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Man charged in death of boy, 2



Hassan Clark, 30, was arraigned Sunday on a felony murder charge for the Jan. 14 death of 2-year-old Michael Towne. Police said Clark was caring for Towne while the boy's mother, Kimberly Howie, was working.

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Police call it a bizarre coincidence that two Westland men within two months have been charged with killing their girlfriends' young sons. "It's a coincidence, but it's unbelievable," Westland police Lt. Marc Stobbe said.

Hassan Clark, 30, was arraigned Sunday on a felony murder charge for the Jan. 14 death of 2-year-old Michael Towne.

His arrest came as 26-year-old Rayshawn Otis Cobb faces a court hearing today (Thursday) for the Dec. 7 death of Darius Deshawn Conaway, who was beaten at Hines Park Apartments near Warren and Cowan. Like Clark, Cobb is charged with

felony murder amid accusations he killed his girlfriend's son while baby-sitting. Darius died five days after he was beaten into a coma.

In the latest incident, police said Clark was caring for Michael Towne while the boy's mother, Kimberly Howie, was working. Police received a call that the child had stopped breathing while napping.

"The mother was at work, and she's just hysterical," Stobbe said.

Clark and Howie lived together at The Orchards of Newburgh, an apartment complex near Glenwood and Newburgh where Westland paramedics and police officers found the lifeless

child about 2 p.m. Jan. 14.

Two neighbors told police that they had heard noises coming from the apartment.

Paramedics took Michael to Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne, where it was learned that the boy had chicken pox and minor bruises although doctors didn't see immediate signs of foul play.

"The doctor at the hospital thought it was just the typical bruising that a 2-year-old gets from bumping into things," Stobbe said.

One day later, however, the Wayne

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King birthday: Marla Edwards expresses her feelings about music sung by the Bagley Gospel Choir at the Salvation Army's Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center Martin Luther King Jr. Day Ceremony on Monday. Below left, Sherry Rush and her daughter LaJoya, 9 hold hands at the ceremony.



FIT FOR KING

Celebrations honor slain leader

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in his "I Have A Dream" speech on Aug. 28, 1963.

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Claudia Wilson had a dream for her own four children when she took them to a freedom march in Detroit in 1963.

Like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., she wanted her children to live in a world free of racial prejudice.

"I came up in a generation when some people had a lot of prejudices," she said.

Wilson, now 69, marched again Monday — this time in Westland with daughter Lori Wilson, 44,

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Leader: Officer Envoy Otis Green leads the Salvation Army Bagley Gospel Choir from Detroit at the Salvation Army's Martin Luther King Jr. Day ceremony.

Teen suspected in fire at apartment complex

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A Westland teenager is suspected of starting an apartment fire in an attempt to kill his girlfriend's mother Tuesday morning, police and fire officials said.

The incident occurred at 9:13 a.m. after the 16-year-old boy and the mother argued at Hawthorne Club Apart-

ments on Merriman Road south of Ann Arbor Trail, Westland Fire Department Battalion Chief Chris Szpara said.

No one was seriously injured during the blaze, which firefighters snuffed out within 20 minutes.

The boy has been placed in a Wayne County youth home, and he could face criminal charges of arson and assault with intent to murder, Westland police

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2 Westland police officers ticketed in gambling case

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Two veteran Westland police officers, ticketed Sunday in a high-stakes gambling party in Royal Oak, won't likely lose their jobs, Police Chief Emery Price said Wednesday.

"From what I know right now, I don't see anybody getting terminated because of this," he said.

Price declined to name the officers but confirmed that they have been with

the Westland Police Department for more than 20 years.

"These are two officers who have been here for a long time," he said, "and they're both good guys."

Price placed both officers on desk duty until an internal investigation can be completed, possibly within a week or two.

Price said the officers, cited for misdemeanors, could face verbal or written

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L. Marc Stobbe said. "We're going to try to charge him as an adult," Stobbe said.

The boy was described as a 225-pound student of John Glenn High School, but officials didn't release his name because he hasn't been charged.

The boy, his girlfriend and the mother all shared an apartment on the south end of the complex, Szpara said.

The building where the fire started sustained about \$20,000 to \$25,000 in damages, much of it from smoke, he said.

Fire officials wouldn't reveal specific details of how the fire started and said the incident remains under investigation.

After the argument erupted, the mother went into a bedroom and closed the door, and the boy soon left the apartment, Szpara said.

"The woman had been in an argument with her daughter's boyfriend, and she was in her bedroom with the door closed

when she smelled smoke," he said.

When she realized the hallway was on fire, she began yelling for help from her first-floor apartment, Szpara said. She apparently had physical difficulties trying to get out on her own, he said.

Contractors hired to do work at Hawthorne Club heard the woman's cries for help.

One worker jumped inside the apartment and, with help from another worker, lifted the woman through the window, Szpara said.

One worker initially tried to go through a front door, but found it locked.

Firefighters quickly doused the flames, and Szpara said the worst damage was contained in the apartment where the fire started.

A second-floor apartment and a hallway also sustained some smoke damage, he said.

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County Medical Examiner's Office ruled that Michael's internal injuries were far more serious than had been suspected. The office determined that the boy had been "beaten to death," according to a police report.

The child suffered abdominal bleeding and a liver fracture, and his pancreas had been pushed against his spine, splitting it in two, the report said.

Westland police also are investigating medical examiner reports that the boy may have been previously beaten.

"There may be evidence of prior injuries," Stobbe said.

In court Sunday, a not-guilty plea was placed on record for Clark during his arraignment. He was denied bond.

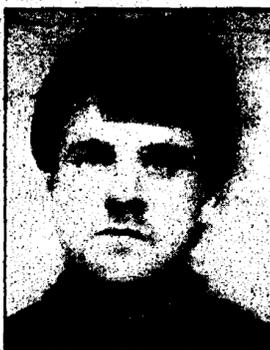
He is scheduled for a Jan. 28 hearing in Westland 18th District Court that will determine whether he should face trial for felony murder.

Like Cobb, Clark could face a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted as charged.

The latest charge against Clark came as he was already awaiting trial in Wayne County Circuit Court for negligent homicide, punishable by two years in prison.

Clark was accused of driving a car that crossed the center line and hit another vehicle head-on on Feb. 7, 1998, on Newburgh Road near Palmer.

Jessie Dwayne Ridner, a 31-



Hassan Clark
Clark is scheduled for a Jan. 28 hearing in Westland 18th District Court.

year-old passenger in the car Clark was driving, died from massive internal injuries.

Hassan wasn't declared legally drunk but had consumed some alcohol, Westland police Officer Jack McIntosh said.

Officer Julie Aleip also testified during an April 30 hearing that empty beer bottles were found in the car and that she smelled the "strong odor of intoxicants" in the vehicle.

DeHart honored by veterans

Members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Westland Chapter 387 gathered at City Hall Friday, Dec. 12, to present a plaque to state Rep. Eileen DeHart.

The plaque was in appreciation for DeHart's devotion to veterans affairs and her willingness to participate in the annual POW/MIA ceremony hosted by the chapter at the city's memorial.

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King

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and great-granddaughter Maxine Henderson-Wilson, 7.

"I guess I'm one of the oldest walkers," Wilson said.

Deputy Mayor George Gillies estimated that 70 people marched about a mile from the Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Center on Marquette to the city's senior citizen Friendship Center on Newburgh. Inside, the crowd swelled to 200 or more as some who didn't march joined the celebration.

It marked the city's second annual event honoring King's birthday. The civil rights leader would be 70 if he hadn't been gunned down in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968.

Lori Wilson, who marched with her mother in 1963, wanted granddaughter Maxine to have a similar experience.

"I came for my grandchild so that she can know, understand, feel and participate in change," Lori Wilson said.

Student view

Maxine, a Thomas Gist Academy second-grader in Westland, had already written a school report about King.

"He was a good man," she said. "He did things that were good for other people. He wanted white people and black people to be friends and go to school together."

Inside the Friendship Center, black and white, young and old enjoyed an inspiring program of prayer, singing and speeches to honor King.

Westland's celebration continued Monday evening at The Salvation Army chapel on Venoy Road during a stirring program featuring gospel singing, mimes, skits by Adams Middle School students, prayers and a recitation of King's "I Have A Dream" speech by the Rev. George Johnson. About 200 people attended.

"It was very inspirational," Lt. Charles Yockey of The Salvation Army said.

For the first time ever, Westland city offices closed for the holiday.

"I'm happy to say that we have finally done this," Westland City Councilwoman Sharon Scott told the Friendship Center crowd.

Adams Middle School eighth-graders Henry Love and Royce Bankhead greeted marchers as they entered the Friendship Center.

"Martin Luther King stood up for everybody's rights," Love, 14, said.

"He inspired me to stand up for my rights," Bankhead, 13, said.

Inkster resident Ron Anderson, 60, marched because "this is part of history" and because he believes that more can be done to improve race relations.

"Let's unite and be one," he said. "Everyone should be treated equally."

Leading a prayer, the Rev. Willie Davis of Gethsemane Baptist Church remembered King as



A little shut-eye: Maxine Henderson-Wilson, 7 of Westland fell asleep on the lap of her great-grandmother Claudia Wilson of Inkster at the Friendship Center. Sitting at Claudia's side is her daughter, Lori Wilson.



Performs: Robert Penn, of People's Community Baptist Church, performs.



Thoughts: Leau'Rette Douglas of the Salvation Army shares thoughts.



Entertainer: Loretta Russell, a member of the Gratitude Steel Band, entertains the crowd at the ceremony.

tist Church remembered King as "a man who gave his all so that all of us might live in a better society."

Musical messages

The Glenn Singers from John

Glenn High School sang "I Have A Dream" and "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" - a song that master of ceremonies John Franklin said symbolized the plight of African-Americans in the late 1800s.

Wayne-Westland school Superintendent Greg Baracy said the local community reflects racial, religious and political diversity.

"If we are going to be successful as a community, we must come together as one," he said. "Our destiny depends on it."

Musicians Matt Watroba and Robert B. Jones, who appear on WDET radio, captured the crowd's attention by performing "That Kind of Grace." The piece was part "Amazing Grace" and part folk song, weaving details about the Rodney King incident and other civil rights issues into the lyrics.

Detroit area blues musician Robert Penn performed guitar solos that spontaneously prompted the crowd to clap along.

Westland Mayor Robert Thomas told the crowd to learn from King's willingness to sacrifice for a larger cause and declared that, no matter what people do in their daily lives, "we're all equals."

Sabrina Guyton of Westland brought her 17-year-old daughter, Tameka, and 11-year-old son, Travis, to honor King.

"He helped all black people," Travis said.

"He helped bring this nation

together, and he saw everyone as equals," Tameka said.

At The Salvation Army chapel, the crowd of 200 heard a rousing recitation of King's "I Have A Dream" speech by Johnson.

"He did a wonderful job," Yockey said. "The common message that Dr. King had is just as applicable today as it was when he gave that speech (in 1963)."

The Salvation Army's Envoy Otis Green & the Bagley Gospel Choir came from Detroit to perform gospel music, and the crowd was visibly moved.

Said Yockey: "The music was just phenomenal."

On the march:

Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy, Jill Thomas and Mayor Robert Thomas and others carry flags in their march from the Dyer Center to the Friendship Center in Westland Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.



Music: Reaster Everett (left) of Westland sings "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" along with Elizabeth Byrd (center) and Florine Hamilton. Above, Adams Middle School students listen to singing.

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In an effort to keep residents up to date on breakthroughs and changes in health issues, the Wayne County Health Department is hosting monthly health education forums.

Health department officials and experts from other agencies will conduct the free seminars at department health clinics around the county.

"Every day, the health department receives calls from residents requesting health information on a variety of subjects," said Wayne County Medical Director Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk.

"These health education workshops will

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allow us to facilitate a need by presenting relevant health information that citizens can use to promote health and ensure a better quality of life."

The first seminar will be "Stress and Health" 3-4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at the Westland Health Center, 2001 Merriman Road. Call (734) 727-7260 for more information.

"Health Insurance for Your Child" will be

tackled 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, seminar at the Highland Park Health Center, 211 Glendale, Suite 113, Highland Park. For more information, call (313) 883-6109.

"Caring for Your Baby" will be covered 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the Inkster Health Center, 3505 Walnut, Inkster. For more information, call (313) 563-1133.

Other topics that will be covered include "Don't Let Your Health Go Up in Smoke" and "How to Have Safer Sex."

For more information about the seminars, call the health department at (734) 727-7000.

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: WESTLAND

Eric McCahill, 14, of Westland has been named Carrier of the Month for January for the Westland Observer. A ninth-grader at John Glenn High School, McCahill's route is in Westland Woods subdivision. He is the son of David and Kathy and is the brother of Daniel, 8, Jon, 11, and Tiffany, 15. His favorite subjects are science and math. His hobbies include playing sports with friends.

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Eric McCahill

Officers from page A1

reprimands or possibly suspensions. He didn't rule out their firing but said it isn't likely.

A veteran Canton police officer ticketed at the same football gambling party already has been suspended with pay as that department conducts an investigation.

Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro would preside over any disciplinary hearing that the officer might face and would issue a final judgment on punishment, if any.

"We have rules of conduct for our officers that's higher than what's expected from civilians," Santomauro said. "We expect a higher standard of conduct."

Price made a similar statement.

"Some people including myself like to hold us to a higher standard, but we live in the real world," he said, adding later, "I don't condone this."

Some Westland City Council members had heard about the officers being ticketed, but one member said he didn't believe the council would become involved in the matter.

"I believe this is a matter that is going to be investigated and ultimately decided by the police department, specifically Emery Price," Councilman Richard LeBlanc said.

A series of tips to Farmington Hills police led to a raid of the Royal Oak Music Theater on Sunday evening. Officers from Royal Oak, Farmington Hills and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department conducted the raid, making 13 arrests and issuing more than 300 tickets.

Gambling aside, police also arrested three people for cocaine possession and one man for having a handgun. Others were taken into custody for not providing identification, Farmington Hills Assistant Chief Chuck Nebus said.

The raid netted \$221,000 in cash in the betting operation. People bet \$500 for possible \$100,000 payoffs, police said.

South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium, which includes Farmington Hills and Novi police officers, tracked information that revealed a gambling operation under the ruse of an investment seminar that would take place at the theater. The "seminar" coincided with the NFC and AFC championship games Sunday.

"It was really just a front," Farmington Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer said.

Those ticketed were cited for frequenting a place of illegal gambling. The citations carry a \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail upon conviction.

Officials say the investigation is continuing and could lead to felony charges against party organizers.

Staff writers Scott Daniel and Larry O'Connor contributed to this report.

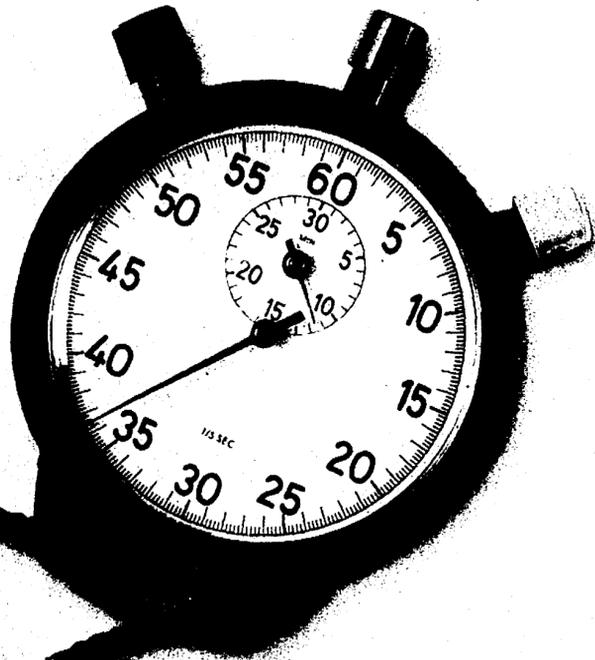
Area landfill seeks expansion

Owners of Sauk Trail Hills landfill in Canton, which serves Westland, are hoping to gain township approval for a vertical expansion by the end of the month.

Allied Waste Systems wants to raise the 165-acre landfill about 100 feet from its current permitted height of 120 feet. The Arizona-based company must get approvals from Canton, Wayne County and the state to make the expansion. "We would like to get all of them in 1999," Allied District General Manager Laurie Kendall said.

Allied Waste Systems began operations at Sauk Hills in 1993. The company consolidated three small landfills on the 200-acre site into one. The landfill, which sits south of Michigan Avenue near Lilley, serves a consortium of area communities.

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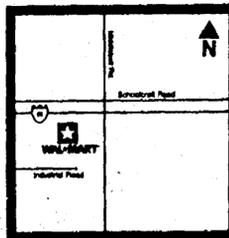


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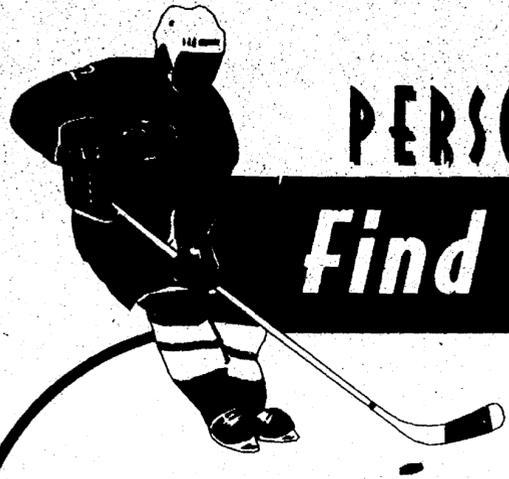
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Ruling may spur future suits on tax vs. user fee

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Tax foes hailed a Michigan Supreme Court decision that declared Lansing's storm water service charge is really a tax that violates the Headlee amendment to the state constitution.

"Because Lansing did not submit Ordinance 925 to a vote of the people as required by the Headlee amendment, the storm water service charge is unconstitutional and, therefore, null and void," said Justice Elizabeth Weaver in a 4-3 decision.

"We've been watching this case for three years," said a pleased Bill McMaster, Birmingham-area public relations man and chair (voluntary) of Taxpayers United.

McMaster did the p.r. work in 1978 when Richard Headlee,

then a Farmington Hills insurance executive, led the committee that won voter approval of a tax limitation amendment. The six-section package now is commonly called the "Headlee amendment." Headlee is now retired in Utah.

Weaver was joined by Justices James Brickley, Clifford Taylor and Marilyn Kelly.

The legal question was whether the charge was a "user fee" or a "tax" that is subject to the Headlee amendment. Headlee's Sec. 31 prohibits local units from increasing a tax rate not authorized by the charter "without the approval of a majority of the qualified electors."

Dissenters said Weaver's opinion "subjects these (other) cities to future legal challenges and wreaks havoc with the state's water sewage and water disposal system."

Justice Elizabeth Weaver said the Headlee amendment has no clear line or test to distinguish a tax from a user fee. She urged the Legislature to write one. Dissenters agreed that the distinction is murky.

Weaver said the charge is not a fee because there is no regulatory purpose and wasn't proportionate to the costs of the service. Lansing sought to fund 50 percent of a \$178 million program to control combined (storm and sanitary) sewer overflows over 30 years.

Because 63 percent of the cost was a capital expenditure, she wrote, "This constitutes an investment in infrastructure as opposed to a fee designed simply to defray the costs of a regulatory activity."

Weaver added that "the charges imposed do not correspond to the benefits conferred,"

hence the charge wasn't a fee. The program assessed all property owners, but only 25 percent would get the benefit of the CSO program. "A true 'fee,' however, is not designed to confer benefits on the general public, but rather to benefit the particular person on whom it is imposed."

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Lansing's council passed Ordinance 925 in 1995 to abate pollution of the Grand and Red Cedar

rivers. The suit was brought by Lansing resident Alexander Bolt in the Court of Appeals, where Judges Henry Saad of Birmingham and the late Myron Wahls of Detroit ruled against him. Bolt then appealed to the Supreme Court.

Dissenting were Justices Patricia Boyle, Michael Cavanagh and Chief Justice Conrad Mallett Jr. They agreed with the Court of Appeals that the charge is a fee.

They noted that Lansing was required under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Standards program to obtain a federal permit. They found the city had power under the state Revenue Bond Act to make public improvements, including sewers.

Boyle said the charge doesn't raise general fund revenue and

is based on parcel size and "hydraulic area." She quoted the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in saying "cities deserve some flexibility and leniency when courts define 'user' to compensate for the storm water systems." And she noted that the city granted 100 percent credits to some landowners who showed they contributed no rainwater to the CSO system.

The court split across party lines. The majority included Republican nominees Weaver, Brickley and Taylor and Democratic nominee Kelly. Dissenters Boyle, Cavanagh and Mallett are all Democratic nominees.

The Michigan Municipal League and city of Ann Arbor contributed amicus briefs on behalf of Lansing. Bolt's view was supported by Citizens to Abolish the Rain Tax Ordinance.

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Revenue sharing is top issue for Livonia mayor

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Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey realizes suburban mayors and township supervisors don't always agree on changes to the state's revenue sharing formula - money distributed to Michigan cities, villages and townships generated by the state sales tax.

Even though state lawmakers revised the formula in December, that issue remains a top priority this year for the Conference of Western Wayne, an 18-member legislative consortium which Kirksey now chairs after he was chosen Friday by CWW board members to lead the group for the next two years. He replaces Westland Mayor Robert Thomas.

"We want to look for ways to improve the formula or something that would create a better flow of dollars to local governments," Kirksey said.

The CWW includes the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland, and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

Kirksey wants to let the CWW's 650,000 constituents become informed of the CWW's positions on issues and what the

conference is doing. Kirksey hopes the CWW "speaks as a single voice on issues affecting Wayne County."

On revenue sharing, Livonia realizes less than 3 percent revenue increase in the new formula, less than the 4 or 5 percent increase in the "cost to do business," Kirksey said.

"It's not locked in the constitution, so it is subject to change by a simple majority. We might not see some changes for the next two or three years. Unless we make it known, no changes will occur."

CWW members worry state lawmakers will look at phasing out personal property taxes, a significant source of income for local governmental units.

Kirksey also expected the CWW will continue to work for an accurate count of billable access lines from Ameritech this year and study legislation concerning wireless telephones.

Last year, the Michigan Senate considered legislation that would tack a 47-cent-a-month surcharge onto cellular users' bills to pay for the implementation of the new technology required to grid the calls. The bills died, but a revised version should resurface this year, which the CWW will be watching, Kirksey said.

"Our executive director (Marsha Bianconi) does an outstanding job, and she is particularly knowledgeable and skillful on this issue."

The CWW also will continue to become well-versed on the issues concerning the year 2000 and how communities may coordinate activities to prevent any bugs, Kirksey said. "I think it's going to pay dividends by enlisting the help of utilities and agencies."

Representatives from CWW communities will travel to Lansing Feb. 11 to talk with representatives and senators about these issues and listen to presentations from selected state department heads and others involved with state politics.

The Michigan Municipal League, a consortium of Michigan cities, and the Michigan Township Association, a consortium of townships, also will meet that day, which Kirksey believes will help the CWW develop a strategy.

"It's unusual to bring those organizations together. That's a good beginning. The CWW cannot proceed on any type of plan that is disadvantageous to townships or cities."

"As an organization, we have to strike compromises."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

New leader: The Conference of Western Wayne elected Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey to a two-year term as chairman of the regional consortium. Kirksey wants CWW to "speak as a single voice on issues affecting Wayne County."

Kirksey heads area consortium

Jack Kirksey, 70, has served as mayor of Livonia since 1996, serving as the Conference of Western Wayne's vice chair for the past two years.

Kirksey served four terms as a state representative for the 35th District from 1977 to 1985. During that period, he served on the Education, Judiciary, Military and Veterans' Affairs Committees and was vice chair of the Labor Committee.

Kirksey also served as assistant caucus whip and personnel officer for House Republicans. Kirksey also was a member of the governor's special Task Force to Reform Workers' Com-

pensation Laws and the House Election Campaign Committee.

Kirksey was a Schoolcraft College trustee from 1988-91, first appointed and later elected to the board. He served as treasurer.

In 1952, Kirksey served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as lieutenant colonel. He received a bachelor's degree in education from Wayne State University in 1952, a master's degree in educational administration in 1959 and educational specialist certification in 1969, both from WSU.

Kirksey began his teaching career in 1954 with Detroit Pub-

lic Schools. Kirksey joined Livonia Public Schools in 1958 as a teacher, later serving as an elementary principal from 1962-77.

From 1969-77, Kirksey served as director of probation at 16th District Court, supervising probation officers, conducting training classes and initiating program policy. He served as president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce in 1994 and 1995.

Kirksey has been affiliated with the Livonia YMCA's board of directors, Livonia Goodfellows, Schoolcraft College Foundation, Plymouth Road Development Authority and U.S. Conference of Mayors.

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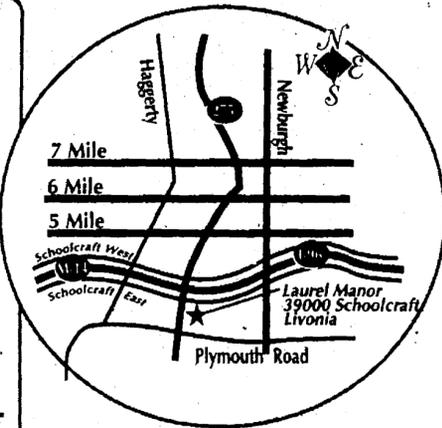
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Old business

Gov. John Engler has signed:
■ A "leased lemon" bill sponsored by Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township. It expands Michigan's 11-year-old "lemon law" to cover people whose new leased vehicles have consistent problems or continual breakdowns. For a continued defect, the leaser can demand a suitable replacement or a full refund. The Secretary of State is required to provide leasers a written statement of their options. The Senate passed it 37-0 and the House 96-1.

■ Amendments to the Recreational Trespass Act sponsored by Sens. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, and Loren Bennett, R-Canton. SB 767 and 768 allow property owners the option of suing a trespasser for civil damages. Courts may revoke hunting, fishing and trapping licenses for up to three years, confiscate property brought onto private land during a violation and force trespassers to reimburse the state for animals and fish taken during a violation.

Dead: The Religious Freedom Restoration act, House Bill 4376, in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Supported by conservative Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups as well as the American Civil Liberties Union, the bill would have limited state and local governments' ability to place zoning and building burdens on places of worship. Sponsor was Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, who has left office.

five years. Areas sponsors of two of the bills are Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford. Republican senators passed the same bills in 1998, but they died in the Democrat-controlled House.

House Democratic leader Michael Hanley of Saginaw urged Republicans to help match state money with \$6.4 billion sought by President Bill Clinton for local police officers. The federal program requires communities to put up 25 percent, and Hanley says many can't.

Medicaid money

The governor's office awarded \$7.4 million to local hospitals and agencies to assure children and their parents don't lose Medicaid coverage as a result of federal welfare reform.

"These grants will not only let people know that health insurance is available through the Medicaid program, but will help individuals apply and file the necessary application materials with the state," said James K. Haveman Jr., director of the Department of Community Health. Among suburban recipients:

- Arab-American Chaldean Council, Lathrup Village, \$200,000.
- Annapolis Hospital, Wayne, \$75,000.
- Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, \$75,000.
- Beaumont Hospital, Troy, \$75,000.

Appointments

The governor has appointed:
■ Betty Jean Awrey, Plymouth Township, to the Michigan State Parks Foundation, which supports enhancement of the state parks system. The president of Awrey Bakers in Livonia, she is reappointed for a term expiring Oct. 6, 2002.

■ Five members of the Michigan Council on Arts and Cultural Affairs for terms expiring Sept. 1, 2001. Southeastern Michigan members include Elizabeth Brooks, vice chair of Music Hall Center and a member of the Motown Historical Museum, the board of the Detroit Historical Society and Michigan Opera Theatre; and Lora Frankel, Huntington Woods, director of the Very Special Arts Agency.

New business

Michigan's 2000 presidential primary would be pushed up to Feb. 8 (second Tuesday) from the current March 15 under a bicameral package sponsored by two Republicans, Ken Sikkema of Grandville and Rep. Mickey Mortimer of Jackson. Sikkema said it would give Michigan voters more decision-making voice. In 1996, he said, 26 states had earlier primaries or caucuses than Michigan. Democrats boycotted their primary because it couldn't be confined to declared Democrats and ran caucuses instead.

First Senate bills to be introduced in the 1999-2000 session would cut the state personal income tax rate from the current 4.4 percent to 3.9 percent over

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SEMCOG to study mobile home governance, tax issues

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Ears were probably burning at the Michigan Manufactured Housing Association office in Okemos last weekend as a Novi theater group staged a hilarious parody called "Trailer Park Broadcasting Scandals."

The play features such Florida cracker characters as Vesta, Dixie, Missy and Alveeta in a setting where the propensity to Protestant fundamentalism is exceeded only by the pregnancy rate.

MMHA abhors the term "trailer park." It prefers "manufactured home communities." And it is protective of an agency under hot attack from local governments — the Michigan Manufactured Home Commission.

The issue will come to the fore in 1999.

This Friday, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments executive committee is due to vote on a softly worded resolution to "study" manufactured housing, its state governance, its lack of local control, and the way it's taxed.

The meeting, open to the public, will begin at 1 p.m. in SEMCOG's 19th floor conference

room of the Edison Plaza Building, 600 Plaza Drive, Detroit.

Guest speaker will be state Rep. Judie Scranton, R-Brighton, a member of a 1998 bipartisan House Task Force on Mobile Home Parks. It held public hearings in Howell, Warren, Monroe, Flint and Lansing.

There's a lot of bad blood between MH park owners and local government.

Gaining share

Manufactured housing is gaining market share, the House panel found:

"More than 720,000 Michigan residents live in manufactured homes" — one person in every 13.

"About 25 percent of new home buyers in Michigan choose a manufactured home."

Average size of a multisection home is 1,600 square feet, and 70 percent of the state market are multisection units.

"In urban areas, about 80 percent of manufactured homes are located in manufactured home communities" — and herein lies the problem.

Except for the first plan, local units of government have no control over MH park developments. That's up to the Michigan Manufactured Home Commission

(MMHC), a body firmly under control of the industry since it was established in 1977.

Five of the 11 members represent the industry — the trade group, park operators and manufacturers. One represents financial institutions. Two represent residents, and one represents local government.

The House panel on which Scranton served found little contact between the state agency and local units of government.

Critics say the commission is like a fox guarding a chicken coop.

Taxes, costs

Standard homes generate money to local government — cities, townships, schools, counties. The local officials in SEMCOG complain that MH parks generate too little.

The industry says it generates its share and more, citing:

■ Businesses that own MH parks pay school taxes of 24 mills, the commercial rate, while homeowners pay just six mills on a primary homestead.

■ Businesses that own MH parks pay the state single busi-

ness tax of about 2.3 percent.

■ MH sales are taxed as personal property like cars, not as real estate. So every time a MH changes hands, the state collects a 6 percent sales tax. That yields \$1,800 in revenue on a MH worth \$30,000. And a MH changes hands about every 7.35 years, the industry says.

■ MH owners pay a \$3 per month tax. But the House panel notes: "This tax has not been raised since 1956."

There is much disagreement, largely inconclusive, about whether MH parks generate as much municipal cost as standard homes.

Local units say they need more control to plan for streets, water, sewerage and schools. They want school boards represented on the state commission.

The industry cites a Lapeer study where a MH park holds 11 percent of the city's population but generates just 1.5 percent of the police complaints and 1.5 percent of the fire runs. The flaw is that it compares the MH park to the city as a whole, including the business section, instead of to a standard subdivision.

'Substantial bias'

The industry says SEMCOG, whose voting is controlled by local elected officials from seven counties, has "substantial bias" against MH parks and can't be trusted to regulate them. It cites three horror stories:

■ Wixom, in western Oakland County — where the only property zoned for MHs is a 40-acre site, "mostly wetlands, adjacent to an identified ACT 307 toxic waste site ..."

■ Holly, in northern Oakland County — where the only MH site MH was zoned under court order, and 16 other townships have no buildable vacant land "voluntarily zoned for MH use."

■ Tyrone Township, in Livingston County — an ordinance says a MH park must be on a paved road. The state commission and a circuit court struck it down. "The only piece of property zoned for MH use is accessible only by two miles of unpaved road. That property was zoned 28 years ago by court order," says the industry.

The industry pictures biased local officials as trying to force low- and moderate-income folks

into \$154,000 houses they can't afford.

The industry insists that "parks" is a derogatory term and prefers "communities." Except for parks owned by the residents, however, they are not communities. They are businesses, taxed as businesses, and operated as businesses.

Nancy Dingledey, an Oakland County commissioner from Wixom, testified on SEMCOG's behalf before the House panel in mid-1998. "Michigan's unique treatment of manufactured housing parks has created some obvious inequalities that are detrimental to communities with which these MH parks are located," she said.

Dingledey, in a later interview, told her own horror stories about being unable to distribute campaign literature or even address audiences in MH parks. Her description makes MH parks rules sound like decrees from Czar Nicholas I to keep unruly peasants under thumb rather than democratic republics under the Bill of Rights.

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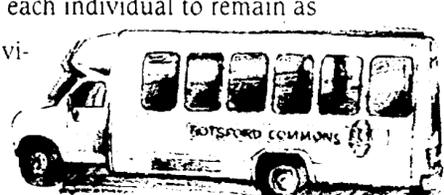
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Ideas, please WinterFest needs some help

Westland's WinterFest is experiencing a meltdown and seems to need an infusion of new inspiration and ideas.

Dating back to 1995, WinterFest was once a weekend-long festival. This year, however, WinterFest has shrunk to just five hours on a Saturday.

This year's festival includes an afternoon of activities for children and will be held at the Bailey Recreation Center located behind City Hall in Westland, from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

A far cry from the sleigh rides, dances, ice sculpture displays, pancake breakfasts, musical performances and running competitions that were among the activities featured in past festivals, this year's festival is but a groundhog's shadow of its former self.

But last year's attendance was disappointing at about 800 to 1,000 people, and some events drew extremely small crowds.

That caused this year's festival to be reduced to children's activities, which are often a big draw during other events in the city during the year.

The festival has suffered from a lack of interest and also bad luck with the weather in the past. What WinterFest needs, if it's going to survive, is some help with people and ideas.

Most of WinterFest's responsibilities have fallen each year on the same organizers. WinterFest Co-chairwoman Sharon Scott has said the involvement of new people in planning

and putting on the festival would be welcomed.

The success or failure of this year's festival will help decide whether there will be future festivals.

Among this year's attractions are:

- Large, inflatable slides and other playthings in the Bailey Center gymnasium.
- Max the Moose puppets leading children in a sing-along.
- A yo-yo exhibition.
- Skits performed by Westland-All Stars.
- A performance by magician Randy Shaw.
- A show featuring live birds, snakes and other living things.
- An arts and crafts show where kids can create their own keepsakes.
- Food such as pizza and popcorn.

Those who would like to see Westland's WinterFest continue should consider bringing their children to the festivities on Saturday, Feb. 6, as a show of support.

Also, those who have an interest in seeing the festival go forward and even expand in the future, should consider lending their ideas and their labors to making the event a success.

Planning a winter event when the weather and interest can be so unpredictable is often a thankless task, but we're sure Westland families would welcome interesting and fun activities to help kick the winter doldrums. Maybe WinterFest is worth another try.

We can conquer winter woes

If your back's not hurting too much from shoveling ... and you're not too busy hunting up a roofer to fix that leak, perhaps you can stand just a few more words on the big blizzard of '99.

The warmer weather and sunshine last weekend helped to melt the 20-plus inches of snow Mother Nature dumped on the area. A few timely raindrops Sunday night also helped.

But snowstorms are like bills, they just keep coming and coming.

Perhaps we've seen the worst of it for this winter. Let's hope so. But there's always next winter and the winter after that, and the winter after that.

Since winter's always going to be around, isn't it time the people who serve in the city and township halls and the county building at 600 Randolph in Detroit start thinking creatively about how to handle a big storm? Perhaps they could come up with some ways to help us truly cope with winter.

Granted, 2-4 inches is hardly the same as 12-20 when it comes to plowing streets, freeways and sidewalks near schools. But it doesn't hurt to be prepared. There are ways to handle winter - it's called planning, preparation, cooperation and yes, some patience.

Perhaps, the sting of the recent winter storm has been how uneven snow removal appeared to be across western Wayne and southern Oakland counties.

County officials say they underestimated the amount of work needed to be done to clear the freeways and that was the primary reason plows were late getting to main roads in Canton and other parts of western Wayne.

Area officials are seeking a meeting with county officials to discuss the issue. Everyone has agreed to meet but as yet no meeting date has been scheduled.

Then there is the failure of Detroit to meet

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the snow challenge and that affected the whole metro area in several ways. First, the auto show is the biggest annual event in downtown Detroit and the condition of the roads kept visitors away. Attendance was down 12 percent, according to show organizers.

In addition, the national attention that the auto show attracts only increased the attention to Detroit's snow mess.

Second, many suburban residents work in Detroit and experienced all kinds of problems getting to and from work.

Third, the city's cultural institutions and entertainment venues are used by many suburbanites and even these were affected in the early days. It took the city two days to begin plowing Woodward.

Fourth, Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer asked for help from the surrounding area, but he was slow to understand the importance of the problem. He was correct to question spending for a fleet of snowplows to handle a record snow that happens only once in 20 years.

But even during normal winters with 4-6-inch snows, Detroit has a problem providing what most municipalities regard as a normal city service.

Is regional help needed, should the city, county and state have a more detailed plan in place for these kind of situations?

Winter and other problems can be solved if we want them solved.

Remember that while you're nursing your aching back.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Rec center needs vote

Westland residents, I have a question for you ... When was the last time you went to the Bailey Rec center? Or the city owned skate rink?

I've been a Westland resident for 32 years and have never been there. Yet Mayor Robert Thomas wants to build a new bigger and improved recreation area. They have polled 600 residents of Westland to ask them questions. Where do the 600 residents live? Are they in apartments? Are the people they call on the property tax roll? And if we build a recreation area ... will skills be learned there that can help the taxpayers of Westland to get higher paying jobs so they can afford the increase in taxes they claim won't happen?

While I'm at it ... why are we paying for Wayne County Community College on our property taxes? We have no representation from them. When was the last time you received a schedule of their classes?

We need to vote for what college we can attend, just like we need to vote for Mayor Thomas' recreation center. It's our tax money.

Judi Cornfoot
Westland

"Sears.com" ?

Nah, been there, done that.

Walter Warren
Westland

Contraception or abortion?

This is in reply to your article in the Health & Fitness section of the Sunday Observer of Nov. 29. The first title line states: "contraceptive prevents unintended pregnancies."

The article is about "Preven Emergency Contraceptive Kit." The following statement was made: "It is believed the special dose of progesterin and estrogen found in PREVEN prevents/delays ovulation or effects changes to the lining of the uterus that could prevent implantation of a fertilized egg."

The last part of that sentence is misleading and needs to be corrected. When we speak of an action that effects changes to the lining of the uterus that could prevent implantation of a fertilized egg, this is no longer a contraceptive but an abortifacient. In other words, this is an abortion (destruction) of a new life not allowed to develop to the point of delivery.

Unfortunately, because of misleading information like this, many people, I am sure, are not even aware of this possibility of destroying life at this very early stage.

Barb Schmid
Canton

Wish book reinvented

Every time I hear a 20-something hyperventilating about the Internet and E-commerce, I have to wonder: Has this kid ever heard of the Sears Catalog?

Around 1900, Sears Roebuck revolutionized, and indeed may have created, the modern consumer economy with its amazing new catalog.

By 1900, virtually every city, town and cross roads village in America had its own railroad station. So national distribution of consumer goods was inevitable.

Sears did it best. The catalog sold everything - clothes, tools, gadgets of all kinds, stoves, washing machines - and even pre-fab houses. All delivered conveniently right to your doorstep. Even today, a well-maintained 1920s style pre-fab Sears bungalow is still highly prized by real estate buyers.

Sears was truly the Amazon.com of its day - and then some.

But, Sears abolished its big catalog department several years ago when malls and expressways made in-store shopping available to almost everyone.

So, I have to wonder, have these Internet kids ever studied history in school? Those who are ignorant of history seem to be doomed to reinvent the wheel.

Or, maybe, are we soon going to see a

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QUESTION:

What does the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. mean to you?



"He helped black people get equal rights."
Nicole Nolan
eighth grade
Adams Middle School



"He's a great person because he changed the way the country thinks about races."
Amanda Beavers
eighth grade,
Adams Middle School



"He's a man who helped fight racism and make things better."
Steve Phillips
eighth grade
Adams Middle School



"He stood for freedom for all people and taught people not to discriminate."
Rachel Chapman
eighth grade
Stevenson Middle School

We asked this question at the Westland Friendship Center after a ceremony honoring King.

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Winter month's weather makes it less than perfect

January's usually a time to relax after the hubbub of the holidays, but this month has been anything but relaxing.

It all started Jan. 2 with the snowstorm and has continued day after day. One appointment on my calendar, a Landmarks meeting for the Plymouth branch, American Association of University Women, had me as a no-show. That day, Wednesday, Jan. 6, the power went out at the Observer office at Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. We got the paper out, but I had to miss the meeting.

More recently, Thursday, Jan. 14, Landmarks member Gerry Dugan and I were able to interview Bill and Coni Gray at their Penniman home, just across the street from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church and School. Last night, Contemporary Books dis-

cussion of "Stones From the River" by Ursula Hegi was scheduled at the Plymouth District Library. The book's over 500 pages and I read them all, so I was hoping the meeting would be a go.

It's interesting to see what activities stay and go when the snow falls. Of course, school was out many a day, requiring parents to find interesting things for their progeny to do. We adults mostly made it to work, and got through our appointed tasks.

There's something about this weather, however, that makes carrying out even mundane duties difficult. It may be the effect of shoveling snow, or of all that stressful driving, but it seems many of us just want to sleep.

I've always liked winter, but it seems we've had enough for this year already. I thought last week I'd like to



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see a healthy foot or so of this snow melt gradually (to avoid flooding), leaving enough for skiers and other winter sports enthusiasts. I prefer, as do other drivers, to have clean, dry road surfaces and good visibility. Of course, the weather did warm up Saturday and later, melting some of the snow and ice.

Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular organizers had to cope with weather woes this year, as in previous years. Organizers of the North American International Auto Show in Detroit worried about the weather, too, although my husband and I were determined to make it to Cobo this past weekend with Pam Young of Redford and two other friends, and we did. We stopped in Greektown for dessert afterward, and

three of us stopped in after at the 24-hour Redford post office for 33-cent stamps.

February's on the horizon, and husband Mark Rembacki and I have our tickets for the Valentine's Dinner-Dance at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. I'm hoping I won't have to wear clunky boots under my dress.

I'm not ready for spring just yet, but a milder winter is nice, and I'm all for sunshine. In the meantime, keep your chin up and try to keep moving - safely.

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Counselors and parents should warn collegians of dangers

Wonder whether high school counselors will read the case of People vs. Ivers and, if they do, whether they'll pass the lesson onto female students.

A.C. is a young woman who was interested in attending Michigan State University. She visited a girlfriend at the friend's dorm room. They partied with a couple of young men, drinking beer. In the early morning hours of Aug. 24, 1994, A.C. awoke to find Mike Ivers on top of her, having intercourse. She called it rape.

An Ingham County jury convicted Ivers of third-degree criminal sexual conduct. Judge Peter Houk sentenced the young man to two-16 years.

Ivers appealed and won 2-1 in the Court of Appeals and 4-3 in the state Supreme Court. His case gets bounced back to circuit court. Ivers has a good chance of going free.

Ivers' defense was consent. He said they kissed, that she said "yes" to going into the bedroom, and that they

undressed and that she was entirely willing. He said, she said.

Michigan has a relatively new law called "rape shield." It prevents a defense lawyer from ripping apart a complainant on the witness stand by going into her past loves and reputation - unless the judge finds the proposed evidence is material and that its value outweighs its inflammatory or prejudicial nature. Citing the rape shield law, Judge Houk prohibited some testimony from A.C.'s girlfriend.

Both the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court disagreed. They said Houk should have admitted the testimony, which would have bolstered Ivers' defense. In an earlier hearing, the girlfriend had testified:

"We had talked about having sex, and she told me that she had talked to her mom about being on the pill and that she knew she was going to college and that she - that she was ready to have sex, and she knew that it would probably happen her fresh-



TIM RICHARD

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man year at college."

At another point, the girlfriend said A.C. wanted the girlfriend to "get her a guy."

At the risk of being inflammatory myself, I point out that the four justices who said the testimony should be admitted were males: Michael Cavanagh, Conrad Mallett Jr., James Brickley and Clifford Taylor. The three female justices - Patricia Boyle, Elizabeth Weaver and Marilyn Kelly - would have prohibited the testimony as "hearsay."

That's how close these decisions are.

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Even if Ivers is ultimately sent to prison, A.C.'s name will be in the case books of the Michigan Supreme Court,

for her descendants to read, for the next 200 years.

Gov. John Engler boasts of his program to encourage abstinence prior to marriage. That didn't help A.C. It seems to me mom, dad and the school counselor should have given her explicit advice about booze and boys.

We've been getting entirely too many of these stories in recent years about young women, drink, pills and alleged rape. The latest from the University of Michigan is that half the women in a dorm are willingly buying and consuming GHB, the "date rape" drug that's supposedly illegal.

Premarital intercourse has been with us as long as marriage. But people don't have to be quite so stupid about doing it under the influence of intoxicants and drugs, and with relative strangers - do they, counselors?

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McNamara simply gets job done

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara was sworn into office for the fourth time last Friday. Newly elected Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and U. S. Court of Appeals Judge Damon Keith administered the oath in front of some 400 supporters gathered at McNamara's old school, Redford High.

The event didn't get much coverage in the local news media. It should have.

McNamara, 72 and likely to retire from office when his term ends in 2002, is without a doubt the most effective Democratic politician in the state.

He isn't drop-dead handsome; in fact, he's balding and sports a bit of a paunch. He's not a thundering orator; in fact, he's much more comfortable visiting with small groups. He's not an ideologue and he's no liberal; in fact, he's an unreconstructed moderate, a Democrat whose political career began in GOP-leaning Livonia.

McNamara's political career offers a number of oddities.

A member of a political party usually in thrall to organized labor, McNamara has made no secret of his often-strained relationships with the UAW and other unions. A product of the "all-white suburbs," he gets rave reviews from Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer. No particular favorite of the political reporters who dote on good looks and snappy one-liners, McNamara regularly cleans up when it comes to newspaper endorsements.

How come? Simple. Ed McNamara gets things done.

He built a new morgue for Wayne County and a new juvenile detention facility in Detroit, together with a jail in Hamtramck and a golf course in Inkster. He put together an innovative health insurance scheme for small businesses in Wayne County that helps provide inexpensive health care for firms unable to afford it.

The only negative is Metropolitan Airport. It's still a mess. But McNamara is building a new midfield terminal that should eventually resolve the problems faced regularly by air travelers. He boasts that economic development in Wayne County spawned by his administration has increased property valuations by \$7 billion.

How does Ed McNamara get things done? Simple. He has built a political machine, one that rivals John Engler's.

He picks good people, people like Mike Dugan, Charlie Williams, Larry Tukarski, Vickie Hertell and David Katz. Over the years, McNamara has placed something like 200 appointees in offices in Detroit and Wayne County. Assisted by Ron Thayer, the best Democratic fundraiser in Michigan who got his start when Jim Blanchard was a congressman, McNamara rais-



PHILIP POWER

es tons of money.

You can't name more than 10 prominent Michigan business people who are Democrats, but McNamara's fund-raising list is 90 percent business.

What's his style in getting things done? Simple. He's effective because he's practical.

Last fall, Geoffrey Fieger's doomed campaign for governor threatened to bring down the entire Democratic Party. Frank Kelley, the "eternal general," had finally decided to retire, leaving no firewall between the Engler-led GOP and the rest of the Democratic ticket.

McNamara first identified one of his appointees as a prospect for attorney general, bright and personable Jennifer Granholm, a Northville Township resident and at that time the chief lawyer for Wayne County. He sent around to hundreds of Democratic leaders a letter and a video featuring Granholm. Unlike most other Democratic power bosses, he agreed to help Fieger's flailing campaign, assigning staffers to bring some order to chaos.

McNamara then called in his chips. He "persuaded" Fieger to back Granholm as his candidate for attorney general. A political newcomer, Granholm was elected by a wide margin. Of course, her election campaign was managed by another McNamara appointee, Trish Stein.

A lot of do-gooder types don't like McNamara because he's an old-fashioned politician who raises tons of money, has appointees scattered all over and cuts deals in the back room.

That's precisely why I like and admire McNamara. He's an unabashed pro at what he is, a politician.

We should take time to note and admire his performance in office over the next four years. We're not likely to see the job of effective politician ever done much better than by McNamara.

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OBITUARIES

HARRY PEARSE JR.

Funeral services for Harry Pearse Jr., 71, of Westland were Jan. 12 in R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. A two-man Army team was present from Ft. Knox, Ky. and presented the flag to the family. Officiating was the Rev. Roy Forsyth.

Mr. Pearse, who died Jan. 8 in Livonia, was born Sept. 29, 1927 in Detroit. He lived in this area since 1958 and was a former resident of Detroit. He was a carpenter with Bill Rite Construction. He attended school in Detroit. He was a decorated Korean War veteran.

Surviving are his son, Everett; daughters, Deborah (Dennis) Blake and Cynthia Pearse; six brothers; eight sisters; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

MADA B. HARDEN

Funeral services for Mada Harden, 91, of Westland were Jan. 16 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Harden, who died Jan. 14 in Westland, was born Aug. 16, 1907, in Lenox, Tenn. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, Bobby Joe (Linda); daughter, Betty Jean (Keith) Lincoln; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Harden was preceded in death by her husband, Ben.

OLIVE M. HARGRAVES

Funeral services for Olive Hargraves, 92, of Westland were Jan. 18 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. Willet J. Herrington III from St. Andrew Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Hargraves, who died Jan. 14 in Westland, was born Sept. 20, 1906, in West Cardiff, Wales, England. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, Ralph; daughters, Sandra Taylor and Winifred Maloney; brother, Charles Drake; 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

DOROTHY HOLZINGER

Funeral services for Dorothy Holzinger, 78, of Westland were Jan. 19 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Holy Sepulchre in Southfield.

Mrs. Holzinger, who died Jan. 16 in Garden City, was born June 7, 1920, in Alliance, Ohio. She was a secretary at St. Damian School.

Surviving are her husband, Gregory; son, Donald; sister, Margaret Subject; and two grandsons.

BILLY GENE WILLIAMS

Funeral services for Billy Williams, 64, of Wayne were Jan. 18 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Williams, who died Jan. 15 in Wayne, was born May 29, 1934, in Wayne. He was a technician in the heating and cooling industry.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; sons, William and John of Westland; daughters, Linda Gornall and Carol Wint; brothers, Charles, Dick, Gordon, Danny and Donald; sister, Mary Linebrink and Margaret Thompson; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

JOHN POPOVICH

Funeral services for John Popovich, 62, of Westland were Jan. 20 in St. Pius X Church in Southgate. Arrangements were made by R.J. Nixon Funeral Home in Wyandotte.

Mr. Popovich, who died Jan. 16, was born Aug. 16, 1936, in Detroit. He was a die sinker for Ford Motor Company.

Surviving are his wife, Maureen; sons, James (Patricia) Mathes and Alan (Kathy) Popovich; daughter, Valerie (Keith) Markwell; brothers, George Pavel and Michael Pentecuc; sisters, Helen Rowe, Sarah Karinen and Dorothy Colangelo; and seven grandchildren.

JOHN GAJDA

Mr. John Gajda, 85, of Westland died Jan. 16 in Ann Arbor. He was born April 6, 1913, in Detroit. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland.

Mr. Gajda was a photographer. He served with the Army during

World War II. He was retired from J.L. Hudson Co. He was a member of Camera Club. He was a well-known photographer with several thousand photographs published.

Surviving are his wife, Anne; sons, John of Westland and Robert (Ann) of Alexandria, Va.; daughter, AnneBeth Gajda of Ypsilanti; brother, Robert Gajda of Redford; sister, Bessie Tyll of Winter Springs, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Michigan Humane Society, 37255 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185 or Cancer Care Program Advancement Office, P.O. Box 995 c/o St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

EILEEN C. ROSS

Funeral services for Eileen Ross, 69, of Westland were Jan. 20 in St. Damian Church. Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ross, who died Jan. 16 in her Westland residence, was born Nov. 22, 1929, in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Andrew; sons, Robert, Daniel (Lori), Steven (Sue), Peter, Edward (Lori) and Paul (Kendra); mother, Nellie Kelly; five brothers; three sisters; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Ross was preceded in death by her sister, Dianne.

MARGARET M. TAYLOR

Funeral services for Margaret M. Taylor, 72, of Westland were today, Thursday, Jan. 21, at Fair Haven Assembly of God, Dearborn Heights. The Rev. Leland O. Flaherty officiated. Arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

Burial is at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia. Born in 1926 in Glasgow, Scotland, she died Jan. 18 in Dearborn. She was a lunchroom supervisor.

Survivors include: husband, Alexander W. Taylor; son, Malcolm (Dawn) Taylor; daughter, Alice (Robin) Gray; grandchildren, Elisha and Brian Taylor and Amie and Bradley Gray.

Weight Watchers advisers to visit Westland Art Van

Weight Watchers food advisers will visit Art Van in Westland from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. The advisers will explain Weight Watchers programs and give tips on losing weight as well as prepare healthy food recipes for guests to sample. Information on the new Quick Ten plan, which highlights menus for 10 days, will be available. The Westland Art Van is at 8300 Wayne Road.

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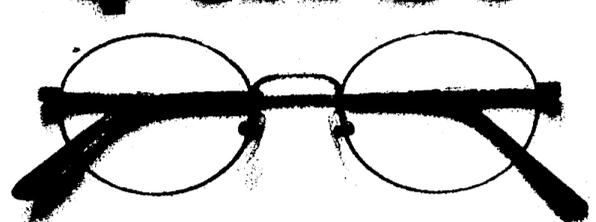
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JACK GLADDEN

It's man vs. machine in breadmaking

The Other Feminist has ruined my image. Not to mention my ego, my psyche and my sense of self-worth. I'm not talking Monica-gate or anything like that. I'm talking bread.

I've been baking bread for years. I even consider myself something of an amateur baker - heavy emphasis on the word "amateur."

There were some early disasters, like the time I tried to make Dutch Roggebrood, an unleavened loaf made with potatoes, brewers yeast, molasses and rye flour. It was supposed to "bake" in a 250-degree oven for three hours, rest and steam for an hour and dry for another hour.

When I took it out of the loaf pan it looked like a red brick. It felt like a red brick. It tasted like a red brick. It ended up in the trash can.

There were a few successes. I've produced some braided loaves that looked like they came from a boulangerie. I once made a Polish egg bread that even pleased the mother-in-law and when I tried a new rye recipe a few weeks ago, The Feminist said:

"This is just like the rye we used to get in Hamtramck."

"Steam," I said. "That's the secret. You have to put a pan of water in the oven to keep the crust moist when it starts rising. Then it rises better and gets nice and crusty."

She rolled her eyes.

"All I know is that it tastes good."

Process vs. results

And that of course is the difference. She cares about the end result. How does it taste? I care about the process. How is it created?

It's an ego thing. You start out with some flour and water and yeast, mix it and stir it and beat it and pound it, let it rise a couple of times, shape it into loaves, let it rise again, pop it in the oven and - if you haven't screwed anything up - you're rewarded with a gastronomical work of art. Or maybe a red brick, if you did mess up.

But it's the process that makes the end result work. And that's the challenge.

That's why, when somebody invented a gadget called a "bread machine" a few years ago, I said: "Never in my kitchen!"

Bread machine, indeed. Why not just buy a loaf of frozen Pillsbury bread dough, let it thaw on the counter and toss it in the oven for half an hour or so? At least it looks like a real loaf of bread, not one of those funky little boxes that you get out of a bread machine. Besides a machine takes the creativity out of the process.

So the day after Christmas, the Other Feminist shows up bearing gifts. A cappuccino maker and a bread machine. An infernal bread machine!

"I know, Jack's always said he didn't want one," she said. "But I just thought that for some of those times when you can't spend all day in the kitchen, it might come in handy."

The Feminist had to work the next day. "You can play with your bread machine," she said as she was leaving. "Figure out how it works."

"Yeah, maybe," I grumbled. Infernal contraption.

A love of gadgets

Now the thing is, I love gadgets as much as I love baking bread. Especially kitchen gadgets. Might as well check this beast out. I took it out of the box and put it on the kitchen counter.

Hmm. Looks impressive. Big. Heavy. I started reading the instruction manual.

Yeah, right. "Pour liquids into the container first. Then add the flour and other dry ingredients. Add the yeast last. Make a hole in the flour and place the yeast in the hole so it doesn't come in contact with any liquid."

Uh-huh. "Select the setting for the type of bread you are making and press 'Start.' The display will indicate the total amount of time required and will count down in one minute inter-

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Still waiting?

Moms influence when grandkids arrive

Judy and Johnny sitting in the tree,
K-I-S-S-I-N-G.
First comes love, then comes marriage,
Then comes Judy with a baby carriage.

- Children's saying

BY SUE MASON
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Marleen Bush, Monica Housey and Gale Owens are grandmother-wannabes. They look forward to the day their children have children, but decline to pressure their children to have offspring.

Bush thinks the box of things she has made for her grandbabies might be construed as pressure and her once-in-a-while comment about a cute baby, draws an "Oh, Mom," from her 30-year-old unmarried daughter.

Owens' children know she and husband James are looking forward to one day having grandchildren, but for now they joke about buying hats and coats for their youngest daughter's dog, fondly known as the "grand-dog."

Housey thinks it will be a long time before her 18-year-old son marries and has children. Shy and introverted, he's very career-minded and has a lot of things he wants to do before settling down.

"I don't even want to push him into that," Housey said. "A friend of his just became a father - he wasn't married - and my son was horrified."

They are like many mothers waiting for their adult children to settle down and start families. And according to University of Michigan research, the wait may be because of what mothers want for their children.

Sociologist Jennifer Barber said it's a case of children responding to what their mothers want, even if what they want doesn't correspond.

Barber, who is with the U-M Institute for Social Research, believes parents have a lot of influence on different areas of their children's lives over their lifetimes. And her analysis of a study that followed 835 mother/child pairs for 31 years shows that "mothers' preferences have a strong impact on the birth of grandchildren."

"All across the board, mothers, on average, tend to prefer for their children what they prefer for themselves," she said. "The children of mothers who wanted them to go to school, have a career and have children, responded to what their mothers wanted. In families where mothers had their children sooner, the children had children sooner."

"It didn't matter what the children wanted, even if what they wanted was different."

Mothers know best

In the study, presented at the recent annual

meeting of the American Sociological Association, Barber compared the children's stated preferences for themselves, their mothers' preferences for them and their actual behavior, taking into account factors like the mother's marital and childbearing history, family incomes at different stages, parents' education, mother's religion and whether the mother worked when the children were younger.

"There's an intergenerational trend in first births," said Barber. "Women who delay having their first child will have children who will delay having their first child."

There also are shifts in thinking. In the early '60s, people married when they were younger. Today, age 22, 23, even 25 are considered early, and wedding bells at age 18 is "really early," according to Barber.

Likewise, there's a change in thinking about family size. Mothers of big families prefer their children have big families and their children prefer to have big families, but a large family by today's standards is three kids as opposed to eight when the study started in 1961, Barber said.

In the beginning

Bush had her first child, which she gave up for adoption, and married the father, both at age 19. They had two more children before the marriage ended in divorce. A second marriage also ended in divorce after three years.

"I've told my children that they can do whatever they want to do as long as they strive for it," the Canton resident said. "I impressed on my daughter that she needed schooling to be able to take care of herself and on my son to get the skills to get a good job to take care of himself and his family even if he isn't a part of it."

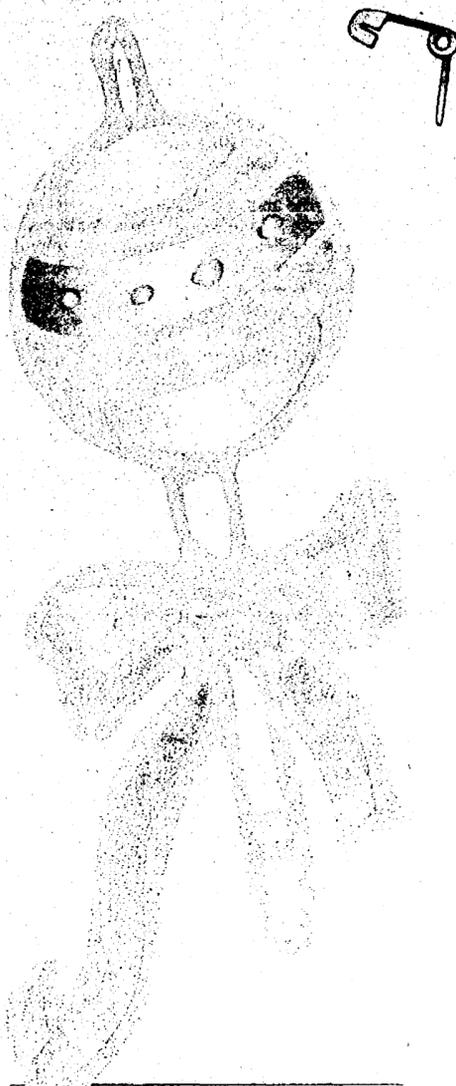
Her son, age 26, is an electrician and wants to find Miss Right. Her daughter, age 30, is a teacher in Phoenix, Ariz., and tends to be less trusting of men because of her mother's divorce.

"It doesn't pay to pressure them. They have enough other things to worry about," she said. "I want to have a grandchild before I die, but I have nieces and nephews with babies and I tell them to bring them over and I'll take care of them."

Owens' message to her children isn't that much different than Bush's. Her preferences for her children, ages 25, 23 and 20, are to get their education and experience life on their own before marriage.

Owens married at age 22 and had her first child at age 24. Her mother married at age 26 and had her at age 27. Her oldest daughter has been married more than a year and, at age 25, is considering the possibility of a starting a family this year.

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Survey says ...

Using a unique set of data, the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research followed 835 mother-child pairs from the Detroit area for 31 years.

Since the data included multiple interviews with the children, the researchers were able to compare their attitudes and actual behavior to the hopes their mothers had for them.

The study found that:

- Mothers preferred an average age for 25 for sons and 24 for daughters to marry.
- Mothers preferred that both sons and daughters have an average of two children.
- The mothers of daughters whose mothers preferred that they marry at age 20 in fact married and had their first child more than seven times faster than young women whose mothers preferred that they marry at age 30.
- Sons whose mothers preferred that they marry at age 20 in fact married and had their first child more than twice as fast as young men whose mothers preferred that they marry at age 30.
- Among young men only, those whose mothers preferred family-oriented behavior also had premarital first births sooner than their peers.

Teens find more than cookies in Scouting



Scout's honor: Kellie Tamme (left) and her sister, Kimberly, have been teased about being Girl Scouts, but it hasn't deterred the Canton teens from staying involved in their troop.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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The teenage years can be traumatic. Kids get teased for being unhip, having the wrong hairstyle, wearing the wrong clothes.

But outgoing teens Kimberly and Kellie Tamme have been teased for another reason - being Girl Scouts. But the Tamme sisters don't complain about it. They're proud.

"I used to take a lot of flak for it, people used to make fun of me," said Kimberly, a 16-year-old junior at Plymouth Salem High School. "When people think of the Girl Scouts, the first thing they think of is cookies. But there's a lot more to it."

"We took computer classes at Camp USA. They taught us how to program computers. We went to Miss Katie's (Plymouth College of Beauty) and they taught us better techniques for putting on makeup."

That's just the tip of the iceberg. Last summer, the two went on a whitewater rafting trip, defying the Girl Scout

stereotype. On the trip, the sisters and the rest of their troop had whitewater rafting lessons and then took on the waves. And they had their fair share of adventure.

"We got on a fairly large rapid. One of our guides fell right off and the next thing I knew, he was in the water and pulling on my oar," Kimberly said. "I hate it when a lot of guys say you don't hear about a lot of Girl Scouts going whitewater rafting. But our guides - who were men - actually cooked for us. "It was funny to see all these men cooking."

Kellie, a 14-year-old freshman at Salem High School, added enthusiastically. "They made us steak and potatoes and we ate dinner on the side of the river."

Wider opportunities

The whitewater rafting trip was part of the Wider Opportunities program that allows the girls just that - more opportunities to explore the world. Girls also can sign up for Girl Sports,

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which exposes the participants to swimming, golf, crew team and other sports.

But if it weren't for the money raised during the annual cookie sale, the girls wouldn't be able to expand their horizons.

"We've done little trips and activities. We had 'Mall Madness' where we stayed overnight at a mall. Some of the stores stayed open all night so we could shop. There were all kinds of activities and a movie theater. We could watch movies at 3 in the morning," Kimberly explained.

The Girl Scouts also participate in Adopt-A-Family through the Salvation Army, Stepping Out for a New Beginning in

April, Scouting for Food in conjunction with the Boy Scouts, give the food to the Salvation Army and collect telephone books for recycling.

The troop, which is planning on going to Discover Card Stars on Ice at The Palace of Auburn Hills, also stayed overnight in a caboose at an encampment to learn the value of teamwork. They are hoping to return there this summer.

"(It promotes) a lot of team building which actually the troop needs right now," Kimberly said. "It's hard. As you get older, girls lose interest so easily. There's new girls coming in. We try to do as many activities as we can to get to know each other."

Girls as young as kindergarten can join the Girl Scouts as Daisies.

From there, girls in grades one-three are Brownies; fourth- to sixth-graders are Junior Girl Scouts; seventh- to ninth-graders or girls ages 12-16 are Cadettes; 10th-graders or girls ages 16 or older are Senior Girl Scouts.

"You're able to do more when you get older," Kellie said. "As a junior, you're only able to go so many miles away from home."

Getting started

Kimberly joined the Girl Scouts as a Brownie back when the family was living in Mississippi. Kellie joined in Michigan, but her decision wasn't based on her sister.

"I joined because I needed

something else to do and I thought it would be fun," she said.

The girls' mother, Susan, wasn't a Girl Scout but is living vicariously through the girls. After leading a few groups, she was hired Jan. 5, 1998, as the product sales and special event manager for the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council, based in Ann Arbor.

"I'm reliving my childhood through my kids," she said. "I grew up in Kentucky in the '50s. I lived in a rural area and we didn't have Girl Scouts there."

She coordinates sales of Girl Scout cookies and the organization's magazine, QSP, as well as the annual Women of Distinction awards ceremony held in May. She also is there to help girls

who would like to participate in Girl Scouts but can not afford it, or troops that want to plan their own trips.

"We sell other things other than cookies and QSP. If Kim wants to do extra fund-raising, Kim could go to the office and fill out an application to sell candy bars on her own. If she needs money for a trip down the line and needs the extra money, she can do that," Susan said.

Troops meet once a month for about 1½ hours at the home of their leader.

"We start off by discussing anything that needs to be discussed from other meetings, like if we're going camping, or there are permission slips that need to be signed," said Kimberly who recently earned her Silver

Award, the highest honor for a Cadette.

Silver Award requirements call for 20 hours of planning time. Kimberly didn't think she would need that much time, but soon learned she was mistaken.

"I planned an Easter egg hunt for kids at a preschool. It was neat. We hid plastic eggs in the playground and we had somebody dress up as the Easter bunny," Kimberly said.

Now she is ready to take the second step - earning a Gold Award, the equivalent to the Boy Scouts' Eagle Award.

Kimberly plans to continue her participation with the Girl Scouts after graduation.

"I know I'll be involved. It's such a worthwhile experience. You grow so much from it."

CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 734-525-8814) on or before February 10, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. for the following items:

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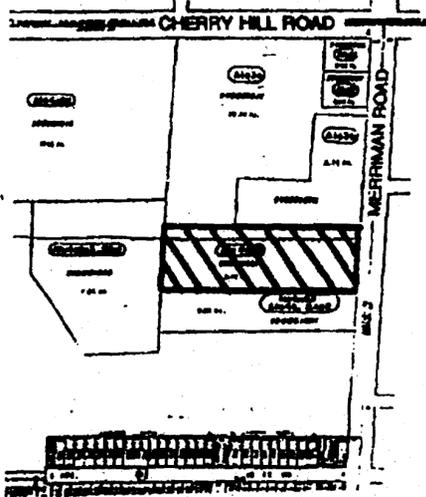
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

#1238C, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Assisted Living Center, Parcel #065-99-0001-021, West Side of Merriman Road, South of Cherry Hill Road, NE-22, Joseph Guido.



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 2, 1999.

Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan 48185.

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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vals."

Sure, something like this is going to produce a real loaf of bread. I'll bet.

"Um, smells good," The Feminist said when she got home from work. "Did you bake bread?"

"Well, uh, I figured I should try this thing out. Make sure it works. You know."

"Can I sample it?"

"Sure. Have a slice."

"It's good. It's really good. What kind is it?"

"It's potato bread. But it looks like a box."

"It tastes good. Really nice crust. Was it hard to use?"

"No. You just dump everything

into this little tub, turn it on and wait 'til it's done. I even took our daughter over to her cousin's house while it was doing its thing. Didn't have to worry about punching it down, letting it rise again, making loaves, timing them in the oven. It just sort of sat there and made bread. Kinda neat."

"So you like it?"

"It's OK. Maybe I'll try some pumpernickel. Or there's a great sounding recipe for cinnamon-raisin bread. That'd be good for breakfast. And it's got this timer so you can set it up before you go to bed and the bread will be ready when you get up in the morning. I think I'll try it

tonight."

"The bread machine hasn't damaged your manhood? Destroyed your ego?"

"Well, there is that. But it's so easy to use. And besides..."

"Yes?"

"It tastes good."

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

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"I waited. I didn't have kids right away," the Canton resident said. "But I know how important it was to my mother. We lived in Tennessee, and she came to be with me when I had my daughter."

"They all know we're looking forward to having grandchildren. We tell them that when they have kids they can come here and visit them. But we know we can't plan their lives for them."

Housey, a Livonia resident, married at age 20 and had two children, a daughter who died two years ago at age 19, and her son. She was "26 or 27 when he

was born."

Housey is saddened by the loss of her daughter, saddened that they will not share in the special relationship that develops between mother and daughter when it they become mother and grandmother.

As for her son: "I'd like to see him get a good education and get a few years under his belt before he marries and has children. He's shy and introverted, but a very responsible, good guy, so I think it'll be a long time before I have grandkids. He has a lot of things he wants to do first."

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, January 26, 1999, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
81	BUICK	4DR SKYLARK	DK GRAY	1G4AC6953BW197724
85	DODGE	4DR LANCER	BLUE	1B3BX48EXFN125032
76	FORD	PU	BLUE/WHIT	F10BCC52553
92	CHEV	2 DR BERETTA	RED	1G1LV1343NY114143
85	NISSAN	MAXIMA	RED	JN1HU15S7FK013306
85	FORD	2 DR T-BIRD	BLUE	1FABP46FXFA124096
86	PONT	4 DR	BLUE	2G2AG19R9G267228

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
91	SATURN	4DR	WHITE	1G8ZK547XMZ104254
88	CHRYSLER	2 DR CONQUEST	RED	JJ3CC54N6JZ028016
85	NISSAN	4 DR MAXIMA	BROWN	JN1HU11S6FT060487
93	DODGE	RAM VAN	BLUE	2B5WB35Z7FK509808
91	CHEV	S10 PU	BLACK	1GCCS14E8MO121464
86	CHEV	2 DR CAMARO	GRAY	1G1FP87S6GL190628
87	CHEV	MONTE CARLO	WHT	1G1GZ11HOHP116518
91	FORD	FESTIVA	RED	KNJPT06H1M6133918
89	MERC	4 DR SABLE	WHITE	1MEBM5345KG611952
80	CHEV	4 DR CAPRICE	BLUE	1N69HAJ163509

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

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- TIRE REPAIRS
- TIRE DISPOSAL
- OFFICE SHELVING UNITS
- MAGNETIC LOCATOR

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Duggan puts finishing touches on annual First Step dance

BY SUE MASON
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Remember those word problems you loved to hate in elementary school? The ones that went something like: If each table seats 10 people and 160 tables are sold, how much money will be raised for First Step?

Just like in school, it's a hard one to answer. But Brian Duggan hopes his ninth annual charity dance for First Step will raise \$20,000 for the agency which helps the victims of domestic and sexual violence.

"I'd like to have 1,400-1,500 people there," said Duggan. "We raised around \$16,000 last year and I'd like to raise \$20,000 this year."

That's a far cry from the first year when 300 people paid \$5 a ticket and helped raise some \$2,000-3,000 for First Step.

This year's dance will be 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia.

The evening will include complimentary hot and cold hors d'oeuvres 7:30-9:30 p.m., pizza served later in the evening and cash bar.

Steve King and the Dittilies will provide the music and Miss Michigan 1998 Laura Frances Welling will make a special



Need a ticket: Barb Mecham (left), Brian Duggan and Laura Duggan are ready, willing and able to sell people tickets to the ninth annual charity dance for First Step on Feb. 5 at Burton Manor.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

appearance. Also dropping in for a few sets will be Jamie Coe, local entertainer and restaurateur.

"Every time I hear Neil Diamond, I think of Jamie," said

Duggan. "Jamie's been with us from the beginning."

There also will be more than 60 door prizes, ranging from dinners at area restaurants to overnight stays at hotels and a

gift basket filled with coffee and coffee cups, but organizers are always looking for more, Duggan said.

Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$23 at the door. They're avail-

able at TicketMaster outlets at Hudson's, Harmony House and Repeat the Beat (ask for First Step Dance) or by calling Duggan at (734) 422-4333 or (734) 591-1900 or TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666.

To help defray expenses, Duggan is looking for corporate sponsors - diamond (\$5,000), platinum (\$1,000), gold (\$500) and silver (\$200). New to the platinum list this year is Walmart, which will be opening its Livonia store later this month.

Duggan, a Livonia city councilman, first heard about First Step as a Livonia Jaycee. He thought it was a good cause, and after leaving the Jaycees, he decided to do something for the agency.

Among the services provided by First Step are a 24-hour residential shelter, 24-hour Help Line, 24-hour crisis intervention services, counseling, group support, children's programs, in-court advocacy and 24-hour domestic violence and sexual assault response teams.

It also provides training on domestic violence and sexual assault for mental health, criminal justice, medical and legal professionals and education and prevention programs for the community at large and schools.

"Someone from First Step came out and spoke at a meeting

and I thought it was a good cause," Duggan said. "I think it's a wonderful shelter they have out there for women and children."

Originally, the benefit was going to be a beach party at Camp Dearborn, but when he missed putting down a deposit, it became a dance on the third Friday in January at what was then Roma's of Livonia, which donated the facility.

Duggan has moved it to the first Friday in February, giving organizers an extra 1 1/2 weeks to sell tickets and line up sponsors and door prizes.

Work on the dance starts as soon as the latest one ends. Duggan books the hall and the band - "Steve King and the Dittilies are always pack in a good crowd; they're a good draw." - and picks the date. By September, the program is sent out and organizers "go public" with details in December.

"It's hard on our end because it's something that can get lost in the Christmas shuffle because we mail out the information two weeks before Christmas," Duggan said. "January is a tough month, but right now we're on target with ticket sales; we have 65 sold. Last year, we sold 130 tables, so if I sell at least one more table than last year, I'll be happy."

Livonia natives return with 'Revenge'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Dan Edwards, a 1989 Stevenson High School graduate, had one thing in mind when he moved to Chicago.

"I moved with the intention of joining the band The Krinkles and it took me a little while to weasel my way in," said Edwards with a laugh.

He set his mind to it and persuaded his hometown friends - drummer/vocalist Matt Favazza, bassist/vocalist Jerry Overmyer and guitarist/vocalist Henry Klotkowski - to let him join the power pop band as their second guitarist and vocalist.

"Adding another vocalist has given us a fuller sound. We trade off on lead vocals. Matt the drummer does a couple of songs, Henry and I split the rest of it."

Now The Krinkles are celebrating the release of their second album, "Revenge of The Krinkles" (Mordorlorff Music). The band will return to the area on Saturday, Jan. 23, to play songs off "Revenge" at Lili's in Hamtramck.

Sent to stores in July, "Revenge of The Krinkles" was recorded from February through April 1998 at Attica Studios in Chicago with producer Chuck Uchida.

"It's kind of a punk rock studio. It's called Attica because it's in an attic," explained Edwards, who also played acoustic guitar on "Pink One" on The Krinkles' first album "Three Rings." "It's kind of trashed, kind of run down. It's a real rock 'n' roll atmosphere. The guy's really talented. He gave us a lot of time."

The 10-song album, inspired by the Beatles and 1980s metal

bands, features three of Edwards' songs - "Working Girl," "Innerspace," and "Carnival," a reference to the Livonia Spree.

"It's about the Livonia Spree in an abstract way; people always crack up when I tell them that," he said.

Edwards earned a degree in advertising from Western Michigan University and had a hand in the design of the CD's packaging. Unfolding the CD insert reveals a comic strip about the band.

"We wanted to try and do something a little bit extra with our packaging," he said. "I'm a big Kiss fan and they always did something a little bit fun with their albums. There were stickers in there, cartoons, always something fun. (The Krinkles' CD) reminds me of the days of vinyl albums, when the packaging was a little more important."

Edwards said recording an album was a dream of his.

"You have your little fantasies and dreams; it was pretty much the way I thought it would be," Edwards said. "A lot of people don't really like it but it's definitely one of my favorite things to do. We're looking forward to going in again and spending more time."

"We felt like we did the best we could with the amount of time we had."

Edwards has been playing guitar since he was 14 and joined bands soon thereafter. He was a fan of "a lot of rock 'n' roll stuff."

"Speaking for myself, I grew up in the '80s. I listened to a lot of what they call 'hair metal' now - Motley Crue, Iron Maiden, Ratt. I always liked a lot of the pop stuff when I was younger - all the Beatles kind of stuff."

The Krinkles formed after Matt Favazza, a 1989 Stevenson graduate, Overmyer, a 1988 Franklin High School graduate, and Klotkowski, a 1989 Franklin graduate, met while working at Bill Knapp's in Livonia.

"We're just nice boys from Livonia. Maybe we should come up with a better story," Edwards said. "It's our little joke."

Edwards said he hopes that it works for awhile.

"I'm really happy with my situation now. Not just because we've all been friends for so long, but the fact that we finally got it together."

The Krinkles open for Mr. Tidy at 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Lili's 21, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge is \$5 for the 21 and older show. For more information, call (313) 875-6555, e-mail the band at krinkles@cyberconnect.com or their Web site at <http://www.cyberconnect.com/krinkles>.



Back in town: The Krinkles - guitarist/vocalist Dan Edwards, drummer/vocalist Matt Favazza, bassist/vocalist Jerry Overmyer and guitarist/vocalist Henry Klotkowski - will perform at Lili's in Hamtramck on Saturday, Jan. 23.

Foster parent training set

HelpSource will offer pre-service training for people interested in becoming licensed foster parents.

The classes for couples and single adults will be offered 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at HealthSource's administration building, 1960 S. Industrial Highway, Ann Arbor, and 6-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday,

Jan. 25-26, at its office at 27676 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City.

The 15-hour training will explain the foster care program, the children who come into care and the support service provided by HelpSource, a nonprofit organization, based in Ann Arbor.

Classes are free of charge. For more information or to register, call (734) 422-5401.

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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAYCEES ANNIVERSARY
The Westland Jaycees are planning a 40th anniversary party for Jan. 23 and are trying to contact all past members of the chapter. Call Mike or Debbie Kehrner for more information at (734) 595-0659.

CARD PARTY
St. Richard's Women's Guild annual card party is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at St. Richard Social Hall, 35851 Cherry Hill Road, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Tickets are \$6 at the door or from a Guild member. Event includes refreshments, door and table prizes and 50-50 drawing. Ticket information: Jan at (734) 721-5353 or Rose at (734) 721-4444.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB
State Rep. Eileen DeHart will give a legislative news update from Lansing at the Westland Democratic Club meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, one block east of Venoy, two blocks south of Palmer. Call (734) 422-5863 or (734) 595-6517.

VALENTINE CARD PARTY
A Valentine Card Party is set for 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at Sts. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. The event includes door and table prizes, 50/50 and light meal and snacks. Tickets are \$6. Call (734) 278-2090 or (734) 729-2716. Proceeds for the building fund.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT
The Notre Dame Council, Knights of Columbus, presents a Las Vegas Night 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Jan. 23, at 35100 Van Born Road, between Wayne and Venoy roads, Wayne. Cash bar and kitchen. Admission fee is \$2. For more information, call (734) 728-3020.

AT THE LIBRARY

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

WESTLAND CENTER

WALKERS CLUB
The Westland Walkers meet the second Wednesday of each month, except during the summer. Westland Center opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m. through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen. Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

AT THE CHAMBER

BOWLING OUTING
As part of Westland WinterFest 1999, the Westland Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the WinterFest Bowling Outing 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. Lane sponsorships are available by contacting the chamber, (734) 326-7222.

JOBS AND CAREERS FAIR
The third annual Jobs and Careers Fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, at Westland Shopping Center. An advance signup list for tables and sponsorships is being compiled by the

Westland Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222.

RECREATION

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

FIGURE SKATING
The Westland Figure Skating Club has formed an adult introductory precision team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get exercise. Practices are 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. Call (734) 722-1091.

VOLUNTEERS

EDUCATION PROGRAM
A volunteer education program for Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. will be 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday, Feb. 2 through March 23, at the Westland office, 32932 Warren Road, northwest corner of Warren and Venoy. Training involves a variety of jobs including working with patients and families to general office duties. Call (734) 522-4244.

SCHOOLS

MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE
McKinley Cooperative Preschool, housed in Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road at Hunter, is holding registration. Morning and afternoon classes are available. Call (734) 729-7222.

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 Stottemyer 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 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2680.

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

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

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL
St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. Registration has begun. Call (313) 274-6270.

YWCA READINESS
The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 28279 Michigan in Inkster.

Call (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 access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

LITTLE LAMBS
Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is accepting registration for the 1998-99 school year. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. Call (248) 471-2077.

FRANKLIN PTSA
The Franklin High PTSA is seeking 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 in Livonia 48150.

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

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

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE
Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool at 9601 W. Chicago, has openings for winter enrollments for 3- and 4-year-olds. To enroll, call Donna at (734) 266-8185.

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. Call (734) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET
Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March,



Civilians honored
Community service: The Westland Civilians recently received a community service award for outstanding contribution to Wayne County Parks and Recreation from the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association. From left, Larry Fitch, Wayne County Parks assistant director; Kim Healy, Wayne County Parks recreation supervisor; Linda Quinn, Westland Civilians; Patrick Quinn, Westland Civilians; Anastasia Pitses, Wayne County Parks manager of recreation; and Sam Mims, assistant manager of recreation. Each year, the Civilians provide a crew of volunteers to assist with the Wayne County Parks Marshmallow Drop in Westland as well as the Wayne County Parks Halloween Festival.

May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Call President Jim Franklin at (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

SENIOR CHOIR
A Friendship senior choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, has been started at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Those who enjoy singing are invited to join. The choir meets 9 a.m. Thursdays.

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

TRAVEL GROUP
The Travel Group meets 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 nonresidents. Call (734) 722-7632.

CARD GROUP
The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets 2 p.m. People play euchre, pinocle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (734) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh.

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

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

DYER CENTER
The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen

Band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be 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 (734) 722-7632.

CLUBS IN ACTION

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

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

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

T.O.P.S.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M163 meets weekly: Weigh-in is 6-7:15 p.m., meeting is 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Med-Max building, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call Suzanne at (734) 728-8437.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) urges people who want to learn the art of public speaking to attend the club's weekly meetings 6 p.m. each Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to West-

land Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 326-5419.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are 8:30-9:30 p.m. Sundays and Wednesdays at Garden City Hospital (north entrance), 5254 Inkster Road in Garden City. Call Woody, (734) 776-3415.

BINGO

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

MORE DEMS' BINGO
The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party holds bingo games 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. Call 421-1517.

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

WFCL BINGO
The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold bingo games 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for the girls' softball program. The bingo games are at the Wayne Ford Civic League hall on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford.

MORE BINGO
The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games 6:30 p.m. Thursdays 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 and School for the Blind. Call 422-5025 or 729-8681.

SHAMROCK BINGO
There will be bingo 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road, Wayne. Doors open 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. Call 728-3020.

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

K OF C BINGO
Pope John XXIII Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games 6:45 p.m. Thursdays. The games are in the Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman, Livonia. Call 425-2246.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

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

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

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax to 734-591-7278. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Bomback-Buckley

John Lawrence Bomback III and Barbara Anne Buckley were married Oct. 10 in the Mission Church of Mackinac Island by the Rev. Edwin Remally.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Elery Buckley of Boston, Mass. The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John L. Bomback II of Lynn, Mass., formerly of Plymouth.

The bride is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire. She is employed by Cognos Corp.

He is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Northern Michigan University. He is employed by American Airlines.

The bride asked Brenda Buckley Sittenger to serve as matron of honor. Dan Walsh served as best man.

The couple received guests at a reception in Stonecliff Mansion. Following a trip to London, Eng-



land, they are making their home in Georgetown, Mass.

Lemasters-Armbrust

Randall Lemasters and Amy Armbrust were recently married at Laurel Manor Chapel in Livonia.

The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Robby L. Williams of Livonia. The groom is the son of Susan Padgett of Belleville.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is employed by Roadway in Warren.

The groom is a 1984 graduate of Belleville High School. He is employed by Kohl Madden in Canton.

The bride asked Kelly McIntosh to serve as matron of honor, with Jennifer Belleville as bridesmaid, Allison Raylean and Katelin Lemasters were flower girls.



The groom asked Gary McIntosh to serve as best man, with Ron Hollenbeck as groomsmen. Kyle Armbrust and Dylan Lemasters were ringbearers.

The couple received guests at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico. They are making their home in Westland.

Tilly-Eppinga

Paul and Nancy Tilly of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristina Marie, to Zachary Dirk Eppinga, the son of Stuart and Vicky Eppinga of Holland, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Calvin College with a degree in special education. She is employed as a middle school and high school mathematics teacher at Lake Michigan Academy in Grand Rapids.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of Calvin College with a degree in business. He works in finance at Herman Miller in Holland.

A July wedding is planned at St. Michael Lutheran Church.



Brunner-Grant

Kevin Charles Brunner and Janice Marie Grant were married Aug. 15 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. The Rev. John Sullivan performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of John W. and Dorothy Grant of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Harold and Janet Brunner of Traverse City.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1993 graduate of Albion College, where she was affiliated with Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Formerly employed as a certified public accountant for Coopers/Lybrand in Detroit, she is a student at University of Pennsylvania Law School.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Traverse City High School and a 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan. He also was employed as a CPA for Coopers/Lybrand in Detroit. He is attending the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

The bride asked Karen Frederick to serve as her maid of honor with Carolyn Pinkerton Hudson, Jenny Mans Margherio and Carol Varley serving as her attendants.

The groom asked Cameron



Kennedy to serve as his best man with Bill Brunner, Todd Fewins and Damien Kircher as groomsmen.

After greeting guests in the Alexandria Ballroom of the Dearborn Inn, the couple left for a honeymoon trip to Bermuda. They are making their home in Philadelphia.

Peterson-Hansen

Lowell and Kay Hansen of Redford announce the engagement of their son, Jonathan Richard, to Johna Rae Peterson, the daughter of Joseph and



Cindie Burr of Muskegon and John and Jan Peterson of Grand Haven.

The bride will graduate in December from Calvin College where she is majoring in criminal justice.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Thurston High School and a 1998 graduate of Calvin College with a degree in computer science. He is employed at the Donnelly Corp. in Holland.

A January wedding is planned at the Calvin College Chapel in Grand Rapids.

Shuman-Yon

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Shuman of Novi, formerly of Westland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristine Marie, to Charles A. Yon, the son of Gerald O. Yon of Berkley.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by the Meijer Corp. and as a substitute teacher in the Clarenceville School District.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Madonna University. He is a police officer for the City of Wixom.

A May wedding is planned at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington.



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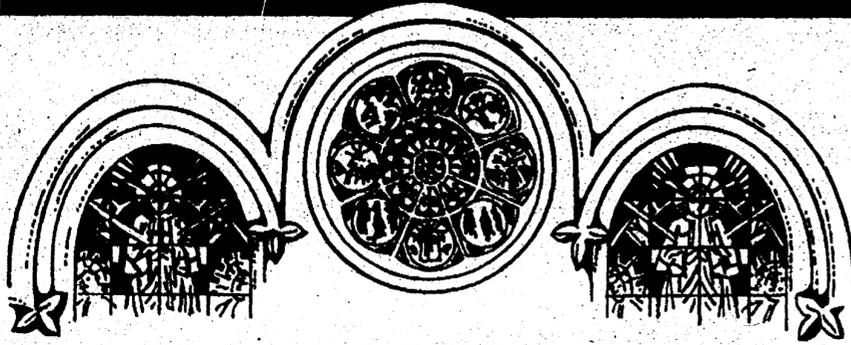
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Hines

J.D. and Frances Hines of Brooklyn, Mich., formerly of Garden City, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 26, 1948, in Ohio. She is the former Frances Savage. The couple has three sons - Bryan of Mt. Joliet, Tenn., Paul of Garden City and Michael of Somerset, Mich. They also have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is still employed as a mason, while she is a homemaker. They are active in the Moose, Lions Club and International Order of Oddfellows.



Rodde

Donald and Donna Rodde of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple exchanged vows on Aug. 14, 1948, in Detroit. She is the former Donna Kingsbury. The Roddes have three children - Pamela, Victoria and Valerie - and six grandchildren. Retired from the Ford Motor Co. 15 years ago, he currently works at Mayfair Real Estate. She is a homemaker. He is active in the Livonia Elks and the Masons. She is interested in ceramics and works of art.



Weiser

Douglas and Elizabeth Weiser of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to the wine country of Sonoma, Calif., to ride the wine train and visit their new grandchild. The couple married Nov. 27, 1948, in Lansing. She is the former Elizabeth Palmer. The couple has five children - Kurt of Tempe, Ariz., Tom of Ann Arbor, Marybeth of Hickory Corners, Jaime of Sonoma, Calif., and Jennifer of Boston. They also have seven grandchildren. He retired eight years ago from the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation. She is a homemaker.

Ayers

James and Linda Ayers of Livonia will gather with family and friends to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. The couple exchanged vows on Dec. 20, 1968, in Detroit. She is the former Linda Carlson. Fifteen-year residents of Livonia, they have three children, Matthew and wife Debbie, Wendy and Todd. They also have one grandchild. He is an attorney, while she is office manager with Charles Bretton Associates. Both are avid hunters and fishermen. They also enjoy spending time together and with their children and grandchild.

Lampron

Edward and Janet Lampron of Stanwood, Mich., formerly of Redford, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows at a Mass at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Redford. Their nephew, the Rev. Michael Verschaeve, officiated. They also were the guests of honor at a dinner party with family friends at the Plymouth Landing Restaurant in Ply-

mouth. Their entire wedding party was in attendance. The couple exchanged vows on Sept. 4, 1948, in Detroit. She is the former Janet LeBlanc. They have five children - Larry of Livonia, Ron and wife Debi of Webberville, Mich., Cathy Holme and husband Scott of Redford, Gordie and wife Beth of Plymouth and Kevin and wife Dawn of Redford. They also have six grandchildren.



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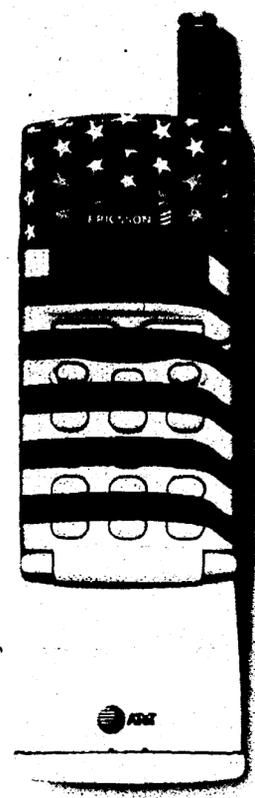
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FRIDAY



Sam Raimi, a graduate of Birmingham Groves High School, directs "A Simple Plan," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters. See review on page E6.

SATURDAY



Julie Harris and Charles Durning star in "The Gin Game" 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$25-\$46.50 at the Music Hall Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations. For more information, call (313) 963-2366. To charge tickets, call (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY



Love is the theme of the 3 p.m. "Classics on the Lake" concert featuring soprano Valerie Yova and lyric tenor David Troiano in the shrine chapel on the campus of St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake Road (at Commerce Road). Tickets \$15 and \$25, call (248) 683-1750.



Dance and sing a long with your favorite Sesame Street Live friends as Professor Art's Guzzinta 2000 machine makes the pages of "Elmo's Coloring Book" come alive through Sunday, Jan. 31 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$24.50, \$16, \$12 and \$9 available at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, all Ticketmaster locations, or call (248) 433-1515. Call (313) 983-6611 for information.



Duelling duo: Richard Hartle as George Hay and Mary Jolliffe, Charlotte Hay, in a scene from St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook's production of "Moon Over Buffalo."

SHINING AT ST. DUNSTAN'S 'Moon Over Buffalo'

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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TV is a pretty newfangled invention when compared to something as ancient as live theater. In 1953 some people were worried that TV and movies would replace live theater, but it didn't.

Still, the idea of theater being replaced intrigued playwright Ken Ludwig who wrote "Moon Over Buffalo" opening Friday at St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook and now playing at the Dearborn Player's Guild.

"It's been done before - well and not well - I think we'll have a lot of people laughing," said Richard Hartle who stars as George Hay. "The play celebrates live theater and the fun of seeing it."

Director Amy Lynn Smith sets the scene. It's 1953 and TV is killing live theater. George and Charlotte Hay are veteran actors who are quickly headed toward has-been status when opportunity knocks on their repertory theater door.

Movie director Frank Capra is seeking leading actors for his new film, and is planning to attend the repertory theater's matinee performance in Buffalo, N.Y.

Chaos is everywhere. George gets roaring drunk when he realizes his wife Charlotte (Mary Jolliffe) knows about his philandering. The Hays' daughter Rosalind has just returned home with her new (and somewhat confused) fiancé, Howard, much to the chagrin of her former boyfriend, Paul,

ON STAGE

WHAT: St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, Jan. 29-30 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24.

WHERE: At the playhouse, 400 Lone Pine Road, on the grounds of Cranbrook Educational Community, Bloomfield Hills.

TICKETS: \$22 adults, students and seniors \$10, call (248) 644-0527.

who is also the theater company's manager.

"Add Charlotte's deaf mother, a high-strung ingenue and the couple's dashing but slimy lawyer - and stir briskly for fast-paced comedy of errors, slamming of doors and unabashed admiration for live theater," said Smith.

Hartle and Jolliffe are longtime St. Dunstan's members who performed together on stage as a married couple in the group's 1983 production of "Tribute."

They are longtime friends and enjoy sharing the stage. "We play off of each other well," said Hartle. "I love working with him," said Jolliffe about her leading man. "He's solid, he's good and has such a marvelous manner with the character."

Hartle says the play is a funny look at a group of traveling actors. "We all have great hopes, and we've done some movies before," he said. "I'm the philandering husband, and she's the irate wife, but getting a part in the movie becomes more important to her."

Playing the drunk is hard, said Hartle. "You have to give this illusion of being drunk, but it has to be humorous. They're trying to sober me up for the play, (which is only a half hour away), but they give me Irish coffee instead of regular coffee by mistake."

For Hartle, performing in community theater is a great escape. "You are in another world," he said. "You forget all your cares and woes. It's a form of creativity, it's fun. I enjoy making a character come to life, and making people care about them."

Jolliffe really likes her character. "She has a wacky life, yet she's a very loving person. She's dramatic and really has a nice personality. It's a very funny play. When I first read it, I laughed out loud."

A member of St. Dunstan's since 1959, Jolliffe "just loves the theater. It transports you to another world," she said. "There's a wonderful sense of teamwork when you're working on a show. You become almost like a family, and can count on each other. It's very supportive."

"In many ways 'Moon Over Buffalo' depicts life at a theater that is very similar to St. Dunstan's," said Smith. "Like most community theater groups we don't have a lot of money and we work very hard to get ourselves noticed. We may encounter hurdles or challenges while producing our shows - but we are connected by our mutual love of theater and our desire to put on the very best productions we can, for the entertainment and enlightenment of our audiences."

DSO introduces Tiny Tots to wild kingdom

Detroit Symphony Orchestra opens its 1998-99 Tiny Tots Concert Series with "Animal Portraits," 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 at Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile Road (at Middlebelt), Farmington Hills. Tickets \$10, available at Mercy High School 45 minutes before the start of the performance, or call (313) 576-5111. To purchase tickets on-line www.detroit-symphony.com

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Bill Lucas is working next Saturday at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, and he's bringing his family along.

While he's worrying about the "Entry of the Gladiators," a "Waltzing Cat," and "Bear with a Sore Head," they'll be in the audience enjoying the opening of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Tiny Tots Concert Series.

"I enjoy these concerts, they're in the neighborhood," said Lucas of Bloomfield Hills, a full-time DSO member since May 1988. "We like playing these concerts, it's our mission, we're here to serve the community."

Lucas plays trumpet with the orchestra, and serves on the education committee. "Part of our job as musicians is to teach others," he said. The Tiny Tots program, geared for children ages three to six, "gives suburbia a taste of what it's like to listen to a world class symphony. We're breaking new ground," he explained. "We're trying to expose children at very young age to classical music."

Studies have shown that children who study classical music perform better in school, and score higher on standardized tests such as the SAT. "It's our responsibility to expose children to art," said Lucas. "Children have to be entertained. Once they're

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DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Narrator: Rheda Becker, who has entertained Tiny Tots audiences for the past two years, returns Jan. 23 to narrate this year's series of instructive and engaging concerts. Becker is recognized as one of the outstanding professionals in the specialized art of narration.

MUSIC

Starlight Drifters swing to a western beat

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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A perfectionist, Chris Casello is never quite satisfied with any of his band's accomplishments.

The Starlight Drifters' stellar debut, "Introducing ... The Starlight Drifters" is OK if he puts it down for a while and then listens to it.

"That's the curse of never being satisfied when you're an artist. You know you can always do better. If I don't hear it for six months, then I think 'Man, that's really good,'" the guitarist said with a laugh.

Sure, the Ann Arbor-based band has played a few top-notch gigs but Casello is modest about naming them. With some prodding, he opens up.

"One thing that was really nice

WHO: The Starlight Drifters
WHERE: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21
WHEN: Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
ADMISSION: There is no cover charge for the 21 and older show. For more information, call (734) 455-8450.

Other upcoming shows:
■ 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. For more information, call (734) 332-9900.
■ 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. The show, open to those 21 and older, is free. Call (248) 543-4300 for more information.
■ Starlight Drifters, Black Beauty and Big Barn Combo open for Robert Gordon, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are \$13 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com>

was we got to play the opening of the Elvis exhibit at the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame. The family was supposed to be there but we didn't get to meet them. It was a corporate thing, but we got a private tour of the Elvis stuff," he said with a slight tone of disappointment in his voice.

"We've opened for all the people we like - BR5-49, Wayne Hancock, Sleepy LaBoeuf, Link Wray."

That's a lot to accomplish in a brief two-year history. Since the early 1998 release of "Introducing ... The Starlight Drifters," the band has collected a slew of good reviews. The album captures The Starlight Drifters' manically paced live shows. But one thing, it doesn't have is drums.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCKWALD

They swing: The Starlight Drifters' guitarist Chris Casello plays the Alkire E Harp during a recent show at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth. The rest of the band is drummer Marc Gray of Toledo, singer Bill Alton of Livonia, and stand-up bassist Rudy Varner of West Bloomfield.

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Players Guild Dearborn shines in 'Moon'

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents the comedy "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig through Sunday, Jan. 31 at the theater, 21730 Madison (southeast of Mohr and Outer Drive), Dearborn. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23 and Jan. 29-30; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. Tickets \$11, call (313) 561-TKTS. For directions or any other information, call (313) 277-5164.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

Need some humor to chase away the winter blues? Head over to the Players Guild of Dearborn where the fast-paced, rollicking comedy, "Moon Over Buffalo" is warming up the house with a hearty dose of laughter.

Set in 1953, "Moon Over Buffalo" is the story of a repertory theater company in Buffalo, N.Y., struggling for survival in the

face of the country's migration to movies and TV. Tempers are short, and the troupe is in danger of dissolving when their big break appears - Frank Capra is considering the company's founders, George and Charlotte Hay, for his next movie. He's flying in to catch their next matinee. What follows is madcap mayhem and side-splitting laughter as everything that could go wrong does.

From the moment Lindel Salow and Nancy Wolter as leads George and Charlotte Hay leapt on stage amidst fierce swordplay, the stage was set for their physical and verbal repartee generating much of the show's laughter and even its tenderest moment.

Salow drew peals of laughter during his drunk scene. He avoided the stereotypical portrayal and instead rocked the audience with laughter with his hysterically confused expressions, and his physical missteps.

Director Kirk Haas skillfully directed a difficult scene which must seem full of random clumsiness to successfully pull-off the scene's most comic potential.

Wolter's comic timing and dry sense of humor served her character well and completed the chemistry between leads.

Debbie Pletzer as Rosalind, the couple's grown daughter, proved her own comic ability during the play within a play. As a Noel Coward newlywed in "Private Lives," she was thrown into a frenzied round of side-splitting ad-libbing when her drunken father took to the stage dressed as Cyrano and started spouting the other show's lines.

Tony Lavry of Garden City made the most of his role as Howard, Rosalind's fiancé and a stage-struck weathercaster. Brimming with enthusiasm, his physical humor and earnestness nailed down the part.

Michael Falzon as Paul, Ros-

alind's former beau, also helped maintain the show's quick comic pace and captured his own share of laughter by endearingly portraying his character's jealously single-minded determination.

Leonore Forsythe as Ethel, Charlotte's hard-of-hearing mother, made even the deaf jokes seem funny. Paul Helmstetter of Canton as Charlotte's ardent paramour, and indiscretion, completed the cast.

The stage crew hit some rough spots opening night, but should smooth out their performance as the show progresses. The set was intentionally bland and somewhat cramped, but it did accommodate the numerous exits and entrances needed to pull off much of the "cat and mouse" humor. The Cyrano and Patton costumes deserve special notice among a sea of functional but not particularly notable costumes.



Witnesses to history: Sylvia Carter (left) and Audrey Morgan perform as the Delany sisters in "Having Our Say."

Endearing acting breathes life into 'Having Our Say'

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"Having Our Say" by Emily Mann through Sunday, Jan. 31 at Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills, Tuesday-Sunday. Tickets \$24 - \$35, available at Ticketmaster locations (248) 645-6666, or (248) 377-3300.

No one can accuse the Delany sisters of not sharing their opinions. Age, their inquiring minds and an audience guarantee an airing of their barrel full of unabridged sentiments.

Indeed, in Meadow Brook Theatre's latest production, "Having Our Say," the Delany sisters have their say again and again on nearly every subject under the sun - from the Civil War to Martin Luther King, Jr.'s plea for racial equality to Dan Quayle's rise to mediocrity to the haunting shadow of David Duke.

In their front and center role as co-hosts of a rambling talk through American history, both Bessie and Sadie Delany reveal the bitterness, humor and wisdom of growing up black in a white society, and growing old in a world that worships youth.

In the early 1990s, the octogenarians broke the century mark, and gained popularity for their surprising lucidness as much as their longevity. As centerpieces of "Having Our Say," Bessie and Sadie Delany represent distinct character studies.

As the anecdotal play unfolds, it's clear that the operative word is storytelling. (If you're looking for action, look someplace else. You're in for a good talking to.)

While the play suffers from a lack of dramatic action and a sense of impending conflict, there's no mistaking that the strength of "Having Our Say" lies in the literal recreation of the indefatigable Delany sisters.

Bessie, the younger Delany, born in Raleigh in 1891 - two years after her sister - is a self-described "good Christian woman and a naughty, little darkie."

At every turn, Audrey Moran as Bessie is up to the challenge of balancing righteousness with indignation for being considered

a second-class citizen because of her skin color and gender.

Moran's transformation to Bessie is complete, including a slight hitch in her tentative gait and a glowing pride burned into her countenance. Her fire can also turn to rage when she describes how she was almost lynched for standing up to a beligerent white man.

But Moran's emotional fire is tempered by the constraints of Bessie's age and her warehouse of memories of pain and regret. All in all, Moran offers a remarkably refreshing portrayal that is engaging and inspired.

As Bessie's lifelong sister sidekick, Sadie, Sylvia Carter has a wide-eyed sweetness that never slips to the level of predictable stereotype.

Perhaps it's "easier" to play the less volatile Delany sister, but like Moran, Carter's seamless portrayal is built upon layers of emotional travails.

Together, the Delany sisters describe themselves as "molasses and vinegar." In reality, they seem like two sides of one indelible, archetypal historical character - a vibrant, black woman, who never gave in to prejudice, and made the most of the opportunities she had.

Appropriately, Moran and Carter mix their molasses and vinegar into a tasteful rendition of what it must be like to live long enough so that time appears like an illusion and death merely a lost parcel that has yet to be delivered.

As a play that appears more like side-by-side character studies, "Having Our Say" could easily become static and preachy.

But director Debra Wicks has managed to blend storytelling and on-screen visuals from a Delany family album with the proper warmth.

Yet, "Having Our Say" also delivers a reminder. Two old, loveable women talking about family memories along with racism and injustice could gloss over the ugly face of hatred.

Ultimately, the "final say" rests with contemporary audiences, who still have time to stand up and have their own say about right and wrong.

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"That's how we played originally - without drums for the first year," Casello explained. It was never a problem unless The Starlight Drifters played "a big stage" like, for example, at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac.

"The sound guys didn't know what to do with us," Casello said. To fill out its sound soon after the release of "Introducing... The Starlight Drifters," the band - singer Bill Alton of Livonia, stand-up bassist Rudy Varner of West Bloomfield, and Casello of Ann Arbor - found drummer and Toledo resident Marc Gray.

"The drummers we auditioned always wanted to rock out or really live it up and I hated that. We got a guy who can do that, but he plays with brushes a lot more," he added. "Our goal for this year is to have a multi-instrumentalist or a piano player for the honky-tonk or western swing music that's a big part of our sound."

On stage Casello plays a rare 10-string Alkire E Harp, or for the average Joe on the street, a "big steel guitar with lots of

strings." "Strangely enough, I was playing at Joe Louis Arena before a Rockers game and this guy walks up to me and says, 'Oh, an E Harp.' They had those things back in the '50s. Nobody's ever heard of this thing," he said.

The Starlight Drifters is often dubbed "western swing," but the dreaded "s" word misleads potential fans, Casello explained.

"The swing thing has gotten us a lot of work. We're often booked as a swing band, but when we show up, people aren't disappointed. Without trying we're educating people to some great music."

Rockabilly band

"When you say 'hillbilly' or 'country' it scares people away. We're a rockabilly band, we're into the Americana scene. We swing. We have an upright bass. They still think we're swing. I've never misrepresented us. People are always happy."

Casello is a veteran of the Detroit music scene. For seven years he played in the Prodigals,

a surf band. His resume also includes the Urbations, the Watusis, the blues band CC and the Bad Luck Boys, Soul Plumbers, and the country act Driving Sideways.

"I'm just all over the place. I haven't had a job in 10 years, maybe longer. I'm lucky to be able to teach music, play gigs and do some session work. For the longest time, I was in four or five different bands. I trimmed it down to one."

An Ann Arbor resident, Casello was turned on to the music after watching the "Glen Campbell Good Time Hour."

"Those are my earliest memories. I got a guitar in 1968 and 'Elvis Live in Vegas.' I didn't get serious (about music) for two or three years. But I've always been into it. The whole family is."

He's a fan of "hillbilly music" and jazz. But taking the attention away from himself, he concentrates on his bandmates.

"Bill the singer, he's just got this phenomenal voice. He has been accused of being a doo-wop singer. The local grease-and-ink

crowd say that being a doo-wop singer (isn't talent). But the fact of the matter is Bill is a country music expert."

Those two imbibe on WSDS-AM 1480, a classic country radio station.

"Nothing's going on on FM. You've got to listen to AM, WJR at midnight, and the other one is WSDS classic country 1480. They play the classic songs that you've never heard. That's kind of interesting. Bill really knows his country stuff. He's a rockabilly singer but his roots are gospel. He's a good Southern Baptist boy."

For the next few months, in between gigs, The Starlight Drifters are spending time in Big Sky Studios to work on its sophomore release.

"This one's gonna be terrific. We're putting a lot more work into it. There's going to be horns, piano, lots more steel guitar, a lot, more western swings. I like the, swing beat but to me it's all the, same thing. Music is music."

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having fun, there's no limit to what you can put in their brain. Children learn best when they're having fun."

Titled "Animal Portraits," the Tiny Tots concert is a multimedia event featuring the orchestra led by assistant conductor Ya-Hui Wang, narration by Rheda Becker, and computer illustrations of animals designed by students and faculty from the Graphic Communications Department of the Center for

Creative Studies.

Exciting, fast moving pieces were chosen for the program including "Flight of the Bumblebee" by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Camille Saint-Saens "Carnival of the Animals," and Leroy Anderson's "The Waltzing Cat."

It's not MTV, but pretty close - music that little kids can relate to. "You basically show people music," said Lucas about the concert. "As orchestral musicians we have to catch up with the curve."

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Visit 'Elmo's Coloring Book' on Sesame Street

Sesame Street Live! presents "Elmo's Coloring Book" through Sunday, Jan. 31 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Performances 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 21-22 and Tuesday-Thursday, Jan. 26-28; 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 23-24 and Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 30-31; and 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29. Tickets \$24.50, \$16, \$12 and \$9, available at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices and all Ticketmaster locations. To charge tickets, call (248) 433-1515 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, call (313) 983-6611.

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Egyptian adventure: Join the cast of Sesame Street Live as they explore the pyramids in "Elmo's Coloring Book."

"Sunny days, chasing clouds away," wishful thinking for January, but a good reason to spend some time on Sesame Street.

Elmo, Cookie Monster, Oscar and the gang are at the Fox Theatre in Detroit until Sunday, Jan. 31 performing in "Elmo's Coloring Book," presented by Sesame Street Live!

"It's mostly singing and dancing," said Elmo's friend Tricia Engleman who has been with the show for the past five years. "I've always wanted to dance, and working with children is very rewarding. They're the best audience you can imagine," said Engleman.

"Elmo's Coloring Book," is targeted for children ages 2 to 7, but what adult hasn't been tickled by Elmo. "The adults are enjoying the show as much as the kids," said Engleman. There

are lots of fun special effects. In this show, Professor Art's Guzzinta 2000 machine makes the pages of Elmo's Coloring Book come alive.

Telly Monster wants to visit the pyramids in Egypt. Through the magic of Professor Art's machine, Telly is able to wear King Tut's crown, and get inside the coloring book picture of pyramids to explore them with his pals. Prairie Dawn becomes Cleopatra, but a pesky polar bear, Blanche, borrows the color gold so the treasure is white. Blanche wants the colors, and grabs them whenever she can. Pretty soon the cast figures out that Blanche is making Sesame Street lose its color, and try to find her.

Bert and Ernie visit the land

of dinosaurs, and Oscar the Grouch temporarily takes on the role of a nice and friendly monster, and takes the audience to his junk yard.

"It's a story about friendship and caring," said Engleman. "It's very colorful, and very fun. All your favorite Sesame Street characters are in the show."

Like other Sesame Street Live shows, "Elmo's Coloring Book" stresses the importance of education, and diversity. For kids, the lesson is that friends like you best when you just be yourself.

"All friends come in all shapes, sizes and colors, we shouldn't judge people," said performance director Jerry DuMars. "Oscar the Grouch changes in the middle of the show, and nobody likes it. The lesson is it's OK to be

grouchy, to get up on the wrong side of the bed."

Sing along with Oscar who explains why "I Love Trash." Besides recognizable Sesame Street songs, there's a contemporary mix of music and even some doo-wop girls - the Palettes, three new characters - yellow, red and blue.

The show is 90 minutes long with a 15 minute intermission. DuMars said the music is very upbeat and catchy. A lot of the music is familiar, and there are some brand new songs too.

"Elmo loves kids and being in the show," said Engleman. "He

visits the audience. He's very young and very playful, and likes running around. Children relate to him."

For DuMars, who has been with Sesame Street Live for the past 10 years, the rewarding part is knowing that "when I'm on stage, I'm making a difference in a child's life. We're educating children."

"It's a great thing for families to see together," said DuMars, about the show. "They're making memories."

Talking with Elmo
What's your favorite color?
Elmo: Red
What do you like to do?
Lead my band, and flip pancakes
When were you born?
Feb. 3
How old are you?
Three-and-a-half
What are your favorite words?
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Monster language

Jeff Daniels hosts premiere of new film

Jeff Daniels of Chelsea, star of "101 Dalmatians," "Pleasantville," and "Dumb and Dumber" is hosting a benefit premiere of his new film, "My Favorite Martian," 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 at the Star Southfield Theatre in Southfield.

Tickets are \$250 for VIP seating or \$15 for general admission tickets. VIP tickets include pre-

mium seating, complimentary valet parking and a dinner reception with Jeff and Kathleen Daniels following the film.

VIP tickets are available only by calling the Purple Rose Theatre at (734) 475-5817. General admission tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets, The Michigan Union ticket office, The Star Southfield box office, The

Purple Rose Theatre box office, or by calling (248) 645-6666.

All event proceeds will benefit the Purple Rose Theatre Company in Chelsea, Mich.

"My Favorite Martian," released by Walt Disney Pictures, is an update of the classic 1960s TV sitcom.

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On Thursday, February 4th, 1999 the Elysia Pefley Foundation will host their 3rd Annual Skate-A-Thon with the Detroit Red Wings at Joe Louis Arena.

All proceeds from the event will go to the **McCartney Cancer Foundation, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, Michigan Pediatric Hospice Foundation.**

Elysia Pefley was the little girl who was adopted by the Red Wings as their little angel. Although she lost her fight with cancer on St. Patrick's Day 1996 her courageous spirit lives on through the Foundation and Detroit Red Wings.

Everyone is invited to participate!

Concourse activities are open to the public and include an interactive Hockey Hall of Fame, large Silent Auction with a variety of sports memorabilia, Zamboni Photographs, Octo Bowl, Hourly 50/50 Raffles, Clowns, plus much more!

Any person who raises \$50 or more in donations will skate at the "Joe" with the "stars" and receive a T-shirt and refreshments. All individuals that raise pledges of \$300 or more will receive an autographed photo plaque by one of the Red Wings. The top four individuals who raise the most in donations will receive a special autographed Red Wing memorabilia.

For those who want to participate please complete the donor sheet, collect donations in advance and submit them to the foundation. Early registrants will receive ice time preferences. Donations can still be accepted after one has registered, just bring the additional funds on February 4th.

* At this time we are unable to list celebrity skaters.
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Concourse activities begin at 1:30 and is open to everyone.
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THEATER

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Camp Logan," Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the Houston riot and court martial of 1917, through Sunday, March 21, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"Having Our Say," continues through Jan. 31 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. (248) 377-3300

MUSIC HALL
"The Gin Game," starring Julie Harris and Charles Durning, directed by Charles Nelson Reilly, through Sunday, Jan. 24, at the theater, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$30-\$46.50. (313) 963-2366

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE
"Scapin," in rotating repertory to Feb. 3; Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities," runs in rotating repertory to March 4, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO THEATRE
"Veronica's Room," Ira Levin's chilling story of deception and false identity, Thursdays-Sundays, Jan. 21-24 and 28-31, in the lower level of the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$8, \$6 students/seniors. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

THE ACTORS' COMPANY
"Agnes of God," John Pielmeier's gripping adult drama, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, at the Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, between I-275 and Haggerty, Livonia. \$15. (248) 988-7032

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Deathtrap," a mystery thriller, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$12, \$10 children ages 18 and younger. (248) 644-2075

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS
"The View from Here," a comedy a woman trapped in her house by agoraphobia, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24. \$11, \$10 seniors/students at Sunday performances. (248) 988-7049

ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD
"Moon Over Buffalo" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22 at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, on the grounds of Cranbrook Educational Community, Bloomfield Hills, and continues 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through, Jan. 30 with additional shows 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24 and 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28. Tickets \$12 adults, students and seniors \$10, call (248) 644-0527

STAGECRAFTERS
Musical comedy "Promises, Promises," by Neil Simon, based on the movie "The Apartment" by Billy Wilder and I.A.L. Diamond, music by Burt Bacharach and lyrics by Hal David, Jan. 22 through Feb. 14 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. Tickets \$12-\$14, call (248) 541-8430. Show opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22 with performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, Feb. 7, and Feb. 14; 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28; 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31.

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CUPHOUSE
"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 6:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays, beginning Jan. 27. Performances will be added 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. \$50 Wednesdays-Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8666/(248) 645-6666

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS



On stage: Join Elmo, Professor Art, and all your Sesame Street pals as they make the pages of "Elmo's Coloring Book" come to life through Sunday, Jan. 31 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$24.50, \$16, \$12 and \$9, available at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, all Ticketmaster locations, on-line at www.ticketmaster.com or by phone (248) 433-1515. For more information, and performance times, call (313) 983-6611.

AVON PLAYERS YOUTH THEATRE

"The Wizard of Oz," 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester. \$7. (248) 608-9077

DETROIT PUPPET THEATER

PuppetART presents "The Firebird" from an old Russian folk tale, noon and 2 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 23 and 30, and Feb. 6, 13 and 20, at the theater, 26-East Grand River, between Woodward Avenue and Farmer, Detroit. \$6.50, \$5 children, \$20 families of two adults/two children. Also workshops following 2 p.m. Saturday performances. (313) 961-7777/(248) 557-8599

THE RISING STARS

"The Man Who Came To Dinner," the classic play about Sheridan Whiteside, critic, radio personality, lecturer and self acclaimed expert on most everything, who comes to dinner and ends up staying three weeks after he slips on ice on their front steps, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at Andover High School, on Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$3. (248) 433-0885

WILD SWAN THEATER

"Owl's Winter," a delightful collection of stories based on Arnold Lobel's "Owl at Home," 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Washtenaw Community College's Towlesley Auditorium. \$8, \$6 children. (734) 763-TKTS

BENEFITS

BLACKTHORN
7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, to benefit the Groves Class of 1999 all night graduation party, at Groves Little Theater. \$20, includes afterglow. (248) 203-3530 (Irish/bluegrass)

FINE ART AUCTION

Old and modern masters go on the auction block (from Park West Gallery) to support the Southfield Federation for the Arts 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, preview begins at 7 p.m., at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile. Free. (248) 424-9022

STEVE KRASS MEMORIAL BENEFIT

With Speedball, Thee Lucky Stiffs, Felsty Cadavers, Moloko Plus, Gutter Punk, Bumpin Ugiles, Cold as Life, Elephant Ear and Joey Nobody Allstars, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7, 18 and older. Benefits memorial fund of Steve Krass, a former Redford resident and member of the band Felsty Cadavers, who was shot and killed at Harpo's nightclub in Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

JOE LAFATA BENEFIT

Featuring Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, Howling Diablos, Stun Gun, GIVE and Tyrone's Power Wheel, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10. All ages. Benefits LaFata, for-

mer drummer for Final Cut, who has brain cancer. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

"SWINGTIME '99"

The Fanclub Foundation for the Arts presents an evening of live entertainment, food from 28 restaurants, a silent auction, and art by local artists and students from Detroit Country Day School, to help fund cultural organizations in metro Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, in the lobby of the Fishing Building, Second Street and Grand Boulevard, west of Woodward Avenue, Detroit. \$50 advance, \$60 at door. (248) 584-4150

SPECIAL EVENTS

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Celebrates the cultural heritage of Native American and Xicano with a symposium, community feast, poetry, artwork, and an evening of song, dance and storytelling as part of its sesquicentennial celebration, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 21-23 at McKenny Union.

E'S RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, Royal Oak Elks Hall, I-75 and 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. \$3. Drawing for \$50 shopping spree at 1 p.m. (248) 546-4527

MIDWEST STAMP SHOW

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 and until 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at the VFW Hall, 1426 Mill Street, west of Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. (888) 305-9918 or http://www.midweststamp-shows@yahoo.com

TOY SOLDIER/FIGURE SHOW

New and antique historical figures and toy soldiers, also displays of old toy soldiers and hand painted historical figures, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, Six Mile and I-275. \$5, children under 12 free. (248) 586-1022

FAMILY EVENTS

THE AMAZING CLARK

Presents his unbelievable magic and fascinating puppets, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at the Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia. \$4. (734) 466-2410

CHAMPIONS ON ICE

Features Michelle Kwan, Todd Eldredge, Elvis Stojko, Oksana Baiul, Philippe Candeloro, Brian Boltano, Surya Bonaly, Elizabeth Punsalan and Jerod Swallow, Rudy Galindo, Viktor Petrenko, and Nicole Bobek, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$55, \$40 and \$25, (248) 645-6666/(313) 983-6606 or http://www.ticketmaster.com

"SESAME STREET LIVE"
"Elmo's Coloring Book," through Sunday, Jan. 31, Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$9, \$12, \$16 and \$24.50. All ages. (313) 983-6611

Ice carving demonstrations, pancake breakfast, Polar Golf Outing, chili cook-off, nonprofit fair, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 and until 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, in the Walled Lake Community Education Building Courtyard, 615 North Pontiac Trail, south of Maple Road, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9004

CLASSICAL

"BEETHOVEN THE CONTEMPORARY"

With the American String Quartet, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$16, \$24, \$28 and \$30. (734) 764-2539 or http://www.ums.org

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF LINCOLN CENTER

With Anne Sofie von Otter, mezzo-soprano, Bengt Forsberg, piano and artistic director David Shifrin performing an all-Scandinavian program, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$20 and \$35. (734) 764-2539 or http://www.ums.org

PENELOPE CRAWFORD

Performs fortepiano and harpsichord, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 North Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$9 students/seniors/Academy of Early Music members. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS

"Brass! Brass! and More Brass!", a concert featuring works for a full orchestral brass complement by G. F. Handel, Arthur Bliss, Bach, Walter Rein, and American composer Herbert Haufrecht, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Lone Pine and Cranbrook roads, Bloomfield Hills. \$20, \$18 students/seniors, \$10 children under 10. (248) 362-9329

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Big Band Salute with Jeff Tyzik, conductor and trumpet soloist, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$13-\$65. (313) 576-5111

CHRISTOPHER LAUGHLIN

The classical guitarist presents a solo recital, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 North Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$8, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Deja Vu and Something New" concert, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, James P. Carl Auditorium, Churchill High School, Livonia. \$15, \$8 children ages 12 and younger. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Presents chamber concert with guest conductor Margery Deutch, and Youth Artist Competition winners Faith Schofield and Ross Huff, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, in the Plymouth Canton Little Theatre, 8415 Canton Center

Road, at Joy Road, Canton. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, free for students through grade 12. (734) 451-2112

PRO MUSIC

Presents pianist Arnaldo Cohen performing Chopin, Liszt and Schumann, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, in the Recital Hall at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue. Followed by meet the artist and buffet in Romanesque Hall and Kresge Court. \$25. (313) 886-7207

LOGAN SKELTON

The pianist performs the works of Bela Bartok in a concert with commentary, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 North Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

TINY TOTS SERIES

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents "Animal Portraits," an exploration of the animal kingdom through music and computer graphics, with narrator Rheda Becker, 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Mercy High School, Farmington Hills. \$10. (313) 576-5111

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Winter Movie Series continues with Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey in "Cabaret," 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 (organ overtures start 30 minutes earlier, guest organist evenings Brian Carmody, matinees Gil Francis), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

POPS/SWING

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

BEN GRAYSON BAND

Dance to the music of the forties and fifties by the band, Friday, Jan. 22, at the Italian American Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial Drive, Warren. \$10. (810) 751-2855

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (swing)

AUDITIONS/WORKSHOPS

BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP

Invites women who read music and enjoy singing to join the group. Founded 40 years ago, group members are women who enjoy rehearsing and performing a variety of music including light classical, show tunes and seasonal favorites. Rehearse Monday evenings February-June in Southfield. Jane Miller (248) 642-3216/Katie Parcells (313) 640-0123

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

Auditions for "The Rocky Horror Show" starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, call for times for specific characters, be prepared to sing 16 bars from one of the show's songs, at the theater in Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. For performances April 14-May 9. (248) 370-3310

NOVI THEATRES

Auditions for actors ages 7-13 for the Children's Annex and Little People Players presentation of Beatrix Potter's "Tales of Peter Rabbit," 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi. For performances April 16-18. All actors must pay a participation fee of \$125 once cast. (248) 347-0400

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

The 125-voice chorus is looking for people who love to sing, most needed are tenors, basses and baritone, openings also exist for altos and sopranos, open auditions for new members 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, west of Sheldon Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

Rehearsals 7:15 p.m. Mondays, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. "Mass in G" by Schubert, and "Chichester Psalms" by Bernstein will be performed. Scores may be purchased for \$7 and \$9, respectively. No auditions required. (734) 455-8353

STAGECRAFTERS

Auditions for the four women and six men for comedy, "Light Up The Sky," by Moss Hart, 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 25-26, regis-

tration begins at 6:30 p.m., at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances March 12-14, 17-21 and 26-28. (248) 541-4832

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

Classes for students grades 1-12 in scene study, Broadway dance, hip hop, improvisation, private voice coaching, and participation in Tinderbox ShowChoir and "The Ter Sullivan Show: A Variety Extravaganza for Actors, Singers and Dancers," Saturdays Feb. 6 to May 15, in the Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. Students give two performances Saturday, May 15 in Cathedral Theatre. (313) 635-8962

CHORAL

CHORISTERS GUILD MUSIC FESTIVAL

The choir featuring the voices of 326 children performs sacred music, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. Free. (734) 455-9458/(313) 927-1255

JAZZ

THE ARTICLES

9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (Jamaican Jazz/ska)

JUDIE COCHILL TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Jan. 21, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

CHICK COREA

The pianist performs as part of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Ameritech Jazz Series, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$46. (313) 576-5111

HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS

7:30-9:30 p.m. Sundays in January at the Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 416-9288, \$3 cover; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333 (vocal/piano/bass)

JAZZODITY

With Bumbu and Heavy Weather, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (acid jazz/funk)

JAZZHEAD

With Jazodity and DJ Papa Ron, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (rock)

SHEILA LANDIS

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With Barbara Ware, vocals, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, and the Matt Michaels Trio, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-4800

ROSCOE MITCHELL

Plays reeds with his trio including Gerald Cleaver, drums and bassist Leon Dorsey, 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 North Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

ROYAL JOKERS

Bring their Apollo Theater style review of rhythm and blues to town, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 North Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$12. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

MOTOR CITY SHEIKS

6-10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at Ja Da, 546 East Larned between Beaubien and St. Antoine, Detroit. (313) 965-1700 (retro blues)

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Jan. 28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

PEACE TIME

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, at Ja-Da, 546 East Larned between Beaubien and St. Antoine, Detroit. (313) 965-1700 (funky jazz)

HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

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8 Days a Week

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PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, Jan. 22 and 29, Edison's, 220 Main St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (734) 645-2150 (sax and vocal/ piano/bass)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

SUNNY WILKINSON
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

WORLD MUSIC

THE DROVERS
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (Irish)

IMMUNITY
8:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Jan. 21, The Alley at Main Street, 215 Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-9400 (reggae)

9:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, The Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900; 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

THE FOLK MONTY
8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.b2ark.org>

JAN KRIST
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

MUSTARD'S RETREAT
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING
7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

"SECONDS"
The dance concert kicks off Eastern Michigan University's 1999 Sesquicentennial Celebration by featuring a diverse collection of dance styles including modern, jazz, ballet, hip-hop, and African Congolese, also new works. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, in Quirk Theatre, Ypsilanti. \$8, \$5 for students with current ID, and \$3 for seniors and children under age 10. (734) 487-1211

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Al Romas, Steve Bills and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 21-23 (\$12); Jim Hamm, John McDonnell and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday, Jan. 28; Joey Kola, Jim Hamm and Rich Higginbottom, Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30 (\$15), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights. 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Jeff Rothman, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Kevin McPeck, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
With Elliott Branch, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21 (\$8), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22 (\$10),

and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 (\$10); Cathy Ladman, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28 (\$10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29 (\$12), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Gary Valentine and Kevin McPeck, Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 21-24; John Heffron of WKQJ-FM, Q95.5, and Mike Young, Wednesday-Sunday, Jan. 27-31, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY
"Dalmiers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays. \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world; "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses," through Jan. 31; "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, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1726 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R. (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

POPULAR MUSIC

ACOUSTIC JUNCTION
8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

BLACK BEAUTY
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (rockabilly)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"
With The Snots, Don't Trip, Wood Burning Stove and Slacker Hacker, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLUECAT
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600; With Ken Hounds, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Woody's Diner, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-6911 (blues)

BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO
With Mem Shannon and The Membership, 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Canceled. (734) 996-8555

CLASS ACT
8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, Fox and

Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (R&B)

EDDIE "THE CHIEF" CLEARWATER
10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (blues)

COCKROCKETS
With Jason Fisher, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (surf punk)

DEEP SPACE SIX
With Electric Magi, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.xtcom.com> (jam rock)

"DETROIT BLUES PIANO SUMMIT II"
Featuring Mr. B, Bob Seeley and Harold McKinney, 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth St., Detroit. Free. (313) 831-1250 (blues)

DIRGE
With Pork Barrel Salamander, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

DISADVANTAGED YOUTH
With Payback and Twitch, 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

TIM DIAZ AND DON RODDY
8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (acoustic rock)

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
With Daddy Longlegs, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

DR. JOHN
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (blues)

GLEN EDDIE
8 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 21 and 28, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

DAVE EDWARDS
9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (acoustic rock)

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (rock)

ELIZA
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800; 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-1600 (pop)

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY
10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (blues)

FEZ
With Spy Radio, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 (rock)

500 FEET OF PIPE
With Taproot, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

THE FRINGE
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

GHETTO BILLIES
Celebrate release of CD with party and performance, with special guests The Dopes and Sugar Pill, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

GOOD GRAVY
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (rock)

GORE GORE GIRLS
With Clone Defects and Pirhanas, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 (punk)

GUYS AND DOLLS
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, D.L. Harrington's Chophouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 852-0550 (top 40/Motown)

HARBINGER'S MILE
With Wattson and Buzz, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.xtcom.com> (rock)

HONOR AMONG THIEVES
10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 683-5458 (rock)

LISA HUNTER
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 203-0005; 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Lonestar Coffeehouse, 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 642-2233

JENDEZA
With Fat Belly Brown and Die Grinder, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

MIKE KING BAND
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (rock)

THE KRINKLES
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 (pop)

JOHN D. LAMB
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-7038; 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; With Sal D'Agnillo, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (rock)

SINEAD LOHAN
With The Push Stars, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (Irish pop)

MASTER OF NONE
With Two-Faced Moon, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

MINE LANTERNJACK
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (rock)

MUDPUDDY
9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Cavern Club, 210 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 (blues)

STEVE NARDELLA
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (rockabilly)

KARI NEWHOUSE
With Solid Frog, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Canceled. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

NIACIN JAY
With The Almighty Groove, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.xtcom.com> (rock)

NICK STRANGE AND THE BARENAKED
10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 683-5458 (rock)

ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Bobby J's Music Cafe, 29 Front St., Lake Orion. Free. 21 and older. (248) 814-8550; 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

OLD 97'S
With Gravel Train, 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (roots rock)

OPIE'S DREAM
8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

ROBERT PENN
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (rock)

1213
8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

RADIUM
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

ROXANNE
5-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, Rio Bravo, 240 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages. (313) 271-2900; 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (acoustic rock)

MITCH RYDER
10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (blues)

DUNCAN SHEIK
7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Canceled. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (pop)

SLOAN
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$13 in advance, \$15 day of show. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com> (pop)

SPRING HEELED JACK
With The Pilfers and The Smooths, 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12 in advance. \$15 at the door. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (ska)

SUGAR BLUE
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (blues)

SUN 209
10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (roots rock)

TANGERINE TROUSERS
6-8 p.m. Thursdays in January, The Good Food Co. East, 75 W. Maple Road, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 362-0886 (acoustic pop)

THE TEMPTATIONS AND THE FOUR TOPS
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Eastern Michigan University's Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-1221

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS
9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555; 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rockabilly)

UNITY
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, D.L. Harrington's Chop House, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 852-0550 (top 40 covers)

VANILLA ICE
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Harpo's, 14238 Harper Road, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 824-1700 (rock/rap)

VAL VENTRO
10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, and with Gary Rasmussen, 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (blues)

VUDU HIPPIES
10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (alternative rock)

THE WILDBUNCH
With The Go! and They Come in Threes, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 (rock)

WILD WOODY'S
5:30-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, as part of the Detroit Rockers game, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Admission charge. (248) 645-6666; 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (rockabilly)

THE WITCH DOCTORS
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

WARREN ZEVON
With Amy Rigby, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$20, 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 (rock/pop)

CLUB NIGHTS

ALVIN'S
The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and Cent. 10 p.m. Mondays, and Club Color, featuring funk and disco. 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18

and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.xtcom.com>

BLIND PIG
"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons from 7-9 p.m. Sundays with DJ Del Villarreal, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, \$3 after 9 p.m.; "Solar" night with DJs Shake and Craig Gonzalez, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the club. \$6, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET
"Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

THE GROOVE ROOM
Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D, Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or <http://www.thegrooveroom.com>

HAYLOFT LIQUOR STAND
Club Excess with live music, dancing and contests sponsored by WXDG-FM (105.1), 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the club, Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 468-1010

MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER
"Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick. 18 and older. Free; "Work Release," Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimentary food from the Majestic Cafe, 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bowl. \$6, 18 and older; "Rock 'n' Bowl" with DJ Del Villarreal, 9 p.m. Fridays and DJ Guttenball, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garden Bowl. Free. 18 and older; "The Bird's Nest," punk rock night with live performances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick. Free. 18 and older; "Soul Shakedown" with DJ Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick. Free. 21 and older. (313) 833-9700

MOTOR LOUNGE
"Back Room Mondays," service industries employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 21 and older; "Community Presents" with resident DJs, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. \$3, 18 and older; "Maximum Overload," 9 p.m. Fridays. \$6, 18 and older; "Divine" with DJs Mike Clark, Mark Flash and Brian Gillespie, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. \$6, 21 and older. all at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080

ONE X
"Men 4 Men" New York-style dance party with DJ St. Andy spinning high-energy, progressive house. 10 p.m. Fridays; "Family Funktion Internal Groove" DJ Alton Miller, 10 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 2575 Michigan Ave., in Detroit's Corktown area. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-7040

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER
"Three Floors of Fun," 9 p.m. Fridays. \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward. 18 and older; X2K dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter. \$6, 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT

SHARK CLUB
Pool, darts and dance night with WXDG-FM's Bill Walters, 9-11 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the club, M-59 between Airport and Elizabeth Lake roads, Waterford. 21 and older. (248) 666-4161

24 KARAT CLUB
"Latin Dance Night" with DJ Ronny Lucas, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays. \$3, live music Fridays and Saturdays (see popular music calendar); Swing lessons for advanced dancers, 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), and for beginners, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), at the club, 28949 Joy Road, Westland. (734) 513-5030

'A Simple Plan' succeeds brilliantly, repeatedly

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"What would I do?" Virtually every story, play, book and movie in history has been written with the goal of having the listener/reader/viewer ask that question. More often than not, the question asked is "Who Cares?" The thriller "A Simple Plan" succeeds brilliantly and repeatedly in placing us in the desperate situations of its characters, because it does one thing so right: the bad guys are all good guys. Like us.

Bill Paxton is Hank, a nice accountant in rural Minnesota with a nice, pregnant wife Sarah (Bridget Fonda) and a nice,

dimwitted brother Jacob (Billy Bob Thornton). When Hank, Jacob and nice, redneck friend Lou (Brent Briscoe) discover a small plane buried beneath the snow, they go inside to investigate. Finding the pilot dead, they also find a duffel bag with \$4.4 million. Drug money, they assume. Let's keep it, they decide. Who'll know, they figure.

Not so fast, Paxton warns. "You work for the American Dream, you don't steal it."

"There's no risk...we'll always be in control," they assure him. Right. Wondering what you would do so far? Now get out the shovel and dig a hole for yourself, as you soon become a liar, a blackmailer and a murderer. And

remember, you're the good guy...or were.

Sam Raimi, who was graduated from Birmingham Groves High School and directed the cult horror classic "The Evil Dead," puts down his penchant for quick camera moves and a case of ketchup in every scene, and directs "A Simple Plan" with a deft, Hitchcockian touch that nails you to your seat. The camera is invisible, save for a few too many rack-focus shots, and the special effects are tucked away for another time. Mike Nichols and Ben Stiller were two of many directors considered during the six years it took to make the film. Fate chose wisely.

Based on his own best-selling

book of the same name, Scott B. Smith's thriller is for people who don't generally like thrillers. His characters don't slowly go mad amidst the snow like Jack ("He-e-r-e's Johnny!") Nicholson in "The Shining." Each new "simple plan" to cover up the disastrous and deadly result of their previous plan seems logical enough, but instead spirals them even more out of control.

"You're a sweet, normal guy," reasons Sarah to husband Hank. "No one would believe that you were capable of doing what you've done."

And Paxton is oh so sweet and normal. Had he played Hank just a few degrees off to one side or the other, the film might have crashed and burned. Instead, it soars. Thornton is nothing less than terrific as the brother in constant need of coaching to get the latest story right.

"Do you understand what we have to say?" says Hank to Jacob in a running gag. Fonda's little wife turns out to be the anchor in this hopeless charade; she sees 4 million reasons why they should keep the money and will push the men in whatever direction she has to to get out of her librarian's rut.

"A Simple Plan" dares you to disagree with these nice folks. It



Andrew Eccles
Thriller: Billy Bob Thornton (left) stars as Jacob Mitchell, Bridget Fonda as Sarah Mitchell and Bill Paxton as Hank Mitchell in "A Simple Plan."

also dares you to unclench your hands when the next door knocks. You'll have a good time trying.

'Hilary and Jackie' misses a beat in its orchestration

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"Hilary and Jackie" is a peculiar movie, composed of a bit of this, made up of a bit of that, and somehow never quite equaling the sum of its parts. Despite some truly memorable scenes and an occasionally remarkable performance by Emily Watson (as the renowned cellist, Jacqueline du Pré), the film still feels as if some important parts of it have been abandoned on a cutting room floor.

The picture centers on the relationship between sisters Hilary and Jacqueline du Pré, both of whom grew up as musical prodigies in post-World War II England. Jacqueline went on to become one of the most lauded cellists of this century.

Hilary (played here by Rachel Griffiths), for various reasons, ditched her career rather early on, and retired to the country with husband Kiffer Finzi (David Morrissey), to raise "chickens and children."

Jackie, persistently burdened by her monumental talent and fame, eventually found her own marriage to pianist/conductor Daniel Barenboim (James Frain) in serious trouble, and suffered an emotional breakdown. Ultimately, she contracted multiple sclerosis, which not only ended her dazzling career and silenced

the music, but took her life also. She died in 1987 at the age of 42, having for years been too debilitated to perform.

One part of "Hilary and Jackie" we "see" from Hilary's point of view; the other from Jackie's. Perhaps director Armand Tucker sought to be especially fair and honest with this format. Perhaps he sought to put the story together through various movements, like a musical composition. In any case, a dizzying number of matters are brought up and never really explored. We touch upon this. We touch upon that. And then we move on, to touch upon something else.

Did Jacqueline du Pré really hate the cello, as she claims here? Did she then, feel no real passion for the music? Did she feel enslaved by her talent? Did she really feel unloved by her parents, unless she was winning awards for her music? Were these feelings really justified? Did her husband leave her when she became ill to start another life - and family - with someone else? Why does Hilary feel that she should give her sister everything, including her husband? ("She just needs proof that somebody loves her," she says, in Frank Cottrell Boyce's screenplay, but this seems downright laughable.) Who is Kiffer Finzi that he appears to be so agreeable to this rather unorthodox

"arrangement?"

"If you think being an ordinary person is any easier than being an extraordinary one, you're wrong," Hilary tells her sister at one point. Are we to believe that Hilary is "ordinary?"

This is not, by the way, an easy movie to watch. In fact, it's one of the grimmest, darkest movies I've seen in a long time. And Emily Watson's "death scene" - which, in itself, may earn her an Academy Award nomination - is especially harrowing.

Tucker, up to now a documentary filmmaker, adds special visual interest to "Hilary and Jackie" by interspersing grainy, homemade "takes," plus mood-enhancing shots, especially as the movie progresses, that seem almost physically weighted with dark, inky colors and shadows.

Though the story moves to such far-flung locales as Israel, France and Russia, all of the movie was shot in Liverpool, due to budget constraints.

Production designer Alice Normington's "costuming" of interior shots work exactly right, though.

The music is eloquent, of course, and one keeps hoping more emphasis had been given to it. Much of it has been re-recorded from original performances given by Jacqueline du Pré at the height of her career.

'Hi-Lo' is edge-of-seat drama

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They were cowboys who fought World War II, and came home ready to resume the life they left in "The Hi-Lo Country" of New Mexico. But it was not to be. Small ranches were being bought up, putting an end to many a cowboy's dreams of owning a little land, running cattle, getting married and having a family.

"The Hi-Lo Country," based on the novel by Max Evans, takes place against a Big Sky backdrop during this little known era of American history.

Pete Calder (Billy Crudup), home from the war, wants to raise cattle and work his small plot of land. He learns Mona (Patricia Arquette), the woman he can't get out of his system, a woman with nothing in her cards, is married to another man. With Mona married, he returns to the arms of his steady girlfriend Josepha O'Neil (Penelope Cruz).

As life begins settling down, a masked man approaches Pete's ranch at a gallop. Pete's alarm changes to joy when he recognizes his best friend, Big Boy Matson (Woody Harrelson),

who has bought up a lot of Hi-Lo's land and businesses, instead of Hoover Young (James Gammon), a man Big Boy trusts.

Their circle of friends includes Levi Gomez (Enrique Castillo) and Billy Harte (Northern Exposure's Darren Burrows) whose family lost their land to Jim Ed Love.

Big Boy loves his mother (Rosaleen Linehan) and buys her groceries when he wins big at poker. He's tough, but soft underneath, a "man who knows what he wants, and understands his responsibilities. There's tension between him and his little brother, Little Boy (Cole Hauser) who works for Jim Ed Love and lives at home with mom but doesn't take care of the place.

Directed by British director Stephen Frears, produced by Martin Scorsese and Barbara De Fina, "The Hi-Lo Country" offers edge-of-the-seat drama, tension and excitement.

Harrelson steals the show as Big Boy, like John Wayne he's bigger than life but a lot more vulnerable. The story moves fast, and will hold your attention. It's a good ride, a gallop through a part of America's past that hasn't been captured on film. "The High-Lo Country" is worth a visit.

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Detroit rockers come together to help one of their own

In its heyday, Detroit rock band Tyrone's Power Wheel was known as one of the more difficult bands with which to work. Egos formed a barrier between Tyrone's Power Wheel and other Detroit bands, some of which refused to share a stage with it.

But the band, which broke up Dec. 31, 1997, and a host of Detroit acts are putting egos aside to help out Joe LaFata, the former drummer for Tyrone's Power Wheel and the Final Cut. He was diagnosed a year ago with brain tumors called germinomas.

Tyrone's Power Wheel will reform to make a guest appearance during a benefit for LaFata at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$10 for the all-ages show.

The benefit will also feature performances by StunGun, Give



Bands rally: Joe LaFata, former drummer for Tyrone's Power Wheel and the Final Cut who has been diagnosed with a tumor, will be helped by a benefit

and the Howling Diablos. CIMX-FM (89X) morning personality Kelly Brown will serve as host. For more information, call (313)

961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com>

Posegay said that around 1 a.m., the reunited Tyrone's Power Wheel - with a replacement drummer - will hit the stage.

"They'll play about three songs and start a jam session. (Radio station) 89X, does a club night downstairs. (DJ) Clark Warner approached a friend of mine and he's been talking about wanting to spin," Posegay said.

Give is the new band from former Tyrone's Power Wheel members Ferris George and Ray Echlin.

"It's a Jeff Buckley kind of thing. Ferris always wanted to be Jeff Buckley," Posegay said with a laugh.

The bands were chosen on their ability to bring in fans. The Howling Diablos played at the wedding of LaFata, who is now separated.

"It's not going to be a way to showcase somebody's new band. The key is to get people in the place. StunGun draws people. I asked the Howling Diablos,

"They played at Joe's wedding," he explained.

"I don't care who comes to the benefit. I just want to pack this place but at the same time pay tribute to Joe."

Posegay, the promotion and marketing director for the Birmingham Farms-based CIMX is organizing the event along with Brad Cousens, general manager of Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac, and his brother Graham Cousens, the former guitarist for Tyrone's Power Wheel.

They had been talking about doing a benefit for about a year.

"When we first found out, we said we've got to do a benefit. But we didn't want it to be pretentious. We didn't want Joe to think that we're putting a nail in his coffin. He's not critical. He's fighting this thing," he explained.

"We're doing this out of love. He's a talented musician, the stuff that he did with the Final Cut and Tyrone's Power Wheel was amazing."

Graham Cousens talked to LaFata and mentioned that they were planning a benefit for him.

"Joe was really touched by it. He's totally moved by it," Posegay explained.

According to the National Academy of Neuropsychology Web site, germinomas are tumors that arise from germ cells and are most common in the region of the pineal gland. They are thought to arise from cells that should have migrated to the gonads during development. Germinomas are highly infiltrative and rapidly growing.

LaFata told Posegay that only 3 percent of cancer patients have the same type of cancer. LaFata has gone through four sets of radiation to shrink the growths that keep returning.

"From what I understand, just one day they won't come back. He feels great and then these things grow again. He goes into the hospital feeling great and then they get zapped and he has to rehabilitate for three to four weeks," he said.

"He just keeps going in. This is his life now."

LaFata, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, also worked as

a freelance producer working on commercials with Grant Hill and Sergei Fedorov. LaFata, in his early 30s, served as a grip on the set of the movie "Grosse Pointe Blank," and as a cameraman for Red Wings games on UPN 50.

St. Andrew's Hall has donated the building and its services for the event. All the money made will go to LaFata.

"My whole thing is that money doesn't solve his problem. If it can help pay his bills, that's great. I don't care what he does with the money. I just want it to help him in some way. If he suddenly feels completely feeling better and he wants to go on a trip around the world, well go for it."

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Artist creates with a furnace, ductwork

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They say that art imitates life. We've got an example that really hits home for those who have made just staying warm a focal point of their lives during this brutal month. In the dead of winter, Backstage Pass introduces you

to an artist whose latest work features a large furnace with ductwork embracing a bed?

As far as we know, Nelson Smith isn't a Weather Channel addict. The contemporary artist's latest installation/performance at the Center Galleries of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, "Forced Air," is a continuation of his 1995 work, "Electricity."

"Forced Air" is actually a prequel to "Electricity." I see it as a part of the same work, with logistics and finances being the biggest obstacles to presenting them together," says Smith. There has been another

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Nelson Smith
artist

unforeseen obstacle to the installation of "Forced Air." Can you imagine trying to convince a heating and cooling expert that your exhibit deserves priority with the weather we've been having? Patience and good humor helped Smith deal with delays in completing the furnace and ductwork elements, which will be ready for performances on Jan. 22, 29 and Feb. 2.

In fact, it's not unusual for Smith or his audiences to be amused by something in past performances of his work that wasn't intended to be funny.

"I was surprised to find the audience laughing, although I wasn't really discouraged. After all, I've been amused when cre-

ating my work by the quirkiness of the combination of the materials. I like to think of my work as entertaining. It's challenging in a cerebral way like a puzzle or a game."

The installation will be shown at the Center Galleries through Feb. 27, and you can preview it on this week's edition of Backstage Pass.

Speaking of combining elements, The Raisin Pickers have been known to throw in a guitar, mandolin, fiddle, string bass, an assortment of banjos, vocal solos and harmonies, and even some Appalachian clogging in their performances. The string quartet is the only local group in the outstanding talent roster of the

22nd Ann Arbor Folk Festival, set for Jan. 30.

Mark and Carol Palms founded the band in 1989. He'd been a fiddler and banjoist of traditional music, she's a classically trained violinist. When you add instrumentalist David Mosher's passion for bluegrass, and violinist James Sneyd and his background in folk rock, jazz and Celtic bands, you've got a mix of the best qualities of bluegrass, old time, and swing.

"The preferences of the individual band members always surface when we're working on original music, with each of us trying to shape the piece in a certain way. It helps the creative process. You're going to play best what you like best," says Carol Palms.

The band is excited about performing for the first time in the festival, which has a reputation for attracting fresh national acts that make it big in the next year.

The Raisin Pickers bring their distinctive sound to the Detroit Public TV studios of Backstage Pass, airing Sunday at 7:30 p.m. and repeated Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Friday at midnight.

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Partners with good 'Karma' get ready to open club

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Mark McConnell has a suggestion for visitors to his dueling piano bar Karma.

"Check your shy personality at the coat check," McConnell said.

In late January, the sounds of dueling pianos and rousing sing-alongs will fill the vibrantly colored Ferndale club.

"It's a Disney-like concept that's been popular for a couple years in Florida. It's a fun way to interact. It's an uplifting experience," McConnell explained.

Karma is the creation of long-time Detroit DJ McConnell, and Rob Potter, a Rochester resident and co-owner of Pontiac's The Velvet Lounge.

The building formerly housed a Rite-Aid and underwent a massive seven-month reconstruction to turn it into a hip, acoustically sound club.

"The atmosphere is through the lighting, not through stuff screwed on the wall," McConnell said. Bloomfield Hills native, and Lahser High School graduate said during a tour of the building.

Upon entering Karma, patrons will be greeted with a coat check and cashier. Prisms from wall scones reach up to the funky slanted ceilings of a long hallway that keeps the main room a mystery. A quick turn at the end of the hallway reveals high ceilings, a giant stage on one side of the room, and a raised private area overlooking the club.

Opening Soon
What: Karma 22901 Woodward Ave., north of Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, (248) 541-1600. It will be open to those 21 and older.
Menu: The menu will be simple yet elegant offering peel-and-eat shrimp, vegetarian dishes, and a variety of other food. The prices will be moderate and all credit cards will be accepted.
Opening day: Scheduled to open in late January. The grand opening celebration is set for mid-February, perhaps Valentine's Day weekend, and will be a charity event. Check the Dining page in Entertainment for details.

"The cigar-martini thing's been done. We're selling wine and champagne (in this room). There's private bathrooms. The room overlooks the rest of the place. It's a great sight line to see a band," McConnell explained.

Contrasting colors - primarily red with darker hues - provide a comforting atmosphere.

"We tried to pick vibrant colors to create a warmth and make it an inviting atmosphere," McConnell said.

An entertainment director will oversee the piano players. But the stage will be shared with mainstream, contemporary pop, rock and rhythm and blues bands, as well as comedians.

Although there are other dueling piano bars in the area, McConnell said "there is nothing on this scale." Karma measures in at 11,000 square feet and holds 1,000 people.

"We built this in mind to be a multi-use facility. We want to try to appeal to a different audience."

His target audience is those

who are 25 and older, well behaved, and interested in hearing good music. Good food is also on the plate at Karma.

"We're putting in a full-service kitchen and look forward to private rentals and in-house catering of events. The menu is going to be small but really good. We'd rather expand the menu then pull it back."

McConnell described the menu as simple yet elegant, stepping above the typical bar offerings. Peel-and-eat-shrimp, vegetarian dishes and turkey burgers will be on the menu.

"We'll have a signature flavor," he added.

Although Karma is scheduled to open in late January, the grand opening celebration is set for mid-February, perhaps Valentine's Day weekend, and will be a charity event.

Opening a nightclub was a logical progression for McConnell. In the early 1990s, he was a DJ at Industry in Pontiac, and was an on-air personality on WHYT-FM, now known as WPLT-FM. McConnell, a former Billboard



STAFF PHOTO BY GUY WARREN

Partners: Mark McConnell (left) and co-owner Rob Potter with one of their two baby grand pianos at Karma.

chart reporter, was also a manager at the Hayloft Liquor Stand in Mount Clemens. His office is lined with platinum records from Depeche Mode and

The KLF.

"It's been an interesting experience over the last so many years. I've gone from being a DJ

to being on the radio to running a couple premiere places. I'm finally running my own place. If there was ever a time to blossom, 1999 is my year."

When you're in a hurry with no time to cook, order soup

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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"When the weather outside is frightful," there's nothing more comforting than a bowl of homemade soup. If you've been busy shoveling snow, and don't have time to cook, don't worry, a bowl of soup like mom's or grandma's is just a phone call away. Some restaurants offer soup by the cup, bowl or quart to go. Ask when you place your order.

Here are some of our favorites:

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When you don't have time to cook, what's your favorite place for Dinner to Go?

Send, fax, or e-mail recommendations for restaurants to

feature in Dinner to Go! to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Include as much information as possible - address/phone of restaurant, what's your favorite dish to go? and why is it your favorite.

Restaurants, if you offer something out of the ordinary to go,

tell us about it. We're hungry for some dinner suggestions. Send menu, which highlights your specialty soups, and any other special items for consideration in upcoming columns.

WHAT'S COOKING

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or Tuesday, Jan. 25-26. Menu features conch chowder, Champagne & Lemon Granite, Islamorada Stone Crab Claws with mustard sauce or drawn butter, Lyonnaise potatoes, asparagus, and coconut cream tart with Macadamia nut crust. Cost \$90 per person, includes coffee, other beverages, tax or gratuity not included. Call (248) 661-4466 for reservations/information.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Goins breaks record

Wayne State University senior forward Tony Goins (Westland Jihn Glenn) poured in a game-high 26 points in an 81-58 men's basketball victory Saturday at Hillsdale, shattering WSU's career point total of 1,612 held since 1970-73 held by Bob Solomon.

The Inkster native currently has 1,617 career points and leads the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in scoring at 20.3.

Wayne State, now 14-2 overall and 8-1 in the GLIAC, is ranked No. 3 in the latest NCAA Division II national poll. The Tartars return to action Thursday at home against Mercyhurst (Pa.). Game time is 7:30 p.m. at the Matthaai Complex.

LJAL baseball signup

The Livonia Junior Athletic League will hold baseball registration (ages 8-14) from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 6 and 20 at the Bentley Center, located at the corner of Five Mile and Hubbard roads.

The registration fee is \$60 (due the day of signup).

You must be 8 or no older than 14 as of Aug. 1, 1999.

For more information, call (734) 427-2883.

Madonna fastpitch clinic

Madonna University will conduct a girls fastpitch softball clinic from 2-4 p.m. for six consecutive Sundays.

The clinic is \$20 per session or \$80 for all six weeks. It consists of sessions on hitting, bunting, infield/outfield, baserunning, pitching/catching and defensive positions.

Pitchers and catchers are required to stay an additional half-hour.

Pre-registration is required with sessions limited to 30 girls each.

For more information, call coach Al White at (734) 432-5783 or (734) 495-3719 or assistant coach Dave Brubaker at (248) 666-3238.

Connie Mack tryouts

Connie Mack (ages 17-18) summer baseball tryouts for a Livonia team will be held on Sundays at the Sports Academy.

For more information, call Bob Murray at (734) 953-8880 or (734) 657-0811.

Collegiate hockey note

Michigan State has the top two leaders in both goals against average and save percentage in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association in Mike Gresi (1.00, .949) and Joe Blackburn (1.37, .928).

The pair have combined for a 1.26 GAA and a .934 save percentage with three shutouts.

Blackburn (Livonia Churchill) is 12-3-3 overall for the Spartans, who lead the CCH and are ranked No. 2 in the country.

Powerlifting conference

The fourth annual Powerlifting Conference will be Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 30-31 at the Windham Garden Hotel in Romulus.

Seminars will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Among the featured speakers on the topics of powerlifting, nutrition and strength programs will be:

Mark Phillipi - 1997 USA's Strongest Man and University of Nevada-Las Vegas strength coach;

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For ticket information, call C.J. Batten at (734) 946-9850.

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Trojans pull out 68-65 win in OT

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Clarenceville pulled out an Old West style victory from Lutheran High School Westland — it used a horse and a pistol.

The horse was sophomore center Scott Wion, whom the Trojans rode for 25 points, and the pistol was Joe Keough, who had a hot-shooting second quarter Tuesday night to help spark Clarenceville to its 68-65 overtime victory over Lutheran Westland.

"This was a big win for us," rookie coach Bill Dyer of Clarenceville said. "They've won a lot of close games, which we haven't."

"Our kids showed a lot of character. We play with a lot of heart."

Each team rode the waves of momentum to keep the issue in doubt right to the end.

"Clarenceville played scrappy and hard," coach Dan Ramthun of Lutheran Westland said after the Metro Conference game. "We didn't play up to our game. But give them the credit for that."

The Warriors were ahead 57-52 with 3:39 left, 59-54 with 2:11 to play and 61-56 with 1:37 to go before Mike Muscat swished a three-pointer to make the margin workable.

Sophomore Brent Habitz made a free throw with 1:04 left to put Lutheran Westland up 62-59 but Wion made a put-back and was fouled with 22 seconds to play. He made the free throw to tie the score and force overtime.

Wion's layup with 3:03 left countered a Charlie Hoef basket 18 seconds into the extra period. Hoef's free throw at 2:41 gave the Warriors a 65-64 lead but Scott Carr hit a fast break layup off a turnover to give the Trojans the lead for good with 2:11 to go.

Tim Riedl made two free throws with 11 seconds showing on the clock to make it 68-65 and Lutheran Westland was unable to get off a clean shot after that.

The Warriors started out like they were going to run away with it, scoring nine unanswered points to take a 16-8 lead on the way to an 18-11 first period advantage.

But the Trojans harried the Warriors into seven straight turnovers early in the second quarter in a 19-4 run that gave them a 30-22 lead. Keough made a layup, a trey and a three-point play in the surge to get eight of his 10 points in the game.

"Joe Keough gave us a big lift in the second quarter," Dyer said. "He was the difference in the game. He made steals, layups and good passes."

"Turnovers are the key for us. When we don't have turnovers, we can win games."

Clarenceville is now 2-5 for the season, 1-2 in the Metro. Lutheran Westland is 3-3 overall, 2-2 in the Metro.

Tom Habitz led Lutheran Westland with 21 points, Hoef had 17 and Ryan Ollinger and Brent Habitz nine each.

Scott Carr had 16 points for Clarenceville, 14 in the first half, to back Wion and Keough.

The Trojans held off a late second quarter rush to hold a 37-34 lead at the half. They had problems when the Warriors opened the third quarter with a zone but took the ball out to mid-court and eased to a 49-47 lead after three periods.

Wion had 11 rebounds and Scott Hall had six offensive boards.

Clarenceville did an excellent job of lobbing the ball in to Wion for easy layups when he was fronted, not forcing the ball in when the center was doubled and getting him the ball for drop-steps when his defender was behind him.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Inside stuff: Clarenceville's Scott Wion (left) and Tim Riedl battle Lutheran Westland's Ryan Ollinger (with ball) and Brent Habitz during Tuesday's Metro Conference game.

Wion had 10 of the Trojans' 12 points in the third period and seven in the fourth, much of which he played with four fouls.

"We don't have the bulk to match up,"

Ramthun said.

"He can score underneath," Dyer said. "We just had to get him the ball."

They did. And rode their horse to the finish line.

CC tight end commits to Duke

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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The plane taking Nick Brzezinski to Duke University for an official visit had just landed in Raleigh-Durham, N.C. but the Redford Catholic Central senior tight end hardly felt grounded.

Former Duke All-America and current Detroit Pistons' star Grant Hill was on the same flight and met Brzezinski in the terminal.

From Cloud 9, Brzezinski went to the Duke campus, which only made him feel better about his journey south.

Brzezinski verbally committed to Duke late last week after also making official visits to Northwestern and Ohio State University and canceling a visit to Indiana University. High school seniors can sign national letters of intent on Wednesday, Feb. 3.



Nick Brzezinski, Duke-bound

"After my Ohio State visit I was pretty sure Duke was the place I wanted to go," Brzezinski said. "I didn't see any point in taking anymore visits. I felt real comfortable there, felt I fit into the system."

Duke has arguably the best men's basketball program in the country and a football program that's building from the ground floor.

Duke is coming off a 4-7 football season and has a new coach, Carl Franks, who was hired days before Brzezinski's visit in December.

Franks replaces Fred Goldsmith, who was fired after a 17-39 record in five seasons, including an 0-11 season in 1996 and a 2-9 mark in '97.

The program took a nose dive after

Goldsmith's first team in 1994 finished with an 8-4 record and a Hall of Fame Bowl berth.

Joe DeLamielleure, one of seven assistant coaches left over from the Goldsmith staff, was Brzezinski's primary recruiter. DeLamielleure is a former star offensive lineman at Michigan State and in the NFL.

"I met the new coach and he's a real good guy," Brzezinski said. "He adds a little excitement and change for the program and I really like coach DeLamielleure."

Brzezinski admits it will take some adjusting to a program that's rebuilding, coming from CC, which won Class AA state titles the last two years.

Franks also brings a passing philosophy from Florida, where he was offensive coordinator under head coach Steve Spurrier.

Brzezinski, 6-foot-4 and 245

pounds, blocked first in the conservative CC offense, but was almost unstoppable on pass patterns.

Brzezinski will be the second member of his family to play Division I football.

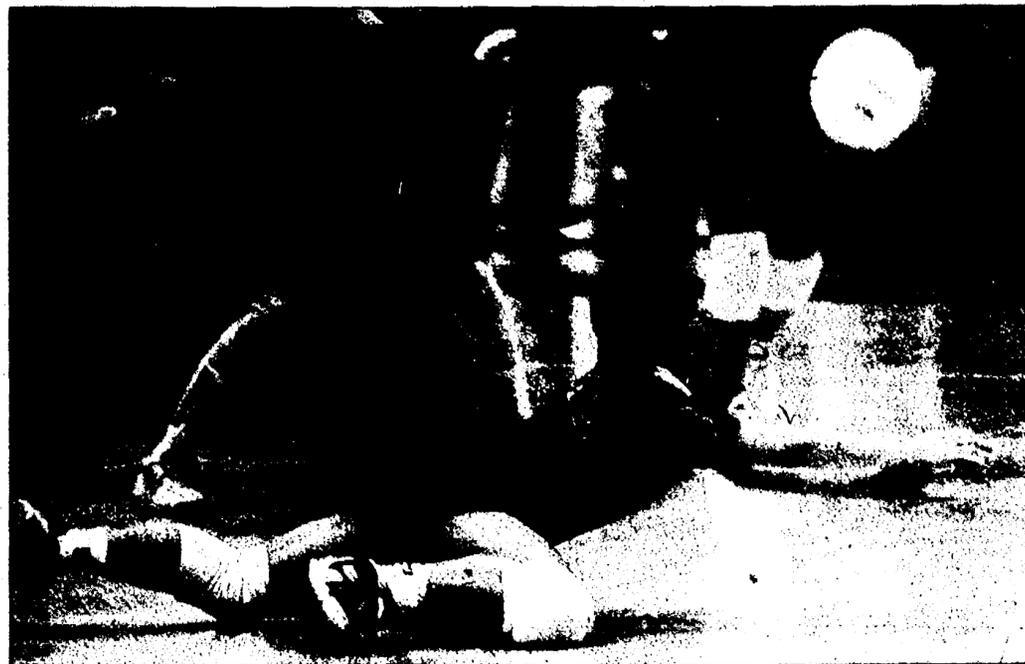
His older brother, Doug, just finished a career as an offensive lineman at Boston College and played in last Saturday's East-West Shrine All-Star Game.

"My brother's happy for me," Brzezinski said. "He said 'Do whatever you want to do, wherever you felt best.'"

Brzezinski has a 3.3 grade point average and scored 28 on his ACT, which should prepare him well for Duke's demanding academics.

"It'll be tougher but I'm ready for the adjustment," said Brzezinski, undecided about a major. "I think Catholic Central prepared me very well."

Churchill turns tables on Stevenson



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Digging it: Livonia Churchill's Courtney Lim lays it on the line to save a ball during Monday's Western Lakes Activities Association opener against Livonia Stevenson.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Livonia Churchill girls volleyball coach Mike Hughes called it "our best game of the season."

Meanwhile, Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said, "I don't know what team showed up tonight."

Churchill, a 15-8, 15-5 loser Saturday to Stevenson in the Wayne Memorial Invitational finals, did an about-face Monday in the Western Lakes opener, defeating the visiting Spartans, 15-4, 15-10.

Stevenson falls to 17-5-2 overall, while Churchill improves to 10-4-2.

"We made only one passing error all night," said Hughes, whose team has beaten Stevenson in two of its three meetings. "We just came to play tonight. Everybody played well."

"And we're getting to where we're playing Churchill defense."

Brazilian exchange student Fernanda Leite factored in several areas for the victorious Chargers. She served five points in the opening game and nine in the second as Churchill rallied from an 8-2 deficit to win the match.

Leite also had 10 digs and three kills. "She lives about 10 miles outside Rio," Hughes said of his newcomer. "She really hadn't played volleyball in three years. When she did play, it was

Please see CITY CLASH, C3

Ocelots escape Henry Ford upset bid

It was, in the words of Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs, "our worst game of the year."

But the Ocelots managed to stave off defeat Saturday against visiting Henry Ford CC, posting a 79-78 victory. That made SC, the 15th-ranked team in the NJCAA, 13-0 overall and 3-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. The Hawks are 7-5 overall (with four losses to ranked teams), 2-2 in the conference.

"Give Henry Ford credit," said Briggs. "They played well."

Briggs did not feel the same about his team, although he was impressed with the victory.

"We missed 18 free throws (10-of-28 for the game) and had 25 turnovers, and we still won," he said. "That tells you something

COLLEGE HOOPS

about your basketball team."

A Chris Colley basket in the final minute gave SC a four-point lead, but Henry Ford battled back to tie it on a layup by Cliff Stewart. It took a free throw by David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn) with 1.65 seconds left to clinch it for the Ocelots.

Henry Ford led 46-38 at the half and was ahead by as many as 11 in the second half. SC rallied in the final minutes behind Colley, who scored 10 of his 12 points, and Derek McKelvey and Lamar Bigby, who scored nine points apiece in the second half. McKelvey finished with a team-high 17 points, including five three-pointers; Bigby netted 15.

Dashawn Williams scored 12, and Jarrett had eight points, 13 rebounds and five assists. Mario Montgomery dished out six assists.

Henry Ford got 22 points from Stefan Allen, 17 points from Tom Bellino.

"The key stat was that at the start of the second half, we were not able to get back into our press," said Hawks' coach Gary Nustad. "When we did, it caused problems."

"They had seven huge offensive rebounds. They were back-breakers, but those are things you can't control. You just try to take advantage of your quickness. It was physical inside."

*TRI-STATE 56, MADONNA 32: Madonna University's men's basketball coach Bernie Holowicki, trying to keep pace with a team that had 15 wins in its previous 21 games, resorted to a slow-down attack in Saturday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game against visiting Tri-State University.

The slow-down worked. The strategy didn't.

The Fighting Crusaders limited the Thunder to 50 shots from the floor, but in doing so could muster only 44 themselves. Madonna slipped to 5-13 overall, 1-3 in the WHAC. Tri-State is 16-6 overall, 2-2 in the WHAC.

That wasn't the only bad news for the Crusaders. It was confirmed that forward Neryn Russaw and guard Nick Hurley (from Plymouth Canton) will be lost for the remainder of the season due to academic difficulties. Both were starters.

That makes it four players lost for the season for Madonna. Ian Wincher (Redford St. Agatha) was also an academic casualty; Matt Martinez (Redford Catholic Central) left the team for personal reasons.

Holowicki did have nine players available for the Tri-State game, but four are freshmen.

Against the Thunder, Madonna managed just 15 first-half shots from the field and trailed 21-12. While the Crusaders' shot production increased significantly in the second half (to 29 shots), their accuracy didn't (26.7 percent in the first half, 27.6 percent in the second).

Chad LaCross scored 20 points and Mike Kennealy added 15 for the Thunder. Lucas Boehm added 10 rebounds.

Madonna's top scorers were Mark Mitchell, Mike Massey and John-Mark Branch, with six points apiece.

WINTER HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Spartans keep Pats winless

Everybody knows what Dan Robinson and Lyonia Franklin did for the Spartans through it's Tim Newman and Lyonia Stevenson. Franklin, 60-55, Tuesday night to keep the Spartans winless in seven tries this season.

The Spartans can eripathize, though, because last year they won the team that was winless at this point. In fact, Stevenson won the whole season without winning a game. It is 4-3 following the non-league game between league opponents.

Guard Dave Stando played his best game of the season, scoring 13 points and tying junior John Van Buren for high point honors with Stevenson.

Junior Mike Lenardon had 11, Brett Koch nine, Ryan Tobin eight, Keshay McChristian seven and Marty Kennedy six.

"We only had eight kids," Newman said, "so we played short-handed. We started out quick."

"Every kid played and every kid contributed."

Dustin Kuras scored 19 points for Franklin, including 11-for-15 free throw shooting, and also had nine rebounds.

*DEARBORN 58, WAYNE 55: It took a steal in the final 20 seconds for Dearborn to win its eighth game in nine tries this season.

Guard Colin Wilkison turned the steal into the last two of his 11 points Tuesday night to seal visiting Dearborn's victory.

Guard Colin O'Donnell scored 16 and sophomore Scott Golem added 12 as Dearborn handed Wayne its seventh loss in nine outings this season.

The Zebras used an 18-11 third period to get back into a game they trailed, 25-18, at the half.

Guard Nathan Wade had 12 points, freshman center Jeff Logwood nine and guard Jarner Davis eight for Wayne.

The Zebras went 11-for-15 from the line while Dearborn made 17-of-30 free throws.

*JOHN GLENN 69, HOWELL 62: The Rockets led from one end of the game to the other in raising their record to 3-4.

Bill Foder had 19 points, seven in the third quarter when Westland John Glenn was outscoring Howell 19-13. Eric Jones added 17 and Ty Haygood 13.

Howell, 5-5, had a big outside shooting night from Eric Kappen, who made 15 of his 25 points from beyond the three-point line. Eric Walters had 13 points for the host Highlanders.

John Glenn went 11-for-21 from the free throw line, making 7-of-13 in the fourth quarter.

*MILFORD 64, CHURCHILL 48: The Chargers stumbled coming out of the locker room for the third quarter and were outscored, 20-8.

That allowed Milford to expand its 24-20 halftime margin to a tidy 44-28 as it handed Lyonia Churchill its fifth loss in eight games this season.

Mike Tobin scored 21 points for host Milford and Joe Korah added 16.

John Bennett led Churchill with 11 points; Avery Jessup had 10 and Rendal Bobbaga eight.

Churchill made all but four of its 16 free throws while Milford was 21 of 31.

*ZOE CHRISTIAN 58, HURON VALLEY 35 (OT): Macomb scored the last six points of the game to steal a win from Westland.

Chris Tyree's bucket with 1:30 left sliced Huron Valley Lutheran's lead to 35-34 and P.J. Reyer followed with a free throw to force overtime.

The only points of the overtime were by Zoe Christian, whose Matt Bank made a basket and Rick Thomas added a free throw.

Huron Valley Lutheran is now 1-4 overall and 0-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Zoe Christian, 4-5, is 2-1 in the MIAC.

Allen Kleinke had 11 points to lead the Hawks. Rene Arnel scored 10 and Stephen Davidson eight. Leading scorer Brian Johnson missed the game due to a knee injury.

Myree led Zoe with 17 points, including 7-for-9 from the line, with Matt McCormick netting eight.

*LUTHERAN WESTLAND 63, LIGGETT 44: In a Metro Conference makeup game Saturday, host Lutheran High Westland (4-2, 3-1) earned the victory behind Ryan Olinger's team-high 20 points.

Charlie Hoerl added 12 for the winners.

Joel Parrott and C.J. Moutrie scored 22 and 11, respectively, for Liggett.

*REDFORD CC 72, DeLaSalle 57: Nickie Moore scored 20 points and Dan Jess added 17, leading Redford Catholic Central to a victory Friday over host Warren DeLaSalle.

The Shamrocks improved to 2-1 in the Catholic League's Central Division, 6-3 overall. DeLaSalle is 4-4 overall, 1-2 in the Central.

Paul Anderson led the Pilots with 16 points. Teammate Ryan Crydeman added 13.

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Spartans capture Wayne Memorial Invitational tourney

In three tournament appearances this season, Livonia Stevenson had come away with two bronze medals and one silver.

But in Saturday's eight-team Wayne Memorial Invitational girls volleyball tournament, the Lady Spartans took home the gold with a first-place finish.

Stevenson bested rival Livonia Churchill in the championship match, 15-8, 15-5.

"The key was our passing and everybody was aggressive — it was 110 percent effort," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "We pounded the ball, served well and blocked tough. Everyone played well."

In pool play, the Spartans split with Belleville (15-6, 10-15) and defeated Dearborn Edsel Ford (15-3, 15-5) and Westland John Glenn (15-5, 15-8).

To reach the finals, Stevenson eliminated Dearborn Heights Crestwood (15-10, 15-2) and host Wayne (15-1, 15-0).

Senior Stephanie Dulz, bound for Hillsdale College next fall, was Stevenson's top attacker on the day with a total of 48 kills. She also served 13 aces along with Kristi Copi (13 aces).

Other top hitters included Kate LeBlanc (20 kills) and Carly Wadsworth (14 kills).

Setter Kelley Hutchins had 62 assists, while Cassie Ehlerdt contributed seven solo blocks. Brenda Pedersen made good on 10 of 11 digs.

Churchill, meanwhile, was 1-2 in pool play.

Jessica McKay served 15

points as Churchill defeated Crestwood (15-3, 15-9), but the Chargers fell to Wayne (12-15, 13-15) and Livonia Franklin (7-15, 14-16).

The Chargers beat Edsel Ford 15-9, 15-10 in the quarterfinals as Fernanda Leite served 14 points. The Brazilian exchange student also served game-point as Churchill outlasted rival Franklin (15-8, 10-15, 15-13) in the semifinals.

"We just couldn't serve in the Stevenson match," Churchill coach Mike Hughes said. "We made eight service errors, that was our Achilles heel."

"But our defense is improving and I'm happy about that. We just have to play more consistently instead of so many peaks and valleys."

Lauren Ruprecht led the Chargers in hitting with 30 kills, while Shannon Munn, who added 29, turned in her best all-around performance and played strong defense, according to Hughes.

Luba Steca chipped in with 24 kills.

Courtney Lim added solid defense and serving, while Megan Sheehan passed an 85 percent clip.

Patriots corral Mustangs

Livonia Franklin opened Western Lakes Activities Association play Monday with a 13-15, 15-8, 15-9 triumph at Northville.

The Patriots (21-9-1 overall) won the match despite squandering a 10-0 lead in the first game thanks to six straight service

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errors.

Leading the Franklin rally in the second and third games were hitters Tera Morrill, Andrea Kmet and Nicole Boyd, along with setter Lyndsay Sopko. The Patriots also got a spark off the bench from Daniela Gapp.

"The kids really responded well," Franklin first-year coach Mary Helen Diegel said. "The parents were excited. I don't know if they can handle any more like that."

In Saturday's Wayne Invitational, Franklin won four straight matches before being ousted by Churchill in the semifinals.

The Patriots defeated Wayne (15-10, 15-3), Crestwood (15-2, 15-0) and Churchill (15-7, 16-14) in pool play. They also defeated John Glenn in the quarterfinals, 15-7, 15-6.

"I give Churchill a lot of credit," Diegel said. "They know when to turn it on. The same goes with Stevenson."

Zebras in Final 4

On Saturday, host Wayne Memorial reached the semifinals of its own tourney before losing to eventual winner Stevenson, 0-15, 1-15. The Zebras are now 5-7-0 on the year.

In pool play, Wayne lost its opener to Livonia Franklin (10-15, 3-15), but bounced back to beat Livonia Churchill (15-12, 15-13) and Dearborn Heights

Crestwood (15-2, 15-10).

In the first-round elimination match, Wayne ousted Belleville, 15-5, 11-15, 15-9.

Sophomore setter Amy Paling and senior setter Jenny Wojie, back after an ankle injury, combined for 47 assists.

Senior Kristin Kehrer, also back from a sore ankle, was Wayne's top attacker on the day with 20 kills. Senior Bethany Molitor added 16.

Coach Laura Fisher also praised the serving and passing of Rachel Raines and Bridget O'Rourke, along with the defensive play of Melissa Jones.

"With Kehrer and Wojie back in lineup we're starting to progress and are becoming a more competitive team," Fisher said.

Blazers block Regina

Erin Barte had seven kills and two assists Tuesday, leading host Livonia Ladywood (16-8-1, 2-0) to a convincing 15-2, 15-5 Catholic League Central Division victory over Harper Woods Regina.

Deana LaBute added five kills, while Jenny Young and Jenni Gregor each added four. Young also had three aces.

On Saturday, Ladywood reached the finals of the Com-

stock Invitational before losing to Plymouth Salem in the semifinals, 4-15, 9-15.

Salem went on to win the title with a 16-14, 15-1 win over East Kentwood.

The 6-foot Young, bound for Central Michigan University, had 88 kills and 17 aces on the day. Barte, a sophomore, added nine solo blocks and 120 assists. Tracey DeWitt contributed 24 digs and served received at an 87 percent clip. Rebekah Thornton had 23 kills and 17 digs.

In pool play, all by rally scoring, Ladywood knocked off Flint Kearsley (15-5, 15-10), Paw Paw (15-4, 15-13) and Comstock (7-15, 15-9, 15-7).

In power-pool play, the Blazers defeated Salem (15-8, 17-15) and lost to Portage Central (13-15, 6-15). Ladywood ousted Kalamazoo Loy Norrix in the quarterfinals, 15-12, 15-11.

Warriors prevail

Lutheran High Westland improved to 3-1 in the Metro Conference with a 15-5, 15-7 victory Tuesday over visiting Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The Warriors' top attackers included Anna Schwewe (two kills) and Bekah Hoffmeier. Sarah Marody was the team's

top blocker, while setter Katie Heiden contributed two aces.

"We don't always play well together, but it was a good team game," Lutheran Westland coach Joan Ollinger said. "We had good serving, good hitting and good sets."

Hawks flying high

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran won its Michigan Independent Athletic Conference opener Tuesday at St. Paul's Lutheran, defeating Warren Bethesda Christian, 15-9, 15-3.

Rachel Zahn had five aces in the win, while Katie Orlandoni added two blocks. Jessica Whitaker contributed three aces and two kills for the Hawks, now 3-3 overall.

On Saturday, Huron Valley finished seventh in the eight-team Whitmore Lake Invitational.

The lone victory of the day came against Flint Valley Christian, 15-10, 15-6. Losses came against Wyandotte Mount Carmel (8-15, 16-18), Manchester (3-15, 9-15) and Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (2-15, 1-15).

Zahn was the Hawks' top server with four aces on the day. Whitaker added four kills and three aces.

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twice a week, about an hour-and-a-half. "She's helping us because she does a lot of things well using her on the right side. She just fits in and is a solid kid."

Amy Cadovich and Luba Steca were Churchill's top hitters with seven kills apiece. Lauren Ruprecht added five and Shannon Munn had four.

Megan Sheehan and Courtney Lim were Churchill's top passers, while Colleen Guardiola was outstanding setting and "made some excellent choices running the offense," according to Hughes.

Senior Stephanie Dulz paced Stevenson with 10 kills and three ace serves.

"She (Dulz) is such a tough player that I pray

she gets to the back row," Hughes said. "She's just a classy player, probably one of the top three in our league."

Kate LeBlanc added three solo blocks and Brenda Pedersen contributed three aces, but it just wasn't Stevenson's night.

"It was the same girls as Saturday, just a different playing style," said Graham, who once served as Hughes' JV coach at Churchill. "We played poorly. The intensity level was no where near it was on Saturday."

"Lack of serve reception was the key and they (Churchill) just outthusted us."

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Trenton upsets CC, 1-0; Stevenson holds on, 4-3

Beating Redford Catholic Central's No. 1 rated hockey team is one thing, but shutting the Shamrocks out at home is some-

thing short of a Miracle on Ice. Trenton accomplished both in a stunning 1-0 victory over previously undefeated CC before a

sellout crowd Saturday at Redford Arena. Trenton, the defending Class A champion which came in ranked

No. 5 in the statewide polls, improved to 11-2 overall and 6-1 in the Metro Hockey League standings.

The Trojans have won two of the last three state titles and have appeared in the last four finals, but beating CC (12-1) has proven to be elusive the previous two regular seasons.

"It was a good victory against a very good team," Trenton coach Mike Turner said. "They're extremely fast, a very talented team, and we were happy to get out of there with the two points."

"We didn't focus on one line. I watched them the week before and I could barely tell the difference between the four lines."

Statewide polls don't mean anything in this rivalry.

"I don't put much stock in them, they're just an opinion," Turner said.

Trenton's senior goaltender Ben Rader recorded the shutout, stopping one breakaway among the many shots he faced. The Trojans also were stopped on a breakaway attempt by CC goalie Ben Dunne.

Sophomore defenseman Andy Greene broke the scoreless tie with five minutes left in the second period, rushing up from the blue line and scoring from the top of the circle after a pass from John Nadzam with both teams at full strength.

The two teams will meet again on Feb. 10 at Trenton's Kennedy Arena and possibly again in the state regionals.

"We looked at this as a big game but not anything we were pointing at," Turner said. "We wanted to play well. We just drew first blood."

• STEVENSON 4, DEARBORN UNIFIED 3: Coming off a nine-day layoff Saturday, Suburban High School Hockey League leader Livonia Stevenson (8-1-1, 8-0) fended off upset-minded Dearborn (8-3-2, 6-3-1) at the new Adray Arena.

"We came out flat, we played sloppy and couldn't get the flow going," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "But give Dearborn

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credit, they came out enthusiastic, put a lot of pressure on us and forced us to turn the puck over in our end.

"We were fortunate to keep the lead."

Stevenson led 1-0 after one period on Mark Nebus' goal from Jason Gilderleeve at 1:06.

In the second period, Dearborn's Brent Hohnicki answered with the first of his two goals at 0:48.

Nebus then scored at 1:40 from Tim Allen and Chris Williams.

The Spartans' Dan Cieslak made it 3-1 at 5:46 fro, Nebus and Alex Piotrowski, but Dearborn's Dominic Osman cut the deficit to one with a goal at 7:29.

With 7:08 left in the third, Cieslak gave Stevenson a two-goal cushion from Willie Wilson and Mike Nebus.

The Spartans' Ryan Sinks was then sent off for interference and Hohnicki scored a power-play goal with 3:01 remaining.

Kevin Marlowe was in goal for the Spartans. He got defensive help from Williams, Joe Suchara, Mark Nebus, Wilson, Mike Zientarski, Cieslak and Wilson.

• CHURCHILL 6, W.L. WESTERN 0: Livonia Churchill (6-3-4, 5-2-1) broke out of its five-game goal drought Saturday against Walled Lake Western in an SWSHL game Saturday at Lakeland Arena.

Ed Rossetto (power play), Derek Martin, Adam Krug, Aaron Jakubowski, Nathan Jakubowski and Justin Charnock.

Chuck Leight and Charnock each added two assists, while Adam Rourke, Chris Galatis and Tom Sherman added one apiece.

Ryan McBroom, who played the first two periods, and Dwaine Jones, who finished up in the third, combined on the shutout.

"We played with purpose and we came out focused," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "It was a good team effort. The kids worked hard. We're not quite there with all 22 guys, but we're getting there."

Whalers rip Greyhounds, streak hits 6

The streak is over for the Plymouth Whalers.

Not the win streak — that reached six-straight with Sunday's 7-2 bouncing of the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds Sunday in front of 2,886 fans in Sault Ste. Marie.

What ended was the Whalers shutout string. Their previous two opponents, the Brampton Battalion last Thursday (8-0) and the Guelph Storm Saturday (4-0), had both been blanked at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The 'Hounds ended that in the opening period Sunday, but it did them no good.

Harold Druken added to his Ontario Hockey League-leading goal total to put the Whalers ahead early (2:54 into the opening period).

Jason Ward then made it 2-0 with a short-handed goal five minutes later.

The Greyhounds countered with first-period goals by John Osborne and Chad Spurr, knotting it at 2-2 after one period.

But that was it for Sault Ste. Marie (22-16-4 record). David Legwand put the Whalers (33-8-3) ahead to stay midway through the second period, and both he and Druken netted their second goals of the game in the third.

Druken, who also had an assist, has 42 goals; Legwand has 22. Legwand's second goal was the Whalers' second short-handed goal of the game.

Adam Colagiaco and Damian Surma added third-period goals; Randy Fitzgerald had two assists in the game.

Robert Holsinger made 24 saves in goal in earning the win for Plymouth. Jake McCracken had 45 saves for the Greyhounds.

Saturday's win over the Storm, in front of crowd of 3,878 at Compuware, featured one very unique characteristic: None of the Whalers top scorers scored a point — not Colagiaco, not Druken, not Legwand. And they still won handily.

Julian Smith and Eric Gooldy provided all the goal-scoring, each scoring twice. Gooldy has 13 goals this season, Smith 12. Jared Newman and Ward had two assists apiece.

Holsinger turned away 27 shots in shutting out the Midwest Division-leading Storm (27-15-2). Chris Madden had 50 stops for Guelph.

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Livonia Stevenson	8	1	1		8	1	1
Redford Unified	7	2	0		11	2	1
Dearborn Unified	6	3	1		8	3	2
Livonia Churchill	5	3	1		6	4	4
Northville	3	3	1		7	3	1
Livonia Franklin	3	5	0		5	5	0
Walled Lake Western	2	6	1		5	10	1
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Clarenceville takes 1st-place trophy

Livonia Clarenceville didn't have to go far to bring home a first place trophy.

The host Trojans took two individual titles and had four runner-up finishes Saturday to win its own 31st annual tournament title.

Clarenceville edged Allen Park by six points, 142-136. See complete results.

It was Clarenceville's first wrestling tournament title in 15 years.

"We've missed placing at other tournaments by single digits," Clarenceville coach Todd Skinner said. "We were hungry and due for a championship trophy."

"We're wrestling well at a pivotal point in the season and this allows us to have something to build on."

Clarenceville's Danny Tondreau (103 pounds) won his third tourney crown in a row by defeating Guy Gibson of East Jackson in the finals, 6-5. Teammate Dave Lemmon (130) also emerged victorious with an 8-3 decision over Don Brockway of Dearborn Divine Child. "Both Danny and Dave are

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wrestling really well," Skinner said. "Their hard work and determination has been paying off."

Livonia Franklin, third in the team standings with 106 points, came away with four individual champions led by Steve Myslinski (189), who edged Clarenceville's Walter Ragland for the title, 3-2.

Derek Azzopardi (135) also gave the Patriots a first with a 7-5 overtime decision in the Dan LeClerc of Clarenceville.

Ryan Shiplett (140) of Franklin won his division with a 16-0 victory (technical fall) over Bill Denton of Divine Child.

At 160 pounds, the Patriots' Eric Toska blanked Clarenceville's Tony Rachoza for the crown, 6-0.

Livonia Churchill, fourth in the team standings with 103 points, was led by Steve Vasiloff (119), who pinned Justin Shaffer of Farmington Hills Harrison in 4:39 for the title; and Mike

Carter (145), who decided Tony Spencer of Divine Child, 10-4, for the crown.

Other runner-up finishers from the area include Churchill's Brandon LaPointe (152) and Clarenceville's Adam Marcum (171).

31st annual LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE WRESTLING INVITATIONAL Jan. 16 at Clarenceville

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Clarenceville, 142 points; 2. Allen Park, 136; 3. Livonia Franklin, 106; 4. Livonia Churchill, 103; 5. Dearborn Divine Child, 101.5; 6. Inkster, 93.5; 7. River Rouge, 85.5; 8. Redford Catholic Central 'B' Team, 88; 9. Lutheran Westland, 59; 10. East Jackson, 42; 11. Farmington Hills Harrison, 34.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

103 pounds: Danny Tondreau (C'ville) d. Guy Gibson (EJ), 6-5; (Note: No consolation final).
112: Jason Gossiaux (DDC) d. Montana Arble (AP), 5-4; consolation final: Antonio Jackson (RR) d. Paul Hagan (CC), 11-4.
119: Steve Vasiloff (LC) pinned Justin Shaffer (FHH), 4:39; consolation: Joe Guardiola (AP) d. Herbert Campbell (Rouge), 7-1.
125: Ryan Riszak (AP) p. Forrest Crutch-

field (RR), 2:11; consolation: Chauncey Darden (I) p. Tim Murphy (LW), 1:32.
130: Dave Lemmon (C'ville) d. Don Brockway (DDC) 8-3; consolation: Mike Parlow (AP) p. Scott Elstone (LC), 4:45.
135: Derek Azzopardi (LF) d. Dan LeClerc (C'ville), 7:5 (overtime); consolation: Antonio Jackson (RR) p. Greg Shureb (AP), 0:53.
140: Ryan Shiplett (LF) won by technical fall over Bill Denton (DDC), 16-0; consolation: Jake Taylor (FHH) p. Sean Cowley (CC), 2:26.
145: Mike Carter (LC) d. Tony Spencer (DDC), 10-4; consolation: Brian Soos (LW) tied with Allen Duff (LF), match limitation.
152: Jake Short (AP) d. Brandon LaPointe (LC), 7-2; consolation: Marlon Franklin (I) p. Erik Smith (EJ), 4:34.
160: Eric Toska (LF) d. Tony Rachoza (C'ville), 6-0; consolation: Steve Brown (LC) d. Kyle McKay (AP), 10-2.
171: Keith Jackson (I) won by major decision over Adam Marcum (C'ville), 16-5; consolation: Scott Archer (LW) d. Jason Hilliker (CC), 11-3.
189: Steve Myslinski (LF) d. Walter Ragland (C'ville), 3-2; consolation: Chris Kinazis (CC) p. Jonathan Miles (I), 4:33.
215: David Blackwell (RR) p. Jamil Mackie (DC), 4:39; consolation: Kalan McPherson (C'ville) d. Jeff Shinn (LC), 6-4.
Heavyweight: Chris Latorre (AP) d. Robert Jackson (I), 2:1; consolation: Ed Crowden (EJ) p. Aaron Parr (CC), 2:26.

WRESTLING RESULTS

Thursday, Jan. 16
 N.E. Franklin at Livonia, 7 p.m.
 Garden City at Farmington Hills, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth, Jan. 16
 Lutheran North at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Memorial at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
 Farmington Hills at Farmington Hills, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
 Bishop at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
 Dearborn at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
 N. Frank at Farmington Hills, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
 Thurston at Ann Arbor, 7 p.m.
 Commencement at Redford, 7 p.m.
 Dearborn at Dearborn Hills, 7:30 p.m.
 Redford CC at Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.
 St. Agatha at Mt. Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
 Inter-City at Ft. Christian, 7:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Farmington Hills, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 17
 Dearborn at Dearborn Hills, 7:30 p.m.
 Madonna at Spring Arbor, 8 p.m.
 Alpena at Schoolcraft, 8 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE WRESTLING
 Saturday, Jan. 17
 Spring Arbor at Madonna, 1 p.m.
 Alpena at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
CLARENCEVILLE WRESTLING
 Friday, Jan. 16
 Windsor at Erie Otawa, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING COACHES POLL

These rankings are compiled weekly by a panel of area coaches including Marty Altounian (Livonia Churchill), Jim Carlin (Redford Union), Dave Chiota (Garden City) and Bob Moreau (Livonia Stevenson).

TEAM RANKINGS

1. Redford Catholic Central.
2. Plymouth Salem.
3. Garden City.
4. Livonia Stevenson.
5. Livonia Clarenceville.

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

- 103 pounds:** 1. Joe Moreau (Livonia Stevenson); 2. Chris O'Hara (Redford Catholic Central); 3. Josh Gunterman (Stevenson); 4. Kyle Pitt (Plymouth Canton); 5. Dan Tondreau (Clarenceville).
- 112:** 1. John Mervyn (Plymouth Salem); 2. Mike Kassabri (Wayne Memorial); 3. Pat Sayn (GC); 4. Ronnie Thompson (Salem); 5. Jesse Purdon (Westland John Glenn).
- 119:** 1. Jon Gregg (Wayne); 2. Virnie Zoccoli (GC); 3. Rob Ash (Salem); 4. Steve Vasiloff (Livonia Churchill); 5. Jim Gourlay (Redford Union).
- 125:** 1. Justin Beseler (Wayne); 2. Brian Reed (GC); 3. Jesse Stevens (RU); 4. Justin Schafer (Farmington Hills Harrison); 5. Paul Goyt (Wayne).
- 130:** 1. David Lemmon (Livonia Clarenceville); 2. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn); 3. John Pocock (Canton); 4. Trevor Clark (North Farmington); 5.

- Tony Lema (Farmington).
- 135:** 1. Nate Wensko (Wayne); 2. Josh Henderson (Salem); 3. Jeff Wheeler (Redford CC); 4. Derek Azzopardi (Livonia Franklin); 5. Dan LeClerc (Clarenceville).
- 140:** 1. Jeff Usher (Thurston); 2. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 3. Ryan Shiplett (Franklin); 4. Jim Shelton (Canton); 5. Jake Taylor (Harrison).
- 145:** 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. Ryan Zajdel (Redford CC); 3. Ken Raupp (Wayne); 4. Josh Fee (GC); 5. Alan Duff (Franklin).
- 152:** 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2. Brandon LaPointe (Churchill); 3. Kevin Stone (Canton); 4. Eddie Traynor (GC); 5. Mark Ostash (Farmington).
- 160:** 1. Robert Demsick (Canton); 2. Brian Barker (Stevenson); 3. Pete Langer (John Glenn); 4. Kurt Spann (Wayne); 5. Tony Rachoza (Clarenceville).
- 171:** 1. Brian Hinzman (GC); 2. Ryan Mathison (Redford CC); 3. Eric Toska (Franklin); 4. Adam Marcum (Clarenceville); 5. Mark DeLaFuente (Thurston).
- 189:** 1. Steve Myslinski (Franklin); 2. Walter Ragland (Clarenceville); 3. Andy Wood (Farmington); 4. Andy Conlin (Redford CC); 5. Ollie Muscarella (RU).
- 215:** 1. Brocc Naysmith (Redford CC); 2. Will Baker (RU); 3. Bryant Lawrence (Thurston); 4. Eric Puninske (Stevenson); 5. Steve Garrett (Franklin).
- Heavyweight:** 1. Casey Rogowski (Redford CC); 2. Brian Brinsden (Farmington); 3. Charlie Hamblin (Salem); 4. Mike Gaffke (Churchill); 5. Carl LaLonde (Thurston).

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on the certification of revenues and appropriated budgetary expenditure adjustments to the FY 1997-98 Appropriation Ordinance as follows:

1. Certification of additional General Fund Tax Revenues for FY 1997-98 totaling \$36,000,000 and an accompanying budget adjustment to appropriate \$37,400,000 in the General Fund and to certify \$18,000,000 of revenue and appropriate the same in the Budget Stabilization Fund;
2. Certification of additional General Fund Tax Revenues from various sources for FY 1997-98 totaling \$7,400,000 and an accompanying budget adjustment to appropriate \$7,400,000 in the General Fund and to certify \$500,000 of revenue and appropriate the same in the Child Care Fund and to certify \$1,500,000 of revenue and appropriate the same in the General Debt Service Fund; and to certify \$2,100,000 of revenue and appropriate the same in the Building Authority Debt Services Fund.
3. Transfer of appropriations for FY 1997-98 from the Health Fund and the Mental Health Fund appropriation units to other Health Fund appropriation units totaling \$2,000,000.
4. Certification of additional revenue in the General Debt Service Fund totaling \$2,485,000 and appropriate \$2,485,000 in General Debt Service Fund.

In accordance with Budget Adjustment Nos. 98-35-180, 98-35-181, 98-35-182 & 98-35-185.

The hearing will be held:
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1999, 10:00 a.m.
 Wayne County Building
 600 Randolph, Commission Chambers
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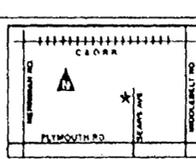
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ATTRACTIVE

Outgoing DWCM, 38, 5'7", 110lbs., a green-eyed blonde, who enjoys working out, dining out, movies, reading and the outdoors, is looking for a handsome SWCM, 37-45. Ad# 5165

GOOD LISTENER

Here's a laid-back but fun DB mom, 34, 5', who's waiting to hear from you, a SBM, 32-42, who loves children and going to church. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, long conversations and dining. Ad# 1234

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SWF, 35, enjoys gardening, animals and spectator sports. She would like to meet a SWM, N/S, who likes meaningful conversations. Hopefully, a serious relationship will develop. Ad# 3693

THOUGHTFUL

Catholic DWCF, 56, 5'2", a green-eyed blonde, seeks a loving WWWW, 51-60, N/S, who enjoys picnics in the park, travel, family barbecues, dining out, music and more. Ad# 1863

FRIENDSHIP

Catholic SWF, 31, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, is seeking a Catholic SWM, 30-38, who enjoys movies, the theater, music, biking, rollerblading and more. Ad# 1010

KINDRED SPIRIT

Outgoing, friendly DWCF, 50, 5'6", medium-built, with blonde hair, who likes jazz and R&B music, concerts, dining out and quiet nights, is seeking an honest SWM, 50-64, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 4224

SHARE MY WORLD

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FAMILY-ORIENTED

Catholic DWCF, 49, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, concerts, movies, dining out and the outdoors, seeks an honest, sincere, Catholic D/WWW, 45-55, N/S. Ad# 5689

IS THAT YOU?

Secure Catholic DWCF, 48, 5'1", who enjoys long walks and weekend getaways, is seeking a warm, compassionate SWM, 46-54, who enjoys life. Ad# 2223

DO YOU QUALIFY?

Caring, petite SWF, 70, who enjoys playing cards, dancing, bowling, traveling and dining out, wants to meet a happy SWM, 68-72, N/S, to spend time with. Ad# 7127

SIMPLY MARVELOUS

Down-to-earth, Born-Again DWCF, 44, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, N/S, enjoys bicycling, Bible studies, dancing and more. She is seeking a compatible Born-Again DWCM, 35-50. Ad# 4240

TOO MUCH TO LIST

DWCF, 39, 5'1", with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys camping, fishing, bowling, dancing and sports, is seeking a SWM under 50, to spend time with. Ad# 8345

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST

Professional and spontaneous DWCF, 41, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, is seeking a SWM, 38-48, who enjoys dining out, music and movies, the outdoors and more. Ad# 2375

TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL

This Born-Again SWCF, 30, 5'6", 125lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, enjoys Bible study, is hoping to get together with a SWM, 25-45, for a possible relationship. Ad# 4956

AMAZING GRACE

Pretty WWWW, 50, 5'3", slender, with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys dancing, movies, bowling, country drives. She seeks a tall, handsome DWCM, 45-50, 5'10", without kids at home. Ad# 2130

HOPES & DREAMS

Soft-spoken DWCF, 21, 5'2", with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys the outdoors, theater, music and more. She is looking for a romantic SWM, 20-33, who likes children. Ad# 5253

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Pleasant and employed WWWW, 63, 5'4", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who loves walking, cooking, country music, and is active in Bible study. She is looking for a WWWW, 56-65, with similar interests. Ad# 3824

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SPECIAL LADY

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She's an outgoing, attractive SBCF, 45, 5'4", 135lbs., who enjoys personal growth, traveling, reading and is in search of a spiritual, educated SBCM, 40-53, with similar interests. Ad# 1652

HEAR ME OUT

Outgoing DWCF, 51, 5'5", who enjoys living life to its fullest, is in search of a SWM, 50-60, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 1106

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Humorous SWM, 38, 6', with dark hair and blue eyes, who enjoys reading, dining out, golf and more, is looking for an attractive SWF, 25-40, who has good values, for a possible relationship. Ad# 8860

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A GOOD GUY TO KNOW

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ARE YOU COMPATIBLE?

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TAKE A LOOK

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GO OUT WITH ME

Caring, affectionate and educated DWCM, 38, 6', is looking to meet a SWCF, under 38, who likes dining out, watching movies and going to plays. Ad# 1991

CALL SOON

Professional, upbeat SWM, 48, 5'11", N/S, enjoys keeping fit, traveling, fine dining and the theatre. He hopes to meet an attractive SWF, 38-52, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 7612

LOVE & LAUGHTER

Professional SWM, 28, 5'8", 155lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, N/S, who enjoys biking, weight training, target shooting and music, seeks a Catholic SWF, 22-31, N/S, without children at home, for a possible relationship. Ad# 4475

ALL IN TIME

Outgoing, professional SWM, 34, 5'9", who enjoys outdoor activities and good conversation, is in search of a SF under 40, who enjoys life. Ad# 1478

NEED A COUNTRY GAL

Financially secure, fun DW dad, 38, 6'4", 215lbs., whose hobbies include baseball and boating, seeks a SWF, 28-40. Ad# 7234

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Handsome SBCM, 24, 5'9", is seeking a beautiful, caring SBCF, 22-35, who enjoys dining out, spending time with friends, the outdoors and more. Ad# 3615

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This open-minded, exuberant 45-year-old SBCM, 5'11", 185lbs., N/S, drug-free, never-married, is in search of an attractive, sincere, slender to medium-built SCF, 21-45, for a possible serious relationship. Ad# 2730

SHARE MY WORLD

SWC dad of one, 43, 6', a professional, who enjoys dining out, music and movies, the outdoors and family activities, is searching for a SWCF, under 40, for a lifetime of happiness. Ad# 2100

SEARCHING

SWM, 60, 5'5", 165lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys long walks, movies, flea markets and art galleries, seeks a medium-built SWF, 54-62. Ad# 2526

FOCUS HERE

I'm a well-built SWM, 27, 6'3", 240lbs., with brown hair and eyes, who enjoys quiet times. I'm seeking a loving, humorous SWF, 23-35, for possible relationship. Ad# 5150

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He is a fun-loving, sincere, passionate, romantic, athletic SWM, 26, 6'2", who enjoys movies, dining out and spending time with friends. He is searching for a slender SWF, 22-45. Ad# 2222

JUST YOU AND I

Catholic SWM, 44, 6', who enjoys youth ministry, seeks a slender, Catholic S/DWF, 25-40, who is marriage-minded, fun-loving and sincere. Ad# 4232

IT HAS TO BE YOU

Handsome SWM, 44, 6'1", 190lbs., who enjoys outdoor activities, dining out and quiet times at home, is searching for a slender, romantic SWF, 28-44. Ad# 1313

A TRUE GENTLEMAN

Hardworking Catholic SWM, 29, 6', is searching for a Catholic SWF, over 23, who is romantic and kind, patient with children and the elderly, loves horses and puppies. Ad# 3208

A TRUE ROMANTIC

SWM, 46, 6'1", with brown hair and green eyes, is seeking a SWF, 36-49, who enjoys music, movies, camping, family activities and sports. Ad# 3121

FRIENDLY NATURE

Professional, Catholic SWM, 36, 5'10", with a good sense of humor, enjoys working out and romantic dinners. He is in search of a fit, Catholic SWF, 23-36, with similar interests. Ad# 7001

JUST YOU AND I

Handsome SBM, 35, 5'5", 155lbs., seeks a SCF, 25-37, with a great personality. He enjoys Bible study, bowling and playing tennis. Ad# 8989

OLD-FASHIONED

Friendly DBC dad of two, 47, 6'4", who enjoys singing in church choir, Bible study, sports and cooking, seeks a family-oriented, honest SBCF, 36-48, who puts God first. Ad# 1115

NEVER-MARRIED, CHILDLESS

A Born-Again SWCM, 35, 5'10", 165lbs., blond with blue eyes, is a drug/alcohol-free N/S. His interests are Bible study, working out and rollerblading. He's searching for a physically fit, open, caring SWCF, 29-35, who truly loves God. Ad# 6335

SENSE OF HUMOR INCLUDED

Energetic, professional DWCM, 42, 5'11", enjoys social activities, traveling to Las Vegas, antiques and dining out, looking to meet an honest, sincere SCF, who has similar interests, age unimportant. Ad# 9009

ON THE LEVEL

If you want to know more about me, respond to my ad. I'm a SWCM, 42, 5'6", with dark hair and eyes. I enjoy a variety of interests. I'm seeking a SWF, for friendship, and companionship. Ad# 5245

DON'T PASS ME BY

Understanding, professional, Catholic SWM, 29, 6'2", 180lbs., with light brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys sports, biking, music and would like to meet a slender SWCF, 23-32, who has good values. Ad# 8868

OUTGOING

This friendly SWCM, 58, 6', 195lbs., brown hair, green eyes, would like to meet a slender SWCF, 50-65, who's interested in a long-term relationship. Ad# 1546

STILL LOOKING

SBC dad, 20, 6', who enjoys basketball, is seeking a compatible SBCF, 22-40, preferably never-married and childless. Ad# 1470

BORN-AGAIN

Outgoing and friendly, he's a professional DBC dad of two, 42, 6'2", 182lbs., who enjoys Bible study, travel, golf, music and seeks an attractive, fit, mature SCF, 28-40, without children, for fellowship which may lead to more. Ad# 1204

BACK TO BASICS

Outgoing SBC dad, 20, 6', who enjoys music, movies and family activities, seeks a SWF, for friendship and fun. Ad# 1564

COMMON BOND

Outgoing and friendly, he's a professional WWWW, 59, 6'2", whose interests include Bible study, golf, reading, theater, dining out and lots of laughter. He's seeking a special SWCF, 50-60, for companionship. Ad# 5845

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