Feb. 13-15 and March 20-22, at St. John's Family Life Center in Plymouth. For more information or to register, call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524.

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Teenagers: disturbing behavior or disturbed youth?

BY SYLVIE BOURGET

Children and adolescents are experts at letting you know that something is wrong without actually having to say one word except maybe, "NO."

Adolescence is a very perplexing transition during which challenges abound. Tools to be employed throughout a lifetime are learned and refined during this period. Mistakes and errors of judgment are expected and inevitable. Indeed, adolescence is the training ground for adult life. Foundations are tested, and values are questioned. Such challenges are the very essence of the inner turmoil so typical of adolescence.

When troubled, youths often become disturbing in their behavior. Some choose to act out and become overtly destructive, some withdraw. If parents start to feel like they are losing sight of what's happening with their youth, they may want to find out before problems develop. Drugs, because they are so easily available, can further complicate a disturbance by reinforcing the need to isolate oneself from the significant people in one's life.

Teenagers are busy trying out new ways, coming up with their own answers, comparing and readjusting. Because of their unfortunate easy access, drugs have the potential to become an avenue to be explored.

Drugs' potential to alter consciousness/awareness make them fascinating, especially for those teens struggling with higher levels of stress. Family dysfunction, the wrong friendships, fear of rejection and lack of confidence in oneself are all stressors that can lead to drug use in an attempt to quickly ease growing pains.

■ Professional intervention can ease transitions and address critical issues as they arise by facilitating awareness of available resources both from within and from outside the family system.

Some adolescents get caught up in drug experimentation, and then begin to abuse to escape what they feel is overwhelming. What started as a "fun" thing to do eventually leads to the avoidance of pressures and stresses which must be faced, if one is to develop healthier coping and emotional maturity. In such a way, drugs become the alternative to dealing with change, the pain involved in change and the fear of the unknown.

In a bad situation, the inability to face the necessary changes that would make things better can only make things worse. Parents need to remind themselves and their kids that even if coping hurts, and even if it's hard, it does not mean it's the wrong thing to do.

This is not to say that all adolescents who try drugs will become abusers. Nonetheless, experimentation implies the risk of developing serious and long lasting problems.

In times of crisis, susceptibility to make the wrong choices is heightened. Because the teen years are tumultuous ones, adolescents are less well equipped, more vulnerable to pressure, and more "crisis prone." The danger with drug use is that it provides an easy escape from those hard times and hard choices.

Some extraneous factors are also considered significant in the emergence of drug use, namely, alcoholism and other substance abuse in the family, strict discipline about abstinence and severe stress within the family.

Physical signs of drug use are not always obvious. The changes to be vigilant about are mostly behavioral, whether at school, with peers, or at home. Factors of significance are:

■ Changes in behavior – dishonesty, anger, extreme mood swings, withdrawal and isolation, loss of interest in hobbies and other activities and deteriorating sleep patterns.

■ Deteriorating grades and/or attendance at school.

■ Physical and mental deterioration – poor memory, attention and coordination, bloodshot eyes, persistent cough or runny nose, hyperactivity and/or lethargy.

Professional intervention can ease transitions and address critical issues as they arise by facilitating awareness of available resources both from within and from outside the family system.

A therapeutic relationship can help lead the way towards recovering a confident sense of who one is and, ultimately, of who one is to become. Resources are available within your community. Do not hesitate to reach out.

Sylvie Bourget, a master's level psychologist, provides outpatient therapy as well as crisis assessments at Northwestern Community Services, 6012 Merriman Road, Garden City.

NEW VOICES

Allan J. Bunker and **Stephanie A. Larsen** of Detroit announce the birth of **Angelo Rovano Bunker** Oct. 30 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Amanda, 11, and a brother, Brandon, 7. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bunker of Redford and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kmet of Dearborn Heights.

Aleica Langer of Wayne announces the birth of **Savannah Marie** Nov. 14 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a brother, Tyler Gage. Grandmother is Vicky Langer of Westland.

Greg and **Kelly Hovermale** of Westland announce the birth of **Jonathan Thomas** Nov. 3 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins two brothers, Steven, 5, and Austin, 2. Grandparents are Tom and Shirley Hovermale of Livonia.

Chris and **Jacquelyn Salva** of Taylor announce the birth of **Ryley Noel** Dec. 22 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a sister, Tiffany Anne. Grandparents are Gerald and Brenda Salva of Westland, Roger and Betty Riddle of Taylor and Craig Hirsch of Redford.

Scott and **Mary Gunn** of Livonia announce the birth of **Madelyn Elizabeth** Nov. 4 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Jordan, 2 1/2. Grandparents are John and Mary Miller and Don and Diana Gunn, all of Westland.

Timothy and **Tina Kahler** of Westland announce the birth of **Trevor Samuel** Nov. 17 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins sisters, Tiffany and Theresa. Grandparents are Stan and Joan Anderson of Beallsville, Ohio.

Efren Ochoa and **Angie Gilman** of Redford announce the birth of **Migel Ochoa Gilman** Nov. 5 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Mary Jane, 2. Grandparents are Robert and Cindy Gilman of Redford.

Ronald and **Denise Parko** of Livonia announce the birth of **Rene Lynn** April 30 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Patricia Parko of Livonia and Dennis and Dorothy Richard of West Bloomfield.

Elmer Glenn and **Kathie Miller** of Garden City announce the birth of **Glenn Michael** Nov. 6 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Elmer Glenn and Pat Miller and Kay Liske and Rick Kurylo, all of Garden City, and Gerald and Rose Marie Liske of Oxford.

David and **Julie Jones** of Pinckney announce the birth of **Julie Paige** born Dec. 18 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Grandparents are Patricia Parko of Livonia, Mable Jones of Westland and Carl Jones of Livonia.

Jason and **Jackie O'Connell** of Canton announce the birth of **Paige Gwendolyn** Nov. 6 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are George and Helen Smith of Westland and Dave and Shelley O'Connell of Brighton.

Brian and **Lisa Farley** of Plymouth announce the birth of **Leah Marie** Dec. 13 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Edward and Joyce Drew of Garden City and Gerald and Joyce Farley of Kankakee, Ill.

Dan and **Kathy Horner** of Livonia announce the birth of **Tyler Joseph** Nov. 11 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Don and Millie Bezenah of Dearborn Heights and Dan and Judy Horner of Livonia.

Kevin and **Lisa Beyer** of Livonia announce the birth of **Matthew Ronald** Nov. 20 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Ron and Joan Beyer of Waterford Township.

ANNIVERSARIES

Hendry

Ronald and Roberta Hendry recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner parties with family and friends

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 21, 1947, before the Rev. Dewitt Jones in Pleasant Ridge. They met in Woolworth's dime store. She is the former Roberta June McLachlan.

They have one daughter, Laura Shapiro of Livonia, and one grandson, David.

They are avid Laurel Park Place walkers and enjoy traveling with the Livonia Travel Club. A trip to Scotland is planned.

Constable

Dennis and Florence Constable of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 6 with a family dinner and a presentation of home movies from the 1950s.

The couple married on Dec. 6, 1947. Originally from Garden City, he was vacationing at his parents' cottage at Leamington, Ontario, in 1946. A native of Canada, her family was summering there. They met at a Pavilion Dance and were married the following year.

They have two children, Steve and Pattie of Southfield and Cheryl Rivard of Canton, and two grandchildren, Laura Marie and Jonathan Rivard.

Middleton

John and Elizabeth Middleton of Southfield celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Nov. 24 at an open house, given by Dr. and Mrs. Noel van Glahn of Novi.

The couple has three children – Nancy Huszti of Waterford, Mary von Glahn of Novi and June Robbs of Clarkston, six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

He was a tool and die maker for more than 50 years. She was a full-time homemaker. She also cared for three of the grandchildren and worked for 10 years as a secretary.

The Middletons are members of Unity of Livonia where he sings in the choir and she is a volunteer.

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Heather Williamson Messenger died suddenly in Chaplin, Ct. She is survived by her son Dane, parents Barb and Dan Williamson of Northville; brothers Dan, Jr. of Wheaton, Il; and (Flash) Gordon of Clearwater, FL; and sister Hannah of Northville.

Heather was born in Detroit, educated at Southfield-Lathrup High, received her bachelors degree from Northern Mich Univ and master's degree from Univ of Oregon. At the time of her death she was the Executive Editor of *Laser Focus World*, a PennWell Publishing Co. magazine.

The family will receive friends **Saturday, Jan 17 between 1:00 and 4:00** at Bushwood Golf and Restaurant, 39430 Dun Rovin, Northville. The facility is off Haggerty Road between 5 Mile and 6 Mile roads.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations in her honor be sent to Kids in Crisis; One Salem Street, Cos Cob, CT 06807.

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Whitfield Invitational

The seventh annual Jason Whitfield Gymnastics Invitational will be Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 24-25, at the University of Michigan's Cliff Keen Arena in Ann Arbor.

The meet is in memory of former Westland gymnast and Livonia Franklin student Jason Whitfield, a U.S. National Team member who was killed in a motorcyle mishap in 1991.

Approximately 455 gymnasts from across the U.S. and Canada will compete in four different sessions.

Admission is $3 for adults and $2 for senior citizens and students (ages 5-18). Children under-5 and U-M students (with ID) will be admitted free.

Class II and IV starts at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, followed by Class I, III and elites at 1 p.m.

After the second session on Saturday, Michigan will host Penn State and the University of Iowa in a collegiate tri-meet beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

The third session opens at 8 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 25 followed by the Class VI and Capitol Cup rotation at 1 p.m.

Commemorative Whitfield shirts and posters will be on sale.

Proceeds will go toward the Jason Whitfield Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

This year's scholarship winners include Aaron Cotter ($3,000), Yewki Tomita ($2,500) and Brad Kenna ($2,000).

For more information, call (313) 525-1847.

Youth hockey champs

The Livonia Hockey Association Squirt Devils, coached by Steve Kolasinski, bounced back from an opening round-loss to win the Farmington Hills 1997 Holiday Tournament.

Goalie Sami Burrows (Livonia) posted his second tournament shutout in a 3-0 win over Farmington, the same team which defeated the Devils in the first round, 4-1.

The Devils also posted wins over Plymouth (4-3), Livonia Kings twice (3-1 and 1-0).

Brad Fischer (Livonia) tallied seven goals in the tournament to lead the Devils offense.

Other members of the Devils include: Alex Burrows, Chris Roskelly, Stich Wilson, Jamie Donahue, Cody Brehm, Andrew Cesario, Colin Fitzgerald, Alan Perreault, Garrett Swezene, Alan Fritsch and Frank Gribeck, all from Livonia; Nick Leadford, Canton; Nick Karebian, Northville; and Kyle Kolasinski, Howell.

Assistant coaches include John Karebian, Steve Cesario, Gary Leadford and Terry Jobbitt.

The team is sponsored by Mr. Bob's Chicken of Redford; RSI Wholesale and RHE-TECH, Inc.

New soccer officials

Training for new soccer referees (ages 12 and up) will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 24 and 31 and Feb. 14 and 21 at the Bailey Center in Westland.

A certification test will be administered during the final class.

The cost for the session is $43. Class size is limited.

For more information, call (313) 459-4875.

Tennis coach wanted

Chippewa Valley High School is seeking a qualified varsity boys tennis coach.

Candidate should contact athletic director Michael Fusco at (810) 228-5569, or fax a letter of interest at (810) 412-1646.

Travel baseball tryouts

The Garden City Little Caesars Pee Wee Reese baseball team (for 11 and 12-year olds) is having registration and tryouts on separate days later this month.

Registration is from 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the Maplewood Community Center. Tryouts are 3-7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 31, at Garden City High School's gym.

For more information, contact team manager David Noonan at 427-6397.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to: Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (313) 591-7279.

Westland pair medals in Philly

Hartsells return home with bronze

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Medalists: *Danielle and Steve Hartsell proudly display the bronze medals they captured last week in Philadelphia, Pa.*

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

FIGURE SKATING

For Westland's Danielle and Steve Hartsell, fresh from a bronze medal performance in Senior Pairs competition at last week's U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Philadelphia, it's time for a little rest and relaxation.

"I get to hang out with my school friends and eat ice cream, but don't tell my coach about the ice cream," said 17-year-old Danielle, a junior at John Glenn High School.

"It's time to have fun, relax and not worry about the pressure of competing or practicing, and it gives you more time to concentrate on school," said 20-year-old Steve, who attends classes at Oakland University.

Actually, the brother and sister team will take only a few days off before preparing for an exhibition next weekend to benefit the Detroit Skating Club of Bloomfield Hills. They will also do a couple of other area shows this spring before retooling their routines in earnest this summer at the DSC.

"We'll be working on new tricks and we'll try to make everything better," Danielle said. "We'll work on new programs and look for new music and new ideas for next winter."

For the 1997 World Junior Figure Skating champions, it's been a tedious and fulfilling season. During the fall they competed in three international competitions — Skate America in Detroit, Vienna, Austria and Paris France.

They also improved on their fifth-place finish of a year ago at the U.S. Nationals when it was held in Nashville, Tenn.

At the CoreStates Center in Philadelphia, the Hartsells, placing a high priority on artistic marks, received scores ranging from 5.2 to 5.5 for technical merit and 5.1 to 5.5 for presentation during their long program Friday night.

They moved from fourth to third when three-time U.S. champion and two-time World bronze medalists Jenni Meno and Todd Sand pulled out of Friday's long program because of injury. (Meno withdrew because of an ankle injury suffered the same day in practice.)

Headed next month to the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan are the first-place team, Kyoko Ina and Jason Dungjen, along with Meno and Sand.

Silver medalists Shelby Lyons and Brian Wells did not earn one of the two Olympic berths.

"This year we wanted to remain in the top five," Danielle said. "And no matter what, we wanted to skate a better better overall presentation because our technical skating has always been our strong point."

Johnny Johns, who has been coaching the Hartsells for nine years, was satisfied with the result.

"This was probably not one of their best as far as skating," he said. "The short program was a little sloppy and the long program got a little slow at the end. In two or three international events, they did better. But they went into the competition to do no worse than last year and they made their goal."

Johns called it a "long week" for the Westland pair.

"They got there Saturday (Jan. 3) and it's hard to maintain that edge because TV dictated the sched-

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John Glenn corrals Mustangs, 80-64

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

BOYS BASKETBALL

It may only have been Scott Baldwin's second game coaching in the Western Lakes Activities Association Tuesday, but the Westland John Glenn basketball team made the rookie coach a believer.

The young Rockets did little wrong in beating visiting Northville 80-64, making it easy to see why Baldwin was impressed.

"They were a dominant team tonight and I'm not sure there's a team around that could have beat them tonight," Baldwin said.

The win propelled the Rockets to the .500 mark at 3-3, and improved their record in the WLAA to 2-0. After last week's league-opening 59-41 victory over Plymouth Canton, Glenn has made a statement that it will be a team to contend with.

After a 4-0 start in the preseason which included an impressive victory over Brighton, Northville slipped to 4-2 overall and 0-2 in the league.

Leading the way for Glenn was junior guard Devin White, who scored 19 points. Eric Jones and Stephen Lawson added 18 and 14 points respectively. Sophomore center Yaku Moton chipped in with 10 points and 17 rebounds.

The Mustangs received a game-high 20 points from senior guard David Terakedis. Senior guard Kelly Bingley added 15 points.

Glenn coach Mike Schuette was humble when he heard Baldwin's praises, but was pleased with his team's performance.

"We're at 3-3 and had a hard time getting there," the Glenn coach said. "But we're a young team and trying to get better each game."

By the results, the Rockets played their best ball of the season Tuesday. Glenn shot 54 percent from the floor (28-of-53) and dominated the boards, holding a 37-13 advantage.

"They were so much more physical than us and they have an incredible group of athletes that put together a great game tonight," Baldwin said. "When you lose to a team that played like Glenn did tonight, it helps you accept the loss."

In addition to being more physical and athletic, the Rockets proved to be deeper. In a unique coaching move, Schuette started the game with five players, three of whom usually come off the bench. At the 5:42 mark, Schuette inserted five new players, including three usual starters (Lawson, Jones and Moton).

The result was a quick 5-0 run, which sparked the Rockets to a 14-3 lead after the first quarter.

"I typically don't have our starters playing until the second quarter but decided to break the team up tonight," Schuette said. "All the players practice hard so I tried this approach for the first time. And I like the results."

Glenn continued its hot shooting in the second quarter, spoiling Baldwin's coaching strategy.

"We started in a zone defense, but they were hitting their three-pointers," Baldwin said. "When we came out to challenge the three, they started beating us inside."

The Rockets opened up leads by as many as 16 points in the third quarter, but the Mustangs stayed in the game with the three-point shot. In a span of 2:03, Northville hit four triples – two by Bingley.

Both showed impressive range, nailing seven three-pointers each.

After the Mustangs rallied to close the deficit to 54-42 end the third quarter, the Rockets again took control in the fourth. Glenn increased its lead to 22 points and ruined any Northville comeback hopes.

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STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Top hitter: *Stevenson junior Stephanie Dulz cuts loose for one of her 11 kills against Westland John Glenn as Brenda Pederson looks on.*

Smooth ride

Stevenson girls rule at Madonna

VOLLEYBALL

Livonia Stevenson is staging its own Auto Show in the western suburbs.

The Spartans continue to hit all cylinders following a 15-5, 15-5 volleyball victory Monday over visiting Westland John Glenn.

They also put on an impressive display Saturday at the 10-team Madonna Invitational tournament by beating Redford Thurston in the championship match, 15-11, 15-5.

Stevenson is now 16-2-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"We're getting a lot better with each match and it's nice to see that they're winning," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "Having 10 girls on the team is beneficial and the 10 we have are contributing."

Junior Stephanie Dulz led Stevenson against Glenn with 11 kills.

"She's just an awesome middle blocker — very smart hitter who sees the block," Glenn coach Stacy Graham said. "She can hit it right side and left side, depending on the block, and just drills it."

Kate LeBlanc added five kills, while Lindsey Pfeifer added two kills and was six-for-six serving.

Sarah Wittrock was 13-for-13 serving with three aces and had 10 assists. The other setter, Czech Republic exchange student Irena Bicankova, added seven assists. Brenda Pederson was five-of-five serving with one ace.

Glenn, which slipped to 3-6-3 overall and 1-1 in the WLAA, got four kills from Jamie Barker and two solo blocks from Noelle Swartz.

On Saturday, Stevenson reached the final with a 15-8, 15-3 win over Livonia Churchill.

The Spartans won all four matches in pool play, defeating Livonia Clarenceville (15-7, 15-13), Redford Bishop Borgess (15-3, 15-6), South Lyon (15-8, 15-2) and Thurston (15-13, 15-3).

Dulz had 55 kills on the day with 16 solo blocks. LeBlanc added 33 kills and nine solo blocks and Pfeifer had 12 kills and three aces.

Setter Wittrock led with 68 total assists and was 63 of 66 serving with 12 aces. Bicankova had 48 assists and 14 kills.

Thurston ousted Livonia Franklin in the other semifinal, 15-7, 15-9.

The Patriots won their pool with a 7-1 record, downing Garden City (15-4, 15-7), Churchill (15-9, 15-8), Lincoln Park (15-5, 15-10), and splitting with Novi (13-15, 15-9).

Senior captain Brooke Hensman led Franklin with 21 kills, 13 blocks, seven aces and a .950 serve reception percentage.

Sophomore Tera Morrill added 13 kills, 15 aces, five blocks and a .953 serve percentage. She served seven straight aces against Lincoln Park.

Other Franklin standouts included Andrea Kmet (19 kills and 19 blocks), setter Lyndsay Sopko (48 assists and eight blocks), Danielle Wensing (30 digs, 12 kills and 22 serves without an error) and Nicole Boyd (front row play off the bench.)

Churchill finished 1-1-2 in pool play before being ousted by Stevenson. The Chargers defeated Garden City (15-3, 15-1); split with Novi (13-15, 15-8) and Lincoln Park (15-4, 9-15) and lost to Franklin.

The Chargers were led by hitters Luba Steca (20 kills), Beth Rutkowski (15 kills) and Lisa Fabirkiewicz (12 kills).

Courtney Lim served 12 points in the win over Garden City, while Jenny Laidlaw served eight straight in the second-game win over Novi.

Coach Mike Hughes also min-

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Jan. 15
Inkster at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
Canton Agape at Greater Life, 7 p.m.
Luth. North at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Wyandotte at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Salem at Harrison, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Borgess at Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.
DeLaSalle at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
St. Alphonsus at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.
PCA at Southfield Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Warren Zoe at Marshall Jr. High, 7:30 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Saturday, Jan. 17
Ply. Whalers at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 18
Whalers vs. Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Jan. 16
Franklin vs. Lakeland, Stevenson vs. South Lyon at Edgar Arena, 4 & 6 p.m.
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Churchill vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Churchill vs. Redford Union at Redford Ice Arena, 1 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Trenton at Redford Ice Arena, 6 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Jan. 15
Ladywood at Bishop Foley, 6:30 p.m.
Mercy at Riv. Richard, 6:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at DePaul, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
Agape at Greater Life, 4:30 p.m.
Country Day at Luth. W'sid, 5:30 p.m.
Ecorse at Ply. Christian, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Comstock Tournament, 8 a.m.
Salem Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Wayne Invitational, 8:30 p.m.
Whitmore Lake Tournament, TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 17
Wayne County at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
Alpena at OCC-Highland Lakes, 4 p.m.
Madonna at Concordia, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Thursday, Jan. 15
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Wayne County at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
Concordia at Madonna, 7 p.m.

TBA — time to be announced.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING RESULTS

24th annual
DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL WRESTLING INVITATIONAL
Jan. 10 at Redford CC

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Temperance Bedford, 183; 2. Holt, 157.5; 3. Romeo, 155.5; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 107; 5. Fowlerville, 102.5; 6. Redford Catholic Central, 80; 7. Clarkston, 79; 8. Anchor Bay, 76; 9. Howell, 70; 10. Birmingham Brother Rice, 67; 11. Davison, 59; 12. Garden City, 49.5; 13. Warren Lincoln, 46.5; 14. Oxford, 42.5; 15. Fruitport, 41; 16. Westland John Glenn, 38.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Heavyweight: Casey Rogowski (CC) p. Spencer Lang (AB), 3:25; **consolation:** Jon Robinson (Clarkston) p. Art Snowberger (Bedford), 2:59; **5th-6th:** Josh Shuh (Howell) p. Carl Hammaker (Rice), 0:27.

103 pounds: Scott Norton (Romeo) decisioned Craig Trombley (AB), 7-5; **consolation:** Ryan Waslelewski (TB) major dec. Pat Sayn (GC), 14-2; **5th-6th:** Jack Scott (Holt) dec. Joe Moreau (Stevenson), 8-4.

112: A.J. Grant (Clarkston) major dec. Jim Borowski (Romeo), 13-3; **consolation:** Katsuhiko Sueda (Stevenson) dec. Jim Brighton (Bedford), 4-3; **5th-6th:** Tom Kleinschmidt (Fowlerville) p. Vinnie Zoccoli (GC), 3:35.

119: Justin Bronkema (Bedford) dec. Chris Goins (Stevenson), 5-1; **consolation:** Tim Pabst (Lincoln) p. James Smith (Howell), 4:26; **5th-6th:** Ryan McAleer (Clarkston) dec. Manuel Garcia (Holt), 5-2.

125: Nick Trombley (AB) p. Jon Nagy (Romeo), 5:09; **consolation:** Zak Brown (Bedford) p. Joe Whitman (Davison), 0:31; **5th-6th:** Richard Bair (Howell) p. R.J. Strzalkowski (Fowlerville), 2:07.

130: Aaron Curtis (Oxford) dec. Casey Roberts (Bedford), 6-2; **consolation:** Greg Parrott (Holt) dec. Nick Culver (Howell), 4-3; **5th-6th:** Ryan Atwood (GC) p. Chris Gomez (Clarkston), 2:25.

135: Dan Seder (Stevenson) dec. Mitch Hancock (CC), 7-0; **consolation:** Dan Call (Fowlerville) p. R.J. Eding (Holt), 4:43; **5th-6th:** Jeremy Barrios (Rice) dec. Rocky Bills (Clarkston), 8-5.

140: Deven Lambert (Holt) won by default over Joe Streeter (Davison); **consolation:** Brian Tibal (Bedford) dec. Mike Stadler (Lincoln), 1-0; **5th-6th:** Jason Ferich (Fowlerville) dec. Kevin Harrington (Rice), 13-6.

145: Russell Clark (Holt) p. Jeff Brach (Stevenson), 3:17; **consolation:** Mike Briggs (Fruitport) major dec. Nick DiLegge (Romeo), 11-1; **5th-6th:** Aron Marurek (Lincoln) major dec. Kevin Turnbull (Clarkston), 11-1.

152: Brandon Cooper (Holt) dec. Kevin Lee (Fruitport), 11-5; **consolation:** Doug Norton (Romeo) dec. John Fedulchak (John Glenn), 10-8 (overtime); **5th-6th:** Ryan Ditty (Bedford) dec. Andy Auten (Clarkston), 7-4.

160: David Filarski (Romeo) dec. Scott Opdyke (Bedford), 5-3; **consolation:** Brian Barker (Stevenson) p. Scott Filburn (Fowlerville), 3:43; **5th-6th:** Rick Samona (Rice) dec. Matt Biddinger (John Glenn), 8-6.

171: Darin Ross (Holt) p. Jeremy Wellman (Fowlerville), 3:06; **consolation:** Jason Ireland (Romeo) dec. Brian Hinzman (GC), 3-1; **5th-6th:** Bruce Mayrand (Rice) won by default over Jeff Hooper (Bedford).

189: Ray Tyle (Fowlerville) p. Matt Culver (Howell), 4:15; **consolation:** Brian Dimmer (Romeo) dec. Pat Mucha (Rice), 5-3; **5th-6th:** Tom Shaver (Holt) dec. Jim Schmidt (Bedford), 9-8.

215: Broco Naysmith (CC) major dec. Corey Andrews (Bedford), 13-4; **consolation:** Nick LaFear (Davison) dec. Jake Tharp (John Glenn), 7-0; **5th-6th:** Preston Phelps (Oxford) p. John Dawe (Romeo), 2:40.

MVP: A.J. Grant, 112, Clarkston.

21st annual
DEARBORN FORDSON WRESTLING INVITATIONAL
Jan. 10 at Fordson

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Grosse Pointe North, 205.5 points; 2. Allen Park, 169.5; 3. Redford Thurston, 127; 4. Dearborn Fordson, 109; 5. Dearborn Divine Child, 95; 6. Lutheran Westland, 75.5; 7. Inkster, 61; 8. Harper Woods Lutheran East, 47; 9. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 45; 10. Livonia Franklin, 29.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Heavyweight: Matt Meyer (LW) pinned Drew Daronco (AP), 4:37; **consolation:** Ryan Stevenson (GPN) decisioned Bilal Amen (DF), 3-1.

103 pounds: Ben Brown (LW) p. Montana Arble (AP), 2:40; **consolation:** Jason Gossiaux (DDC) dec. Mike Goy (RT), 6-4.

112: Lawrence Haddad (RT) p. Robert Hudson (I), 3:24; **consolation:** Joe Guardiola (AP) p. Chris Koscinski (GPN), 2:30.

119: Bryan Rizsak (AP) p. Scott Lincoln (LE), 2:37; **consolation:** Darin Dobbins (GPN) p. Eric Mayville (DHC), 0:58.

125: Tim McPartlin (AP) dec. Pete Didyk (DDC), 10-3; **consolation:** Matt Kellett (GPN) dec. Eugene Antonelli (RT), 1-0.

130: Derek Phillips (GPN) p. Mike Franklin (I), 1:00; **consolation:** Moussa Hamka (DF) p. Derek Azzopardi (LF), 2:13.

135: Jacob Short (AP) p. Andrew Ebendick (LW), 5:19; **consolation:** Jeff Usher (RT) dec. John Jones (LE), 10-2.

140: Tony McCormick (AP) p. Dave Guerreso (DHC), 3:19; **consolation:** Matt Jubera (GPN) dec. Bill Denton (DDC), 5-1.

145: Eddie Wright (GPN) p. Cary Ossiff (AP), 5:40; **consolation:** Alex Agius (RT) dec. Ryan Shiplett (LF), 6-5.

152: James Evans (DF) dec. David Hirt (GPN), 11-4; **consolation:** Jeremy Rockwell (RT) dec. Tony Spencer (DDC), 10-4.

160: Belal Majed (DF) p. Ashanti Walton (I), 3:17; **consolation:** Jeff Kalkhoff (GPN) p. Bill Jones (LE), 3:28.

171: Gary Bordato (GPN) p. Mike Mandjack (DDC), 1:27; **consolation:** Joe Wizinsky (DHC) dec. Ryan Jones (AP), 8-5.

189: Tim Baron (RT) p. Nejran Alqirsh (DF), 6:47 (overtime); **consolation:** Joe Brennan (GPN) p. Amit Amin (DDC), 4:37.

215: Hussam Essa (DF) dec. Chad Cooper (GPN), 18-5; **consolation:** Bryant Lawrence (RT) p. Greg Kelly (DDC), 1:23.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

MVP (103-130): Derek Phillips (Grosse Pointe North); **MVP (135-160):** Jacob Short (Allen Park); **MVP (171-275):** Hussam Essa (Fordson); **Hustler:** Phillips (130), three pins in 1:50.

Repeat champions (3): Phillips

Repeat champions (2): McPartlin, McCormick, Wright, Evans, Majed, Bordato, Baron.

DUAL MEET RESULTS
FARMINGTON HIGH 50
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 25
Jan. 13 at Farmington

103: Jason Lesniowski (WJG) dec. Matt Krueger, 12-2; **112:** Mike Pardy (F) pin. Chris Smith, 1:29; **119:** Jeff Albrecht (WJG) pin. Joe Seymour, 3:48; **125:** Ernie Guerra (WJG) dec. Robyn Firman, 13-6; **130:** Tony Lema (F) dec. Derek Gusmondi, 10-3; **135:** Jerry Lema (F) pin. Chris Wolfgang, 3:59; **140:** Martin Spinks (F) pin. Alan Waddell, 0:43; **145:** Sevan Sahiner (F) won by void; **152:** John Fedulchak (WJG) pin. Dustin Gress, 3:51; **160:** Dean Gozowsky (F) pin. Matt Biddinger, 1:33; **171:** Ben Lukas (F) pin. Ryan Raitry, 5:50; **189:** Andrew Wood (F) won by void; **215:** Jake Tharp (WJG) pin. Carl Pridmore, 0:53; **275:** Sean Tranchida (F) won by void.

Farmington records: 7-4-1 overall, 1-1 Lakes Division.

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gled out the play of Jenny Duncan, who showed great hustle to go along with an outstanding dig in the Lincoln Park match.

"We're making steady progress," said Hughes, whose team is 3-4-4 overall.

Zebras block GC

Wayne Memorial evened its Mega Conference-Blue Division record to 1-1 with a 15-9, 15-4 victory Monday against visiting Garden City.

The Zebras, now 2-3-3, were led by hitters Beth Molitor (seven kills and three solo blocks) and Kristen Kehrer (five kills and five solo blocks).

Coach Laura Fisher also received strong setting from Kristen Boll and Jenny Wojie, along with strong defensive play from Melissa Jones, Bridget O'Rourke and Carly James.

Junior Rachel Raines also played a strong offensive and defensive game.

"We played excellent volleyball and I couldn't ask for anything more," Fisher said. "We corrected our mistakes as the match went on. We're still young, but we're a completely different team than last year."

Wayne returns to action Saturday when it will host an eight-team tournament. Pool play matches start at 8:30 a.m.

Pool A will consist of Battle Creek Central, Monroe, Dearborn Heights Crestwood and Wayne Memorial.

Pool B features Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn, Belleville and Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Ladywood triumphs

Livonia Ladywood ran its overall record to 22-4 with a 15-4, 16-4 Catholic League Central Division victory Tuesday over host Harper Woods Regina.

Natalie Rozell served seven straight aces in the first game.

Rebecca Thornton and Sarah Poglits were the Blazers' top hitters with four and three kills, respectively.

Leslie Orzech contributed three blocks, while Andrea Rahaley had nine assists. Jenny Lachapelle was the top digger with six.

In tournament play Saturday, Ladywood was ousted in the semifinals by host Bay City Central, 16-14, 6-15, 15-4.

The Blazers went 2-0 in pool play and won two elimination matches — 15-3, 15-9 over Birch Run and 15-7, 15-9 over Midland.

Huron Valley falls

After winning its first games Saturday in three seasons of trying in the Plymouth Christian Academy tournament, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran absorbed a 15-8, 15-8 defeat Tuesday night at the hands of Bloomfield Hills Roeper.

"We played hard and we played well against one of the top teams on our schedule," coach Jeff Hale of the Hawks said after the loss to Roeper dropped his team to 2-3-2.

"The girls played very well defensively and the team passed well," he said. "They hustled and made a lot of good saves."

Erratic serving continued to plague Huron Valley, which plays Saturday in a tournament at Whitmore Lake.

Junior Katie Orlandoni played well defensively against Roeper while Stephanie Graves had two kills and two blocks.

At the Plymouth Christian Tournament, Huron Valley split with the host school and Saline Christian in pool play before losing to Warren Zoe Christian.

Zoe Christian drew Huron Valley in the semifinals and won in straight games but the Hawks rebounded and beat host Plymouth Christian in the battle for third place.

"Our offense is not where we want it to be," Hale said. "But we're playing well for a young team. Gretchen Grosinske played well in the back row in the tournament. She's providing the passing we need back there."

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ule," the DSC coach said. "Besides the competition, they were going to two practices a day and the judges were always watching. It was like they were on call. There was a lot of mental fatigue."

The Hartsells found themselves constantly under the microscope.

"It was extremely tense, especially in an Olympic year because everyone is looking to place higher," Steve said. "The practices, and what you go through, on and off the ice, is a lot to handle. You really have to concentrate. Ninety percent of it is mental."

But the Hartsells were pleased to come away with the Bronze.

"It's good competition — plus for us to do that well is great, and it meant we were in the hunt," Danielle said.

ABC commentators Dick Button and Peggy Fleming called the Hartsells "a strong, confident team with a good future."

"Next year is a critical year to break into that upper echelon," John said. "I've been with them for nine years and actually their attitude has been the same from Day One. They're hungry and they have a strong desire to reach their goal and achieve them."

The 2002 Winter Olympics will be in Salt Lake City, Utah. And by then, the Hartsells want to be entrenched as one of America's top two teams.

"This is a good stepping stone as far as the next two or three years and the next Olympics," Danielle said. "Most of the teams here (in Philadelphia) will be retiring and now we have a chance to prove we're better than the teams in our same group, including the up-and-coming ones."

The Hartsells sometimes compare themselves with other teams.

"Basically it depends on the competition, but you tend to look at what the other teams are doing," Danielle said. "We'll just try to get more polished, but it's important to find our own style. We have all the elements and tricks, we just have to take the next step."

For Danielle, she must sacrifice time in the classroom. She has missed 26 days of school this year, but through the cooperation of her teachers, she is allowed ample time to do make-up work.

"We're both competitive in whatever we do," Danielle said.

Added Steve: "We're both fighters and we know what we want. We don't want to get beat."

But with the competition out of the way for now, how about a little dish of ice cream for the Hartsells?

PAUL HARVATH

Bronze medalists: *Danielle and Steve Hartsell moved up from third to fifth in the Senior Pairs Division from a year ago in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.*

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Birmingham power-play goals difference in win vs. Churchill

Evan Cunningham scored a pair of power-play goals Saturday to lift host Birmingham Unified to a 4-1 prep hockey victory over Livonia Churchill in a game played at Cranbrook's Wallace Arena.

Birmingham is now 6-5 overall, while Churchill drops to 5-3-2.

Chad Herron and Brian Del Dotto each added goals for Birmingham, which led 3-1 after two periods.

Freshman goaltender Tim Shea made 30 saves.

Churchill was one-for-eight on the power-play.

Anton Sutovsky scored on the power-play from Ed Rossetto for the Chargers' lone goal.

"We didn't just show up to play," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "We were standing around in the first period. We looked like we were down in the dumps and by the time we got it rolling, it was too late.

"I would expect you will not see that kind of effort from Churchill again. I think we learned a valuable lesson, that if we don't show up to play, we won't accomplish our goals for the season. There are a lot of teams out there capable of beating us."

In other games:

•REDFORD CC 5, CABRINI 1: Five players scored goals for Redford Catholic Central in Saturday's victory over Allen Park Cabrini at the Redford Ice Arena.

Jason Tardif, Joe Beaudoin, Eric Hawkins, Dan Morrell and Todd Bentley had the CC goals.

Tardif opened the scoring at 5:01 of the first period, converting off assists from Pete Moss and Greg Berger.

Cabrini tied the score at 1-1 with a goal by Aaron

ROUNDUP

McLean from Jim Harrison and Joe Lalli at 9:02.

But with less than a minute remaining in the first period, the Shamrocks went ahead for good as Beaudoin scored with assists to Dave Turner and Pat O'Dea.

CC raised the lead to 3-1 when Eric Hawkins scored with assists to John Bowers and Keith Rowe at 6:40 of the second period. Dan Morrell made the lead 4-1 when he scored his first varsity goal, assisted by Tony Keshishian and Nathan LeWarne, at 11:08 of the second period.

Bentley finished the scoring with a goal at 13:36 of the third period, assisted by Dan Morrell and LeWarne.

The Shamrocks had a 33-7 advantage in shots on goal. Rickey Marnon played the first two periods in goal before being relieved by Tom Monnier.

The Shamrocks, who played a game at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook on Wednesday, are as ready as they can be for Saturday's game against state power Trenton at Redford.

"We're worried about Trenton," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "If you don't respect the competition you're not going to beat them very often. They are strong, fast and I think one of the best teams in the state."

St. John isn't sure being on their home ice is an advantage for the Shamrocks.

"I think it goes out the window when we play those guys (Trenton)," he said. "We'll know pretty well Saturday night when it's all over where we stand. Trenton's always a quality team."

Whalers get Barrie-d alive, 7-3

The Plymouth Whalers suffered their second straight defeat Sunday by dropping a 7-3 Ontario Hockey League game to host Barrie.

Down 3-2 heading into the third period, the Whalers' Paul Mara tied the game. The defenseman scored his 11th goal of the year just 27 seconds into the period as David Legwand and Andrew Taylor assisted.

But it was downhill from there. Barrie, which leads the Central Division of the OHL, scored four unanswered goals to win going away.

Plymouth's other two goals came in the second period. Taylor netted his 19th and Mara had the first of his two goals.

The loss was Plymouth's second in a row. The Whalers remain second in the West Division with 47 points — six behind the London Knights.

•BELLEVILLE 3, WHALERS 1: Defense cost Plymouth Saturday's road game against the Bulls.

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The Whalers held a 1-0 going into the third period. Jesse Boulerice scored his 11th goal of the season at the 7:58 mark of the second period.

Belleville broke through against Whalers' goalie Robert Esche at 8:50 of the third. The Bulls got the game-winner with less than two minutes to go then added an empty seconds later.

Plymouth plays two more games on the road this weekend. Saturday, the Whalers will travel to Sudbury and Sunday take on Windsor.

Notes: David Legwand continues to lead the Whalers in scoring. He has 38 goals and 28 assists for 66 points.

Harold Druken is second on the team with 21 goals and 21 assists. Andrew Taylor has 19 goals and Yuri Babenko 14 assists.

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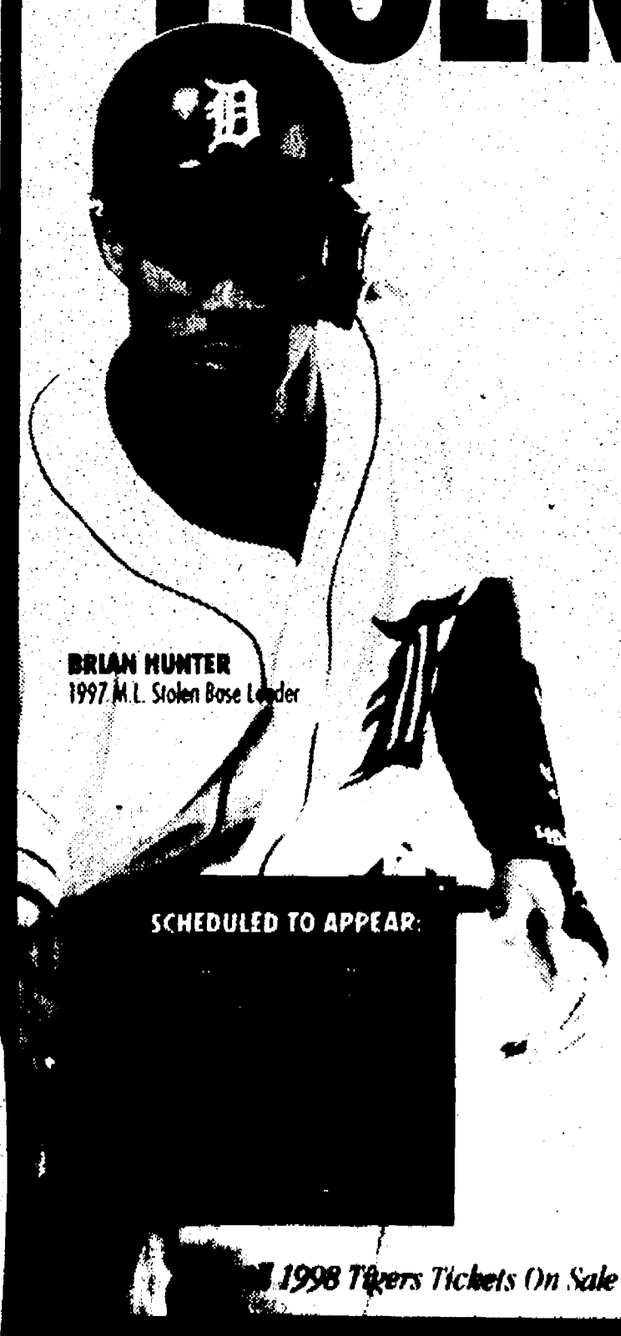

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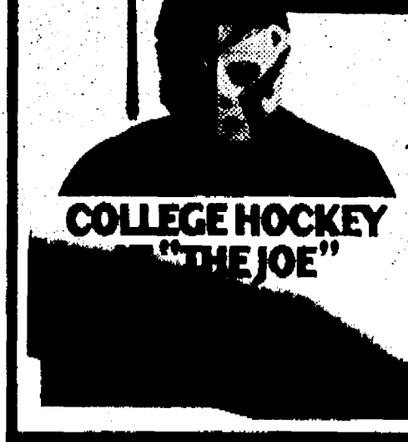

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Wayne knocks off Willow Run

Previously unbeaten Flyers sunk by Williams' 27 points

It's been a long season for Coach Chuck Henry at Wayne Memorial — already.

Wayne Memorial went to Willow Run on Tuesday night and handed the Flyers their first loss of the season, 69-59, to gain the Zebras' first victory of the season in three Michigan Mega Conference Red Division tries.

It also stopped a four-game losing skid for the Zebras.

"This schedule is driving me nuts," said Henry, whose team has lost four games by a total of 11 points against some quality opponents.

Wayne is 1-2 in the Mega Red, 3-4 overall. Willow Run is now 6-1 for the season, 1-1 in the division.

"Every game is a war," Henry said. "You have to be there to see the games. I feel I've coached a season and a half — and we've only played seven games."

The Zebras started out with a 15-12 first quarter and tacked a basket on to the margin to lead by 33-27 at the half.

"The third quarter was a big quarter for us," Henry said. "We were up six in their gym.

"We just told our kids, 'We won the first eight (minutes), we won the second eight. Now if we can just win the third, it would put them in a real bad spot.'"

Wayne came out and won the third quarter, 16-9, to put itself in good shape for the final period.

"Our kids defended very well and made some good shots," Henry said. "Brian Williams had 10 of his points in the third quarter."

Williams ended up with a game-best 27 points, Quentin Turner added 13 and Shomari Dunn contributed 10.

Willow Run got 12 points each from Jason Drake and Deaunt Moore plus 10 from Shaion Pratt.

The Flyers trimmed their deficit to four points in the fourth quarter, 59-55, but could get no closer as the Zebras made 8-of-15 foul shots during the quarter to stay in command.

•FRANKLIN 60, NOVI 56: When you have a team down, it pays to keep it down.

Livonia Franklin had a tough time doing that Tuesday night at night Novi, but managed to hang on for a 60-56 win over the Wildcats anyway.

The Patriots (3-3) led 42-29 going into the fourth quarter. But Novi rallied and pulled to within three points late in the game.

Senior guard Eddie Wallace may have saved the day for Livonia as he drained a three-pointer to push the Patriots lead back out to six with about two minutes remaining.

"We gave them opportunities," coach Dan Robinson said. "We had some key turnovers and fouls."

Wallace finished with 21 points to pace Franklin. Point guard Nick Mongeau added 12 points and seven assists.

"He played a good floor game," Robinson said.

Sean Brislin led Novi with 17 points and Larry Drury added 16.

•FAIRLANE 75, HURON VALLEY 38: Missing two players, the Hawks got drilled by a Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian team in search of its first victory.

Fairlane jumped out to a 12-6 lead after one quarter and raised it to 32-9 by the half in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game.

"Things didn't go well," coach Bill Ohlsson of Westland Huron Valley Lutheran said. "We were a little flat.

"We had two players missing, but I was a little disappointed in the way we played."

Jason Bytner scored 14 points to lead Huron Valley, 2-5, while Mike Fencil's 23 and Dan Smith's 20 paced Fairlane Christian.

Ocelot cagers pass through critical stage

Such a cruel paradox.

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C.J. RISAK

Since it happens each and every year at about the same time, it's easier for us, the public, to accept. Because we anticipate it — the dreaded end of the first semester — it comes as no surprise.

But to those who don't make grades, who lose the right to continue playing the sport that helped them choose the college they currently attend, the pain is often acute.

They have failed — their teammates, their coaches, their parents, their supporters, themselves.

Every year at Schoolcraft College, the men's basketball team would struggle through the first month of the season, hoping things would come together by the time the conference campaign began in January, only to be disappointed when four, five, even six players flunked out.

That won't happen this year. The Ocelots are off to their best start in school history, 15 wins in their first 18 games and 4-0 in the Eastern Conference.

And academic problems won't decimate the team, either.

But there are losses — two of them, both key players. Making it worse, they play the same position: small forward.

Jimar Eddins started for SC, averaging 10.2 points and 6.7 rebounds. He was a solid contributor on the court.

But Eddins did very little in the classroom. Last Saturday's game against Alpena CC was his last.

The other academic casualty is David Jarrett. His is a more tragic affair.

Before I go any further, it must be understood that ultimately, the blame falls on the player. Not making grades when they have a golden opportunity to get a paid-for education seems outrageous.

When Jerry Tarkanian was at Nevada-Las Vegas, he told reporters that he felt his job was to coach basketball. He provided his players with a free education; what they did with it was their affair.

That isn't the case any longer, of course. Now coaches are expected to make certain their players make grades; if they're struggling, get help for them.

Find 'em a tutor.

Carlos Briggs, SC's first-year coach, did his job. He made sure his players were at their afternoon study table. He kept tabs on their grades. He provided tutoring for those who needed it.

But like Ed Kavanaugh, SC's women's basketball coach/athletic director, noted, a coach can only do so much (he, too, lost a player to grades). "What am I supposed to do, walk 'em to class?" he asked.

At some point, the player has to take the responsibility.

Realizing that, it must be noted that most people acquainted with Dave Jarrett would say that responsibility isn't exactly one of his personal strong points.

It should also be noted that at Westland John Glenn, Jarrett's alma mater, prepping players for college is far down basketball coach Mike Schuette's list of priorities, if he has a list at all.

It's Jarrett's fault he didn't make the grade he needed to stay eligible. But in this particular case, the system must also share partial blame.

Granted, the teacher in question can't be blamed for Jarrett missing a dozen sessions in a class he took to improve his math skills. But if the class is designed to help a student, then why not try?

Why not return the weekly progress reports each SC teacher with a varsity athlete in their class is asked to fill out?

Briggs, upset with Jarrett's loss, said he might have been able to prevent it had he known Jarrett was missing class.

Jarrett did try to at least get a passing grade in the class with a late push of additional work. But the teacher found it unacceptable.

She also found any of Briggs' pleadings on Jarrett's behalf as an attempt to pressure her into an unwarranted change of mind. That's not what he meant, Briggs said; then again, any questions he might ask concerning any of his players' grades could be interpreted the same way.

If that sounds like the perfect example of a no-win situation, then congratulations: You now know what it's like to be a coach at SC, where winning isn't everything, or for that matter anything all that important. Just follow the rules and don't make waves, and most of all remain fiscally responsible.

Success at SC has nothing to do with building a program that gives players and coaches the best chance possible to compete against the best at their level. If that happens, well, fine; but if it doesn't, well, that's OK too.

I want to reiterate: The teacher in question was not responsible for Jarrett not making the grade in her class. That was his fault. She could have helped, however; this was, after all, a class that would not have even counted toward his SC degree.

Don't pass him when he doesn't deserve it — no, absolutely not. But send in the requested weekly progress reports, to give the Student-Athletes a Support System that works the way it was designed to.

The Ocelots will still succeed, without Jarrett and Eddins. This very likely will be the best team in school history.

It's just tragic they won't be a part of it.

Males comes through for short-handed SC

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

MEN'S HOOPS

There were a couple of victories for Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team last Saturday — one on the court and another partial victory off of it.

Both will have a major impact on the Ocelots for the remainder of this, their best-ever, season.

And although SC's ability to stave off visiting Alpena's second-half comeback to ensure a 77-67 victory was important, the off-court happenings may have more far-reaching implications.

The Ocelots lost two key players to grades — Jimar Eddins and David Jarrett (from Westland John Glenn). Both played the same forward position, making their loss more hurtful. Combined, they averaged nearly 20 points and 13 rebounds a game.

Saturday's win pushed their Eastern Conference record to a league-leading 4-0; overall, the Ocelots improved to 15-3, their best record at this point of the season in school history.

There was other good news on the academic front: Three team members posted grade points over 3.0 (Emeka Okonkwo at 3.5, Adam Moore from Canton at 3.1 and Jose Bru at 3.1) and a fourth was very close (Pete Males of Garden City at 2.9).

First-year SC coach Carlos Briggs has 10 players remaining on his roster, but his depth — something that has served the Ocelots well thus far this season — will now be limited.

"We're going to struggle because three of these guys didn't even play in high school," Briggs noted.

The Ocelots lead the conference in scoring, averaging more than 14 points a game (96.61 average) than their nearest rival (St. Clair CC at 82.4); their scoring differential (22.28 points) is also far better than anyone else's.

Three Ocelots are among the league's top 10 in scoring: Kevin Melson at No. 1 (28.1), Derek McKelvey at No. 6 (16.1) and Okonkwo at No. 10 (13.7).

Although Briggs is concerned with the loss of offense with the departure of Eddins and Jarrett, he believes if the defense continues to perform well the victories will come — maybe not by as big a margin, though.

"The key isn't the points we're losing," the SC coach said. "It's our defense that's got to step up.

"If we can still score 85 and hold (opponents) to 73, we'll do all right. If we score in the 70s or 80s, I think we'll be OK. But if we score in the 50s or 60s, we'll be in trouble."

In the win over Alpena, there was no problem scoring for SC in the first half. By the break, the Ocelots had built a 40-23 advantage — thanks in large part to Males, who knocked down six three-pointers in the half while scoring 22 points.

"It was Pete's coming out party" said Briggs. "He's playing with a lot more confidence and looking to score instead of the pass. He played a good floor game."

Males, who leads the conference in assists (6.0), took advantage of his freedom to riddle Alpena. He finished with 31 points and five assists.

The 'Jacks, led by Ben Crosze's 12 second-half points (he had 17 in the game), closed the gap in the last 20 minutes but couldn't catch SC.

The Ocelots also got 20 points from Melson and 10 from Okonkwo. For Alpena (8-6 overall, 0-4 in the conference), Trent Duncan scored 12 and Jason Brecheisen 10.

•TRI-STATE 82, MADONNA 64: Madonna University's losing streak reached 12 games Saturday in Livonia as visiting Tri-State (Ind.) came away with the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win.

Madonna is 1-16 overall and 0-2 in the WHAC. Tri-State is 10-8 and 1-0.

Jared Boll led the victorious Thunder with 20 points, while Chad LeCross and Jon Everingham added 17 and 13, respectively.

Mark Hayes led the Crusaders with 16 points. Erick Giovannini (Livonia Stevenson) and Narvin Russaw chipped in with 13 and 10, respectively.

Madonna led 36-36 at intermission, but Tri-State took the lead for keeps, 45-44, on a free throw by Boll with 14:46 to play.

The Crusaders shot 60.5 percent from the field (26 of 43), but made 27 turnovers.

Tri-State shot a blistering 64.6 percent (31 for 48) and made 19 turnovers.

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White scored eight points in the final quarter and Glenn converted 12-of-15 free throws to hold off Northville.

The only two things that went wrong for the Rockets happened in the fourth quarter. Moton, Glenn's 6-foot-7 sophomore standout, hit the floor with what appeared to be a knee injury. Moton was able to leave under his own power and returned to play later in the quarter.

Lawson, who is averaging 17 points in his last three games, experienced the other miscue for the Rockets.

The junior missed a breakaway dunk and was immediately taken out of the game to do 10 pushups on the sidelines.

"I let them dunk, but they better bring home the points," Schuette explained.

Lady Crusaders run roughshod over UMD

WOMEN'S HOOPS

Madonna University's women's basketball team had its way Monday night.

The host Lady Crusaders crushed the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 88-40, night to improve its season's record to 10-6.

The game was close for nearly seven minutes as both teams found scoring difficult.

The score was tied at 6-6 on a basket by Jacklyn Kuptz with 13:09 left in the half but Katie Cushman responded with a triple nine seconds later to trigger a 12-0 Crusaders' run in slightly less than two minutes.

It was 47-19 at the half.

Four players were in double figures for Madonna, which also had Lori Enfield and Angie Negri with nine apiece. Cushman led the way with 14, Courtney Senger came off the bench to score 11, Dawn Pelc also had 11 and Chris Dietrich had 10.

Nikki Conyers scored 16 for Michigan-Dearborn (3-15) to lead all scorers but none of the other Wolves reached double figures. Rica Barge (Wayne Memorial) scored five as a Michigan-Dearborn substitute.

Enfield had eight rebounds and Pelc six for Madonna. Cushman had eight assists.

The win let Madonna bounce back from a 73-68 loss Saturday at Tri-State (Ind.). That defeat left the Crusaders 1-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Dietrich scored 26 points to lead Madonna while Jennifer Jacek came off the bench to score 10 points. Pelc had a team-best eight rebounds.

Madonna made just six of 22 three-point shot attempts and was outrebounded, 46-39.

•SCHOOLCRAFT 67, ALPENA 61: First-place Schoolcraft Community College rode a strong second half Saturday afternoon to topple visiting Alpena Community College.

Teresa Cooper's 22 points paced the Ocelots, who trailed, 29-26 at the half. Jenni Talbot (Garden City) added 15 points.

Schoolcraft was 20-for-43 from the free throw line, while Alpena went to the line 25 times and made 14.

Schoolcraft has won five of its last six games to reach 4-0 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 8-6 overall.

Alpena is 5-9 overall, 1-3 in the conference.

Groves tops Falcons

Birmingham Groves stopped Farmington's winning streak at five games and gave the visiting Falcons their first loss in boys basketball Tuesday, 50-45.

Farmington senior center Trevor Gaines scored a game-high 13 points but had just three in the second half and none in the third quarter when Groves limited the Falcons to four points.

Groves led at the end of every quarter, 12-10 following the first, 27-20 at halftime and 35-24 withone remaining. The only quarter in which Farmington outscored Groves was the fourth, 21-15.

"We had a hard time getting the ball inside," Farmington assistant coach Greg Ambrose said of the third quarter. "They took away the middle and played good defense on Trevor."

Senior guard Ron Freeman added 11 points for the Falcons (5-1). Senior Matt Orr added eight points (six in the fourth quarter); senior Bryant Bronner and sophomore Justin Milus tossed in five each.

Jamal Lamb scored 11 points to pace a balance attack for Groves (4-2). Eric Easter added nine; Brian Schaffer, Marlon Burt and Josh Pfenning chipped in eight apiece.

Farmington has a key Western Lakes Activities Association game Friday at defending league champion Plymouth Canton.

•SEAHOLM 70, N. FARMINGTON 58: The fourth quarter is proving to be the Achilles heel for the North Farmington basketball team.

The Raiders were outscored 30-20 in the final eight minutes Tuesday as North dropped a non-league game at Birmingham Seaholm, 70-58.

It was the second consecutive game in which the fourth quarter doomed North. The Raiders were outscored 18-10 in the final quarter Friday and lost on a last-second shot to Livonia Churchill, 52-50.

Against Seaholm, North led 30-24 at halftime but allowed the Maples to rally and take a 40-38 lead into the fourth quarter. Seaholm dominated the final quarter, sending the Raiders (3-3) to their second straight loss.

The Raiders received 15 points from Dan Singer and 11 from Al Pennala. Mat Ishbia netted a game-high 26 points for Seaholm (4-3).

SWIM RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 129
REDFORD UNION 56
Jan. 13 at RU

200-yard medley relay: Churchill (Dave Deluk, Kevin Grant, Bill Randall, Rob Shereda), 2:01.3; **200 freestyle:** Shereda (LC), 2:02.6; **200 IM:** Deluk (LC), 2:32.0; **50 freestyle:** Randall (LC), 24.90; **diving:** Sutton (RU), 183.6; **100 butterfly:** Grant (LC), 1:04.7; **100 freestyle:** Randall (LC), 55.75; **500 freestyle:** Deluk (LC), 6:15.78; **200 freestyle relay:** Churchill (Charlie Corazza, Randall, Ron O'Connor, Shereda), 1:45.6; **100 backstroke:** Grant (LC), 1:20.01; **100 breaststroke:** O'Connor (LC), 1:17.2; **400 freestyle relay:** Churchill (Deluk, Grant, Corazza, O'Connor), 4:06.3.

Churchill's dual record: 1-1 overall.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER 94
REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 89
Jan. 13 at Lahser

200-yard medley relay: Redford CC (Nick Sosnowski, Paul Connolly, Matt Baran, Dennis Segrue), 1:46.67; **200 freestyle:** Ryan Meekins (CC), 1:48.97 (state qualifying time); **200 individual medley:** Sosnowski (CC), 2:02.52; **100 butterfly:** Matt Tobkin (CC), 58.94; **500 freestyle:** Sosnowski (CC), 4:49.30 (state qualifying time); **100 breaststroke:** Connolly (CC), 1:07.53; **400 freestyle relay:** Redford CC (Meekins, Baran, Josh Markou, Sosnowski), 3:28.97.

CC's overall record: 1-1-1.

BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

Following is a list of Observerland boys best swimming times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by calling (313) 953-2141 or faxing the information to (313) 591-7279.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
Plymouth Salem 1:43.25
Livonia Stevenson 1:46.10
North Farmington 1:46.23
Plymouth Canton 1:46.86
Farmington Harrison 1:50.27

200 FREESTYLE
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:46.35
Nick Corden (Salem) 1:49.39
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:52.66
Jason Musson (Canton) 1:53.57
Pete Bosler (Farmington) 1:54.50
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:56.24
Ryan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 1:57.03
Kris Wong (Harrison) 2:12.71

200INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 2:01.67
Brendon Mellis (Salem) 2:05.73
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:08.32
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:11.18
Josh Duffy (Harrison) 2:17.98
Matt Beuckelaere (Farmington) 2:21.34
Sonny Webber (Wayne) 2:26.50

50 FREESTYLE
Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.55
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 22.79
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 23.43
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 23.70
Matt Walker (Harrison) 24.00
Bill Randall (Churchill) 24.26
Kevin Razor (John Glenn) 26.15

DIVING
John Lowry (Farmington) 221.0
Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 212.50
J.T. Svoke (Harrison) 186.05
Greg Braziunas (Redford CC) 156.00
Mike Mattis (Redford CC) 152.85
Jeff Phillips (John Glenn) 151.95
Mike McGhie (Stevenson) 145.25

100 BUTTERFLY
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 54.60
Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 55.31
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 55.34
Paul Perez (Salem) 56.86
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 56.95
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 57.53
Matt Tobkin (Redford CC) 58.45
John Theisen (Canton) 1:00.75
Pete Bosler (Farmington) 1:01.04
Steve Schwedt (Harrison) 1:01.69
Kevin Grant (Churchill) 1:07.73

100 FREESTYLE
Nick Corden (Salem) 48.72
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 49.60
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 49.80
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 50.77
Pete Bosler (Farmington) 51.85
Jason Musson (Canton) 53.46
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 53.57
Matt Beuckelaere (Farmington) 56.38
Kevin Razor (John Glenn) 58.97
Mike McCormick (Farmington) 58.97

500 FREESTYLE
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:48.79
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 5:03.41
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:12.50
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 5:15.47
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 5:17.97
Justin Keterer (Stevenson) 5:28.96
Sam Raub (Wayne) 5:37.76
Ryan Scheidies (Farmington) 5:38.55
Aaron Scheidies (Farmington) 6:30.55
Steve Marino (Farmington) 6:36.86

200 FREESTYLE RELAY
Plymouth Salem 1:33.06
Plymouth Canton 1:38.16
Livonia Stevenson 1:38.22
Redford Catholic Central 1:38.59
North Farmington 1:38.64

100 BACKSTROKE
Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 55.57
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 56.03
Joey Bublitz (Stevenson) 57.80
Brendon Mellis (Salem) 57.90
Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 57.99
Devon Hopper (Farmington) 58.85
Josh Duffy (Harrison) 58.91
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 59.55
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 1:01.75
Sean Killeen (Redford CC) 1:06.74

100 BREASTSTROKE
Matt Walker (Harrison) 1:04.77
Matt Heiss (Canton) 1:06.27
Paul Connolly (Redford CC) 1:07.00
Jason Rebarchik (Salem) 1:08.60
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:08.93
Paul Garabelli (Redford CC) 1:09.08
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:09.19
Ryan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 1:09.28
Rob Shereda (Churchill) 1:09.57
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 1:11.20

400 FREESTYLE RELAY
Plymouth Salem 3:23.52
Redford Catholic Central 3:30.09
Livonia Stevenson 3:33.81
Plymouth Canton 3:36.41
Farmington 3:47.15

CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

UPCOMING EVENTS

MUSIC MAN
The Westland All-Stars Youth Drama Troupe, sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department, will perform "The Music Man" by Meredith Willson at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Performing Arts Center, 3001 Fourth, corner of Glenwood, Wayne. All tickets are $5. For information or tickets, call the city of Westland Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 722-7620. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford in Westland, or at the door.

SURPLUS FOOD
The city of Westland will have its surplus food program at the Dorsey Community Center on the following date and times: Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norwayne and Oak Village: between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. All other residents excluding Precinct 28: between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers may call their building manager for their day of distribution.
The food distributed for January will be rice crisp cereal, figs, corn, tomato juice and a bonus item. For information, call Dorsey Center's hotline at 595-0366.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT
St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland will sponsor a Las Vegas Night from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Admission is $3; parking is free. A 50/50 drawing will be held every hour. Beer, food and refreshments will be available at a nominal charge.

ANIMAL ADOPTIONS
The Dearborn Animal Shelter will be having a showcase of pets noon to 3 p.m. on Jan. 24 at the Super Petz store at 34420 Ford Road in Westland. Several dogs and possibly some cats desperately in need of homes will be brought in for viewing. Actual adoptions will be done at the shelter. For information, call the shelter at (313) 943-2697.

VALENTINE'S PARTY
The Westland Jaycees will host a Valentine's Day Party 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Feb. 14 at Bova VFW Hall. Singles and couples welcome, Jaycees and non-Jaycees welcome. $5 entry. RSVP by Feb. 12. Tracy Chovanec (734) 844-7770.

AT THE LIBRARY

BOOK DISCUSSION
The book discussion group meets 7-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the community meeting room of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. Join the group by signing up at the Reception Desk. Participants are expected to have read the books and to be prepared to discuss them.
Upcoming books for discussion include:
Jan. 20 – Caleb Carr, "The Alienist."
Feb. 17 – John Dunning, "Booked To Die."
March 17, Laurie King, "The Beekeeper's Apprentice."
April 21, Michael Connelly, "The Poet."
May 19, Margaret Atwood, "Alias Grace."

TRAINING
Training sessions are held 10:30 a.m. each Saturday to train library patrons on the use of the public access catalogs. The computers are the modern-day equivalent of the traditional card catalog. These training sessions take about 15-20 minutes. Library staff will teach the fundamentals regarding use of the public access catalogs and will be available for questions. This training is free and no registration is required.

CREATION STATION
Get crafty at the Creation Station. Designed for ages 4-10 years. At 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, in the Children's Activity Room. No registration required.

READ TO YOUR CHILD
Feb. 14 is "Read to Your Child Day." Come to the Children's Services Area and read with your child for 10 minutes. For sharing the gift of reading with your child you will both receive a small prize. The event goes on all day in the Children's Services Area.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY
The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library meet monthly 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. (313) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The friends also hold a Friends Shop Book Sale during regular library hours at the library.

WESTLAND CENTER

SIDEWALK SALE
Westland Shopping Center will offer its Winter Sidewalk Sale through Jan. 19. More than 50 stores will put out fall and winter merchandise at clearance prices.

CHAMBER EVENTS

WAKE UP WESTLAND
The Westland Chamber of Commerce Wake Up Westland informative breakfast will feature "Human Resource Management Responsibilities for Business Owners" with Deborah Allgeier of the Intelligent Management Solutions Group Inc. The talk will include tips on payroll garnishments, deductions, deposit and tax forms, how to hire, employee handbooks and other benefit options. The breakfast and program will be 8-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Free breakfast sponsored by Independent Carpet and Great Lakes Truck & Trailer Inc. For reservations, call (734) 326-7222.

BOWLING OUTING
The Westland Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the WinterFest Bowling Outing from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, as part of Westland WinterFest '98. (313) 326-7222. Games will include Red Pin and 10-pin No Tap. Sponsorship of a team for $150 includes bowling, two drinks, buffet dinner, trophies and prizes.

RECREATION

RECREATION AND FUN
A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled will be the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. (313) 722-7620.

FIGURE SKATING
The Westland Figure Skating Club is forming an Adult Introductory Precision Team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get good exercise. Practices are 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. For information, call (313) 722-1091.

VOLLEYBALL
Open volleyball is offered for those age 18 and older 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month at the Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, Westland. All skill levels play just for fun. There is no charge. Baby-sitting is provided. For information, call (313) 722-3660.

SCHOOLS

MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE
McKinley Cooperative Preschool, housed in Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road at Hunter, will hold alumni registration Jan. 27 through Feb. 2. Open registration begins Feb. 3. Morning and afternoon classes are available. Call (734) 729-7222 for information.

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S
Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in all classes 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Westland. Call Michelle at (734) 421-6196.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottlemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is ongoing from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (313) 595-2660 for information.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL
The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in the morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays with the other pupils attending Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. (313) 728-3559.

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

CHARTER SCHOOL
The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through seventh grade. The school emphasizes a basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with Internet. Call (313) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

Wild about winter

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

On the run: *This year's Westland WinterFest, the city's fourth, will be Feb. 7-8 at the Bailey Recreation Center and other sites. Some of the events include a midway full of games and prizes to entertain the kids at the recreation center. This year's activities also include a 5-mile run/3-mile walk, a golf outing, and a high school teen dance. The Westland Chamber of Commerce's WinterFest Bowling Outing will be held at Westland Bowl from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7. For $150, a four-person team can enjoy drinks, a buffet dinner and a chance at a trophy and prizes. Or sponsor a team for $225 and have a business sign displayed all weekend.*

FRANKLIN PTSA
The Franklin High PTSA is seeking new members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and community, and members aren't required to have a student in the school. Price is $3 for students, $5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy, Livonia 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM
A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy, Westland. The program is for students in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. It will meet 3:30-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. For information on participating or volunteering, call Shabaura Cobb, (313) 722-3660.

HISTORY ON VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM
The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill. (313) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET
Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Information, president Jim Franklin, (313) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

GRANDMA'S ATTIC SALE
Grandma's Attic Sale will be at the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland, daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also included in this sale are hundreds of ceramic molds and hundreds of pieces of greenware. For information, call 722-7632.

TRAVEL GROUP
The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a $3 membership fee for residents, $12.50 for non-residents. (313) 722-7632.

CARD GROUP
The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets at 2 p.m. Players enjoy euchre, pinochle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (313) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh Road.

DYER CLUB
The Dyer Seniors' Center Travel Club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month in the center, on Marquette between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

DANCE FUN
Westland Shopping Center hosts a senior citizen dance 11 a.m. the first Monday of each month in the lower level auditorium, Wayne and Warren roads. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m. The dance will end 2 p.m. The dance is held on the first Monday, with the exception of holidays.

SENIOR DANCE
Senior dances will be noon to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1651 N. Wayne Road, Westland. There will be dinner, a live band, beer and pop. Members $5, nonmembers $7. (313) 728-5010.

WORK REFERRAL
Information Center Inc. refers workers to seniors who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yard work, housework, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to serve. Chore Worker Program, (313) 422-1052.

DYER CENTER
The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m.; bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be held at 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (313) 722-7632.

VOLUNTEERS

BOY SCOUTS
A few good young men ages 11-18 are needed to work with Boy Scout Troop No. 865 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays at Hamilton Elementary School, corner of Avondale and Schuman in Westland. Monthly campouts will be featured. For information, call (313) 729-1283.

PET-A-PET
The Pet-A-Pet Club, which offers pet visits to nursing home residents, needs special pets and people. Pets undergo a slight screening and need proof of shots to participate. Local sites include Camelot Hall Convalescent Center (Debbie McDermott, 427-3791, 10 a.m. the second Saturday of the month), Garden City Rehab (Stacy Suida, (313) 422-2438, second Thursday of the month at 3 p.m.) and Roosevelt-McGrath School (Lynn Eichbrecht, (313) 591-3347, the last Wednesday of the month). Information is available from Ruth Curry, (313) 535-0410, or Daisy Doran, (313) 565-1981. There is a $5 membership charge.

BINGO

DEMS' BINGO
The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army, School for the Blind. (313) 422-5025 or (313) 729-8681.

DEMS' BINGO
The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, in the M.J. Hall, 35412 Michigan Ave., next to Farmer Jack, in Wayne. (313) 421-1517.

BINGO AND SNACKS
The VFW Post 3323, Westland, serves snacks and hosts bingo at 1 p.m. every Sunday in the post hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale. Doors open 9 a.m. (313) 326-3323.

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

NO SMOKE
"No smoking" bingo will be 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Residents from Westgate Towers, Taylor Towers, Greenwood Towers, Liberty Park, Presbyterian Village and Carolon Condos, etc., are eligible for transportation to bingo if they have a minimum of five players. (313) 722-7632.

CLUBS IN ACTION

RAFFLE AND BANQUET
The Notre Dame Council Knights of Columbus in Wayne will hold its second annual raffle and banquet Wednesday, Feb. 18. First prize is $3,000, second prize is $500. Tickets are $100 each, for an additional $20 two people may attend on one ticket. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Includes dinner, open bar and raffle. For information, call (734) 728-3020.

VFW AUXILIARY
Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Ladies Auxiliary Grand River Post 1519, is open. Relationship to a veteran of combat on foreign soil will insure eligibility. Make reservations by calling membership recruiter Dolores M. Griffin, (313) 427-2791. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 27555 Grantland, Livonia. Current Post 1519 Ladies Auxiliary members include individuals from Westland, Livonia, Redford, Detroit and surrounding areas.

WEEKENDERS
The Weekenders family campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Franklin High School, on Joy east of Merriman. (313) 531-2993.

SUPPORT

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Alcoholics Anonymous "Conscious Contact Group" meets 8:30-9:30 p.m. each Wednesday and Sunday at Garden City Hospital (use entrance on north side of building). Men and women are welcome. A 21st anniversary meeting is planned for 8:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11. Hugh Hayes will be the speaker. Everyone is welcome. Woody, (313) 729-0520.

CALENDAR FORM

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI. 48150, or by fax to 313-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

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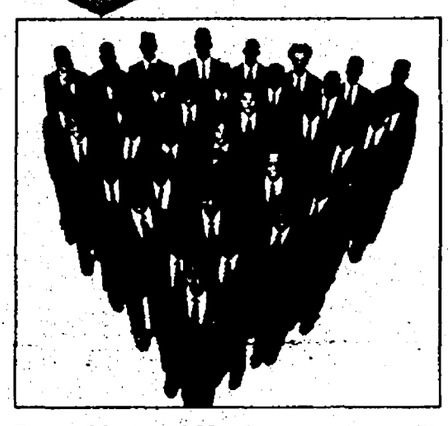
FRIDAY

Ridgedale Players presents "Wait Until Dark," 8 p.m. at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. Tickets $11, (248) 988-7049

SATURDAY

Clarkston Toy Show features more than 70 tables of vintage toys, dolls, trains, advertising, cap guns, Star Wars figures, mechanical banks and American tin pieces, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, 5660 Maybee Road, Clarkston. Admission $3, free for children ages 12 and younger, (248) 394-0925

SUNDAY



Boys Choir of Harlem performs 7 p.m. at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Tickets $12-$26, (734) 764-2538

Hot Tix: *B.B. King – King of the Blues – plays the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit with Bobby Bland, 8 p.m. Tickets $27.50 and $35, (313) 983-6611*

Behind the magic of flying

"Everyone has a dream, whether it's on stage or off stage," said Paul Ruben, who pulls the strings to send Peter Pan airborne. "For me, this is living a dream."

He's not alone.

Each performance, Ruben stands atop a 10-foot ladder wearing a tress while a wire is tied around his waist. On the other end of the wire is Cathy Rigby, waiting to make the ultimate stage entrance.

At the right time, Ruben jumps from the ladder, and Rigby ascends about 12 feet. Typically, audiences react with a gasp.

The effect is the theatrical answer to pixie

Please see FLYING, E2

MICHAEL LAMONT

You can fly: *Cathy Rigby (Peter Pan, left to right) with Michael LaVolpe (John), Paul Tiesler (Michael) and Elisa Sagardia (Wendy) star in "Peter Pan."*

Peter Pan *flies into town*

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't easy explaining to my two young sons that I actually talked to Wendy Darling, most popularly known as Peter Pan's real-world fancy who travels with him to Neverland. Apparently, even a 2 1/2 and 6-year-old set limitations on logic.

Their incredulous response: "You?!" After all, they figure, I'm from the wacky, all-too-serious adult world. (Ha, in age only.)

The coincidental discussion with Wendy, I explained, came about because she, the other Darlings, Hook, Smee, Tinker Bell and the boy in green tights who never grows up will soon land in town.

Beginning this Wednesday through Sunday, Jan. 25 the ageless characters will appear at the Detroit Opera House in the headed-for-Broadway production, "Peter Pan."

If you think it's tough keeping St. Nick's secret, try telling a 2 1/2 year old preparing to fly from his perch on the couch that the baby powder he's sprinkled on his back isn't magic flying dust.

But then, magic works in strange ways.

That fearless toddler invariably takes a leap. He lands feet first. But his imagination soars. He figures he *is* flying. Who's going to argue?

Ah, you see, Peter Pan cannot only fly, he's for real. It's just adults who keep him earthbound. Peter Pan is as real as memories of long afternoons of endless play in a world only bound by the limits of imagination.

In a coherent moment, adults might call Neverland by another name: paradise.

A play about play

Wendy, played by the diminutive Elisa Sagardia, has the boundless energy and innocence to transform James M. Barrie's 1902 classic into a modern-day parable about the "game" of life.

Barrie's novel, The Little White Bird," included six chapters about Peter Pan. In 1904, the stories were condensed into a play which first opened in London, and then had productions throughout the first half of the century.

The musical version to be seen by local audiences first appeared on Broadway in 1954, and starred Mary Martin in the title role. Eventually, it's expected the current production, starring Cathy Rigby, will land on Broadway, probably in December.

In the late 1970s, "Peter Pan" was reprised with Sandy Duncan. And in 1991, Rigby brought her unmatched athleticism to the role in a national tour. She's received wide critical acclaim and a Tony nomination as best actress for her role.

While the popular focus is on Peter Pan's instructive whimsy, it's Wendy who provides the grounding for the story's timeless appeal.

The fantasy is enhanced by four elaborate sets: the nursery, Neverland, the underground and the pirate ship. And, of course, pixie dust spread everywhere.

With one foot in the real-world and the other in the Neverland fantasy scape, Wendy is arguably the central character.

"If the audience doesn't believe Wendy believes in Peter Pan, then they won't either," said Sagardia, who first appeared in Detroit four years ago in "Evita."

"I never thought of Detroit as a theater town until we stayed there (for a month)," she said from Palm Springs where the company was finishing up its west coast run before heading to the Midwest.

"Detroit is incredibly receptive, a city that opens its arms," said Sagardia, who has an unconventional training for the stage.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in psychology at UCLA, Sagardia was deciding whether to attend graduate school when she heard about an audition for the young mistress in "Evita." Her last onstage appearance was in high school.

"I was over 18, but I could look like a teenager," she said. That seems appropriate. Wendy

Please see PAN, E2

- **What:** "Peter Pan," a three-act musical starring Cathy Rigby
- **When:** Wednesday, Jan. 21 through Sunday, Jan. 25
- **Show times:**
  - 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21
  - 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 22-23
  - 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24
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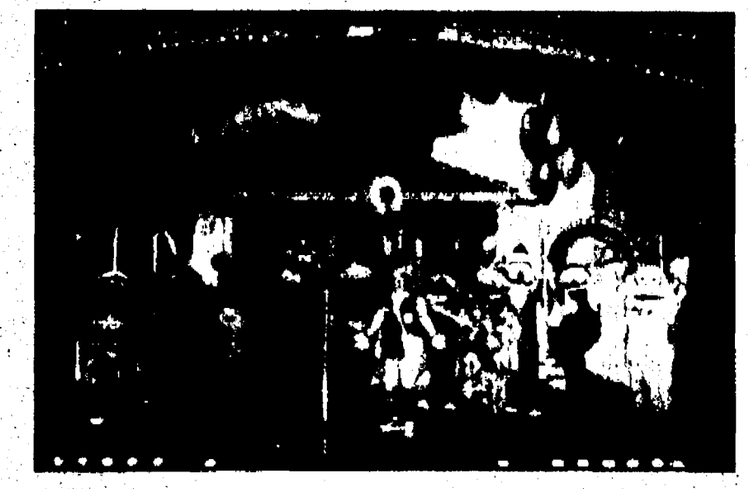

Musical extravaganza: *Join Sam the Postman, and the cast of Sesame Street Live, as they invite audiences to put on join them on some amazing imaginary journeys in "1-2-3... Imagine!"*

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Who says you can't go back to Sesame Street after you're all grown up?

"Most of the parents taking their kids to see Sesame Street Live grew up on Sesame Street," said program director Kim Gladman. "Sesame Street is 26 years old. It's our 18th season live."

This year's presentation – Sesame Street Live "1-2-3... Imagine," invites audiences to join Big Bird, Burt and Ernie, and the rest of the gang as they explore their imaginations in a 90-minute musical extravaganza.

"This show is unlike any other," said Gladman. "There's a live human being – Sam the Postman – who delivers postcards, which takes the characters on imaginary journeys. Having a live person on stage gives the show a bit more reality. Sam interacts with the characters."

Burt receives a postcard from his Cousin Bubbles, an underwater photographer, and then imagines he's under the sea.

Oscar vacations on the trashy beaches of Club Mud, Elmo skips to rain forest rhythms and Ernie captains a ship on the high seas.

"It's a wonderful show," said Gladman. "These are the children's heroes, their idols, and they learn from them. They encourage children to tap into their imaginations. You can go anywhere, or be anything you want to be, but first you have to have an imaginary mind set."

Parents will recognize some of their favorite songs from Sesame Street, and children will know the words to some of the newer songs. There are also some songs written especially for this show.

Some grandparents might never have been to Sesame Street, but chances are pretty good they've been to the Fox.

"There's a lot of nostalgia," said Gladman, and Bill Lee of Birmingham, senior director of marketing for Olympia Entertainment. "Parents and grandparents taking kids to the Fox will say 'I remember when I took your mom or grandma to a movie here.'"

For many children, Sesame Street Live is their first exposure to a live performance, and being in the theater.

Except for performances in New

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Sesame Street Live's "1-2-3... Imagine!"

- **When:** Twenty-four performances, Wednesday, Jan. 21 through Sunday, Feb. 1.
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STREET SCENE

Brothers Creeggan take a break to play together

CHRISTINA FUOCO

Ringing in the New Year with 16,000 people at The Palace of Auburn Hills, the Canadian pop band the Barenaked Ladies announced the sold-out show was the biggest of its career.

That hasn't stopped their need to play clubs. Two members of the band are returning to small venues to promote their side projects.

BNL bassist Jim Creeggan and his brother Andy Creeggan, the band's former keyboardist, are performing Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Magic Bag in Ferndale in support of its aptly titled albums "The Brothers Creeggan" and "The Brothers Creeggan II."

Opening for the brothers is Kevin Hearn, BNL's keyboardist, and his band Thinbuckle.

"We're sort of in between touring and (recording) an album with the Ladies. It's nice to go out and put it (the music) out there. We've always sold Brothers Creeggan CDs at Barenaked Ladies shows and we've had a mail-order service through my mom. That's how it survived," Jim Creeggan said with a laugh.

Prior to this tour, The Brothers Creeggan released albums and did a few "odd gigs here and there."

The Toronto-born brothers began playing music together in high school as the Backstreet Band performing songs by bands ranging from Elvis to the Weather Report. They soon moved on to experimental jazz with Tuna Straight.

In 1987, they formed an a capella quartet called The Synthetics and won the National Rising Star talent contest at the Canadian National Exhibition beating out some fellow Canadian teenager named Alanis Morissette, who was then 13.

Several projects followed including a stint with the Toronto Symphony Youth Orchestra.

The brothers got together to record classical, jazz, Latin, ragtime and pop music as The Brothers Creeggan "mainly, I think because there's just a brother thing that needed to be explored to the fullest. It's there, and we just wanted to give it its full potential," Jim Creeggan said.

"Most of it is centered around tunes on the two instruments – double bass and piano, and then, on the recordings, we build stuff around that. We explore the duo possibilities, whereas the Barenaked Ladies have more of a band set up where it's five individuals doing what comes out of that combo."

They recorded their first album, "The Brothers Creeggan" (Reprise) from 1993 to 1994 dipping into Jim Creeggan's experiences traveling in Belize and Guatemala. For example, the "Clown Song" tells the story of Creeggan's meeting with a Belizian "tour guide" and other clown friends to Andy Creeggan's jazzy piano. The musically frenetic "Takin' Out the Garbage" talks about cleaning and things that are taken for granted. It also shares BNL's trademark sense of humor, "Never felt so keen/when I use Mr. Clean."

In February 1995 Andy Creeggan left the Barenaked Ladies but continued his work with The Brothers Creeggan to study composition at McGill University in Montreal.

"He sort of wanted to explore his own sort of personal stuff and music all tied into one," Jim Creeggan explained.

"He's fooling around trying new things. He was the earliest one to join the band. He had never really got to try university and he's sort of doing that right now."

He took time out from his studies to record "The Brothers Creeggan II." Two songs – "Suite for Sarah" and "Squiggly Line" – were recorded as part of a collection of lullabies they were writing. The Latin-like "Cows, Chickens and Peas" continues the theme of Andy Creeggan's fascination with farm animals.

It seems like whenever the brothers have free time, they're working on music. Andy Creeggan took the surplus of his material and released "Andiwork." Jim Creeggan played bass on four songs on Sarah McLachlan's latest album "Surfacing," and on one tune on Meryn Cadell's debut album "Angel Food for Thought."

The brothers accompanied Jane Siberry on "My Mother is Not the White Dove" on the "Honor the Earth" tribute CD.

Jim Creeggan explained that at the Magic Bag he and his brother will perform a few BNL songs including "Spider In My Room" from its 1996 album "Born on a Pirate Ship" (Reprise).

As for the Barenaked Ladies, singer/guitarist Ed Robertson and singer Steven Page are working on new songs, some of which the band debuted at The Palace show.

"I love them so that's great," he said laughing.

The Brothers Creeggan and Hearn aren't the only ones working outside BNL. Besides his own album, Hearn has been recording with the Rheostatics. Drummer Tyler Stewart has been playing around Toronto in a band called Arsed with a former publicist for BNL and fellow Toronto musicians.

"It's kind of like the Cars meets Oasis, or Oasis meets .38 Special," Stewart said giggling.

Side projects, he explains, makes BNL "looser."

"I learn how to make the music more fun," Stewart said. "The Ladies are pretty fun. It doesn't look like we're that serious, but we take the music very seriously. That's very uncool to admit, but it's true. I learn a certain sense of lightness when I play with anyone else. We play with a different energy. The last tour was 21 months long and it was tiring. It's good to step out and do something different."

The Brothers Creeggan and Thinbuckle perform 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave. in Ferndale. Tickets are $10 in advance for the 18 and older show. Call (248) 544-3030 or visit http://www.magicbag.com for more information. The Brothers Creeggan's website is http://www.musicwest.com/Artists/C/Creeggan/

• Detroit Red Wing and WKRK-FM DJ Darren McCarty has been nominated for an ESPN ESPY Award for his game-winning goal against Philadelphia in the NHL Finals last season. Fans can vote for McCarty two ways – by calling (900) 976-ESPY or by visiting the unofficial McCarty website at http:// www.darrenmccarty.com beginning Thursday, Jan. 15. The ESPY Awards, which represent the convergence of the sports and entertainment communities, were created by ESPN in 1993 and are given for Excellence in Sports Performance in more than 30 categories. The show will be aired live at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, from Radio City Music Hall in New York.

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is ageless, too.

She got the role in a national tour, then went on to play Bielke and Grandma Tzeitel, the youngest daughter and oldest character in "Fiddler on the Roof."

Landing back in LA, Sagardia, 29, spent a couple years of filming commercials for Kmart, Wammo hula hoops, Coca-cola and Mattel. Then she figured it might be time to pull out her "fall-back" plan and pursue a career as a psychologist.

Then she heard Rigby was putting together another tour of "Peter Pan."

"From that moment, I knew that the role of Wendy was for me," she said.

While others who auditioned tended to overplay Wendy, Sagardia didn't fall into that trap.

"The producers liked my innocence in the role," she said. "Wendy is all about 'wonder.'"

And besides, Sagardia and Rigby are about the same size, and look like a natural match. Since opening in Sacramento in November, they've developed an on-stage chemistry.

"Cathy does different things each night – gestures, movements," said Sagardia. "She'll play and ad lib. I know that each night I've got to find something new."

The play never ends.

I confess to a rather troubling calculation: I have read, seen, heard and played the "Peter Pan" fantasy more than any living adult.

My youngest son is Peter Pan, just like his brother before him. Me?

For about the last four years, I've been assigned the role of the humorless, crotchety Captain Hook – the mean, old fuddy-duddy who personifies adults who've forgotten how to play.

Every time Peter Pan comes looking for me, I put on my hook-hand, and pull out my imaginary sword. We spar. We taunt. It's agreed: The loser will be fed to the alligators.

Grow up? Forget it.

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dust.

Ruben has worked the trusses and wires for more than 300 different productions of "Peter Pan," including about 1,500 performances. His company, ZFX Flying Illusions, has also handed the levitation effects for other popular productions, including "Wizard of Oz," "Angels in America," "Tommy" and "Phantom of the Opera."

"This is the best 'Peter Pan' I've been involved with," he said.

Although he had yet to see first-hand the dimensions of the Detroit Opera House, Ruben expects that the theater will allow for the grandest of flying ventures – a trip over the audience.

The exceptional production begins with John Iacovelli's set designs. The four sets in "Peter Pan" create a bigger-than-life fantasy, said Ruben.

The sets advance the story from the Darlings' nursery to Neverland to the Lost Boys' underground to Captain Hook's pirate ship. And finally, back to the nursery.

Along the way, Ruben sets wings on the backs of Peter Pan, the Darlings – Wendy, Michael, John – and a Neverland bird.

The massive set and special flying apparatus will be loaded into the Detroit Opera House in about an hour-and-a-half, said Ruben.

"The producers not only expect the highest standard of safety and special effects, but expect us to set up as fast as possible. We're on a tight budget."

Apparently, even Neverland lives according to fiscal responsibility.

– Frank Provenzano

Journey from page E1

York, more people see Sesame Street Live in Detroit at the Fox than anywhere else in the country. The show tours 50 cities, and Detroit is the second most popular.

"It's wholesome, good family fun," said Gladman. "The orchestration is absolutely phenomenal. There are 17 cast members, and 21 characters shown. The cast is very diverse. They range in age from 18 to 43 and come from all over the country."

Besides being entertaining – and an enjoyable "blast from the past" – Sesame Street teaches children that learning is fun.

In an effort to promote fire safety, Children's Television Workshop, the creators of Sesame Street, are presenting "Stop, Drop and Roll," 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 before the 11 a.m. performance.

Children will learn about fire safety as Sesame Street characters perform to the "Stop, Drop and Roll" tape, after a short talk on fire safety by a local safety officer.

During the presentation, children will be encouraged to join the characters in practicing the "Stop, Drop and Roll," and will receive fire certificates.

Like the creators of Sesame Street, Lee said Olympia Entertainment, which owns the Fox Theatre, believes in offering students opportunities for "education in entertainment."

Each year, a number of discounted tickets are offered to school groups for specially designated shows.

"It offers kids who wouldn't otherwise have a chance to go to a live program the chance to go," said Lee. Of all the shows Olympia offers to school groups, Sesame Street Live is the best value. Olympia Entertainment is offering five school matinees, at $7 per ticket to schools – a significant savings since full price tickets range from $9 to $22.50.

Coordinating the arrival of an average of 50-60 school buses transporting children to the show is a logistical feat.

"We've got it down pretty good," said Lee. "It's quite amazing, it's very well orchestrated event. Occasionally we have a few lost mittens and coats."

The Observer & Eccentric is co-sponsoring a book swap with WYCD – Young Country, before the 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 performance. Bring a used children's book, that's in good condition, and receive a free "Sesame Street" Golden Book. Limit one book per child. The book swap will begin in the lobby of the Fox Theatre at 6 p.m. Books will be donated to a literacy program.

Backstage producer confronts ice show chainsaw

BACKSTAGE PASS

ANN DELISI

A lot of Michiganders are feeling guilty about this winter. Call it the El Nino effect: you want to enjoy the mild temperatures caused by the infamous jet stream, but all the property damage in California weighs on your conscience. Combined with season affected disorders, things could get pretty bleak around here.

Well, cold temperatures have arrived, just in time to save us from widespread depression. Windchills keep Michigan sane. We're a weird state.

Tonight on *Backstage Pass* on Detroit Public Television, we're covering our most conspicuous celebration of winter, the annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Plymouth's Ice Spectacular is the oldest and largest ice carving event in North America and attracts carvers from all across the United States, Canada, Japan, Norway, Russia and Switzerland.

While I stay warm inside, Jimmy Rhoades will go outdoors with Allison Edwards, past president of the Ice Carving Club at Henry Ford Community College. Jimmy's guardedly optimistic about the segment. "You don't think of ice as a medium for art. But you don't think of a newspaper as a medium either, and bang!, origami slaps you in the face. Mainly, I need to remember that Allison's going to have a chainsaw, I just hope I don't stumble on some subconscious trigger that sets her off on a rampage. Remind me not to say 'Rosebud.'" Good thinking.

In a segment we're calling "Anderson on Anderson," *Backstage* host Gary Anderson will talk with *Backstage* host Blair Anderson about the Hilberry Theatre production "Of Mice and Men," which Blair is directing. Of course, we all know Steinbeck's novel to be an American classic. I asked Gary how the play stacks up. "It's an important piece in American theater history, first of all because it is a good rendering of the book, but also because of the issues it addresses: the average guy trying to come together within the community and still meet his own needs."

"Lenny's retarded. His only problem is that he can't control himself. His brother, George, is willing in part to sacrifice part of himself for Lenny's betterment. They share a desire to own land, run it their own way, not have to work for anybody and be able to live on their own terms. It looks at one point like they might achieve their dream – they have saved some money, they find a partner – it seems within reach. What loses it is Lenny's uncontrollability. The play is talking about the hopelessness of dreams for the downtrodden.

"It was significant part of a movement that opened the door for writers like Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller and August Wilson, for that type of exploration of the human condition. Its success made Broadway willing to produce starkly realistic plays. The New York Times critic called is one of the best dramas in American theater to that time.

"Steinbeck actually wrote the script and did a brilliant job. That's rare. There are very few writers who can writer for more than one medium." Why might his novel have been more translatable than most? "Because Steinbeck is focusing on human drama, this play can be dramatized because the drama is in the people."

W. Kim Heron will be in the studio to host the honorable Judge Myron Wahls, long respected both in the courtroom and the community, perhaps less known as a terrific jazzman. "Listen to Judge Wahls when he hits his stride – or rather his groove – and then you know why Lionel Hampton, who certainly has his pick of company, pulled Wahls onto the road for a tour in '88. The judge is one swinging, blues-drenched player in the style of Gene Harris, whose 'Gene's Blues' he digs with relish."

The Judge ensemble, the Mike Wahls Trio – with drummer George Davidson and bassist Marion Hayden – has just released its first CD, "You Be the Judge." The disc features special guests Marcus Belgrave and Ursula Walker, and as Kim found out, it's more than just a record. "The CD is a gift for the Henry Ford Health System's cancer research efforts, a mark of Judge Wahls' gratitude to the Henry Ford doctors who have guided his five-year fight with multiple myeloma. All proceeds from the record go to the fight against cancer." What a special man.

We'll also get a live performance in the Detroit Public Television studio from Flint's premier practitioner of powerhouse electric blues, Larry McCray. That's all on *Backstage Pass* on Detroit Public Television, tonight at midnight, repeated Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Warm-up at chili cookoff

Forty cooks from seven different states will be competing in the fifth annual Winter Freeze Regional Chili Cookoff and Salsa Competition Saturday, Jan. 17.

The event in Allen Park at the VFW Hall, 16736 Ecorse Road, offers entertainment, chili and "Gourmet Jose" Salsa samples.

Doors open 11 a.m. Cooks will prepare their chili on the premises, and light their stoves at noon. Chili will be turned in for judging at 3 p.m. After the judging, which is expected to last until 4:30 or 5 p.m., prizes will be awarded.

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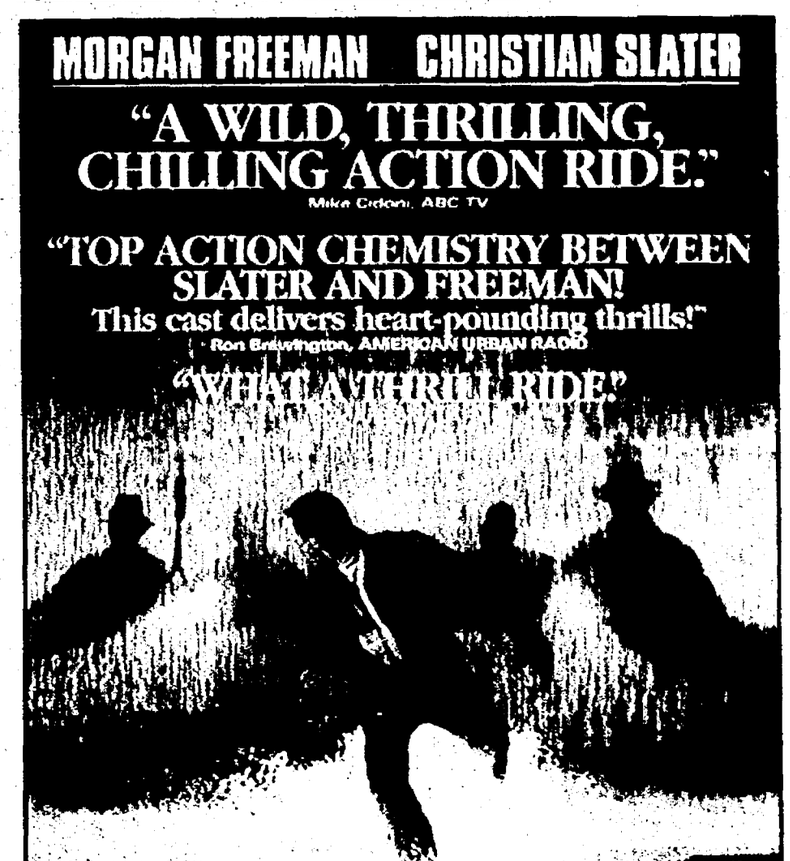

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DETROIT OPERA HOUSE
"Peter Pan," starring Cathy Rigby, 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21 ($19.50-$39.50), 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 21-22 ($26.50-$46.50), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, and 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 ($29-$49), Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Fences," Friday, Jan. 16-Sunday, March 22, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. $15. (313) 868-1347

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WALK AND SQUAWK
Variety of events leading up to the six-week South Africa Residency, participants in an international program designed to create cross-cultural exchange through performance and arts education, of "Inhlanzi Ishelwe Amanzi – As Fish Out of Water": Free community sings programs, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren (at Brush), Detroit, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4605 Cass Ave. (at Forest), Detroit; Performance of traditional South African music, 9-11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Cafe Zola, 112 W. Washington, Ann Arbor; "Inhlanzi Ishelwe Amanzi – As Fish Out of Water," a multilingual tapestry of diverse South African characters, images, observations and personal stories, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 29-31, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, Performance Network, Ann Arbor, and 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, and Saturday, Feb. 7, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Wayne State University's General Lectures Building, corner of Anthony Wayne Drive and Warren Avenue, Detroit. $12 and $15. (734) 668-0407

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERRY
"Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16-Saturday, Jan. 17, and Thursday-Friday, Jan. 22-23, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. $10-17. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO THEATRE
"Three One Acts," by Bertolt Brecht, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the theater below the Hilberry, 4743 Cass Ave., on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS
"Dial 'M' for Murder" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17 and Jan. 23-24; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18; 8 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. Theater on Tienken Road (1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road) Rochester Hills. Tickets $11; musicals, discounts for students, senior citizens and groups for Thursday and Sunday performances. Call (248) 608-9077.

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE
"You Can't Take it With You," by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24 and 29-31, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, and Sunday, Feb. 1, at the theater, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. (734) 971-AACT

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN
"By Fox," a comedy by Larry Gelbart, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, and 23-24, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at the theater, 21730 Madison (off Monroe, between Outer Drive and Van Born), Dearborn. $10, $8 for students younger than age 18 for the Sunday show only. (313) 561-TKTS

REDFORD PLAYERS
"Wait Until Dark," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 ($10), 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16 ($11), 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 ($11), and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18 ($10), at the playhouse, 803 W. Long Lake, Troy.

King of the Blues: *B.B. King with special guest Bobby Bland, performs 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets $27.50 and $35, call (313) 983-6611 for information, or (248) 433-1515 to charge tickets.*

$10 students and seniors, includes coffee and sandwich afterglow. (248) 988-7049

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE OF CRANBROOK
"Sylvia," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, and 30-31, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, West Bloomfield. $12, $10 seniors and students. (248) 644-0527

VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Rehearsal for Murder," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 16-17, 23-24, and Thursday, Jan. 22, 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 18 and 25 at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. $12, $10 students. (248) 644-2075

DINNER THEATRE

GENITTI'S HOLE IN THE WALL
"No Refunds, No Exchanges," through the end of January, at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. Price includes seven-course meal of soup, bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage, Italian steak, vegetables and dessert. (248) 349-0522

JACKSONN PRODUCTIONS DINNER THEATRE
"The Retirement Murders," an audience participation murder mystery comedy, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays through March 7, Florelli's Restaurant, 26125 E. Huron River Dr., Flat Rock. $28 in advance, $33 at the door, includes dinner, show, tax and tip. Non-smoking dinner theater. (734) 782-1431

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

CAPITOL THEATRE
"Charlotte's Web," a musical production based on the classic children's novel, with music by the composer of "Annie," 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, in the theater's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. $8, $7 children. (519) 253-8065 or capitol@mnsi.net or http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Aladdin," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 17, 24, and Sunday, Jan. 18, 25 at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. $6.50. (248) 349-8110

SPECIAL EVENTS

BROWN BAG SERIES
Robert Gaylor, curator of rare books at Oakland University, discusses the history of book making, noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Oakland County Information Technology Auditorium. Gaylor will assess rare and valuable audience members' books. (810) 858-0415

CLARKSTON TOY SHOW
Featuring more than 70 tables of vintage toys, dolls, trains, advertising, cap guns, Star Wars figures, mechanical banks and American tin pieces, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Knights of Columbus Hall, 5660 Maybee Road, Clarkston. $3, free for children ages 12 and younger. (248) 394-0926

ETHEL V. GURRY DISTINGUISHED LECTURE IN BRIDGEOLOGY
Talk by ethnomusicologist and anthropologist Dr. Anthony Seeger, "The World's Greatest Record Company: 50 Years of Folkways Records," features selected examples from the label and its future, 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, West Conference Room (fourth floor), Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-0594

NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW
10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Sunday, Jan. 18 (no admittance after 9 p.m.), and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19 (no admittance after 6 p.m.), Cobo Center, Detroit. Special access for persons with a disability is one hour earlier than above hours. $8, $4 seniors ages 65 and older, free for children ages 12 and younger when accompanied by a parent. (248) 645-6666

"ORIGINAL MONSTER ANN ARBOR RECORD AND CD SHOW"
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Elks Lodge, 325 W. Eisenhower Parkway (just off exit 175 of I-94), Ann Arbor. $3, free for children ages 10 and younger. Patrons are allowed to carry in a small number of records to trade or sell. (734) 475-1006

PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE SPECTACULAR
Featuring Detroit-area natives Ted Wakar of Canton and Jim Bur Jr. of Eastpointe, the 1996 World Champions in Asahikawa, Japan, Farmer Jack children's Fantasyland named "A Walk on the Wild Side" with displays of animals, Plymouth Observer Gingerbread house contest, the Bud Ice 24 Light Show, Ford Ice Carving Competitions, the Community Federal Credit Union Student Carving Competitions, Family Warming Center, refreshments by the Schoolcraft Community College Culinary Arts Department, Wednesday, Jan. 14-Monday, Jan. 19, Kellogg Park and the Central Parking Structure, downtown Plymouth. Free, open 24 hours. (734) 459-6969 or http://oeonline.com/plymouthice

PLYMOUTH TRAIN AND TOY SHOWS
Train show featuring dealers selling new, used, antique and collectible model railroad and toy train supplies, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, and a toy show with dealers and collectors selling old toys including discontinued items no longer available in stores to modern die-cast collectibles like Barbie dolls and Beanie Babies, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, both at the Plymouth Cultural Center and Ice Arena, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. $4, $1 for children ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

PONTIAC SILVERDOME CAMPER, TRAVEL AND RV SHOW
3-9:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 21-23, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Pontiac Silverdome. $6, $3 children ages 6-14, and free for children ages 5 and younger. Discount coupons available at Marathon gas stations, and Elias Brothers restaurants. (248) 456-1600

RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, Clawson Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main St. (1/4 mile north of 14 Mile Road), Clawson. $3. (248) 546-4527

BENEFITS

STAGECRAFTERS FOURTH ANNUAL GALA
6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. $50 includes $35 tax-deductible donation, complimentary valet parking, a silent auction, a champagne reception, taste fest featuring food from more than 20 Royal Oak restaurants, caterers and bakeries, door prizes, music by John Lauter on the restored 1926 Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ, souvenir programs, photographs and gift bags, and the final dress rehearsal of the upcoming Stephen Sondheim musical comedy "Company." (248) 541-6430

FAMILY EVENTS

MADCAT RUTH AND LERON WILLIAMS
Blues harmonica player and storyteller perform a children's show, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $5. All ages. (734) 761-1451

SESAME STREET LIVE'S "1-2-3 IMAGINE"
7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 22-23, 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Jan. 27-29, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, and 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $9-$15, with a limited number of VIP seats. (248) 433-1515

CLASSICAL

ERLING BLONDAL BENGTSSON
"Denmark's acclaimed foremost living cellist" performs with South African pianist Anton Nel as part of two U-M faculty chamber music recitals, 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, and Sunday, Jan. 18, Britton Recital hall of the E.V. Moore Building of the School of Music, 1100 Baits Dr., University of Michigan north campus, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 764-0594

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With conductor Neeme Jarvi and trombonist Christian Lindberg performing Kabalevsky's "Overture to 'Colas Breugnon,'" "Trombone Concerto" by Rimsky-Korsakov, "Motorbike Concerto" by Jan Sandstrom, and "Symphony No. 1" by Sibelius, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18; With conductor Neeme Jarvi and violinist Mark Lubotsky performing "Shango Memory" by Wilson, "Violin Concerto" by Arensky, "Phantasie for violin and orchestra" by Schumann/Kreisler, and "Serenade for Strings in C major, Op. 48" by Tchaikovsky, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 22-23, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $13-$60. (313) 833-3700

TOKYO STRING QUARTET
Performs Mozart's "String Quartet in d minor, K. 421," Webern's "Five Movements for String Quartet, Op. 5," and Tchaikovsky's "String Quartet No. 3 in e-flat minor, Op. 30," 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. $22, $30, $34, $36. All ages. (734) 764-0594

YO-YO MA
With pianist Kathryn Stott performs music by Stravinsky, Brahms, Bernstein, Gershwin, and Piazzola, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $15-$75. (313) 833-3700

POPS

BURT BACHARACH
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. $29, $26 students and seniors. Group discounts available. (810) 286-2141

WAYNE NEWTON
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. $22.50 and $12.50. All ages. (pop) (248) 377-0100

"THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA"
Internationally known baritones Dino Valle and Quinto Milito along with Dina Kessler and Sam Vitale perform excerpts from the musical, through Saturday, Jan. 17, Gretzi restaurant, 326 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free, reservations suggested. (734) 668-6062

AUDITIONS

BLUE LAKE FINE ARTS CAMP BALLET
Auditions for junior and senior high school ballet students who want to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp this summer, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Wayne State University, 3226 Old Main, Detroit; 12:30-2 p.m. for students up to age 13, and 2:30-4 p.m. for students ages 14 and older, Studio No. 1, University of Michigan School of Dance, 220 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. (800) 221-3796

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE
Auditions for Equity and Non-Equity men and women of all ethnicities in their early to mid-20s for Broadway production and touring companies of the musical, "Rent," 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, rock n' roll, R & B and gospel singers needed, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway at Madison Avenue on Grand Circus Park, Detroit. Sheet music available at the stage door of the Detroit Opera House 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. For performances beginning Apr. 8 at Fisher Theatre. (248) 540-0660

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE
Auditions for "To Kill a Mockingbird," 2-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 24-25, at the theater, 315 Fisher Road (one block off Jefferson Avenue between Cadieux and Moross roads), Grosse Pointe. Show dates March 10-22. Scripts available from Chris Kaiser (313) 881-8040

MAID OF ERIN PAGEANT
Looking for girls ages 17-23 of Irish descent for Maid of Erin Pageant to be held Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Gaelic League in Detroit. Maid of Erin wins a free trip to Ireland, and participates in all Irish activities during Irish week. (734) 464-8556/(313) 255-5677

MARQUIS THEATRE
Auditions for professional adult actors needed for "Charlotte's Web," 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19 at the theater, 135 East Main Street, Northville. (248) 349-8110

NEW MILLENNIUM YOUTH THEATRE COMPANY
Auditions youths ages 13-18 for the newly formed youth theater company, 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr. (between Greenfield Road and Northwestern Highway service drive, and Eight and Nine Mile roads), Southfield. Students should prepare an age-appropriate monologue and will be asked to sing a song selected by the director. Students should also have at least a 2.5 grade point average, a letter of recommendation from a teacher or principal, proof of health insurance, and be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, Jan. 20, for "The Brementown Musicians" scheduled for every Saturday in March. (248) 552-1225

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
Auditions for "The Wizard of Oz," 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Central United Methodist Church, 23 E. Adams (at Woodward Avenue, just south of the Fox Theatre), Detroit. Children between the ages of 8 and 18 are welcome to audition regardless of experience. Auditioners should be prepared to sing whatever they think they sing the best (an accompanist will be provided), and there will be readings from the script. The show will run weekends from February through April. (810) 662-8118

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
Open auditions for singers (male voices especially needed, particularly tenors but female voices also needed) by appointment, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 20 and 27, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial Road (west of Sheldon). (734) 455-4080

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR
Auditions for experienced singers of all voice parts by appointment only, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile (west of Inkster Road), Livonia. (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE THEATER DEPARTMENT
Open auditions for Ken Ludwig's comedy, "Moon Over Buffalo," 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 20-21, scripts available in Bradner Library should be reviewed before audition, in the Liberal Arts Building Theater, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. Performances March 20-21, 27-28 and April 3-4. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5270

VANGUARD VOICES
The 65-voice mixed choir holds an open rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, MacKenzie Fine Arts Building, Room F-113, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Detroit. Openings in all voice sections; individual auditions to be scheduled following the rehearsal. Upcoming performances include Faure's "Requiem" Feb. 12-14 with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, HFCC President's Collage Concert March 22, Wilberg's "Tres Cantus Laudendi" and Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" with Vanguard Brass Ensemble on May 17. (313) 317-6566

VILLAGE PLAYERS
Auditions for "Bye Bye Birdie," 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 26-27, at the playhouse, Hunter & Chestnut (2 blocks south of Maple). Great parts for children and adults. Come to audition prepared to sing and dance. (248) 258-2812.

CHORAL

BOYS CHOIR OF HARLEM
7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. $12-$26. (734) 764-0594

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR
"Hearts and Voices for the Homeless" concert with members of Michigan Opera Theatre chorus and Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, to benefit Doorstep Homeless Shelter, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at First Presbyterian Church, 529 Hendrie Boulevard, Royal Oak. (313) 341-3466

JAZZ

PAUL ABLER TRIO
7-11 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (guitar/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150

MARCUS BELGRAVE
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free, complimentary sushi. All ages. (248) 549-7700

BLUE DOG
With Magic Dragon, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (avant jazz/rock) (313) 833-6873, gold_dollar@mindless.com or http://members.tripod.com/~gold_dollar

CHARLIE GABRIEL
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free, complimentary sushi. All ages. (248) 549-7700

JEFF HAAS TRIO
7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 203-0005

FRED HERSCH
Solo jazz pianist celebrates release of CD "A Tribute to Thelonius Monk," 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. $10, $8 students, $15 seats in rows 3-5, $25 rows 1-2. (734) 769-2999

"JAZZ IS DEAD"
"Explorations into the music of the Grateful Dead," with Billy Cobham, Jimmy Herring, Alphonso Johnson and T. Lavitz, with special guest Meri Saunders, 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700

PHIL KELLY TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

KATHY KOSINS
7:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays in January, Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 549-7700

JAN KRIST
10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16-Saturday, Jan. 17, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 652-1600

SHEILA LANDIS
With Rick Matle, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older; With her quintet and special guest Wendell Harrison, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Oakland Community College's Wallace Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Cover charge. All ages. (313) 886-8101/(248) 471-7667

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With vocalist Patti Richards, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, and with trumpeter Marcus Belgrave, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington. $5 cover waived with dinner. (248) 474-4800

CARL MICHEL AND MICHAEL GRAYE
8-10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (guitar/saxophone duo) (734) 668-1838

FRANK MCCULLERS TRIO
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Center Street), Royal Oak. Free, 25-cent surcharge on drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (248) 546-1400

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY (M.A.S.)
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15-Saturday, Jan. 17, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (contemporary jazz/top 40) (248) 852-0550

PATTI RICHARDS
With Jeff Kressler Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. $5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

GARY SCHUNK TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums

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trio) (248) 645-2150

TARTARSAUCE TRADITIONAL JAZZ BAND
6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, featuring Ron Kischuk, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits at Bates streets, Birmingham. Freewill offering. (248) 644-0550

TRANSMISSION
9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (acid jazz) (734) 662-8310

SACHAL VASANDANI
8-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

PAUL VORNHAGEN
With his vocal/sax, piano and bass trio, 7-11 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; With his quartet, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. $5. 21 and older; 7:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays in January, Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150/(734) 662-8310/(248) 549-7700

DONALD WALDEN TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150

WORLD MUSIC

IMMUNITY
10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 360-7450

FOLK/BLUE GRASS

LISA HUNTER BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; With Jill Jack, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. $3. All ages. (pop/folk) (248) 642-9400/(734) 994-3940

JAN KRIST
10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, Royal Oak Brewery, 210 E. Third St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 652-1600/(248) 544-1141

CHRISTINE LAVIN
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $15. All ages. (734) 761-1451

RAISIN PICKERS
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $10, $9 members, students and seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451

RFD BOYS
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $9, $8 members, students, seniors. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451

NEIL WOODWARD
8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $10, $9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451

DANCE

COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS
Open jam for string band musicians, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94) Ann Arbor. Free; Followed by Third Saturday Contra Dance with Cobblestone Farm Dancers and live music by David West and Donna Baird, 8 p.m. same location. $6. (734) 662-3371 (for jam session)/(734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
"Dances of EarthSkyWater" presented by Eastern Michigan University's dance department, and includes performance by the Tree Town Singers, a Native American drum group who sings in traditional Great Lakes style, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Quirk Theatre on campus, Ypsilanti. $8, $5 students/seniors and children under age 12. (734) 487-1221

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING
With the Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance and the them of "building dance skills: hearing the music, not the caller," 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. All dances taught. Previous experience and partners not required. (734) 663-0744/(734) 662-5158

GENDER-FREE CONTRA DANCE
With the Ann Arbor Rainbow Contra Dancers, folk dancing without gender-specific dance roles, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, Fellowship Room, Ann Arbor Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St. (west of Washtenaw Avenue), Ann Arbor. $6, $5 students. (734) 764-6958 or yusuf@umich.edu

JANUARY "ITALIAN NIGHT" DINNER/DANCE
Doors open at 5:30 p.m., buffet dinner of meat balls, rosemary chicken, mostaccioli marinara, pasta all'aglio, potatoes viviano, sugar snap peas, coffee, tea, and chef's choice dessert at 6:30 p.m., and dancing to The Walter Lipiec Band, Eddie DeSantis and his accordion, and singing by Maria Marlotto from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, The Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. $18.50. Reservation deadline Tuesday, Jan. 20. (313) 534-5924

COMEDY

BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB
Norm Stultz, Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, at Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. (248) 628-6500

HOLLY HOTEL
Ricky Connor and Bill Kraze, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 15-17; Steve Sabo and Tammy Pescatelli, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24, at the hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. 8:30 p.m. shows non smoking. (248) 634-0000

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Chris Zito, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 (free); Bobby Collins, Chris Zito, and Rich Higginbottom, Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, ($20, $12 first Friday show); John Joseph, John Barillaro and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24 ($14), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays (free), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays (new talent night/improv). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Roger Kabler, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 ($10, dinner show package $20.95), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17 ($12, $24.95 dinner show package); Jackson Perdue, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 ($10, $20.95 dinner show package), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24 ($12, $24.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Jim Mendrinos of Comedy Central, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 ($7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17 ($10); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21 ($4); Jeff Shaw, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 ($7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24 ($10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

SECOND CITY
"Generation X-Files" through January at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs a free improvisational comedy set after Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday shows, and the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays. $14 Thursdays, $17.50 Fridays, $19.50 Saturdays, and $12 Sundays and Wednesdays. The show's title is reflective of current cultural trends, not necessarily the show's content. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December 1998, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; $3 for adults, $1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays through Fridays; "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Saturdays, and 1:45 p.m. Sundays; "Destiny in Space," 12:45 p.m. Sundays, at the museum, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit. $6.75 for adults, $4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. $2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or http://www.sciencedetroit.org

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration features videos of King's speeches and special films, "Martin's Dreams," a poetry recitation and saxophone performance by Duane Parham Society, community sing-along by Walk and Squaw Performance Project, King impersonator Rudy Barker presenting a monologue of King's speeches, and the Paul Robeson Academy Debate Team's open discussion on the topic "The Content of Your character and Have These Truths Become Self Evident?" 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19. MLK Day activities included in museum admission; "A Communion of the Spirits: African-American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories" exhibits featuring 175 photographs of varying sizes, a selection of the surveyed quilts, interpretive panels, and a limited amount of other artwork related to the quilters, opens Saturday, Jan. 17, and runs through Sunday, June 7, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush St.,), Detroit. The exhibit features area quilters and celebrity quilters such as Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Faith Ringgold, Sonia Sanchez and Alice Walker. $3 for adults and $2 for children aged 12 and younger. (313) 494-5800

'Dutch' treated to his own day

Every author imagines having his or her day when their book is finally published.

But after 34 novels and accolades as "the greatest living writer of crime fiction," Elmore "Dutch" Leonard should set his sights higher.

At least that's an opinion shared by many readers along with his home state and home town.

By proclamation of Gov. John Engler, the state of Michigan will observe "Elmore Leonard Day" on Friday, Jan. 16.

The awards ceremony will be held in conjunction with a book signing at Borders in downtown Birmingham, 34300 Woodward Avenue, (248) 203-0005.

Starting at 7 p.m., the festivities include:

- A representative from the governor's office reading the formal proclamation of "Elmore Leonard Day";
- Birmingham Mayor Archie Duncombe will present Leonard with the key to the city;
- Leonard will sign copies of his latest novel, "Cuba Libre (Delacorte).

Leonard is riding a wave of popular and critical appeal. Two of his recent books, "Get Shorty" and "Rum Punch," have been made into movies ("Get Shorty" and "Jackie Brown").

His first novel, "The Bounty Hunters," was published in 1953. At the time, Leonard was a copy writer at Campbell-Ewald advertising agency.

In the mid 1960s, he sold his first novel to Hollywood, "Hombre." Later that decade, he switched from Westerns to crime fiction. With the release of "Fifty-Two Pickup," "City Primeval" and "Stick," he literally set out to create a new genre.

Leonard's mid 1980s breakout seller, "Glitz," pushed him onto the best-selling authors echelon.

Leonard begins his nine-city book-signing tour of his latest novel in his hometown.

DARREN MICHAELS/MIRAMAX FILMS

Drama: *Robert De Niro and Samuel L. Jackson star in Quentin Tarantino's "Jackie Brown," based on the novel "Rum Punch" by Elmore Leonard.*

POPULAR MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS AND BLUE SUIT
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 644-4800

BACKSTREET BOYS
With Los Umbrellos, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Sold out. All ages. (pop) (248) 433-1515

BAKED POTATO
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (734) 485-5050

GEORGE BEDARD AND THE KINGPINS
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 451-1213

BIZER BROTHERS
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays in January, Pages, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. 21 and older. (248) 477-0099

BLUE SUIT WITH GENE MORGAN
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BRIDGE
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, and Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. $3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

BUGS BEDDOW BAND
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $2. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Blue Goose, 28911 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 334-7900/(810) 296-0590

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (jump blues) (734) 996-8555

BILHMAN BROTHERS
10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (248) 349-9110/(810) 731-1750

BLUE CAT
10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 731-1750

BOTFLY
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE
8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $8 in advance. 19 and older. (rock/soul) (734) 996-8555

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9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. $3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

BROADZILLA
With Easy Action featuring former members of the Laughing Hyenas and the Necros, 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Club Heidelberg, 215 N. Main St., Ann Arbor. $5. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 663-7758

BROTHERS CREEGGAN
Featuring Jim Creeggan of the Barenaked Ladies, and his brother Andy Creeggan, formerly of the BNL, with special guests Kevin Hearn, keyboardist for BNL, and Thinbuckle, 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $10 in advance. 18 and older. (pop) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

THE CIVILIANS
10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Mount Chalet, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 549-2929

COMMON
With his live band A Black Girl Named Becky, and special guests Ex-Ecutioners, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $15 in advance. All ages. (R&B) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

COR
With No. 6 and the Prisoners, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $4. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

DANNY COX
8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Royal Oak Brewery, 210 E. Third St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 544-1141

DETROIT BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213/(248) 644-4800

DIAMOND DUKES
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Carriage House's Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

GLEN EDDIE
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

FAST ORANGE
10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, I-Rock Nightclub, 16350 Harper Road, Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 883-7625

FEZ
With 2 Star Tabernacle, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (country punk) (313) 833-6873, gold_dollar@mindless.com or http://members.tripod.com/~gold_dollar

STEWART FRANCKE
With Coco Love Alcorn and Susan Calloway, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $10. All ages. (pop) (734) 761-1800

GANGSTER FUN
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (ska) (734) 485-5050

GILLESPIE, RASMUSSEN AND RAFFOUL
10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 731-1750

GOVERNMENT HONEY
9 p.m. Sundays in January, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. $3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

GRIN
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

GYPSY TRIBE
10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

HIS NAME IS ALIVE
With Denise James, and Gilchrist, Oaks and Nash, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (ethereal pop) (313) 833-6873, gold_dollar@mindless.com or http://members.tripod.com/~gold_dollar

HOLY COWS
With Big Back 40, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (roots rock) (734) 996-8555

LONG JOHN HUNTER
10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922

JILL JACK
10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older. (roots rock) (248) 349-9110/(313) 861-8101/(248) 652-1600

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (248) 360-7450

ROBERT JONES
2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, University of Michigan Museum of Art's Apse, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. $5. All ages. (blues) (734) 647-0521

MIKE KING
8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Royal Oak Brewery, 210 E. Third St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock/pop) (248) 544-1141/(313) 861-8101

KNEE DEEP SHAG
With Heavy Weather, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (funk) (734) 996-8555

KUNG FU DIESEL
With InDrama, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $3. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 996-8555

JOHN D. LAMB
8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Matt Brady's Tavern, 1820 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 584-4242/(248) 349-7038

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9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

MAGIC DRAGON
With Blue Dog, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873, gold_dollar@mindless.com or http:// members. tripod.com/~gold_dollar

MARKAIN
With Jonah Smith and Michael Wagner, followed by an open mic night for solo and duo performers of acoustic music, poetry, storytelling and spoken word, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, U-Club, first floor of the Michigan Union, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. $7, $5 with ID for students and seniors, $3 for children ages 6-12, and free for kids ages 5 and younger. (blues/country) (734) 763-3202

MASCHINA
With Five Horse Johnson, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 996-8555

MASTER OF NONE
With Sensitive Clown, 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 567-6020

MEDICINE HAT
10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesdays in January, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

MERGE
With Big Blonde Wig and Viola Peacock, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

"MIDWEST ICE FEST '98"
With Cold as Life, Earth Mover, Blood for Blood, All Out War, One for One, Dogz of War, Envy and Dayz Gone, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $7. All ages. (punk) (313) 833-POOL

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY
10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

NEW BOMB TURKS
With Bantam Rooster and Murder City Wrecks, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $6 in advance. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 833-POOL

OAK RIDGE BOYS
3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road (at M-59), Clinton Township. $27, $25 students and seniors. All ages. (country) (810) 286-2141

PAKISTANI TAMBOURINE
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Mondays in January, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

PEGBOY
With the Trash Brats, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $6 in advance. 18 and older. (glam rock) (313) 833-POOL

ROBERT PENN
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650/(248) 543-4300

PHILOSOPHER KINGS
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $7 in advance. 18 and older. (pop) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

PULL
9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 338-6200

THE SCHUGARS
With Opie's Dream, 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 334-9292

MATTHEW SKOLLER BAND
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922

"STATIC SHOWCASE"
With Forge, Skinhorse, Motion Control and Ernie Douglas "the Acoustic Terminator," 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 18 and older. (variety) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

TEDDY SALAD
With Six-Foot Something, 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

TEXAS FLOOD
10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. $3. 21 and older. (roots rock) (313) 533-4477

MARY THOMPSON AND THE DELTA CHILDREN BLUES BAND
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Lonestar Coffee House, 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 642-2233

TILES
With Anomaly, as part of radio station WRIF (101.1 FM)'s "Motor City Riffs" live simulcast showcase series, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, The MetroPol Music Cafe, 24300 Hoover Road (just south of 10 Mile Road), Warren. $1.01. 21 and older. (progressive rock) (810) 756-6140

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9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Goose Island Brewery, 1538 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800/(248) 682-4566

WAILIN' INC.
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

THE WITCH DOCTORS
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

DINING

Cozy Cafe Giverny offers crepes and more

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

People who are good cooks and hosts hear it over and over – "you should open your own restaurant," but few do. Nebojsa "Neb" Brankovic of Westland who recently opened Cafe Giverny in downtown Plymouth is the exception.

"I like entertaining and serving food to friends and family," he said. "For quite a long time people have told me and my wife, Celeste, that we should be in the restaurant business and share our goodies with others."

In a space formerly occupied by a gallery, Brankovic has created an oasis, a cafe that's warm and welcoming no matter what the weather. Three pillars created a design challenge. Brankovic used them to support parasols. "I wanted to create the feeling of an outdoor cafe," he said. The setting is designed to transport visitors to a cozy European cafe. There's a yellow and white striped awning over the service area. On a sunny day you can look outside and see the park. On gloomy days the track lighting provides a warm glow.

"It's done in the French Colonial style of North Africa," he explained. The walls are beige, like dessert sand, and the chairs are wicker. Named for Giverny, the city where French Impressionists such as Claude Monet lived and worked, Brankovic decorated the walls with reproductions of Giverny gardens.

Brankovic is famous for crepes, and he's built his menu around them.

"They're the oldest fast food that I'm aware of," said Brankovic. "I wanted to have food that could be served quickly; that's light, but filling. I've made many crepes in my life, and have developed a recipe for a batter that works like a charm. I experimented a little."

Brankovic learned how to make crepes from his mother. "I liked them and kept bugging her to make them," he said. "She showed me how."

Crepes are versatile, and can be served for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and dessert. Brankovic serves a variety – Sweet dessert crepes, filled with hot and cold fruits; and Savory entree crepes – filled with mushrooms, cheese, sauteed vegetables with Oriental seasonings, chicken and broccoli, ham and cheese, seafood, or pizza toppings such as mozzarella cheese and pepperoni. They are served individually, or in combination with soup or salad.

Crepe offerings change daily, so be sure to ask your server about daily selections. There are two soups a day on the menu including Onion Soup Giverny a leek and potato cream soup.

Cafe Giverny offers a House Salad made with mixed wild greens, yellow peppers and other veggies, pine nuts, and marinated turkey breast tossed with the chef's ginger flavored dressing and garlic croutons. There's also a Pasta Salad and Russian Salad. All salads are served with freshly baked bread.

For dessert choose from fruit-filled crepes, strawberry blintzes, cheesecake, or chocolate mousse.

For breakfast there are crepes, French toast, scones and pastries.

In the summer Brankovic plans to extend his cafe atmosphere outside with tables and chairs on the sidewalk.

Cafe Giverny is in a non-smoking building. The gallery had a cappuccino bar that faced the rear of the building, and Brankovic said he plans to use the space for carry-out in the months ahead, and during the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Jan. 14-19.

Cafe Giverny
Where: 370 S. Main St., downtown Plymouth, (313) 453-6998.
Winter Hours: 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday.
Menu: Breakfast crepes and French toast; Sweet and Savory crepes, soups and salads, scones, desserts, gourmet coffee and tea, soda pop, juices.
Cost: Ranges from $6.75 to $8.75 for Savory Crepes served in combination with cup of soup or luncheon salad. Breakfast crepes $4.75, choice of Savory Crepe $5.25; Salads $3.25 to $7.25; Soups $2.25 cup, $3.25 bowl; Dessert crepes with your choice of daily fillings $3.25; Strawberry Blintzes $3.75.
Reservations: No

STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

European cafe: *Nebojsa "Neb" Brankovic invites customers to relax and warm up at his newly opened Cafe Giverny where it feels like summer even in the middle of January.*

Irish 'Boxer' has spirit but lacks punch

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JOHN MONAGHAN

MOVIES

For the past 14 years, "Danny Boy" Flynn has done time in an English prison for his youthful involvement with the IRA. He has kept his nose clean, refused to rat on anyone, but he also doesn't go out of his way to buddy up with his fellow political prisoners.

Now sprung, Danny has few prospects. Returning to his ramshackle flat in Belfast, he finds that little has changed with "The Troubles," where armed sentries still keep the peace. While Danny has kept himself fit as a fighter, he might not have the stamina to steer clear of the violence that threatens to erupt on an almost daily basis.

The story of Danny's attempts to start a gym for kids and preach a sort of passive non-violence is a noble one. But "The Boxer," the third pairing of actor Daniel Day-Lewis with director Jim Sheridan, is so painstakingly slow that its vitality is smothered in often preachy melodrama.

Of course it has a tough act to follow, walking in the shadow of "In the Name of the Father" and "My Left Foot," the previous Day-Lewis/Sheridan pairings. It has the same spiritual center and sense of place, but its long passages of dialogue play like a broken record as Danny refuses to join his old mates.

Brian Cox plays putty-faced IRA leader Joe Hamill. Like an aging Capulet, he is ready for peace but can't seem to keep his impatient underlings from respecting the cease fire. Key to negotiations are the freeing of political prisoners, a concession that the Brits still can't cotton to.

At a wedding reception early in the film, a young man is found taking liberties with a prisoner's wife on the dance floor. He's dragged off into a bathroom and told he'll have his kneecaps shot off if he even looks at the woman again. As symbols of their men behind bars, these women must stay above reproach.

Which makes it all the more awkward when Danny starts to pick up with his childhood sweetheart Maggie ("Breaking the Waves" Emily Watson), who married Danny's best friend and had a child by him. Though Maggie admits the marriage was pretty much over before her husband went away, her stolen moments with Danny put them both in danger.

Our first glimpse of Daniel Day-Lewis finds him boxing in the prison yard, framed by steel bars. He glides through the rest of the movie like a tightly wound steel coil, incredibly soft spoken but capable of the violence that he has fought hard to suppress. It's a powerful, understated performance.

He's the same way in the ring, dancing around his opponents, taking his jabs only when necessary. "He could get himself nominated for the Nobel Peace Price," says one put-off spectator.

The well-filmed boxing sequences are a relief in a film that relies so heavily on long stretches of dialogue. Like the title character himself, the movie avoids the showiness of something like "Raging Bull" and uses economy and power to get the job done.

But, like the best boxing movies, "The Boxer" has little to do with the sport at all. It's really about the irony of a man who uses this most violent sport to bring about peace in an impossible situation, a good idea for an only so-so movie.

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