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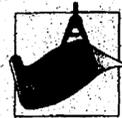
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Survey: Most support rec plan



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A new survey indicates that a majority of Westland residents support building a new city recreation center and would pay to use it.

But survey officials concede that residents polled didn't know the building's price tag could reach \$15 million - plus

land costs.

Moreover, one city leader indicated that residents feel powerless to influence a still-pending decision on whether to build a new indoor recreation center.

"There are people in this community who believe this is a foregone conclusion," Councilman Charles Pickering said.

City-hired consultants Monday

unveiled a lengthy analysis of a recent telephone survey that polled 605 local households on recreation issues. The results came during a sparsely attended Westland City Council study session.

Of those surveyed, 83 percent said they were "very" or "somewhat" supportive of a new indoor recreation center.

Under closer scrutiny, the survey showed that only a slim majority of respondents - 51 percent - said they were "very" supportive.

"The only people you can depend on is that 51 percent," said Chris Tatham of the Leisure Vision/ETC survey firm.

The survey also has a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points. Still, Tatham said, Westland has "an environment right now that's very favorable for a recreation center."

The survey found that 80 percent of respondents said they or someone in their family would use a new recreation center at least once a month. Some officials seemed skeptical.

"I believe that 80 percent of our community agreeing to anything, period, is incredible, with the possible exception of lowering taxes," Councilman Richard LeBlanc said.

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Taking a shot



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

A little help: A little Michael Jordan, Jesse Reid, 4, of Westland goes up for a slam dunk with help from the Westland YMCA instructor Jason Perkins of Westland at Marshall Middle School Monday. For more, see Page A3.

Council to vote on no-parking signs Monday

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A group of Westland parents Monday implored city officials to tear down no-parking signs that block their access to a controversial north-end school bus stop.

"I think I should be able to take my child directly to that bus stop, put her on the bus and leave," parent Charlotte Rudicel said during a Westland City Council study session.

The city in August erected no-parking signs along Ravine - a dirt street just south of Joy - amid complaints that parents driving their children to a corner bus stop caused traffic congestion and unsafe conditions. The move was seen as a stop-gap measure.

Parents didn't want their children walking along pothole-plagued Ravine, but corner homeowners Peggy and Larry Sullivan asked for city help to ease traffic congestion and property damage caused by cars crowding near the bus stop.

Now a council vote looms Monday as officials weigh concerns from both sides in hopes of reaching a long-term solution. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at Westland City Hall.

Police officials said the no-parking signs appear to have eased problems near the Livonia school district bus stop.

"It appears to us that the best thing to do would be to leave the signs where they are," police Chief Emery Price said.

Parents like Virginia Klein disagree. "I think my children are safer in my car than standing by a stop sign," she said.

Some Ravine residents voiced tentative support for another proposal for paving their street and installing a storm sewer to combat problems.

City officials couldn't provide immediate costs to homeowners. Moreover, council President Sandra Cicirelli noted that paving petitions would have to be signed by residents owning at least 51 percent of property fronting Ravine.

Even if residents sign petitions, they could back out after

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Tickets against officers dropped

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A Westland Police Department internal investigation of two officers will continue even though they no longer face misdemeanor charges for being at a high-stakes football gambling party.

"We're still doing our internal investigation," Lt. Marc Stobe said.

Police Chief Emery Price will review the findings and

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Classroom overcrowding options narrowed to 2

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A committee set up to find the best way to alleviate crowded elementary classrooms in southwest Livonia whittled 11 options down to two and outlined them Monday to the Livonia Board of Education.

But the trustees postponed a public airing of the two options until the district first settles its debate on how to

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reinstate instrumental music for fifth- and sixth-graders.

The first option - put sixth grade into middle school and open Lowell as the district's fifth middle school - would solve the instrumental music dilemma for sixth-graders as it already is part of the middle school curriculum.

The second option from the 14-member committee - keeping the kindergarten through sixth-grade configuration, but turning Lowell into a large elementary, housing mainly students transferred from a closed Johnson Elementary - would bring no built-in solution to the instrumental music dilemma.

"We have not yet fully explored this (instrumental) issue," said Superintendent Ken Watson in asking trustees to

postpone a public airing of the committee's report. "We want to add instrumental music. Putting sixth grade in middle school would solve this. Option two does not."

Part of the problem lies with the projected costs of the two options. Up front and future operational costs are expected to figure heavily into which of the two options is adopted by the trustees.

The second option as presented by

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Man arrested during burglary at local market

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A Westland bandit smashed his way into a local market Friday and stacked beer and cigarettes near a back door - only to be arrested before he could escape, police said.

The 10:52 p.m. incident occurred while Norman's Market, 1546 S. Wayne Road, was closed for business. It marked the store's second burglary within one week.

"We've been having some burglaries where the guy would break out the front door window and go in and steal some stuff," Westland police Sgt. James Dexter said.

In the latest incident, the suspect set off an alarm and was arrested behind Norman's Market by police officer Steven Frazer, who happened to be patrolling nearby.

The store is located on Wayne Road between Palmer and Avondale, and it specializes in selling meat, Dexter said.

A 34-year-old unemployed man who lives about three streets away was charged Sunday with breaking and entering, and he could face a 10-year prison term if convicted.

The store's front door glass was smashed out by a bandit who apparently was cut during the burglary. "We found blood inside the store," Dexter said.

The suspect also threw down a pair of pliers and a screwdriver when Frazer approached him behind the store, Dexter said.

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decide what punishment, if any, the two veteran officers should receive.

Stobbe indicated that the internal investigation could be completed as early as this week.

"I hope to be done with it in a couple of days," he said Wednesday.

Canton police officials also said an internal investigation will continue against a Canton officer ticketed during the Jan. 17 football gambling party at the Royal Oak Music Theatre.

Royal Oak Police Chief Mel Johnson said Tuesday that misdemeanor citations have been dismissed against 369 people.

However, the gambling investigation isn't over, and Johnson said it will focus more on the party's organizers and principal suspects.

Dismissing the charges also avoided any possible double jeopardy claims if felony charges are filed later, he said.

"It turned out to be a more complex investigation than we thought it would be," Johnson said.

In Westland, Price placed the two officers on desk duty until the department's internal investigation is completed.

Early on, Price said the offi-

cers could face discipline ranging from a verbal reprimand to dismissal. With the tickets being dropped, however, Price said Wednesday the officers will likely be returned to their normal duties - unless other damaging information emerges.

Price hasn't disclosed the officers' names, but he confirmed after the raid that the officers have been with the department for some 20 years.

He has referred to them as "good guys" but said he doesn't condone their alleged presence at the gambling party.

Price has said the football gambling apparently was similar to office pools, although authorities said the stakes were higher.

A series of tips to Farmington Hills police led to the theater raid. Officers from Royal Oak, Farmington Hills and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department carried out the raid, which resulted in 13 arrests and more than 300 tickets being issued.

In all, police seized about \$221,000 in cash in the football betting operation.

Those ticketed could have faced a \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail.

Staff writer Scott Daniel contributed to this report.

Comparing solutions to overcrowding: THE PROS AND CONS

Advantages

- K-5 and 6-8 are the most widely used grade configurations for elementary and middle schools.
- Research supports K-5 and 6-8 move as benefitting students' academic, social and developmental needs.
- 6th graders would have more exploratory classes and programs available to them - band, instrumental music, foreign language, intramurals, etc.
- The "Teaming Model" used at middle school provides greater chance for best teaching practices.
- 6th graders in middle school supports 7th grade MEAP preparation.

Disadvantages

- Costly to implement: Estimated one-time cost is \$4.4 million; annual cost is around \$1.6 million.
- Not all elementary space issues would be resolved in southwest area of district.
- Large middle schools would have little space for future use or growth.
- Boundaries need to be moved, probably affecting every middle school.
- Parental concerns about 6th graders, such as environment, longer walking distances, 6th grade traditions.
- Significant changes for staff and curriculum.

- Solves elementary classroom space problem in southwest area of district. Creates extra classroom space and flexibility for board.
- Implementation cost is minimal: One-time cost is \$100,000-500,000; annual cost is \$58,000.
- Boundary and transportation ramifications minimal.

- District would not gain advantages of K-5 and 6-8 learning environment.

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the committee doesn't consider the extra cost of reinstating instrumental music in the district's elementaries, if the district decides to do that.

It's a piece of the puzzle that must be placed first, before the board can tackle the even bigger issue of how to deal with enrollment increases in the southwest part of the district, the trustees agreed.

Hearing expected

A public hearing on the committee report - and the two options recommended - is expected to take place before the 1999-2000 school budget is set. Trustees are expected to pick one option and include it in the budget.

Overwhelmingly, the recommendation to convert Lowell into a middle school, housing grades six-eight, is viewed as a money eater.

Doing so would bring an up-front cost of about \$3 million; annual operating costs up to \$1.8 million; plus the possibility of spending another up to \$1.6 million to build extra classrooms in the southwest part of the district.

"If money was not an issue, I'd strongly endorse (this)," Watson said. "Most districts in southeast Michigan have it. But I have grave reservations about (option one)."

He cited the following concerns:

- In creating a fifth middle school, with two of the schools housing 950 students, Livonia would wind up with two of the largest middle schools in the metropolitan Detroit area.
- The district's ability in future years to pay the school's hefty annual operating

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costs. "Plus, this doesn't solve the problem we started out with," Watson said. "We will still have to add rooms in the southwest."

The second recommendation might bring anguish to the Johnson school family if trustees decide to close the school on Ann Arbor Trail.

Initially, Washington school parents who believed their school had been targeted for closure peppered Watson with questions about that possibility at a meeting of the Washington PTA.

A surprise

The surprise lurking in the committee's report was that committee members recommended Johnson, not Washington, for closure.

If future space problems occur at either Washington or Garfield, the Johnson-Lowell boundaries could be expanded, committee members said.

"Due to its location, vacating Johnson

gives the board flexibility, as it could be used to supplement Churchill High programs," the committee said.

Turning Lowell into the new Johnson-Lowell elementary has a far smaller price tag than creating a fifth middle school.

The report estimates one-time only renovation costs of \$100,000-\$500,000; extra annual operating costs of \$58,000; and the possibility of spending up to \$25,000 for new sidewalks.

The report reveals that the following elementaries most likely will suffer space problems in the near future: In the northeast, Buchanan; in the northwest, Randolph; in the southeast, Cleveland, Hayes and Nankin Mills; and in the southwest, Garfield, Johnson and Washington.

Of all the schools, Johnson's space problems are the worse, the report states.

Schools outside the southwest can solve their space problems either within their own boundaries or through minor boundary changes, the report states.

One by one, during four months of meetings, committee members deleted the 11 options with which they had started until there were only two left.

Among the discarded options were:

- Build additional classrooms onto some of the most cramped elementaries.
- End elementary school at the fifth grade, and build additional classrooms onto the four middle schools.
- House all kindergarten students at one or two schools.
- Open Lowell as a magnet school.

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*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road December 14, 1998

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of December 16, 1998; the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school; and is available on request.

President Nay convened the meeting at 7 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Frank Kokenakes, Daniel Lessard, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley, Dianne Nay, Kenneth Timmons, James Watters. Absent: None.

NAMES Project AIDS Quilt: Jay Young did a synopsis of the work that Julie Paddison started while she was involved with the PTA. She was responsible for putting together a unit regarding sexually transmitted diseases and presented a proposal to the PTA Council to support AIDS awareness and the start of the AIDS quilts.

Team Effort Award: Trustee Timmons presented the Team Effort Award to the Wednesday Wonders (Eunice Bageria, George Bageria, Norma Feichtinger, Ken Kaestner, Hank Lundy, Bob Marks, Rick Martin, Eldon Price) at Johnson Elementary School. Mr. Kaestner did a synopsis of the program and how rewarding it is to volunteer and make a difference in a child's life.

Recess: President Nay recessed the meeting at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

Audience Communications: Carl Galka, 16563 Ronnie, spoke to the Board regarding a clarification of the report that Dr. Gage gave at the last Board meeting; and Kirsten Galka, 16563 Ronnie, spoke to the Board regarding the commentary that Dr. Gage gave at the last meeting.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Morgan and Watters that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent. IVA Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 1998; IVB Minutes of the Closed Session of November 30, 1998; V.C Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District purchase the following textbooks for secondary courses: Ecology, Environmental Science: A Study of Interrelationships, 6th Edition, 1998, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill (William C. Brown) for the amount of \$12,690; VIA Move that general fund check nos. 307368 through 308561 in the amount of \$4,554,097.38 be approved for payment. Also, move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$2,918,969.43 be approved. Also, move that Building Improvement and Technology Fund check nos. 1942 through 1948 in the amount of \$79,730.50 be approved for payment; VIB Be it resolved that the Livonia Public Schools School District implement its continuing resolution with respect to the collection of one-half of the school property taxes in the summer; that the Cities of Livonia and Westland be requested to collect those taxes in the summer on behalf of the District; and that the Secretary of the Board of Education be directed to write a letter to the Cities of Livonia and Westland prior to January 1, 1999, informing them of the District's continuing resolution and requesting that they collect the summer property taxes on behalf of the District. VIC Move that the Board of Education adopt the attached trust agreement which creates a trust for the school district's Deferred Compensation Plan. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Gift-Shall PTA: Motion by Watters and Nalley that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the generous offer of the Hull School PTA to donate seven sound amplification units valued at \$4,410 for classroom usage. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Presentation-Coolidge School Improvement Plan: The Coolidge School Improvement Plan was presented by Principal Esther Williams, along with Denise Schukhin, Deborah Elliott, Leslie Kruger, Tiffany Allen, Collette Boehner, Ann Brady, Janet Schulz, Karen Burdick, Ashley May, Melanie Anderson, and Jean Winebrenner.

Appointment of Auditors: Motion by Kokenakes and Timmons that the

Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District appoint the firm of Plante & Moran to do the Livonia Public Schools School District audit for the 1998-99 school year. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Resignations: The Board accepted resignations from Susan Davis, effective 1/22/99; Melissa Hildreth, effective 1/22/99; and Sharon Schwarze, effective 1/30/99.

Retirements: Motion by Lessard and Timmons that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the resolutions of appreciation for the services rendered by Patricia Bombach, Phyllis Fane, and Aynne Zayas. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Tenure: Motion by Timmons and Kokenakes that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure status to the following teachers effective on the respective dates: Doris DeMarco, effective 2/27/99 and Michele Tandery, effective 2/8/99. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Leave of Absence: Motion by Kokenakes and Timmons that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the request for a leave of absence: Sheryl Archibald, effective 1/4/99. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Teacher for Approval: Motion by Nalley and Watters that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 1998-99 school year to Darlene McMullen. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Sympathy Resolution: The Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District unanimously adopted a sympathy resolution for the family of Thomas Schwarze.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson stated that Mary Pat Benoit completed her surgery successfully and her stand-in for tonight's meeting was Tricia Leannals; introduced the video titled "Fire Fighter for the Day," which involved students Michelle Loo, Adams, Chad Rabon, Randolph; and Kenny Dodson, Koozevelt; congratulated Livonia school's psychologists who presented at a MASP Conference at Dickinson Center; wished Dr. Gage a happy retirement; and wished everyone happy holidays!

First Reading-Policy IDD(1): The Board reviewed language for Board Policy IDD(1) - Instructional Program/Special Programs - Title I for first reading prior to adoption at a future meeting.

Board Calendar Change: Motion by Lessard and Morgan that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District cancel its meeting date of December 21, 1998. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Board Meeting Starting Time Change: Motion by Watters and Morgan that the Board of Education begin its regular meeting of January 18, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Education offices, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Hearing from Board Members: The Board members discussed the Goodfellows; the Bentley Fitness Center; the Coolidge School Improvement presentation; the MADD program; thanked the camera crew (Steve Bow, Chris Doerr, and Nick Houlander) for their fine work; wished Dr. Gage well on his retirement; and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Recess to Closed Session: Motion by Morgan and Lessard that the meeting be recessed to closed session for the purpose of discussing property issues. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

President Nay recessed the meeting at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 10:40 p.m. Adjournment: Motion by Timmons and Watters that the regular meeting of December 14, 1998 be adjourned. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

President Nay adjourned the meeting at 10:43 p.m.

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Aliming: Jordon Cameron, 5, of Garden City takes aim for a shot at a basket.



Dribbling down the court: Above, Anthony Dean II, 4, of Westland (foreground) and James Wilhelm, 5, of Westland (behind) take part in the dribbling exercise. Below, Courtney Cameron, 23 months old, from Garden City wanted her chance to get involved with her brother Jordon at the Westland YMCA basketball program for preschoolers.

Hoop dreams

YMCA program puts preschoolers on court

A little dribbling, a little shooting and passing and a little teamwork and sportsmanship. That's what a group of little

basketball players is learning through the Wayne-Westland YMCA preschool basketball program for 3- to 5-year-old boys and girls.

The program is the first step in the Y's basketball program, according to Aaron Knieper, physical director at the YMCA. A 45-minute class, the preschoolers take to the court at Marshall Middle School. The most difficult things to master at that age are concentrating and learning to control the ball, Knieper said. But learning basketball skills early helps kids "get a feel for it," he said. It also helps parents find out if their kids like the sport, he said. "It's like a motivator, he said. "If they can do this they can do school work, swimming and

other things." The Y has basketball leagues for kids ages 6-15. The leagues compete against other YMCAs in the area, he said. The Y also offers preschool classes year-round in other sports ranging from swimming to T-ball to hockey, Knieper said. The Wayne-Westland Y serves Westland, Wayne and Garden City. Membership programs are available for \$15 a year, Knieper said. A new class session will start March 1, with registration beginning next week. Call (734) 721-7044. The Y is at 827 S. Wayne Road, in Westland.



Ravine

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receiving definitive paving costs from city officials. A series of public hearings also would precede any council decision to pave Ravine.

Several of the nearly 20 people at Monday's study session indicated tentative support for paving, but Rudicel said she opposes a plan that would sock homeowners with a large tab.

Describing herself as a single, widowed mother, she said, "I can barely afford to live there now." Public Services Director Richard Dittmar estimated that a storm sewer, alone, would cost \$108,000, aside from other street-paving costs.

One cheaper alternative would be to install two catch basins near Joy and to let Ravine remain a dirt street - a move that would likely cost less than \$10,000, Dittmar said. The less-expensive plan wouldn't address problems such as erosion, however.

Ravine resident Connie Elstone said she feels that the city has neglected her street.

"We pay taxes and get nothing for it," she said.

Despite what happens to a paving proposal, officials Monday face a crucial decision about Ravine's no-parking signs - a decision that they concede won't satisfy everyone.

The Sullivans oppose removing the signs, fearing renewed traffic problems. Earlier complaints also indicated that parents congregated along the Sullivan property to socialize and drink their morning coffee.

Some parents said the neighborhood dispute has prompted them to start carpooling to get their children to and from school, even though they pay taxes for school buses.

Rudicel said few Ravine children even ride the bus now, "and I think that's unfair because we're paying for it."

Resident Patrick Kobylarz said Ravine should be treated like any other street, with no parking allowed 30 feet from a corner stop sign.

"I think there are a lot of bus stops in similar situations," he said.

Rudicel said her street shouldn't face special no-parking rules.

"This is not a fair thing," she said. "It doesn't even sound like a legal thing."

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This is the Web site for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It contains a section on news, information on La Niña, opportunities in NOAA and weather information across the country.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Book discussion group
Upcoming books for discussion:
7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 - "Rendezvous with Rama" by Arthur C. Clarke
7 p.m. Tuesday, March 16 - "Snow Falling on Cedars" by David Guterson
Group meets in Community Meeting Room A. No registration required. Please read the book prior to the discussion. Call the library to reserve a copy.

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1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9
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Toddler Tales

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10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24. Community Meeting Room A
A session of developmentally appropriate storytimes for 18- to 36-month-olds including movement, singing and stories. Registration required by phone or in person at the Children's Desk.

Just for Me Preschool Time

1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23. Children's Activity Room
10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24. Children's Activity Room
A session of thematic storytimes for 3- to 5-year-olds intended to be independent experiences for the child. Registration required by phone or in person at the Children's Desk.

Session II of Toddler Tales and Just for Me Preschool Time

Weeks of March 1 through April 26.
Registration begins Feb. 1. Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 April 6, 13, 20, 27 or Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28.

Children's quilt

2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30
Make a square for a quilt using fabric paints, glitter, lace and other crafts supplies. Upon its completion, the quilt will be displayed in the library for public viewing. Community Meeting Room B. No reservation required. No fee.

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Survey from page A1

Tatham later conceded that if 80 percent of respondents say they will use a recreation center, it is likely that only 40 percent actually will.

The survey found that an overwhelming 93 percent of respondents would be willing to pay for using a new recreation center, and most preferred either to pay during each visit or to buy a family membership.

Residents gave "a strong indication that they are willing to

pay" to use a new center, said Mike Pratl, a project manager from Sverdrup Facilities Inc., the firm overseeing the city's recreation study.

Nearly three out of four respondents said they would pay more than \$25 a month for a family membership, and many would pay as much as \$55.

Most respondents indicated that the city should try to form partnerships with a hospital, the local YMCA or a school district

to build and operate a new recreation center. Fully 94 percent termed it "very" or "somewhat" important that a new center generate enough revenue to be self-supporting.

Four zones

The survey team divided the city into four zones - using Wayne and Ford roads as boundaries - to ensure that all sections of Westland were represented.

The study polled residents on what features they'd prefer for a

new center. The top three:

- An indoor, family-oriented swimming center that has "water play" features such as slides, lap lanes for exercise and a warm-water area for therapeutic purposes.

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Burglary from page A1

Even though Norman's Market specializes in meat, the bandit apparently had more of a taste for beer and cigarettes, according to police accounts of the incident.

Police found five cases of beer and eight cartons of cigarettes that had been stacked by the back door.

The brands: Budweiser, Bud Light and Busch for beer; Newport and Virginia Slims for cigarettes.

The suspect hasn't yet been charged for an earlier burglary that occurred late Jan. 17 or early Jan. 18 at the same market. The break-in was similar

because the front door glass was smashed out and cigarettes were stolen.

"He left a little trail of cigarettes," but not enough to lead officers to him, Dexter said.

The suspect in Friday's incident remains jailed in lieu of a \$15,000/10 percent bond, set by Westland 18th District Judge Gail McKnight.

A not-guilty plea has been placed in court records for the defendant, who faces a Feb. 4 court hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial.

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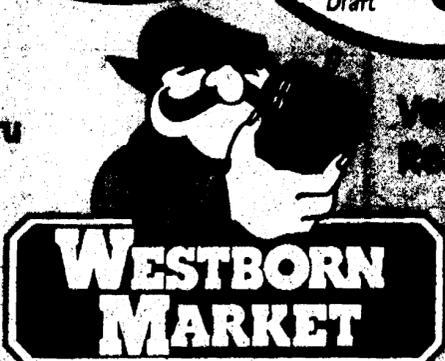
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Local communities get set to tackle stormwater runoff

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Out of the 43 communities in the Rouge River watershed, at least 24 are expected to apply for "voluntary" stormwater permits from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

The communities have until Jan. 31 to apply for the permits to tackle the problems of stormwater runoff into the Rouge River. Wayne County communities that have applied include Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth Township, Redford and Westland.

The deadline is about two years ahead of the Environmental Protection Agency requirements, but the permit process also allows communities the opportunity to help write the rules. Communities have an option to opt out of the permit if the EPA guidelines are more stringent than permit guidelines.

Cathy Bean, MDEQ's coordinator of the Rouge River remedial action plan, expects to review the permits and give approval by late spring.

"The permits include storm sewer maps, a public education plan and illicit connection plans, which includes an intention to eliminate illicit connections," Bean said.

Local and county officials do not know what the stormwater program will cost, but communities will be eligible for \$3.5 million in grant money from the Rouge Program Office from April 1999 to March 2001 for illicit discharge elimination, public

education, public participation plan and subwatershed plan. A second phase calls for \$6 million in funding for pollution prevention initiatives and implementation of subwatershed plans from April 2000 to December 2002. Funds in both phases are subject to a local match.

Bill McCracken, permits chief of the surface water quality division for the Department of Environmental Quality, told the committee he thought those numbers of permit applicants represented "real progress."

"It will be easier for us if we get more of these in," McCracken said.

Tom Casari, engineer with Canton Township, said that community applied for the permit for a simple reason.

"Clean water is a concern," Casari said. "The township has done a lot in the past in preserving open spaces. With our level of development, we have to be concerned with stormwater quality." The permit allows the township to "control our own des-

tiny," Casari said. "It was the right thing to do," said Richard Dittmar, director of public services in Westland.

Jack Barnes, Garden City director of public services, said that community's leaders saw the advantage of getting a jump on the Phase II requirements.

"Getting some federal grant money will help us," Barnes said. "That (permit) will be required a couple of years down the pipe."

In 1997, U.S. District Judge John Feikens told officials he may issue a show cause order calling for a watershed-wide authority to oversee the Rouge project. That proposal remains a concern for some communities.

Jim Anulewicz, director of public service in Plymouth Township, told a committee appointed by Feikens that he was concerned about an authority's oversight of the communities. "There is not a compelling reason to create something with

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Feikens to hear progress on Rouge water quality

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Is it enough? City, township and county officials all will be asking whether stormwater permit applications and plans to tackle water quality problems in the Rouge River will be sufficient for U.S. District Judge John Feikens.

Feikens will listen Feb. 4 to progress reports and activities from the Rouge Program Office, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and others.

In 1997, Feikens threatened to issue a show cause order which would have called for a watershed-wide authority to oversee the project. Feikens instead granted a 14-month extension (which ends Sunday) for 43 watershed communities to outline progress. Feikens also appointed a Rouge River watershed planning and coordinating committee, chaired by court

monitor Jonathan Bulkley, a University of Michigan professor and engineer.

On Jan. 19, Jim Murray, director of Wayne County's Department of Environment, gave other committee members an outline of a report he hoped to give to Feikens, showing progress in the following areas:

- Commitments to clean the river by agencies and communities in applying for the MDEQ stormwater general permit;
- Seven subwatershed areas with communities agreeing to subwatershed boundaries;
- A geographic information system "pilot project" to examine data and sharing it to support a watershed-wide GIS, which was proposed by Feikens in 1997;
- Closer coordination of activities between the Rouge River Advisory Council, an advisory group including citizens, representatives of industry, state and county governments, and the Rouge Program Office, which is responsible for the distribution

of grant money and collects water quality information and other reports;

- Development of proposals for common ordinances and guidelines among three counties in the watershed for stormwater facilities and maintenance of on-site sewage disposal systems, including inspection requirements and construction codes for septic tanks;
- Cooperation among local governments leading to arrangements for watershed protection;
- Examination of related national and state water quality programs;
- Availability of future Rouge grant funds;
- Agreement between communities and the MDEQ on monitoring needs for the Rouge River.

Murray also told the court committee the state needed to be involved with monitoring, evaluating and analyzing.

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OBITUARIES

BETTY J. CRAMER

Funeral services for Betty Cramer, 69, of Westland were Jan. 27 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Mark Cryderman.

Mrs. Cramer, who died Jan. 24 in Garden City, was born April 2, 1929, in Blairsville, Pa. She was a registered nurse.

Surviving are her son, Phillip of Clinton Township; daughter, Tina (Doug) McClain of Sterling Heights; brother, John Mihalyov of Rochester, N.Y.; and sister, Ann Bennett of Blairsville, Pa.

RUBY L. BRAY

Funeral services for Ruby Bray, 81, of Saline were

recently in R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Daniel Zaleski of St. Theodore Catholic Church.

Mrs. Bray, who died Jan. 20 in Saline, was born April 15, 1917, in Defiance, Ohio. She did secretarial and sales work for a typewriter company.

Surviving are her sons, Clayton (Carole) Huard of Westland, Ronald (Sharon) Huard, David (Martha) Huard and Claude Bray Jr.; and four grandchildren.

HAROLD COCKRUM

Funeral services for Harold Cockrum, 63, of Westland were Jan. 23 in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West in Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Chris Richards.

Mr. Cockrum, who died Jan. 21 in Westland, was born July 29, 1935, in Wayne. He was a quality control inspector.

Surviving are his wife, Carol; daughters, Margaret (Robert) Krauss of Chapel Hill, Tenn., Kelly (Christopher) Bachus of Westland, Lisa (John) Baker of Commerce Township and Elizabeth (Steve) Bawley of Wayne; brothers, Robert Cockrum and Tommy Cockrum; sisters, Doris Shuman, Evelyn Francis, Aleatha Barker and Ethel Dorin; 14 grandchildren.

Mr. Cockrum was preceded in death by his brother, Charles Swank.

Memorials may be made to Brain Tumor Research Fund, 1914 Taubman Center, Box 0316, Ann Arbor, MI. 48103.

Rivers plans coffee hour

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers has scheduled a coffee hour in Westland 8:30-10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at Bakers Square Restaurant, 36101 Warren Road. All constituents of the 13th Congressional District are encouraged to drop by, have a cup of coffee and discuss their concerns. For more information, call Rivers' district office at (734) 485-3741.



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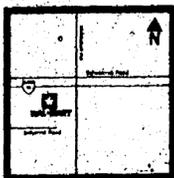


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Public hearing to focus on state environment laws

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If you have any concerns with state environmental laws and policies, the Department of Environmental Quality wants to hear from you as it launches its annual round of statewide public hearings in Livonia on Feb. 23.

Russell Harding, DEQ's director, and leaders of the depart-

ment's nine divisions will visit Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 36300 Schoolcraft, to share information and solicit comments from the public on environmental matters.

In a prepared statement, Harding said addressing today's environmental challenges "demands an active, informed citizenry."

"We found that many of our greatest achievements come

about when the public and private sectors join forces," Harding said. "Government does not have all of the answers."

"That's why it is important for the DEQ management team to gauge the practical impacts of Michigan's environmental policies. And the best way is for us to get out into the communities and let residents express their views firsthand."

The forum will be divided into

two parts. The department's top decision makers will be available 4-6 p.m. for informal one-on-one discussions with interested residents. From 6-7 p.m., the department will conduct a formal meeting at which residents can offer questions or comments to the entire DEQ management team.

Among those attending will be the leaders of the DEQ's nine divisions, including air quality, drinking water and radiological

protection, environmental assistance, environmental response, geological survey, land and water management, surface water quality, storage tank and waste management.

Many western Wayne County residents already deal with the DEQ out of its Livonia district office on Seven Mile just west of I-275, so many DEQ officials from that office also will be in attendance.

Ken Silfven, DEQ spokesman, said the department encourages citizen input.

"Many policies are made in Lansing, and sometimes we need to get out of town and get feedback to see how they're working," Silfven said.

Residents also can obtain information on the DEQ and reports from its Web site at www.deq.state.mi.us.

Madonna will host open house

Madonna University in Livonia is holding an open house for prospective students 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 20, in the Take 5 Lounge on campus.

Those attending will tour the campus, meet with faculty, staff and students, and learn more about the more than 50 career-oriented programs offered during the day, evenings and weekends. Information on financial aid and scholarships will be available and transfer students are encouraged to bring their transcripts. Refreshments will be provided.

Madonna University offers day and evening classes and a variety of alternative course delivery system, students are able to fit college into their busy lives. For information, call Madonna University's Admissions Office at (734) 432-5339 or e-mail: muinfo@smtp.munet.edu

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Phil Sanzika, of the Oakland County Drain Commissioner's office, said the court has helped facilitate the program, but the involvement of the court "is not as needed as it has been in the past."

Gary Fujita, assistant director of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's waste water operations, said Detroit will not file for the stormwater permit. Under a separate program Detroit must deal with combined sewer overflows which combine storm and sanitary sewers and empty into the Rouge after a rainstorm. Retention basins have been built in Detroit, but more are needed.

"We are not aware of separate stormwater discharges," Fujita said.

Paul Tate, executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, said he was "amazed" at the way communities worked together without a supervising body.

Peter Swenson, a representative of the Environmental Protection Agency on the committee, said the EPA would examine the permit applications "to see if holes needed to be filled."

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the authority that may not be necessary."

Kurt Heise, administrative assistant in Dearborn Heights, which is part of a subwatershed group with Garden City and Westland and part of Livonia, wondered why Dearborn Heights spent millions to control its combined sewer overflows, yet Detroit did not control its share of combined sanitary and storm sewers that empty into the Rouge. Now Dearborn Heights must apply for the stormwater permit, but Detroit is not required, Heise pointed out.

McCracken said Detroit has "very few" stormwater discharges. "There is no legal requirement (to apply) at this point, but we expect it will be required in Phase II," McCracken said.

"Based on what we heard from the judge, I think it is a wise thing to apply. We want people to monitor their coverage in permits. We think it's a good deal for everyone."

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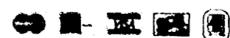
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Variety marks S'craft's community classes

Schoolcraft College Community Education Services offers a variety of classes to beat the winter blahs. CES class offerings include:

■ **Introduction to Feng Shui:** This four-week class examines the ancient practice of energy balancing in the physical space in which we live, thereby removing blocks in our life conditions. It begins at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3. Fee is \$85.

■ **Private Pilot Ground School:** This 12-week class is a basic aviation ground school where participants learn the necessary knowledge and skills needed by private pilots in operations, procedures and regulations. It meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Feb. 2, and the fee is \$170.

■ **Quality Standards-Construction:** This one-day seminar provides an overview of the history and evolution of the ISO 9000 Quality Standard and how it applies to the construction industry. It meets 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 3. Fee is \$95.

■ **Leases and Lease Clauses:** This one-day seminar provides information on everything land-

lords need to know to protect their property with effective, legal and thorough lease clauses. The class meets 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3. Fee is \$50.

■ **Entrepreneurship: Do I Have What It Takes to Make it Big?** An in-class examination of personality, lifestyle and perseverance will help potential entrepreneurs learn what it takes to start their own business. This one-day seminar meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3. Fee is \$39.

■ **Effective Page Layout Using PageMaker:** This eight-week class examines the concepts of visual communication for promotional materials such as brochures and flyers using PageMaker 6.5. The class meets at 8 p.m. beginning Thursday, Feb. 4, for \$162.

■ **Sports Safety Training:** Aimed at nurses, this course presents basic first aid skills for athletic injuries and sports-related injury-prevention techniques. The one-day class meets at 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, for \$83.

■ **Airplane Instrument Ground School:** This 12-week class prepares students to take the Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration Instrument written examination. Students must hold a current Private Pilot Rating. The class begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. The fee is \$170.

■ **Think Trim:** In this alternative to dieting, participants learn to develop a moderate approach to eating and exercise and acquire skills to stay motivated for a lifetime. The one-day session meets at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, for \$57.

For information on these or other CES classes, call 734-462-4448.

Go to the Registration Center in the McDowell Center between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, Feb. 1-3, to register for classes.

Other events at Schoolcraft include:

■ **Middle School College Night:** Ten colleges, including Schoolcraft, will present information on their programs and courses of study for eighth graders and their parents. The public can drop into Room 200 of the McDowell Center any time between 4-8 p.m.

■ **Women's and Men's Basketball Games - Watch the nation-**

ally ranked men's team play at 7:30 p.m. or cheer on the women's team at 5:30 p.m.

■ **Grazing Night:** Enjoy a variety of dishes prepared by students in the nationally known culinary arts department, mingle in the culinary arts kitchen and meet Master Chef Jeffrey Gabriel. The munching begins at 6:30 p.m., and the cost is \$15 per person. Call (734) 462-4423 for reservations.

■ **Red Cross Bloodmobile:** Help alleviate a national blood shortage by donating blood in the Waterman Center from 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

■ **International Dinner:** Eat a five-course meal of authentic Mexican food prepared by second-year culinary students. Serving begins at 6:45 p.m. in the American Harvest Restaurant. The price is \$25.95 per person. Call (734) 462-4488 for reservations.

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Storage space needed for special wheelchairs

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
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A recent *Life* magazine article about an 11-year-old Chinese girl who was able to attend school for the first time after receiving a wheelchair donated from Wheels for the World has generated many donations in metro-Detroit. The response has been so good that storage space is needed.

"You realize what a difference one of these chairs can make," said Farmington Hills resident Dorothy Pitsch, Wheels for the World metro-Detroit chairwoman.

After reading the story about Liu Quiaoling, local organizations, like Angela Hospice in Livonia, and families of loved ones who have died are calling Pitsch wanting to donate wheelchairs, walkers and aluminum crutches.

"We absolutely need all of the used, but serviceable wheelchairs that we can find," said Pitsch, adding that a representative from Children's Hospital also promised to send her used wheelchairs.

Storage space is needed until May for about 200 wheelchairs that will be delivered to Romania, Poland and Ghana.

Another chapter of Wheels for the World recently had a truck donated and that seems to be the most efficient solution, Pitsch said. Wheelchairs are stored in the truck and when it's filled a driver takes them to a Tennessee prison where inmates fix them before they're shipped to needy and handicapped people around the world.

"If I could get something like that it would be a blessing," Pitsch said. "But I'll take any kind of storage."

Currently, Pitsch is using garage and basement space donated by friends and family.

Wheels for the World is planning a two-week drive at the end of April to get as many wheelchairs as possible before her current load is shipped for repairs.

"These wheelchairs can't be used in the United States, because of the insurance liability," Pitsch added.

So far the organization has

placed 6,000 people in wheelchairs. Wheels for the World began in 1992 by Joni Eareckson Tada who lost the use of her arms and legs after diving accident at age 17. She went on to become an artist, author and song writer along with launching this international program opening doors of opportunity to other disabled people.

The organization is JAF (Joni and Friends) Wheels for the World. Meanwhile, the organization keeps growing with the help of people like Pitsch.

A series of situations, that Pitsch believes are acts of God, led her to the organization. Three months ago her nephew, Randy Pitsch, was asked if he would like to donate a couple of wheelchairs that had been stored in the warehouse of his family's company, Pitsch Demolition. The Wheels for the World representative had no idea that Randy is married to Mary Lou, who has limited use of her hands, but no use of her arms and legs.

Randy learned Wheels for the World needed a Detroit area representative to launch a wheelchair drive and the Grand Rapids resident called his favorite aunt.

Against all odds, Randy and Mary Lou had their first baby in 1997, said Pitsch, who uses Mary Lou and the baby in a poster to promote Wheels for the World.

Pitsch's first donation came from a Clinton Township couple after their 18-year-old son died. He suffered from a degenerative muscular disease and had been in a wheelchair since he was 18 months old. Every time the couple saw the empty chair it was stark reminder of their loss.

Since the wheelchair held such precious memories, the couple asked that it be kept somewhere special before it was shipped to another country. Pitsch got permission from Sister Mary Thomas to store it at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Farmington Hills.

"The parents brought the wheelchair to the monastery and



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Storage: Jim Rapin and Dorothy Pitsch load a donated wheelchair into the back of Jim's truck. They will take it to whatever temporary storage they find.

met me there and Sister Mary Thomas saw that it was a small chair and she said it would be the perfect size for a nun who was suffering from polio and needed a wheelchair just that size," said Pitsch explaining that Sister Mary Thomas also donated three larger wheelchairs.

"I left the special wheelchair for their special nun and I took their three wheelchairs," Pitsch said.

Another woman, who never identified herself to Pitsch, called after reading the *Life* Magazine story. They met at

Meijer in Northville.

"The woman walked right up to me and she threw her arms around me and hugged me and said: 'Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity,'" Pitsch said.

Just as quickly the woman got into her car and drove off.

Meanwhile, Pitsch's great niece, Erica Bourgoin, president of Gamma Phi Beta at Oakland University in Rochester Hills, has promised that her sorority will collect wheelchairs and earn money for wheelchair parts and

shipping costs.

Pitsch's daughter, Michelle Dinardo, ran an ad asking for used wheelchairs in her church paper at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in West Bloomfield. The next day someone brought her a wheelchair. When Dinardo asked if the woman wanted a receipt for tax purposes, the woman said: "Oh, no, this isn't for a tax reduction, this is for God."

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Volunteers needed for foster care board

The State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court is seeking volunteers to serve on the Wayne County Foster Care Review Board.

The five-member board meets one day each month to review a representative sample of cases of children who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect. At these reviews, board members interview parents, foster parents, caseworkers, attorneys and other interested parties who may be involved in planning for the ward.

Advisory recommendations are formulated and mailed to the court, child welfare agency, prosecuting attorney, parents and other interested parties. The review insures that all agencies, including the court, have established a plan for the ward and progress is being made toward achieving permanency.

The review boards are comprised of citizens who reflect a broad cross-section of their communities. Minorities and men are especially encouraged to apply. The program is seeking volunteers who have demonstrated leadership in other settings. Employees of the Family Independence Agency, family court or private child placement agencies are prohibited by law to serve on foster care review boards.

The Michigan Legislature established the Foster Care Review Board program in 1984 in an effort to improve children's foster care programs through the state utilizing citizen review boards.

Each volunteer who is selected must attend a two-day orientation training in Southfield on March 25 and 26. Board members also attend yearly training. Training expenses are reimbursed.

Citizens interested in volunteering for the Wayne County Foster Care Review Board should call (517) 373-1956 for an application. The deadline for receiving applications is Jan. 31.

Wayne County has until Feb. 16 to respond to the appeal request. Kasiborski said the Michigan Supreme Court may not decide to hear the case for a year.

Kasiborski did not know what dollar amount should be levied on Wayne County, but believed Detroit was entitled to a range between \$115,000-\$125,000 in annual tax payments in 1987 dollars.

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Appeal made on county building property tax issue

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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An attorney representing the city of Detroit has appealed a court ruling that blocked the city's attempt to levy property taxes against the Wayne County Building at 600 Randolph in Detroit.

Chester Kasiborski said he filed a leave for appeal on Jan. 19 with the Michigan Supreme Court, thus challenging a Court of Appeals ruling made on Dec.

28. The appellate court said the tax issue already had been decided by the state Tax Tribunal, which ruled against the city in 1992 for the 1991 tax year.

Detroit had sought to tax the building for the 1992-97 tax years. When asked why Detroit appealed the ruling, Kasiborski said: "We think we're right and there's a lot of dollars involved."

In the Court of Appeals, Detroit's attorneys argued the building should be taxed because it was "property owned by, or

being acquired pursuant to, an installment purchase agreement" by a county. In the mid-1980s the county sold the building, the buyer renovated it, and the county now leases it back.

The Tax Tribunal declined to hear the case, applying the legal doctrine of res judicata -- the question already has been decided.

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ing, weather permitting.

Hot cocoa will be available following the presentation.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1999

Recognition

Salute school board members

Although January 1999 will be best remembered for snow, it's also School Board Recognition Month in Michigan. We take this time to honor the men and women who invest countless hours making difficult decisions about budgets, personnel, curriculum and other matters which affect parents, students, teachers and taxpayers. This year's theme, "Building Better Futures for Children and Communities," is an appropriate one because a good education is key to building good citizens and good communities. We salute Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education members David R. Cox, president; Robin L. Moore, vice president; Martha Pitsenbarger, secretary; David James, treasurer; Mathew M. McCusker, trustee; Teresa Robbins, trustee; Ed Turner, trustee; and Livonia Public Schools board members Dianne Nay, president; Joanne Morgan, vice president; Daniel Lessard, secretary; and trustees Frank Kokenakes, Patrick Nalley, Kenneth Timmons and James Watters. Serving as a public school trustee is a

tremendous commitment. A four-year term requires lots of time, preparation and patience in balancing local needs and wants against state financial realities. As Michigan Gov. John Engler noted in his proclamation marking January as the special month to honor school board members "the competitiveness of Michigan's economy and the character of our society depend to a great extent on the quality of instruction offered in Michigan's schools." School board members are watching carefully to make sure public schools deliver on their duty to taxpayers. As school boards throughout the nation join in School Board Recognition Month, a national observance co-sponsored by the National School Boards Association and the Michigan Association of School Boards, take time to say thanks - in a public way - to the public school board members in our town. They are working hard to improve public education, the cornerstone of our democratic society.

Some things just go on and on

Question: What do Punxsutawney Phil, Monica Lewinsky, El Niño and the Y2K problem have in common?
Answer: They are all players in a media circus. And the show just seems to go on and on and on. This revelation came to us as we were contemplating our annual rumination on Groundhog Day, coming up next Tuesday. It's a minor observance, also known as Candlemas Day, a date on which, according to German legend, badgers came out of hibernation. If a badger saw his shadow (meaning that the sun was shining) it was an indication that more winter weather was in store. A cloudy day (with no shadows) meant that spring was just around the corner. When German settlers moved to Pennsylvania, they found no badgers but plenty of groundhogs, or woodchucks, and they transferred the badger legend to that native American creature. The show opened in 1887 when Clymer Freas, the editor of the Punxsutawney, Pa., Spirit, wrote about a group of groundhog hunters and labeled them the "Punxsutawney Groundhog Club." In a flight of fancy, recalling the German legend, Freas declared that the Punxsutawney groundhog was the only true weather prognosticator and that he lived on a local hill called Gobbler's Knob. The Spirit kept the story going for years and eventually national media picked up on it, focusing on Punxsutawney every Feb. 2. The exact location of Gobbler's Knob was kept secret and only members of the "Inner Circle" were allowed to witness the groundhog's emergence. But in 1966 the location of the hill was disclosed and members of the media descended on the small community, filming the events and making Punxsutawney Phil a household word. The real circus for Phil began in 1993 when Harold Ramis directed and Bill Murray starred in the movie "Groundhog Day," the story of a cynical weatherman who comes to Punxsutawney to report the annual event and is forced to live the day over and over until he gets it "right." The movie captured the public's imagination and has become a metaphor for everything from computer glitches to presidential

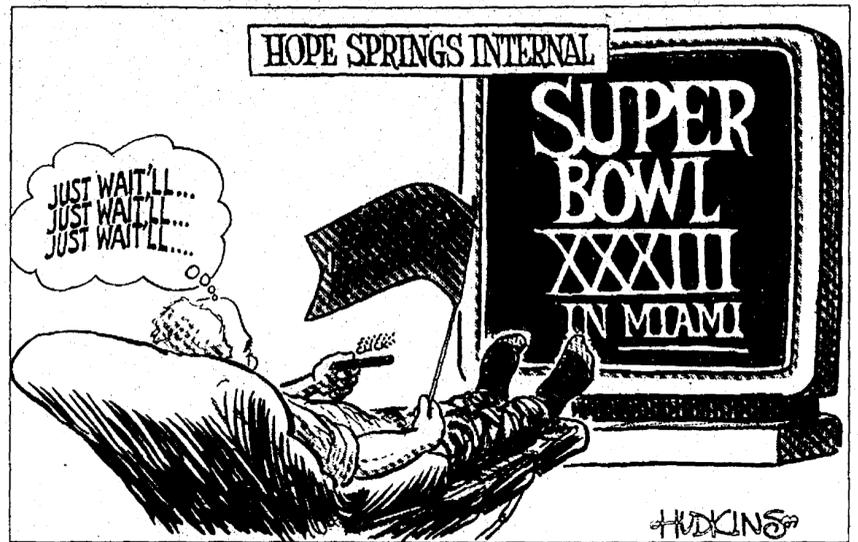


peccadilloes. Last November, Margaret Carlson, writing in Time magazine, compared the media coverage of the Ken Starr investigation to "a pallid remake of Groundhog Day, the umpteenth reliving of Bill Clinton's worst 24 hours. And unlike Bill Murray, a small-market newscaster who finally gets it right, no one in this drama is changing for the better."

A Web site dedicated to "Y2K Immunity" offers a "fix" for the Y2K computer glitch: "Simply turn back the clock and age the data." The author compares his plan, at some length, to the movie "Groundhog Day." Just keep turning the clock back and do it over and over until everything finally works. Last year, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey took on both El Niño and Punxsutawney Phil by staging a media event in New York City's City Hall Park on Feb. 2. Claiming that El Niño was threatening to disrupt the traditional Groundhog Day activities with bad weather, the circus offered its own weather prognosticator: a 14,762-pound elephant named King Tusk. And a group calling itself "The Committee for the Commercialization of Groundhog Day," has a Web site offering everything from Groundhog Day birthday cards to T-shirts to Groundhog Day books, cassettes, CDs and videos.

An unabashed statement of purpose reads: "CCGD is dedicated to the commercial exploitation of America's most undercelebrated holiday. It is our hope to not only raise America's awareness of this festive annual occasion, but to attribute to it - in the spirit of free enterprise - all the benefits and perks such events as Christmas, Easter, The Fourth of July, Halloween and even Presidents Day enjoy. We will not stop until we have a Groundhog Day Major Appliance Sale!" When Clymer Freas penned his tongue-in-cheek yarn about the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club in 1887, he couldn't have known what a circus he was starting. But if he had known, he would probably have loved it.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Why weren't cops named?

As Westland citizens concerned about the two Westland police officers nabbed in the recent gambling raid, and after reading your story stating that Chief Emery Price refused to name names, we have one question to ask. What is the reason the names of these two officers cannot be released to the public? We feel we have a right to know as tax-paying citizens of the city, with part of those taxes going to pay for the wages and retirement of said police officers.

Other law enforcement officers found breaking the law have been named and shown on television news. When some citizens have come before Judge C. Charles Bokos or Judge Gail McKnight, they appeared on stage before high school pupils and on cable TV. Other people found breaking the law appear on Court TV or their matters are a part of the public record. What is the difference here?

In your article, you stated that Chief Price said, "Some people including myself like to hold us to a higher standard, but we live in the real world."

If Chief Price cannot see the difference in an ordinary citizen breaking the law, as bad as that might be, and a sworn law enforcement officer breaking the law, then maybe he should consider another line of work! Indeed, maybe with an attitude like that, the Westland Police Department might not be the proper agency to conduct an investigation into this matter.

Eugene and Gail Skwirsk
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Power shows bias

This is in response to the opinion article by Phil Power (Special interest money now engulfs state's highest court), in which Power claims that "the tidal wave of special interest money previously focused largely on the Michigan Legislature, has now engulfed our state's highest court."

He expresses concern for the appearance of bias by certain members of the Michigan Supreme Court resulting from campaign contributions they received from business groups. Power also suggests that it may be a conflict of interest for a judge who accepts a campaign contribution from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce to rule in the future on cases in which the chamber may have an interest.

There are several problems with Power's approach to evaluating judicial campaigns and

court proceedings, including his apparent bias.

Interestingly, and not coincidentally I suspect, Power chose two examples for his article that just happen to be candidates nominated by the Republican Party: Michigan Supreme Court Justice Clifford Taylor and Justice Maura Corrigan. The impression he leaves is that the campaign contributions from business groups are not as appropriate as those from contributors to other judicial candidates.

Power does not mention any of the Democratic justices or candidates and the money they raised. Further analysis is informative.

One of the Democratic candidates for Supreme Court, Wayne County Court Judge Susan Borman, received more than \$640,000. Apparently, in Power's view, this is not enough to raise the suspicion of bias. Of that sum, more than \$100,000 was donated by lawyers from one plaintiff's personal injury law firm. The other so-called special interest business groups identified and criticized by Power are rarely parties before the Supreme Court, while attorneys from law firms which donated a significant part of candidate Borman's campaign kitty are in front of the Supreme Court on a regular basis.

Power also fails to mention Taylor's opponent, Democratic candidate and Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Carole Youngblood. She had failed to file a post-election campaign disclosure statement at the time Power prepared his opinion article, and ultimately Youngblood was 39 days late. In addition, she was late in filing three of five required reports this past election. Why not the scrutiny by Power of Youngblood's failure to timely disclose her contributors as required by state law? Apparently, it didn't matter to Power who Youngblood's contributors were or the amount they gave.

One wonders why Phil Power hasn't expressed concern about contributors to Supreme Court races during the past several decades when Democratic Party nominees for the Supreme Court were the primary recipients of campaign funding, when labor unions and plaintiffs' personal injury attorneys accounted for more than 80 percent of the funding to their Supreme Court nominees, and when judicial decisions were too often contrary to legislative intent and common sense.

Jim Barrett
president, Michigan Chamber of Commerce

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Breast cancer patients get help in sharing, caring

I was conscious, almost self-conscious, as I met with Frannie Greenebaum, Maggie Griner and Nina Machus, that so far I have escaped the disease women fear most. That disease is breast cancer and all three are breast cancer survivors. Nina, a Birmingham resident, was diagnosed six years ago; Frannie, from Bloomfield Township, three years ago; and Maggie, also of Bloomfield Township, two years ago. And as each experienced the initial terror, the decisions, the surgery, the radiation and/or chemotherapy, she had the support of other breast cancer survivors. They want that and more for all of us — whether we have breast cancer, are concerned for a friend or family member who has it, or live in fear of its tentacles. Tentacles so strong and widespread as to strike one of nine women in the

United States who reach age 85. Tentacles so menacing that women with a family history or other high risk factors may voluntarily undergo mastectomies to stay out of its clutches. "Everyone in one way or another is connected to someone who has had breast cancer," Frannie said. So the three have helped form Sharing & Caring, a new, volunteer organization affiliated with William Beaumont Hospital, but open to all breast cancer patients and survivors, their family and friends. A weekly support group will take place at The Community House in downtown Birmingham. So will its first special event, "Life After Breast Cancer," on Saturday, Feb. 6. That all-day program features experts from the Harvard School of Public Health, The University of Texas Health Science Center, the Annie Appleseed Project in New York



JUDITH DONER BERNE

City and The Cleveland Clinic. Topics include: current treatments, risk factors, hormone replacement therapy, Tamoxifen and SERMS for prevention and treatment, alternative medical therapies, and breast cancer and sexuality. Then, from 7-9 p.m. beginning Thursday, Feb. 11 — and every Thursday after that with the exception of Thanksgiving — a medical profession-

al or other expert along with survivors will gather informally to offer information and resources and answer questions. The three women are convinced from their own experiences that an away-from-the-hospital support group is important to help women through diagnosis and recovery and, what becomes a lifelong journey with breast cancer. "I was lucky enough to have a little support group of three women," Nina explained. Sadly, one just died. That was Joan Emde of Bloomfield Hills, who pioneered a support group for breast cancer patients at Beaumont when she was diagnosed 15 years ago. Her cancer recurred in 1993. "Before Joan, we just whispered about it (breast cancer)," Maggie says. "She was just a light bulb in a room," Nina seconded. "It's ironic that she died just before this was happening."

All three credit Joan with laying the groundwork for, program director Dr. John Ingold for producing, and former Ford Motor Co. CEO Donald Peterson and his wife, Joanne, a breast cancer survivor, for funding. But its success also will be up to those who seek its services and then offer theirs. It has volunteer opportunities for every skill and interest. Although the workshop, which requires advance registration, is nearly at its 370-person capacity, Maggie said, "We have no idea how many will show up" for the support group sessions. They are optimistic. For those who are recovering, "It's an opportunity to give back. It's part of the healing process," according to Maggie. Judith Doner Berne is a former managing editor at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. You can get more information on Sharing & Caring by calling (888) 527-8582.

Raising the minimum wage: Move has historical precedent

Listening to House Democratic leaders in Lansing talk about hiking minimum wages, I was reminded of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. The Dems want to raise the minimum wage by law from the current \$5.15 an hour by \$1 to \$6.15 by next Jan. 1. Their proposed constitutional amendment, if approved by voters, would tie the minimum wage to the Detroit consumer price index with annual adjustments. They expect to lift hundreds of thousands out of poverty. Of course, they wouldn't need state money to do it. Employers would cheerfully pay higher wages, but the Lansing politicians would get the credit. The Democrats' faith in government is touching, like that of a child moviegoer who believes the Blue Fairy can wave her magic wand and bring the drowned Pinocchio to life.

As leader Mike Hanley, D-Saginaw, explained it, the state's magic wand would work like this: No longer would a higher price tag mean less consumption (or less demand for labor). The new wage rates would put more money in the pockets of the poor, who would then spend it and stimulate the economy. "It's a job creator," said Hanley. Move over, Adam Smith and all the economics professors in the realm. Michigan is about to repeal the Law of Supply and Demand. Explaining how the last minimum wage increase worked, the Democrats engaged in some verbal sleight-of-hand. Total Michigan employment rose from 4,684,000 in September of 1997 when the \$5.15 rate came in to 4,937,000 in November of 1998, they said. They don't say the minimum wage caused it. But you are supposed to



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leap to that conclusion. Well, the state's economy was exuberant anyway. "A rising tide raises all ships," as the market economists say. "Most evidence indicates there will certainly be job losses," predicted Robert Kleine, vice president and senior economist at Public Sector Consultants in Lansing. Rep. Kwame Kilpatrick, D-Detroit,

says a state wage hike will chiefly help cooks, child care workers and nursing home workers. Their bosses serve a local economy and won't skedaddle to Indiana or Arkansas to beat the minimum wage. Unfortunately, the health care industry isn't exactly prosperous. Health caregivers are under enormous pressure from insurers to hold down costs. A state-enforced wage hike likely could backfire on the workers it's supposed to help. Michigan has tinkered before with governmental help for the poor. Remember when Michigan regulated the daylight hours of Friendly Bob Adams and the small loan companies? Where are the storefront small loan companies today? They're offering loans if you mortgage your house. This problem of raising wages has to be approached gingerly, especially when government is asking someone

else to pay the wages. A compassionate, caring, warm-and-fuzzy government has tried wage floor and price controls for many centuries. At the outset, I mentioned Diocletian (284-313), one of the most powerful Roman emperors. In general history, Diocletian is known for the last and bloodiest persecution of Christians. In economic history, he is known for the first effort to impose price controls on food, military stores and wages. The penalties were death or deportation. Both persecution and price controls were spectacularly unsuccessful. It's touching to witness the House Democrats' effort to enshrine their 1999 Edict of Diocletian in the Michigan Constitution. Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

School reform tops agendas

Remember the old adage about the risks of wishing for something so hard that you actually get it? The current flurry of talk by our leaders about how something has to be done about the schools might turn out to be a case in point. President Clinton got a big hand last week when he used much of the State of the Union speech to propose various ways to improve pupil performance in the public schools. And Gov. John Engler's State of the State speech, set for 7 p.m. Thursday, is aimed directly at failing school districts like Detroit, Michigan's largest district, with 180,000 students. Engler wants legislation passed to empower mayors to toss out elected school boards and replace them with appointed bodies with power to hire executives, shut down persistently bad schools, set curriculum and fire some staff. Engler cited the success achieved by Chicago schools, once dubbed the worst in the nation, where Mayor Richard Daley was given similar power four years ago. The results — improved test scores and graduation rates and a dramatic drop in numbers of "failing" schools — were hailed by U. S. Education Secretary Richard Riley as a "national model" for school improvement. Even Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer last month scolded the 11-member elected Detroit Board of Education, calling for the board to improve things or "get out of the way". For years, Archer has been working behind the scenes to try to get the Detroit school board to quit paying attention to the perks of office (per-meeting fees, drivers and redecorating schemes have been high board priorities) and micromanaging the district by protecting friends and relations on the payroll. Archer ally Bill Beckham, president of New Detroit, also has been quietly putting pressure on the board and is reported to be willing to buy into a Chicago-style reform plan. Predictably, Detroit board members do not appear enthused at the prospect of going gently into that dark night. Member Alonzo Bates, for example, accused Engler of hiding behind Archer in trying to take away the Detroit school system from black people, questioning whether "a person from Beal City" (Engler's hometown) "knows about Detroit schools." I suspect that kind of carping is likely to have had its day. Most folks — including many parents of kids in failing schools — are fed up with all the finger-pointing and foot-dragging. With everybody on board from the president to the governor to the mayor, the train is leaving the station. And the issue for many who are part of the present system is to figure out whether it's



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better to be on the train than on the track. What is not clear to me, at least, is just how merely the act of a school takeover will in itself necessarily improve things in poor schools. At the end of the day, good schools require a limited number of essential things: ■ Good teachers with the ability to manage their classrooms. If a takeover doesn't find a way to get rid of poor teachers and increase the authority of good teachers, it likely won't make much difference. ■ Good principals with the power to run their buildings. A takeover has to be structured so as to allow poor principals to be moved out and to give good principals the authority to manage their buildings, which involves the ability to fire underperforming staff. ■ High standards. Any takeover worth its salt must empower a school district to end social promotion of failing students from grade to grade and to make poor teachers accountable for poor performance by their students. ■ Good measurement. If a takeover doesn't require every pupil to undergo assessment of academic performance, all the high standards in the world will be window dressing. ■ Parental involvement. All the experts are in agreement: Without involved parents, kids are very unlikely to excel in school. Merely taking over a school system doesn't by itself get parents involved. School takeovers as a reform mechanism may turn out to be a good idea. The evidence from Chicago seems impressive. But I'm always suspicious of some idea that gets such wide acceptance and is so easy to propose that it looks like the silver bullet *du jour*. Before we start rushing off to pass legislation to promote school takeovers, we'd better be sure that we have a clear idea of just how they are going to work in practice. Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@oonline.com

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Local reps assigned House committee posts

When Rep. Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, ran for speaker of the Michigan House, he promised to spread around the big jobs. Perricone built up such a head of steam that he forced a Grand Rapids candidate to quit the race.

Last week Perricone announced committee assignments for Republicans, who will hold 58-52 control of the House. Perricone cut the number of committees from 28 to 22 for more focused operations, splitting up the work of the old Judiciary Committee. Many of the new committees are two-pronged, hence the "&" in the name.

Here's how area Republicans fared:

Nancy Cassis, R- Novi - She landed a major plum, chair of Tax Policy. Top item on the GOP agenda this year is paring the 4.4 percent personal income tax to 3.9 over five years. She carried the ball for the GOP when it was the minority party in 1997-8 and is a Perricone favorite. She also has seats on Energy & Technology, Family & Children Services, and Senior Health.

Gerald Law, R-Plymouth - One of the House's senior members, he wasn't term-limited last year because of a break in service. Law will chair the Health Policy Committee. He will have seats on Gaming & Casino Oversight, Insurance & Financial Services, and Family & Civil Law.

Bruce Patterson, R-Canton - The former Wayne County commissioner will be vice chair of Constitutional Law & Ethics. He'll have seats on Tax Policy and Conservation & Outdoor Recreation.

Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills - Riding high in his second term, he's majority floor leader, in effect the traffic cop of the House agenda. He'll chair the House Oversight & Operations Committee, an internal job, and be a member of Employment Relations, Training & Safety and Health Policy.

Laura Toy, R-Livonia - She landed on Appropriations, the budget committee, her first term. She will be vice chair of the capital outlay subcommittee (handling the new Hall of Justice project,



Rep. Gerald Law



Rep. Bruce Patterson



Rep. Laura Toy



Rep. Bob Brown



Rep. Eileen DeHart



Rep. Tom Kelly

among others); vice chair of welfare; and a member of judiciary, handling the court budget. She's a former Schoolcraft College trustee, Livonia council member and city treasurer.

Democrats

Here is how area Democrats fared:

Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights - He survived the Republican tide last Nov. 3 but will have a reduced role: Energy & Technology, Insurance & Financial Services. (He's off Conservation.)

Eileen DeHart, D-Westland - She was speaker pro tem last year and would have been in a position of leadership had Democrats retained the House. Now she'll be on House Oversight & Operations (internally important) and Senior Health, Security & Retirement as minority vice chair.

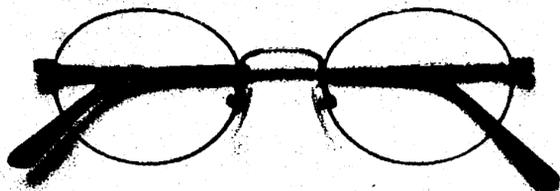
Tom Kelly, D-Wayne - In his third term, he'll stay on Appropriations, the budget committee. Democrats didn't have their subcommittee assignments at press time.

Ruth Ann Jamnick, D-Ypsilanti - Succeeding the prolific Kirk Profit, she's a former township treasurer and landed on Tax Policy and Transportation. Her district includes northern Washtenaw County, bordering South Lyon, and she may face major reapportionment changes.

Madonna University sponsors blood drive

The American Red Cross will be accepting blood donations 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, and 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in Madonna University's Science Wing. Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old. Walk-in donors also are welcome. To make an appointment, call the Office of Student Life at (734) 432-6428.

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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

This angel came dressed as a student

Were you able to discover an angel on your path over the holidays? I was. He stumbled right over me and I immediately knew it. Only he came in the form of a middle schooler. I'll call him Simon.

Simon joined a team of volunteers one morning as we put on a pancake breakfast fund-raiser. It was apparent that he was enveloped in shyness, as maybe many angels are, while he stood against the wall with his head down, wondering what was going to be expected of him.

We began to delegate responsibilities and Simon ended up hanging around Santa, who was seated in his giant red chair graciously receiving munchkins.

It was then that Simon noticed the big glitch. The photographer who was to click pics with a Polaroid had discovered her camera was on the blink. As she rushed out to the store in search of a camera battery, something happened.

Santa called me over and told me that Simon had an idea. I approached him to see him talking a mile a minute. This was not the shy, reclusive Simon who I'd met only a short time ago.

"Ya know," he said, "I've been watching the lady try to get the camera to work and I think I know what's wrong with it."

He obviously didn't think it was a battery problem. With a deep breath and a silent prayer, I allowed Simon to take over as photographer.

If you know Polaroids, those little stinkers have the ability to give you instant gratification or a sense of failure when the picture doesn't turn out, so I had my fingers crossed, knowing that in a minute or two we'd know whether Simon was onto something ... and indeed he was. Pictures were coming out of the camera with clarity and great color. I was delighted; Simon was glowing. If I'm not mistaken, I saw his wings.

I checked back a little later to see if he needed any help gluing the pictures into little cardboard frames. He shot back, "No, I've got everything under control."

I walked away, knowing full well he was right. The rest of the morning moved along flawlessly. Mayors, judges, state representatives, school board and city council members worked the tables literally and figuratively. All of the volunteers helped raise more than \$1,500 for the food bank. We were very pleased with the number of people who joined us for the breakfast to support such a worthy cause.

Out of the corner of my eye, I watched as the little angel worked his magic over in the corner. I heard him comment to someone that he thought he might be a photographer when he grew up. I could certainly see why.

Afterwards, as Simon and I were walking out of the building together, I told him I wouldn't mind giving him a ride home so that I could come to the door and tell his mom what a star he had been.

He liked the idea and added: "Ya know, I think I would like to contribute to the food bank, too. This looks like a good thing. So when we get to my house, I'll give you some money."

What he didn't know was that I was the winner that day as I watched the transformation from a shy, uncomfortable boy to an angel. He earned his wings, and I just hope that nobody ever clips them.

Jacquie Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice.



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Together: Terri Fata takes time to play a game with her 4-year-old daughter, Kristi, before class begins at Holy Trinity Tiny Tots Preschool in Livonia.

Let learning begin in preschool

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Letting go of your child that first time at preschool is a milestone often marking the first steps away from mom and dad.

After a lot of time and research, Kendra and Michael Weiss found a preschool for their daughter, Shelby. But it wasn't easy.

"It's a little gut-wrenching," the Livonia mother said. "As a new mom, you want to make the right decisions."

In September, when Shelby begins attending Holy Trinity Tiny Tots Preschool in Livonia, it will be the first time the Weisses have left her with someone other than family or "very, very close friends," Weiss explained. Shelby will be 3 when she starts school.

"It's up to the parent to research it enough to make sure they'll take care of their child - taking them to the bathroom and understanding their needs," Weiss said.

A one-way glass window that allows parents to observe their children while they are in class without

being detected was a big drawing card for Tiny Tots, she added.

The anxiety that sometimes comes with placing a child in a preschool program is common, especially for parents who are doing it for the first time. In many ways, parents have to make a bigger adjustment to the change than their children.

One of the reasons Terri Fata chose Tiny Tots for her 4-year-old daughter, Kristi, was that she likes the high teacher-child ratio in the classrooms. There are six children to every adult at Tiny Tots, which is a higher ratio than what is required.

The State of Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services Bureau of Regulatory Services mandates child care centers provide one adult for every 10 children in classrooms with 2 1/2-3-year-olds. One adult must be present for every 12 children in classrooms with 4-5-year-olds, according to Joseph Webster, bureau director.

Time to interact

Children have more time to interact with adults when there are more

adults available, explained Barbara Morrison, Tiny Tots director. If there's more time for the children to interact with adults, there's more time for the adults to provide a loving atmosphere.

Fata's anxiety levels about sending Kristi to preschool were lower than other first-time moms, because her older daughter, Nicolette, 6, also attended Tiny Tots. The Westland mom said she looked for programs that concentrated on play time and socialization skills and not so much on the academics.

"It's important to me that there's a lot of caring," Fata added.

Parents who screen preschools sometimes have specific questions and know what they want. Others have an instinctual feeling about the surroundings. Fata, for instance, said that as soon as she walked into Tiny Tots, she immediately liked the atmosphere and the teachers.

Michelle Mullins, director of Beginners Inn in Canton, recommends that parents look for cleanliness in the schools. And be sure the teachers can relate well with the children.

"I have found that teachers can have all the degrees in the world, but if they can't key down to the children, they won't have their interest," Mullins said. "If they can't be at the children's level, the children aren't going to benefit."

An open-door policy also lets parents know that the preschool has nothing to hide and seeing the same teachers and aides on a regular basis makes everyone feel more at ease, Morrison added.

"There's a secure feeling that a child has when they're in the same routine and environment every day," Morrison said. "There's familiar faces they look forward to each time they say good-bye to mom. If there is a lot of turnover (among staff), that would be a red flag for parents."

Evaluating programs

Parents should also evaluate whether the program focuses on socialization and kindergarten readiness skills and which area they want to emphasize, according to Dr. Bess Kypros, Madonna University director

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Guides for finding the right program



The National Association for the Education of Young Children recommends visiting several different preschools in your area to determine what kind of programs are available.

And first impressions are important, according to Parent Soup Education Central. Look for ample amounts of active learning, such as outdoor playing games as well as quiet learning, such as reading stories or doing puzzles.

Here's a checklist of some of the questions that

group recommends asking caregivers:

- Do children receive the individual attention, warmth and understanding that you would like for your child?
- Are the children happy and playing with each other? Do they talk to each other and to adults?
- Do caregivers recognize when a child is sad or upset or excited? Do they refrain from embarrassing any child?
- Is discipline handled in a positive way?
- Do the caregivers participate in training opportunities in child care/child development?

- Are the indoor and outdoor spaces for children safe and free of hazards? Look for things like protected stairways and windows, safety caps on electrical outlets and a fenced-in outdoor space that is free of debris.
- Are heavy pieces of furniture, such as storage shelves and bookcases, secure and stable so that they cannot tip over?
- Are toys and equipment clean and in good repair?
- Are there written procedures for securing

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Preschools offer parents plenty of choices

Preschools come in all shapes and sizes, so to speak, and can be found through western Wayne County.

Many are cooperatives and depend on parents to operate. Some are affiliated with established schools and others are based in centers that also offer day care.

Preschools which responded the Observer's request for information include:

■ **Westland Free Methodist Preschool**, 1431 S. Veney, Westland, (734) 729-8558.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. September-May for the program for 3-5-year-olds. A developmental preschool, there are morning - 9:15-11:30 a.m. - and afternoon - 12:30-2:45 p.m. - classes on Monday and Wednesday and Tuesday and Thursday.

There also is a \$30 non-refundable enrollment fee, tuition is \$495.

■ **Garden City Co-op Nursery School**, 1841 Middlebelt, Garden City, (734) 261-2838.

The program is for children ages 18 months to 5 years. Tot classes meet Wednesday mornings, 3-year-old class meets on Monday and Thursday morning and the 4-year-old class meets on Monday and Thursday afternoon. Established in 1955 by a group of parents, the preschool exposes children to a wide range of educational experiences, build self-esteem in a safe, non-competitive environment. There is an \$11.75 security deposit and tuition \$23.50 per month for tots, \$18.25 security deposit and tuition \$36.50 per month for 3-4-year-olds.

■ **McKinley Cooperative Preschool**, 6500 N.

Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 729-7222.

Parent-tot program is offered 9:15-10:45 a.m. or 11 a.m. to noon Fridays; the cost is \$20. The 3-year-old program is offered 9:15-11:15 a.m. or 12:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; cost is \$35 per month. The 4-year-old program is offered 9:15-11:15 a.m. or 12:30-2:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; cost is \$35 with an optional day (12:30-2:30 Friday), geared more to kindergarten readiness, available for an additional \$15 per month. The preschool operates with the involvement of parents, helping during class and holding a "job" (purchaser, newsletter editor/contributor, etc.).

■ **YWCA - Garden City Head Start**, 27500

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Marquette, Garden City, (734) 435-0069.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday and 12:15-3:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday for children ages 3 and 4 by Dec. 1. The federally funded preschool program is for children from low-income families, children with disabilities and children in foster care who live in Garden City.

■ **Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, (734) 421-6189.**

Hours are 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday September through May. Classes have one teacher, one teacher's aide and four adults. Class sizes are 12 children for 2-year-old program (parents attend each class), 18 children for 3-year-old class and 21 children for 4-year-old class. There is a \$20 registration fee, \$2 application fee and \$21 (age 2), \$35 (age 3) and \$48 (age 4) monthly fees. An open house will be held 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 31.

■ **St. Paul's Preschool, St.**

Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 422-1470.

Classes for 4-year-olds are 9:15-11:45 a.m. or 12:15-2:45 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 9:15-11:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday for 3-year-olds. A 3-4-year-old class is 12:15-2:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday (children must be 3 years old by Dec. 1 of the current year or age 4 between July 1 and Dec. 1 of the current year and previously enrolled in a preschool program). There is a \$25 nonrefundable enrollment fee required at registration and an annual \$25 special programs fee.

The preschool is a ministry to young children and encourages growth in the physical, emotional, intellectual, social and spiritual areas. There is a maximum of 20 children per class.

■ **Holy Trinity Tiny Tots Preschool, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-0211.**

An open house will be held 3:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. Registration for 3- and 4-year-

old children for the 1999-2000 school year will be 9 a.m. to noon Monday, March 1.

■ **Livonia Montessori Center, 32768 Lyndon, Livonia, (734) 427-8855.**

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday during the school year for children ages 2-6. The school offers half day Montessori classes, supplemented by full before and after day care. Instruction includes French and music, with field trips and special events.

■ **Building Blocks Preschool, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 421-7359.**

Classes for 2-5-year-olds are offered Monday-Friday. There is a maximum of 6 children to 1 adult ratio and class sizes are limited to 24 children with three teachers and a parent helper at each session. A parent/toddler creative play experience is also available. Fees are \$50-85 per month, depending on the class.

■ **Henry Clay Preschool Cooperative Inc., 33901 Curtis, Livonia, (734) 782-7824.**

Accredited with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the preschool has morning sessions - 9-11 a.m. - and afternoon sessions - 12:45-2:45 p.m. - Tuesday and Thursday for 3-year-olds and Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 4-year-olds. Each 3-year-old class has a capacity for 12 students and student to teacher/parent ratio is 4:1. Each 4-year-old class has a capacity of 15 students per class and the student to teacher/parent ratio is 5:1. There are planned age-appropriate learning activities and materials, nutritious snacks and parent involvement. The enrollment fee is \$30 per child.

■ **Mother Hubbard Nurs-**

ery School, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia, (734) 421-8457.

Hours are 9:15-11:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday for 4-year-olds and 9:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday for 3-year-olds. Class size is limited to 22 students for 4-year-old program and 18 student for 3-year-old program. Program includes science, art, mathematics, large and small muscle centers, indoor and outdoor play and snacks. The school is currently accepting applications for the 1999-2000 school year. An open house will be held 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15.

■ **Kids Stop, 36075 Seven Mile, Livonia, (248) 474-0001.**

Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for children ages 1-8. The center offers an educational program, small group sizes and meals. The enrollment fee is \$30.

■ **Christ Our Savior Early Childhood, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, (734) 513-8413.**

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for children age 18 months to 8 years. Full and half-day toddler care for 18 months-3-year-olds is available Monday-Friday, preschool (mixed age classes and must be toilet-trained) 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday for children ages 3-5 and day care 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for toddlers and preschoolers (children enrolled in day care attend preschool in the mornings). A kindergarten program will be offered in the fall.

The Christian program (religion is taught) helps children learn and provides lots of hands-on experience. There is a \$35 nonrefundable registration fee

and \$40 nonrefundable materials fee. Toddler fees are \$32 per day or \$17 per half day, weekly preschool fees are \$180 per month (five days), \$144 (four days), \$108 (three days) and \$72 (two days). Day care fees are \$123.75 per week, \$27.50 per full day, \$15 per half day and \$3.50 per hour drop-in rate.

■ **Livonia Cooperative Nursery, 9601 W. Chicago, Livonia, (734) 266-8185.**

Children experience the joy of learning with parents at this parent cooperative. Openings are available for 3-4-year-olds.

■ **Peace Lutheran Preschool, 9415 Merriman, Livonia, (734) 422-6990.**

Hours are 8:20 a.m. to noon three days a week. The program for 4-year-olds - maximum of 12 children - focuses on learning through play. Children learn academics to prepare for kindergarten. Registration fee is \$55. The monthly fee is \$100.

■ **Children's World Learning Center, 38880 W. Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 591-2063.**

Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for children ages 1-12. The centers recently introduced an enhanced preschool program for 2-3-year-olds, called Pathways Preschool. It uses the DLM Early Childhood Program curriculum from McGraw-Hill and addresses the physical, intellectual, emotional and social aspects of young children to provide a solid foundation for future academic success and lifelong skills. Tuition is \$129 per week.

■ **Learning Tree Child Care Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia, (734) 525-5767.**

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday for children ages 6 weeks to 13. Nationally accredited, the center offers a school atmosphere with separate classrooms, large, enclosed playgrounds, before and after school program with transportation, low child-staff ratio and all-inclusive no additional fees for home-cooked meals, field trips or transportation. Enrollment fee is \$45.

■ **Kindermusik at Village Music, 130 E. Liberty, Plymouth, (734) 354-9825.**

Kindermusik is a family-oriented educational experience of singing, movement, social and listening skills and more. Classes (45 minutes to one hour one day per week) are available for newborns through children age 7. Tuition ranges from \$110 to \$135 plus material fees.

■ **Plymouth-Canton Montessori, 45245 Joy Road, Canton, (734) 459-1550.**

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday year-round for children ages 2-6. The school offers a Montessori preschool with full day care. Instruction includes French and music, with field trips and in-house programs as extras.

■ **Academic Gardens, 104 N. Main St., Plymouth, (734) 453-7744.**

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday with structured preschool programs 8:30-11:30 a.m. daily for 3- and 4-year-olds, kindergarten and beginner-garden. Parents can choose from two-five-day programs. Saturday family field trips and family meetings are optional. Registration fee is \$50 plus a deposit of one week's tuition.

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:

- REMOVAL OF USED OIL FILTERS
- REMOVAL OF USED MOTOR OIL, TRANSMISSION FLUID, HYDRAULIC OIL AND ANTI-FREEZE
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER MAINTENANCE
- CARPETING FOR 21ST DISTRICT COURT
- PAINTING OF COURT OFFICES
- OFFICE FURNITURE FOR 21ST DISTRICT COURT

Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the name(s) of item(s).

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk Treasurer

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, February 2, 1999, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M. 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. |
|------|-------|----------------|----------|-------------------|
| 88 | Buick | 4 Dr. Century | White | 1G4AL19X5GD435452 |
| 86 | Ford | Ranger P.U. | Blue | 1FTCR10A8FUA41513 |
| 87 | Ford | 2 Dr. Escort | Blue | 1FAPP219XHW326440 |
| 96 | Ford | Aerostar Van | Blk/Gray | 1FMCA11U1GZB25883 |
| 88 | Ford | 4 Dr. Tempo | Black | 2FAPP36X8JB240967 |
| 78 | Chevy | Van | Brown | CGU168U224849 |
| 85 | Dodge | Daytona 2 Dr. | Gray | 1B3BA64E2FQ311851 |
| 86 | Olds | Toronado 2 Dr. | White | 1G8E257Y0FE307782 |

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 A.M. 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:

| | | | | |
|----|----------|------------------|--------|-------------------|
| 88 | Ford | 2 Dr. Mustang | Red | 1FABP28A0G4280027 |
| 89 | Buick | 2 Dr. Regal | Blue | 2G4WD14W1K1405385 |
| 88 | Renault | 2 Dr. Alliance | Silver | 1XMAC9630GK143915 |
| 88 | Chrysler | 4 Dr. New Yorker | Gold | 2C3BF66P8DR107263 |

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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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. NO. 2 - 1/19/99

- Presiding: Council President Cicirelli
Present: Anderson, Barnes, Griffin, LeBlanc, Pickering, Scott
- Presentation of Honorable Mention certificates for 1998 Christmas Decorating Contest
 - Presentation of Plaques to Winners of Christmas Decorating Contest: 3rd M & K Porter, 2nd D Biseland, 1st J Siepierski
 - 7: Approved: minutes of regular mtg. held 1/4/99
 - 8: Adopted Budget Amendment 99-11 CWW Youth Asst. Grant, amt \$6,280
 - 9: Adopted Budget Amendment 99-12 Purchase Police Vehicles \$28,988
 - 10: Approved closed study session 2/1/99, 6:00 pm, to discuss property acquisition
 - 11: Approved Board of Review dates & times
 - 12: Approved Traffic Control Signs: 58-22 Installation of STOP sign on SB Gary at Lonnie, 98-23 Remove NO LEFT TURN sign on Oakwood W. of Wayne, 98-24 Remove NO TURN ON RED sign EB Marquette at Wayne
 - 13: Approved Bid - Observer & Eccentric Newspaper, bid price \$6,300/col. Inch legal ads
 - 14: Approved Bid - Extend contract sidewalk program with Mattioli Cement thru 6/30/2000
 - 15: Approved Bid - Extend contract repairs with Hard Rock Concrete thru 6/30/2000
 - 16: Approved Purchase - Red Holman Pontiac water tap truck \$69,822
 - 17: Approved Rejection & Re-Bid - Annapolis/Inkster Pump Station Electrical work
 - 18: Approved amendment of Administrative Fees for non-residents Municipal Golf Course
 - 19: Approved set Public Hearing 3/1/99, 7:00 pm to vacate sanitary & water easement on parcels 065-99-0001-012 & -013
 - 20: Granted request from M Wilson to split lots #393 & #402 of Wayne Highlands Sub #4
 - 21: Granted request from B Amann to rezone from commercial business district to single family residential Pratt Farm Sub
 - 22: Granted request from G Shaw to rezone from single family residential to light industrial S 200 #025-99-0027, -0028-000, & S 250 #025-99-0005-706
 - 23: Granted request from T North to rezone from commercial business district to vehicle service district #036-99-0009-001
 - 24: Granted Site Plan Approval auto storage lot #036-99-0009-001
 - 25: Granted Special Land Use for convenience store #068-99-0011-000
 - 26: Granted Site Plan Approval renovation Total Service Station #058 99 0011 000
 - 27: Granted Special Land Use Coney Island Restaurant 7255 Nankin Blvd
 - 28: Approved Check List #90,182.90 & Prepaid #1,055,673.58
- Mtg. adjourned at 8:32 pm
Minutes available in City Clerk's office

SANDRA A. CICIRELLI
Council President

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS
City Clerk

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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL RECORD OF ATTENDANCE 1-1-98 THROUGH 12-31-98

Pursuant to City of Westland Council Resolution No. 8-85-441, the following record of attendance of Council Members at regular and special meetings is published.

| Councilperson | Number of Meetings | Meetings Attended | Percentage |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Glenn S. Anderson | 24 | 24 | 100% |
| Justine Barnes | 24 | 22 | 92% |
| Sandra A. Cicirelli | 24 | 24 | 100% |
| Charles "Trav" Griffin | 24 | 21 | 88% |
| Richard LeBlanc | 24 | 24 | 100% |
| Charles W. Pickering | 24 | 23 | 96% |
| Sharon P. Scott | 24 | 21 | 88% |

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS
Westland City Clerk

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 11, 1999 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent none.

Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Bettis, City Attorney Salomone, and Fire Chief Hines. The Mayor announced it was time for Public Discussion for items not on the agenda.

There were no comments from the public.

◆ **Item 01-99-008** moved by Lynch; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of January 4, 1999. AYES: Unanimous

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

1. Resolutions:
 - a. Essential Service Vehicles
 - b. DPS Workers
 - c. Police Dispatchers & Supervisor
 - d. Holiday Meals
2. Emergency Ordinance.
3. Fire Department - Furnace Repair.

◆ **Item 1-99-009** moved by Briscoe; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: WHEREAS, the City of Garden City recognizes and appreciates the Department of Public Service employees for their work during the snowstorm and aftermath of January 2, 1999 and hereby pays tribute to those individuals who contributed their extra time, talents and experiences for the benefit of the community; and WHEREAS, the City of Garden City Municipal Government would not be able to operate and provide the many public services and programs if it weren't for the service of its Department of Public Service employees; and WHEREAS, their efforts were above and beyond the call of duty; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Council of the City of Garden City recognizes and hereby extends its official appreciation to the staff and management of the Department of Public Services; and
2. Fully supports the work ethic and spirit of public service to the community, and recognizes the tremendous value received from employees who contribute their efforts on behalf of our community; and
3. Acknowledges, recognizes, and pays tribute to all the employees who supply their contributions and went the extra mile for the citizens of the City of Garden City, Michigan; and
4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to present a copy of this official Resolution at a Regular Council Meeting and forward a copy of this resolution to the Department of Public Service offices, and to post this official resolution in a conspicuous place so as to acknowledge our sincere thanks. AYES: Unanimous

◆ **Item 01-99-010** moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: WHEREAS, the City of Garden City recognizes and appreciates the Police Department employees for their work during the snowstorm and aftermath of January 2, 1999 and hereby pays tribute to those individuals who contributed their extra time, talents and experiences for the benefit of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garden City Municipal Government would not be able to operate and provide the many public services and programs if it weren't for the service of its Police Department; and WHEREAS, their efforts were above and beyond the call of duty; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Council of the City of Garden City recognizes and hereby extends its official appreciation to the staff and management of the Police Department; and
2. Fully supports the work ethic and spirit of public service to the community, and recognizes the tremendous value received from employees who contribute their efforts on behalf of our community; and
3. Acknowledges, recognizes, and pays tribute to all the employees who supply their contributions and went the extra mile for the citizens of the City of Garden City, Michigan; and

4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to present a copy of this official Resolution at a Regular Council Meeting and forward a copy of this resolution to the Police Department offices, and to post this official resolution in a conspicuous place so as to acknowledge our sincere thanks. AYES: Unanimous

◆ **Item 01-99-011** moved by Dodge; supported by Briscoe: Council was requested to include the Rotary Club and also stated if other organizations were missed and want to be included, to call and they would be included in the resolution.

RESOLVED: WHEREAS, the City of Garden City recognizes and appreciates the works and contributions of the United Needy Family's Fund, Mayor's Underprivileged Children's Fund, Goodfellows, Vic's Diner, Garden City Knights of Columbus #4513, Kiwanis Club of Garden City, American Legion Riders, Rotary Club of Garden City, and other businesses and organizations within the community too numerous to mention, and WHEREAS, the City of Garden City hereby pays tribute to those businesses, organizations and individuals who contributed their time, talents and experiences for the benefit of the community during the 1998 Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garden City Municipal Government would not be able to operate and provide the many public services

1. The City Council of the City of Garden City recognizes and hereby officially extends its thanks and recognition to the United Needy Family's Fund, Mayor's Underprivileged Children's Fund, Goodfellows, Vic's Diner, Garden City Knights of Columbus #4513, Kiwanis Club of Garden City, American Legion Riders, Rotary Club of Garden City, and those other businesses, organizations and individuals; and

2. Fully supports the cause, sense of community, and spirit of these many businesses, organizations and volunteers; and

3. Acknowledges, recognizes, and pays tribute to all the businesses, organizations and volunteers who supply their contributions to the community; and

4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to post this official resolution in a conspicuous place and send a copy to those named organizations so as to acknowledge our sincere thanks. AYES: Unanimous

◆ **Item 01-99-012** moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: Council was informed that this was for a gas forced air furnace. RESOLVED: To adopt Emergency Ordinance E 99-001 under the provisions of Section 6.03E of the City Charter for the following reasons:

1. A danger exists involving the furnace in the Fire Department.
2. The condition requires immediate attention.
3. The normal procurement process could exceed three (3) weeks.
4. The protection of employees and property is the issue at stake. It is essential to the health and safety of the City that immediate action be taken. Said Emergency Ordinance shall read as follows:

Section 1. Waiver of purchasing requirements for acquiring furnace equipment and service.

The public notice requirements of Section 10.04 of the City Code for bids are hereby waived. AYES: Unanimous

◆ **Item 01-99-013** moved by Dodge; supported by Kaledas: Council was informed that two units will be replaced by one and that D&G's quote did indicate they will be taking out the debris. RESOLVED: To award the bid to D&G Heating and Cooling for Fire Department heater repairs at a cost not to exceed \$8,200.00. AYES: Unanimous

◆ **Item 01-99-014** moved by Dodge; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To go into closed session to consider the City Attorney's opinion. AYES: Unanimous

The Council returned from closed session and the following motion was offered.

◆ **Item 01-99-015** moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: That the City of Garden City retain the services of attorney William DeBiasi, 24825 Eureka, Taylor, Michigan 48180, for the purpose of investigating a complaint submitted by the City Manager. Mr. DeBiasi will be paid one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars per hour for his services, together with reimbursement for any out-of-pocket costs he incurs. AYES: Unanimous

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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St. Vincent De Paul holds annual 99-cent coat sale

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul will once again offer the largest nonprofit coat sale in the Detroit metropolitan area Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 2-3.

Every brand name and type of coat imaginable will be sold at 99 cents, beginning at 9 a.m., at the society's 17 locations throughout the area, including Allen Park, Melvindale and Highland Park.

"The coats are inspected and clean," said Lisa Wozniak, director of store operations. "Some look like they have never been

worn. This is a fantastic opportunity for families with children and teenagers."

According to Wozniak, for every coat selected, five are set aside and shipped overseas to third world countries.

Proceeds help fund the society's summer camps for children, food depots, emergency relief, employment and scholarship programs.

For more information, call the Society of St. Vincent De Paul at (877) ST VINCENT.

Temple Baptist offers concerts, conferences, Vox Cafe

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You could say "the joint is jumpin'" when talking about upcoming events at Temple Baptist Church. Friday night's performance by Bryan Duncan is just the start of what will be a busy few months at the Plymouth Township church.

This is the fourth time Duncan has performed at Temple Baptist. His last was with Crystal Lewis and Anointed as part of the Big Voice Tour. He will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the church, 49555 N. Territorial Road.

"Bryan has the sweetest voice," said Wayne Kurtycz, who does singles and outreach events at the church. "He has a very soulful style and is a very accomplished artist with lots of hits and awards."

A founding member of the '70s

"Jesus Music" group Sweet Comfort Band, Duncan became a mainstay on contemporary Christian radio's pioneer stations with his unique vocal styling.

When the group disbanded in 1984, he established himself as one of Christian music's most talented vocalists, releasing nine solo projects that have yielded more than a dozen number one hits. His 10th solo project is "Blue Skies" on Myrrh.

He has captured six Dove Award nominations - Male Vocalist of the Year in 1994, 1995 and 1996, Contemporary Album of the Year and Recorded Music Packaging of the Year, both in 1995 for "Slow Revival." He also was Christian Research Report's Male Vocalist of the Year and Album of the Year ("Mercy") in 1993.

Coming to town on Saturday, Feb. 13, will be Mark Lowry and



Bryan Duncan

Anthony Burger for a 7 p.m. concert at Temple. Kurtycz describes Lowry as the premier Christian comedian, while Burger is "the foremost piano player." "He has amazing talent," said Kurtycz of Burger. "You can't sit down when he's done. You want to stand up and applaud the guy.



Mark Lowry

His fingers are on fire."

A young start

Lowry got his break at age 10 while on a family vacation in Nashville during the National Quartet Convention. A friend arranged a spot on a show for him and after singing one song,

he landed a recording contract. He went on to record two albums, including one backed by the London Symphony Orchestra.

In 1988, he landed a spot on the Christian Artists Music Seminar in Estes Park, Colo., where Bill Gaither and representatives of Word Records saw his performance and each made him an offer. He accepted both.

He joined the Gaither Vocal Band and signed a solo recording contract with Word. His Word debut, "For The First Time on Planet Earth," was released in 1988.

"He's been here at Temple as a solo act and with Bill Gaither," said Kurtycz. "He's the premier Christian comedian and extremely funny."

Tickets for the two concerts can be purchased by credit card by calling Tickets Plus at (800) 585-3737 or at 9:30 and 11:15

a.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Temple Baptist Bookstore in the church, North Territorial Road west of Ridge Road.

Also coming in February is Elisabeth Elliott who will conduct a seminar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the church. One of Christendom's most able and articulate writers, Elliott will talk about the omnipotence of love in her seminar for both men and women.

Married three times and widowed twice, Elliott is the author of "Liberty of Obedience," "How to Overcome Loneliness," "Quest for Love" and "The Mark of a Man."

"Any time she comes to town, it's a big thing" said Kurtycz. "She's a successful author and speaker. Many people know her name because of her late hus-

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NEW VOICES

Donald French Jr. and Katie Dest of Wayne announce the birth of Dylan Robert Sept. 30 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Paul and Debra Dest of Westland, Roberta Leadbetter of Canton and Donald French of Wayne.

Joshua and Amy Begarowicz of Belleville announce the birth of Mariah Felicity Oct. 6 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Joshua Ray, 1, and a sister, Lea Nicole, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Matt and Pat Porter and Don and Cindy Begarowicz, all of Westland.

David and Christine Deets of Bartlett, Ill., announce the birth of Breanna Lauren May 4 at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, Ill. Grandparents are Kosta and Anna Vasiloff of Westland and Ronald and Emily deets of Manitowoc, Wis. Great-grandmothers are Mary Vasiloff of Harrow, Ontario, Canada, and Goldi Deets of Kellnersville, Wis.

Jason and Nikki Saal of Chesapeake, Va., formerly of Westland, announce the birth of Madison Taylor Aug. 27 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Dave and Kathy Nagel of Westland and Bob and Lynne Saal of Sterling Heights. Great-grandmothers are Della Zebrowski of Bad Axe, Mich., and Helen Merta of Trenton.

Rachel Kirby of Westland announces the birth of Alexys Raquel Oct. 8 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Robert and Sandy Kirby and Pamela Marsh, all of Dearborn.

Jeff and Kellie Arnold announce the birth of Jason Gary Oct. 2 at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. He joins a brother, Kyle, 2. Grandparents are Larry and Joyce Arnold and Gary and Geri Silver, all of Canton.

Jeff and Carrie Lewis of Wayne announce the birth of Breanna Lynn Oct. 9 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two brothers, Brandon, 4, and Brody, 2. Grandparents are Mary Lou Walker, Curt Walker, Mary Lewis and Barry Lewis, all of Westland.

Ben and Diane Porritt of Plymouth announce the births of Sierra Joy and Mariah Kim Oct. 30 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. They join sisters Brianna Jill, 6, and Kayleigh Joan, 1. Grandparents are Douglas and Ann Harvey of Rockford and Anna Porritt of Alto, Mich.

Frank and Suzanne Celeskey of Livonia announce the birth of Aaron Christian-Michael Oct. 11 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He joins a brother, Ryan, 15, and a sister, Lauren, 11. Grandparents are Al and Jean Meredith of Northville and Muriel Celeskey of Dearborn. Great-grandmother is Derna Zeppa of Redford.

Travis Merritt Sr. and Stacie Smith of Westland announce the births of Lyla Marie and Lucas Orion Merritt Oct. 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. They join a brother, Travis Jr., 16 months. Grandparents are Keith and Sandy Merritt of Maysville, Ky., and Judy Hayward of Westland.

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of child development/early childhood education. Preschool is the foundation of what will happen in first grade and throughout the child's education.

"We firmly believe in well-prepared child care providers," Kypros said. "There are some places that hire people right off the street."

Other preschools require their teachers have educational backgrounds. Kypros also recommends that parents look for toys and activities that will grab the children's attention and stimulate their minds.

"The public is beginning to find out about brain development," Kypros said. "There's nothing that will substitute for interaction between an adult and a child. I'm sorry our country pays child care so little."

Kypros said that if she were looking for a preschool she would find a program that fosters growth and development of children while they work and play.

Children should be given choices at play centers. The program, she said, should include a small group time, time for the child to play alone and only a few big group settings.

"The focus I see is teaching the child language skills, social skills and how to understand their world," Kypros said. "The staff should be planning for the children, allowing them to solve their own problems and have lots of open-ended questions."

Parents should also make sure the adults in the classroom enjoy being with children and that they're not socializing among

themselves. "You can see when the staff really enjoys the children," she said. "You can quickly see the equipment and you can quickly see the building, but I think you have to spend a little more time to observe the staff. You can see the difference between someone off the street and someone who is trained."

Also, the preschool staff should be aware of the student's family. This is especially important if there is a family crisis and emo-

tional support is needed.

While money and logistics are often some of the top concerns when choosing a preschool, Kypros warns parents to be leery about bargain tuition rates.

"If you think you're saving money by going to a cheaper one, I don't think you always are in the long run," she said.

And, she warns, try not to rate your child's preschool based on the type of projects that are brought home.

"Parents love these little art projects and they think they're

getting their money's worth," she said.

Kypros read from a poem about preschoolers to emphasize that point: "I bring something home every day. Sometimes, it is in my hands, sometimes, it is in my head, and sometimes, it is in my heart."

"Teachers develop things in a child's head, sometimes in their hearts and sometimes in their hands," Kypros added.

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background checks on new caregivers?

■ Is there an adult responsible for receiving children when they arrive each day?

■ Will your child be released to another person only if you have given written permission?

■ Do you hear adults in the program giving praise and encouragement to children to

enhance their self-confidence?

■ Do the care givers help the children learn from a variety of activities?

■ Can children reach the toilet and sink easily and safely?

■ Will the caregiver provide you with information on a regular basis about your child's activities and progress?

■ Were you encouraged to visit and observe the program at

any time while your child is participating?

Parent Soup Education Center can be found online at www.parentsoup.com and the NAEYC can be found online at www.childsdays.com.

For resources from the NAEYC write: NAEYC, 1509 16th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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) 221-5353 or Rose at (734) 221-4444.

COFFEE HOURS

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers has scheduled coffee hours in Westland 8:30-10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at Bakers Square Restaurant, 36101 Warren Road. All constituents of the 13th Congressional District are encouraged to drop by, have a cup of coffee and discuss their concerns. For more information, call Rivers' district office at (734) 485-3741.

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.

RAILROADIANA

Buy and swap toys and trains from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 7 at Sts. Simon and Jude Church at 32500 Palmer Road in Westland. To register for tables, call Norm at (734) 595-8327 between 5 and 11 p.m. Preregistered tables are \$12, tables at the door if available are \$20. Admission is \$2 a person or \$4 a family.

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 sign-up 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

ASSISTED LIVING

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

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, north-west 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 Stotlemeyer 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) 595-2660.

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) 728-3569.

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 26279 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.



Begins new term: State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, was sworn in to a second four-year term during a special ceremony last week in Lansing. Bennett also represents Westland. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Maura Corrigan (left) administers the oath to Bennett, while Bennett's wife, Terry, (right) looks on.

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, 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 new 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) 722-1632.

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. M153 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 Westland 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.

RATIONAL RECOVERY

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

CHILDBIRTH CLASSES

Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns, weekend childbirth instruction, a "refresher" childbirth education course. Call 458-4330.

CHILDBIRTH ASSOCIATION

Classes for childbirth preparation are offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes available. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Caesarean preparation also offered. Call 459-7477.

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Event: _____

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Telephone: _____

Additional info.: _____

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS



Hayes-Wyniarsky

Christine Mariah Wyniarsky and Benjamin David Hayes were married Oct. 9 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Catholic Church. The Rev. John Lazar officiated. The bride is the daughter of George and Patricia Wyniarsky of Westland. The groom is the son of Kathleen Hayes of Westland and Lennis Hayes of Fen-ton.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and a 1996 graduate of Henry Ford Community College. She is currently enrolled at Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Childtime Children's Center and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The groom is a 1993 graduate of John Glenn High School. He is employed by Santeau Vaults Inc. in Livonia.

The bride asked Cindy Koslowski to serve as her maid of honor with Amy Marcoe and Barbara Wyniarsky as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Robert Swarouth to serve as best man with Sammie Hicks and Andrew Szorny as groomsmen. The couple received guests at

the Hawthorne Valley Country Club before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. They are making their home in Wayne.

Keller-Thomas

Robert and Mary Jo Keller of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Louise, to Matthew James Thomas, the son of Larry and Donna Thomas of Westland. The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, a 1994 graduate of Missouri Valley College with a bachelor of science degree and a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University with a master's degree. She expects to earn an educa-

tional specialist degree from Oakland University in August 1999. She is employed as an elementary instructor in West Bloomfield.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. He is employed as an attorney with Jenner and Block of Chicago, Ill.

A July wedding is planned at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church.



Partain-Monan

Mr. and Mrs. John Partain of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Leigh, to Michael Patrick Monan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Monan of Batavia, Ill. The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of fine arts degree.

She is employed by Museum Works in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lumen Christi High School, a 1995 and 1997 graduate of the University Michigan with a bachelor of science degree and master of science degree in computer engineering respectively. He is employed at Diamond Bullet Design of Ann Arbor.

An October wedding is planned.

Smalley-Cervantes

Bruce and Mary Ellen Marti of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Lynn Smalley, to Rudy David Cervantes, the son of Rudy and Louella Cervantes of Canton. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Trenton High School, Western Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in biomedical science and Madonna

University with bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is employed by St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor as a registered nurse.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force. He is employed by Ford Motor Co.

An August wedding is planned in St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.



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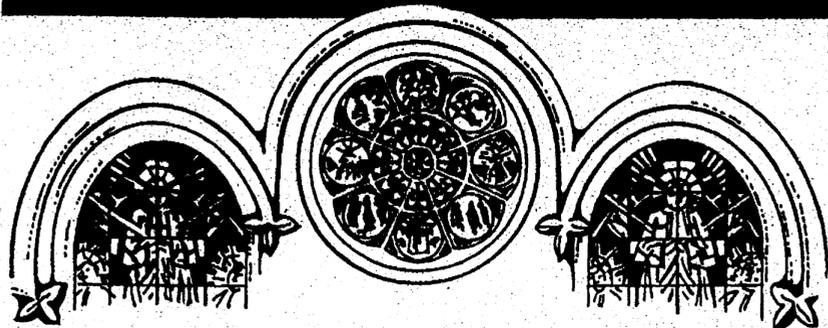
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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Edith Parish will have a Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, in the church hall, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to make a blood donation appointment, call the Christian Service Office at (734) 464-2027.

MARTIAL ARTS

Registration will be 6:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at Calvary Missionary Church, 29850 W. Six Mile, Livonia, for the Full Force Ministries' Champion Martial Arts Program. The program will be 7 p.m. Monday and Friday, beginning Feb. 1. A one-month, two-day-a-week trial membership is \$30 for beginners. Family discounts are available.

The program has a motto of "helping others to reach their full potential and to be the best that they can be for God, themselves and others." Students learn the eight principles of Black Belt: honesty, humility, loyalty, forgiveness, courtesy, self-control, courage and perseverance.

For more information, call Full Force Ministries at (313) 581-

9799.

SUPPORT GROUP

A new support group for caregivers of persons with dementia-related diseases will meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Mondays of the month, beginning Monday, Feb. 1, in Room C-317 of Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township. The group will meet for eight weeks.

A support group for people and/or family members facing terminal illness will meet 10 a.m. to noon the second and fourth Mondays for the month for eight weeks, beginning Feb. 8, also in Room C-317 of the church.

No registration is necessary. For more information about the programs, call (248) 374-5904.

WOMEN OF REDFORD

The Women of Redford at Redford Baptist Church is offering two Bible study groups, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 2, in the parlor of the church, 25295 Grand River, Redford. One group meets at 10 a.m. the other at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month. The subject will be the Book of Romans, and Rene Langley will be the leader. For more information, call the church office at (313) 533-2300.

WEIGH DOWN

The Livonia Church of Christ will begin a new session of the

Weigh Down Workshop 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the church, 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia. During the 12-week session, participants learn to follow the natural internal hunger God has created and replacing their devotion to the refrigerator with a life-changing love for God. The fee is \$103 for the workshop. To register, call the church office at (734) 427-8743.

NEW BEGINNING

Mary Hickey will discuss the "Physical Aspects of Grief" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Feb. 5-7 and March 19-21 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and

Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or at www.rc.net/detroit/wwme.

LAS VEGAS NIGHTS

St. Edith Church will have Las Vegas Nights 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Admission will be \$1 and maximum payout will be \$500. Proceeds will go to the church's general fund. For more information, call (734) 464-1222.

St. Theodore Church's Men's Club and Confraternity of Christian Women will have a Las Vegas Night 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Parish Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Admission will be \$2. There will be a 50/50 drawing every hour and beer, wine food and refreshments for a nominal charge. For more information, call (734) 425-4421.

St. Genevieve Catholic Church will have a Vegas Night 6 p.m. to midnight and Bingo 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, as part of its annual Parish Festival. The maximum payout will be \$500, and proceeds will go to the parish's general fund. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-5220.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will host a concert by Glad 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, in the sanctuary of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township. The group

has sold more than 1.4 million albums in two decades. The band's music is an unusual mixture of pop, adult contemporary and jazz-flavored styles. The concert is free, but a free will offering will be taken. Free child care will be provided during the concert.

Its 1999 Winter Divorce Recovery Workshop, for any divorced or separated person, will be 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11-March 25, in Knox Hall. The workshop will be led by the Rev. Paul Clough, minister of single adults at Ward. The cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, or \$15 for those who are repeating the program. Free child care for children infants through age sixth grade. For more information, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-5920.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United Metro Detroit-West will have its International Student Day carry-in casserole luncheon 12:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. International students will speak to participants about their homelands. There also will be speakers from Starfish Family Services and the women's group which provides Love Packs for displaced children. Participants should bring a casserole to feed three people and paper products for the First Step program. For reservations and child care, call Bonnie June Legge at (734) 464-7727 by Feb. 2.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

The United Methodist Men of the First United Methodist Church in Wayne will host a roast beef dinner 5-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, in the fellowship hall of the church, 3 Town Square. Cost will be \$6 for adults, \$2.50 for children and \$15 for a family ticket (includes two adults and two children 12 years and under).

WOMEN'S BREAKAWAY

Canton's Calvary Baptist Church's Women's Ministries will host Women's Breakaway '99 Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6, at the Livonia Marriott Hotel, 17100 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Vicki Smith of Apple Valley,

Calif., will be the guest speaker for the program, designed to bring women of all ages together to encourage and strengthen their relationships with the Lord and each other.

The cost is \$60-113, depending on room occupancy, and includes hotel accommodations (double beds only), Friday evening snack, continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday and the seminar sessions.

For an informational brochure, call Calvary Baptist Church at (734) 455-0022.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Haggerty Road south of Plymouth Road, Plymouth Township. The charge will be \$8 and will include refreshments.

The group also meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call Val at (734) 729-1974. It also meets for coffee and conversation 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinocle 7 p.m. every other Friday.

SMOKE-FREE BINGO

St. Edith Catholic Church will offer smoke-free bingo 6:30 p.m. Sundays and Tuesdays, beginning in February, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-1222 or (734) 464-1250.

GUEST SPEAKER

St. Edith Catholic Church will host author and speaker Guy Doud 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Doud's "Molder of Dreams" has been the No. 1 requested tape on the "Focus on the Family" radio show for several years. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information, call (734) 464-2027 or (734) 464-2020.

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band, Jim. A missionary to Ecuador and the Ecuadorian Indians, he was killed with five other missionaries. The very people who murdered him have since been reached by God."

To register for the seminar, call (800) 361-0210.

Leadership conference

Likewise, the Purpose-Driven Church Conference Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, promises to be a popular event at Temple Baptist, according to Kurtzyz.

The Friday evening program will be "Transforming the Church" with the Rev. Brad Powell of Temple Baptist. Satur-

day's simulcast conference will feature Rick Warren, with special guest Max Lucado.

Warren will help church leaders recognize the different levels of commitment in their churches and how to turn members from an audience into "an army."

In 1980 Warren and his wife moved to California to start a new church. Saddleback Church started with seven people meeting in their home. Today, the Mission Viejo church has an average attendance of 14,000 people.

Lucado, senior pastor of Oak Hills Church of Christ in San Antonio, Texas, has authored

such books as "Six Hours One Friday" and "A Gentle Thunder."

"Rick Warren is the leading cutting-edge pastor in the country," said Kurtzyz. "Max is a pastor and an extremely well-known author."

For more information about the conference, call Temple Baptist at (734) 414-7777.

Also on the schedule is Temple's annual "Glory of Easter" drama which will be presented the last weekend in March and first weekend in April. A popular program, Kurtzyz expects the musical drama's six performances to attract some 15,000 people.

And for Generation X'ers, the Vox Cafe will open its doors at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, with the evening of music, videos and coffee starting at 7:30 p.m. Vox is free of charge and for young people born between 1964 and 1981.

The guest speaker will be Betty Ray, a Livonia Stevenson High School graduate, who will talk about issues relevant to today's generation from a biblical perspective.

"It's a fun time with relevant music," said Kurtzyz. "Vox attracts a couple hundred people and it's growing, all by word of mouth."

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Malewski Madonna MVP

Redford Thurston High product Brandy Malewski was named Most Valuable Player for the Madonna University women's volleyball team, which held its post-season awards banquet Sunday at Bushwood Golf Course.

Malewski, also named the team's top offensive player, propelling the Lady Crusaders to their second straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference crown and a 12-0 WHAC record.

Malewski, a junior, was also named NAIA All-America squad (second team).

Other team awards went to Livonia Ladywood's Marylu Hemme (Freshman of the Year), Stephanie Ubalde (Most Improved and Coaches Award), Jennifer Russell (Defensive Player of the Year and Miss Volleyball), Erin Cunningham (Coaches Award).

Russell and Rayna Vert, both seniors, were also honored for their careers and contributions to Madonna volleyball.

Setter Deanne Helsom and Vert were also named as NAIA All-America Scholar-Athletes.

Vert and Malewski earned selection to the All-NAIA Great Lakes Regional Team.

O&E fishing trivia contest

Fishing enthusiasts, take note.

Here's a chance to prove your superior fishing knowledge and win tickets to the 11th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo in the process.

We'll hold a fishing trivia contest each Thursday in the Observer & Eccentric through Feb. 25. Answer the weekly trivia question correctly and have a chance to win four tickets to the Sportfishing and Travel Expo, which will be held March 4-7 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. One weekly winner will be randomly selected from all the correct answers we receive. All entries for this week's question must be postmarked by Monday, Feb. 1.

The biggest freshwater fish in the Great Lakes is the lake sturgeon. What is the weight of the current state record for lake sturgeon?

Send in the correct answer to: Fishing Trivia Contest, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Remember, all entries must be postmarked by Monday, Feb. 1.

Glenn alumni track meet

As part of the dedication of Westland John Glenn's new track, the coaching staff is organizing an alumni meet on Wednesday, March 31.

Field events start at 4 p.m. followed by a dedication ceremony where former athletes and coaches will be introduced (prior to the start of the running events at 5:30 p.m.).

Former Glenn men's and women's track athletes may choose to compete or chose to attend the dedication ceremony without competing.

For more information, write to boys track coach Jess Shough or girls coach John Kitchen at Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland, Mi. 48185; or call (734) 595-2300 or fax to (734) 595-2338.

Ice Flairs finish 1st

The Livonia Figure Skating Association Ice Flairs, a senior youth precision skating team (ages 10-16), recently finished first in competition at Westland Ice Arena.

Members of the Ice Flairs, who also led all ice skating associations in points, include: Laura Bartle, Suzanna Burley, Jessica Burdick, Amy Burley, Whitney Demuro, Briana Dunphy, Sara Gutowski, Megan Hollinger, Shea Lennis, Kristine May, Julie Merlino, Linda Montgomery, Nicole Musser, Sarah Nicholson, Rachale Omell, Stephanie Reid, Amy Witkowski and Emily Zwarka.

The team is coached by Melissa Kos, Audrey Battenfield and Angela Suchy. The team manager is Brenda Nicholson and the team publicist is Linda Reid. Tina Probst and Keri Ahmet are the directors of the LFSA.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to: Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (734) 963-2123.

Observerland meet favorite: CC

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER
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Farmington High wrestling coach Al Beyar isn't sure where his team will finish at Saturday's Observerland Meet, but he's sure of one thing.

When the action starts at 9 a.m. Saturday at Livonia Churchill, the Falcons will have the upper hand on at least one of the annual contenders.

"Plymouth Salem: We'll finish ahead of them, won't we?" Beyar said.

In any other year that's a bold prediction for the Falcons, who haven't placed first since winning the inaugural Observerland Meet in 1992 and have rarely finished ahead of the Rocks since.

But this year is different. Salem, the defending Observerland champion, isn't participating because of a previous commitment to the Holt Tournament.

The two tournaments fall on the same day for the first time since Salem coach Ron Krueger can remember. He picked Holt over the Observerland because he committed to Holt last spring.

"It's kind of a reciprocal thing," Krueger said. "They come to two of our tournaments every year and we go to theirs. All of a sudden they collided. If the same thing happens next year we'll explain to them 'Hey, we can't come back.'"

"We would rather be at Observerland this week, believe me. The last few years we didn't know if (the

PREP WRESTLING

What: Observerland Wrestling Meet.
When: 9 a.m. Saturday (finals start at 6 p.m.).
Where: Livonia Churchill.
Who: Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Clarenceville, Redford Thurston, Redford Union, Redford Catholic Central, Garden City, Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison, North Farmington, Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn, Lutheran Westland, Plymouth Canton.
Defending champion: Plymouth Salem (not participating).
Admission: \$5 for adults, \$4 for students.

Observerland) would run or not. But we made a commitment at the end of last school year (with Holt) and had to stick with it."

Salem is 7-0 in dual meets and would have had a chance to defend its crown, for sure. In its absence, Redford Catholic Central becomes perhaps an overwhelming favorite with Livonia Stevenson the best hope for second.

The Shamrocks have three state-champion caliber wrestlers in their lineup, led by defending Division I heavyweight champion Casey Rogowski, who hasn't lost a match since the 1996-97 season.

The Shamrocks also have the top-seeded wrestler in Observerland at 152 pounds, junior Mitch Hancock, and the top 215-pounder, senior Brocc Naysmith.

Naysmith's only loss in 23 matches is to a state-title contender Mike DeGain of Clarkston. Hancock is 18-3 and Rogowski 24-0 with 22 pins. Chris O'Hara (103), Sean Bell (140) and Ryan Zajdel (145) also figure to move through the bracket.

Teams can't judge the Shamrocks by their dual-meet record, which this year is 10-9 overall, because it's come against some stiff competition.

"We get ripped always during the season and about this time of year our kids always start coming around," said CC coach Mike Rodriguez, whose team was second last year. "I think we have an excellent chance."

Stevenson should be well represented in the lower weights, led by the area's top 103 pounder, senior Joe Moreau, with a 30-2 record.

Sophomore Imad Kharbush, with a 23-9 record, is the area's top-rated 135 pounder, and senior Dustin Obeid, at 19-7, is the No. 1 rated 125 pounder.

The lineup also includes senior Brian Barker, who is 19-4 and a semifinalist at the CC Invitational at 160, junior Mike Falzon, 21-10 at 135 and 140, and junior Josh Gunterman, 15-9 at 112.

"We've been very fortunate at the smaller weights," Stevenson coach Don Berg said. "We're going to give

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Shamrocks' linebacker commits to Chippewas

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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The Central Michigan University campus in Mount Pleasant is a couple hours away by car, but as far as Dennis and Kathy Rogowski are concerned, it's in their neighborhood.

Their son, Redford Catholic Central senior Casey Rogowski, made a verbal commitment Monday night to play football for CMU. In picking the Chippewas he turned down a scholarship offer from Miami (Fla.) and chose to quit waiting for an offer from Duke, where his high school teammate Nick Brzezinski had already committed.

CMU defensive coordinator Brian Van Gorder heard it from Rogowski first. Rogowski, 6-foot-3 and 235 pounds, is an all-state candidate in baseball and the defending Division I heavyweight champion in wrestling, but he's a football player first.

"Coach Van Gorder was happy, real happy," said Rogowski, who can sign a national letter of intent Wednesday, Feb. 3. "He told me I have the opportunity to come in and compete for a starting job as a freshman (at middle linebacker). He sees me calling the defense and maybe eventually being a captain. All of them are great coaches. It's a great place, nice campus. They said the team is really close. It's like a home away from home and the town is really into the school."

The apple doesn't fall far from the tree in the accurate way to describe the relationship between Casey and his father. And now that can be said literally and figuratively.

GRID RECRUITING

He visited Miami and Duke.

"Miami was just too far away," the younger Rogowski said. "I had to wait for Duke. They said they were going to offer two others before me and if one didn't commit I'd get it. But I didn't want to risk waiting and then have Central give away my scholarship. I'm happy with the scholarship I have. Everyone at home is happy."

The Chippewas start the 1999 season with a Thursday night home game against Eastern Illinois followed by consecutive road games at Syracuse and Purdue before a home date with Mid-American Conference title contender Miami (Ohio). Miami finished 10-1 last year, beating North Carolina along the way.

CMU, which finished 6-5 overall in 1998 under head coach Dick Flynn, plays at Michigan State in 2001.

When CC coach Tom Mach thinks of Rogowski, he thinks of one of his best players ever and the day in August when he broke his leg in a four-way scrimmage.

Rogowski came back in the fifth game and led the Shamrocks to their second-straight Class AA state championship.

"I think it's a great match," Mach said. "Central wanted him very badly and they showed that. I'm ecstatic for him because when I think about it I think back to the third play in the scrimmage. I think about where he was then and where he is now, and it's

Please see **CMU RECRUIT, C4**

Rockets blast Churchill



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Boxed in: Westland Glenn guard Bill Foder (middle, with ball) is surrounded by Livonia Churchill defenders Randall Boboige (left) and Devin White during Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association game. See roundup on C5.

Mercy snaps Livonia Ladywood hex



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREHLER

Setting the table: Livonia Ladywood's Patty Horal bumps the ball during Tuesday's Central Division match against Mercy.

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If winning requires the right attitude as much as talent, Farmington Hills Mercy's volleyball players were certainly in the proper frame of mind Tuesday.

The host Marlins were jumping for joy after defeating perennial Catholic League champion Livonia Ladywood for the first time in nearly a decade, 15-11, 15-10.

"We've been talking about this for a year. We have to beat the big guys; we have to keep our composure. It's a mindset," Mercy coach Ed Moeller said. "When we beat (Temperance) Bedford here in a tournament, I think that's when we started to believe we could. Now it's just an attitude."

The Marlins took over first place in the Catholic League Central Division with a 3-0 record and improved to 23-14 overall. The Blazers are 3-1 in the division and 20-12-1 overall.

Mercy relied on the strong outside hitting of senior Mary Gignac and junior Carrie Brankiewicz and the solid play of senior Kaitlyn Jarzembowski in the middle to outthit Ladywood.

The Marlins also were sharper on defense. The Blazers had trouble handling Mercy serves, as well as spikes, making it difficult to generate a consistent offense.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

That prevented Ladywood from capitalizing on its greatest asset — 6-foot-1, all-state hitter Jenny Young, who was more effective on the service line with her powerful jump serves.

"We just didn't pass the ball and, when you don't get the ball on target, you can't run an offense," Ladywood coach Larry Wyatt said. "Mercy obviously outplayed us; you have to give them their due."

The Marlins switched from their regular 5-1 alignment and used a 6-2 for the purpose of countering Young and Ladywood's usually strong attack.

Carey Czech, the only other senior on a Mercy team that includes 10 juniors, Kristy Ramsey and Alexis Jones joined Gignac, Jarzembowski and Brankiewicz on the front line.

"We just thought we had to get big blockers up front to take Jenny out," Moeller said. "Jenny got some points, but she's capable of taking over a game and she didn't do that."

"When we had the opportunity, we took it to them and made them make the mistakes," Brankiewicz said. "We didn't play wimpy. We went for it, so they couldn't get good passes and set it up."

Please see **VOLLEYBALL UPSET, C4**

SPORTS ROUNDUP

WESTLAND SOCCER SIGNUP

Registration for the Wayne-Westland Soccer League (ages 5-19) will be through Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the Bailey Recreation Center.

Representatives from the WWSL will be available in the lobby of the Bailey Center from 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 2, 9 and 16. Flyers are also available at the Bailey Center and Wayne Community Center.

For more information, call (734) 458-7786.

ST. EDITH FOOTBALL SIGNUP

Registration for St. Edith football program (grades 4-8) will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 at the school's gymnasium, located on Newburgh Road, just south of Five Mile.

Parish members from St. Edith, St. Colette, St. Aidan, St. Kenneth and St. Maurice are eligible.

For more information, call coach Bill Hamilton at (734) 462-3917 or coach Brad Dickey at (313) 240-6130.

VARSITY COACHES WANTED

Ladywood High School is seeking a varsity and junior varsity soccer for the upcoming spring season.

For more information, call athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2323.

Chippewa Valley High School is seeking a varsity girls basketball coach.

If interested, submit a letter of application and resume to: Michael Fusco, Athletic Director, Chippewa Valley Schools, 18300 Nineteen Mile Road, Clinton Township, Mi. 48038.

Candidates can also fax information to (810) 412-1646.

COLLEAGUE NOTES

For the second time this season, Wayne State University senior forward Tony Goins (Westland John Glenn) has been named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Con-

ference Player of the Week in men's basketball.

Goins averaged 27 points and eight rebounds as WSU defeated Mercyhurst (Pa.) and Gannon (Pa.). He scored 21 points and had seven rebounds against Mercyhurst followed by a career-high 33-point, nine-rebound effort vs. Gannon.

For the week, Goins made 56 percent of his shots from the floor (14 of 21), including 63.6 percent behind the three-point arc (seven of 11) and sank 11 of 12 free throws (91.7 percent).

WSU, 16-2 overall and leading the GLIAC's South Division with a 10-1 record, is ranked third in the latest NCAA Division III poll. The Tartars have won nine straight.

Holly Kimble (Livonia Stevenson) recently graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in marketing and will enter UT's graduate school program in sports marketing.

Kimble was captain of the Lady Vols' soccer team (1996-97) and is serving as a graduate assistant coach. The 1994 Stevenson High product played two seasons at Schoolcraft Community College before becoming a member of Tennessee's first varsity recruiting class in women's soccer.

Western Michigan University senior Colleen Lesondak (Livonia Stevenson) led the women's track team at the Red Simmons Invitational (Jan. 23) in Ann Arbor with a second place in the long jump, 18 feet, and triple jump, 35-6 $\frac{1}{2}$, and a third in the high jump, 5-7.

Michigan State University goaltender **Joe Blackburn** (Livonia Churchill) is 13-3-4 for the No. 3 Spartans with a 1.33 goals against average.

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Trojans 2nd in invitational

Dave Lemmon and Walter Ragland each captured individual titles Saturday as Livonia Clarenceville finished second at the Harper Woods Invitational wrestling tournament.

Warren Fitzgerald won the team title, edging Clarenceville, 84-82.

Rounding out the field was Harper Woods (73), St. Clair Shores Lake Shore (52), Sterling Heights Stevenson (43), St. Clair Shores Lakeview (42), Harper Woods Lutheran East (29), Memphis (28), Harper Woods Notre Dame and Southfield (25 each) and Lutheran Westland (7).

Lemmon came away with the 130-pound title with a 6-5 victory over Bruce Lee of Fitzgerald. Ragland defeated Eric Erzbischoff of Harper Woods for the 189-pound crown, 8-4.

Clarenceville third-place finishers include Dan Tondreau (103), who fell to Fitzgerald's Scott Goers, 4-3; Matt Wehl (140), who lost to Fitzgerald's Phil Lowe, 7-4; Tony Rachoza (160), who was defeated by Lutheran East's Bill Jones, 10-3; Adam Marcum (171), who was

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pinned by Harper Woods' Richard Eriksson in 3:00; and Kalan McPherson (215), who was pinned by Fitzgerald's Brian Kowalski in 1:40.

Clarenceville's George Gostias (135) added a fourth-place finish.

Spartans go 3-1 in dual

Livonia Stevenson captured three of four matches Saturday to finish fourth in the Hartland Invitational dual meet wrestling tournament.

The Spartans, now 8-10 on the season, defeated Lansing Everett (54-14), Grand Rapids Northview (60-23) and Marlette (51-30) before losing to Oxford (48-27). Host Hartland won the tournament.

Four Stevenson grapplers finished 4-0 on the day — Joe Moreau (103), Dustin Obeld (130), Imad Kharbush (135-140) and Brian Barker (160).

Mike Falzon (140-145) and Eric Punninake (215) each went 3-1. Bill Bullock (112) went 2-2.

Observerland tourney history

Who are the past Observerland meet team champions?

The meet, started in 1992, was won by the Farmington Falcons.

Livonia Stevenson owns three titles (1994, 1995 and 1997).

Redford Catholic Central has captured the coveted crown twice (1993, 1996).

Plymouth Salem took the title last year (1998).

The Observerland Meet was formed this decade in part to make it easier to pick members of the All-Area team at the end of the year.

With Plymouth Salem choosing to compete at the Holt Tournament, held at the same time Saturday, the thought arose that the Rocks' absence could make it tougher to pick this year's team.

Salem coach Ron Krueger hopes that's not the case.

"Enough teams see each other, and we usually go by how kids finish in the state (meet) anyway," Krueger said. "I don't see it as a big problem, I hope."

The Observerland Meet was held at Garden City its first five years before being moved to Ply-

mouth Salem in 1997 and Westland John Glenn last year.

Livonia Churchill is the third site in three years and that's just the way it should be, according to Stevenson coach Don Berg.

The 1997 tourney was almost called off before Salem volunteered to host at the last minute.

"It's unfortunate this tournament has had trouble finding a home some years," said Berg, whose gym is too small to host. "I think this tournament should have different sites, that's what makes it a true Observerland Tournament. It's a chore, but I think everybody ought to share that. The kids look forward to it."

Livonia Clarenceville coach Todd Skinner said the Observerland Meet is a real challenge for a Class C school like his, but it's not the only one the Trojans will face in the upcoming weeks. Hudson, the top-ranked team in Class A, is coming in for a dual match with Clarenceville on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

It'll be a preview to the state team districts when Clarenceville and Hudson could possibly meet.

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McPartlin bolsters Rockets to 4th Western Wayne title

Westland John Glenn made it four straight Western Wayne Invitational boys swim meet titles Saturday — thanks in part to senior James McPartlin.

The Rockets nosed out Wyandotte Roosevelt for the championship by 1 1/2 points, 205-203.5, in a meet held at Wayne Memorial.

McPartlin figured in three firsts and helped Glenn to a pivotal second-place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay — the meet's final event.

Wyandotte took first in 3:38.64, but Glenn (3:40.44) held off Dearborn Heights Annapolis (3:42.88) for second.

"If we had taken a third it would have cost us the meet," Glenn coach Jim Daniel said. "We were the underdogs, but we came in the back door. Everything fell into place. Our kids swam some great times, many of them were seasonal and personal bests."

BOYS SWIMMING

McPartlin won the 200 individual medley in 2:08.06 and swam a season best 54.5 in the 100 butterfly, a time which leads all Observerland swimmers. He also teamed up with Dan Zoumaris, Scott Clausen and Cory Marschall to win the 200 medley relay in 1:48.52.

McPartlin, an honor student who is considering Western Michigan and Eastern Michigan, has been the backbone of the Rockets' squad.

"He's a real good student with a good work ethic," Daniel said. "He's going for the (Mega) conference championship in the butterfly and is really working hard to place at the state meet. He has the motivation to reach those goals."

Diver Chris McFarland also lifted Glenn to a first-place finish with 370.65 points (11 dives).

Freshman Garrett Stone added a second in the 200 freestyle and a third in the 500 freestyle.

Wayne, which beat Glenn in a dual meet, finished fourth overall with 153 points.

The Zebras won the 200 freestyle relay (1:38.96) and got a pair of seconds from Sonny Webber in the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke. Teammate Adam Chiasson took second in the 100 backstroke.

Garden City, sixth in the team standings with 146, was led by Josh Morgan, who took a second in the 100 butterfly.

Franklin, meanwhile, was ninth out of nine teams, but the Patriots' Chris Supplee took first in the 50 freestyle (23.62) and finished second in the 100 freestyle (53.62).

Wyandotte's Chauncey Brown and Matt Barrett of Annapolis each won two individual events.

See statistical summary.

WESTERN WAYNE INVITATIONAL SWIM MEET RESULTS

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Jan. 23 at Wayne Memorial

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Westland John Glenn, 205 points; 2. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 203.5; 3. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 164; 4. Wayne Memorial, 153; 5. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 149; 6. Garden City, 146; 7. Trenton, 128.5; 8. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 107; 9. Livonia Franklin, 103.

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Dan Zoumaris, Scott Clausen, James McPartlin, Cory Marschall), 1:48.52; 2. Annapolis, 1:50.43; 3. Wayne, 1:50.94; 4. Edsel Ford, 1:51.42; 5. Garden City, 1:52.17; 6. Crestwood, 1:56.3.

200 freestyle: 1. Chauncey Brown (WR), 1:58.06; 2. Garrett Stone (WJG), 1:58.94; 3. Kevin Strevell (T), 2:02.0; 4. Andy Simpson (DHA), 2:04.35; 5. Tim Clark (WR), 2:05.84; 6. Scott Bernhardt (GC), 2:13.6.

200 individual medley: 1. James McPartlin (WJG), 2:08.06; 2. Sonny Webber (WM), 2:13.49; 3. Eric Kettler (WR), 2:15.02; 4. Nick Martineau

(DEF), 2:18.46; 5. Josh Morgan (GC), 2:20.33; 6. Bob Donaldson (DEF), 2:20.38.

50 freestyle: 1. Chris Supplee (LF), 23.62; 2. Jeff Morales (DHC), 23.73; 3. Adam Southall (DEF), 23.97; 4. Dan Zoumaris (WJG), 24.28; 5. Justin Smoes (WM), 24.64; 6. Terry Jamieson (WR), 24.75.

Diving (11 dives): 1. Chris McFarland (WJG), 370.65 points; 2. Brad Carroll (T), 324.60; 3. Ken Douglass (LF), 280.55; 4. Kyle Burns (WR), 275.70; 5. Pat Tondreau (WJG), 257.25; 6. Gena Rattray (DHA), 232.80.

100 butterfly: 1. James McPartlin (WJG), 54.55; 2. Josh Morgan (GC), 59.88; 3. Ray Langevin (DHA), 1:01.64; 4. Brian Dwornick (T), 1:04.29; 5. Ian Fisher (WR), 1:06.11; 6. Dan Fowler (WJG), 1:08.41.

100 freestyle: 1. Chauncey Brown (WR), 53.34; 2. Chris Supplee (LF), 53.62; 3. Sam Raub (WM), 54.8; 4. Terry Jamieson (WR), 55.14; 5. Andy Simpson (DHA), 55.78; 6. Jeff Morales (DHC), 56.15.

500 freestyle: 1. Matt Barrett (DHA),

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Huron Valley keeps MIAC mark intact

The Westland Huron Valley Lutheran girls volleyball team is off to a 3-0 start in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

In a match Tuesday at Livonia St. Paul's, the Hawks (5-3 overall) outlasted Warren Zoe Christian, 15-9, 13-15, 15-3, behind Rachel Zahn's five ace serves and four by Stephanie Graves.

Katie Orlandoni and Jessica Whitaker were Huron Valley's top hitters with four kills apiece.

Last Thursday, the Hawks defeated host Fairlane Christian, 15-11, 15-6, as Zahn served three aces and had one ace kill to lead the way.

Warriors top Liggett

Lutheran Westland improved to 3-0 overall in the Metro Conference with a 15-8, 15-6 win Tuesday at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

Standouts for the victorious Warriors, according to coach Joan Ollinger, include junior middle hitter Sarah Marody and senior outside hitter Anna Schewecke, along with senior set-

ters Katie Heiden and Karie Azzopardi.

"We beat a good team and everybody played well," Ollinger said. "It was a fun game to watch. Everybody was on."

Chargers block Harrison

Livonia Churchill stayed perfect in the Western Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball standings with a 15-10, 15-12 triumph Monday over visiting Farmington Hills Harrison.

Churchill is now 12-4-2 overall and 3-0 in the WLAA.

Junior outside hitter Sarah Hennessey, who played a strong all-around match according to coach Mike Hughes, served six points in the second game. She also had four solo blocks and five block assists.

Luca Steca added nine kills in 13 attempts in the opening game, while Brazilian exchange student Fernanda Leite had six kills in 12 attempts in the second game.

Courtney Lim had a team-high 12 digs. Setters Kristin Leszczynski and Colleen Guardi-

ola also stood out.

Stevenson trims Canton

Livonia Stevenson is tuning up its game.

Stevenson took the measure of Plymouth Canton, 15-10, 15-10, Monday night in a WLAA match to improve to 2-1 in the conference and 19-5-2 overall.

Stephanie Dulz had 10 kills, junior Carly Wadsworth eight and Katie LaBlanc four to lead the visiting Spartans' attack.

Kristi Copi went 9-for-9 serving, Kelley Hutchins had 16 assists and Julie Pfeifer eight digs for Stevenson.

"We started out better than we did against Walled Lake Western and Livonia Churchill," Coach Kelly Graham said. "Our passing and serve-receive was better in the second game. It got us started."

Sopko sets up Franklin

Lindsay Sopko was successful on all but two of 55 set attempts and had 14 assists Monday night to spark Livonia Franklin to a 15-6, 15-10 victory at Farming-

ton.

The Patriots are now 23-9-1 this season with a 3-0 WLAA record.

Tera Morrill was 14-for-15 with seven kills while Nicole Boyd was 16-for-18 with seven kills as well. Morrill went 11-for-11 on her dig attempts and served two aces. Boyd went 8-for-6 on digs and had three service aces.

Alexis Bowman had two kills and was successful on 5-of-6 tries. She also went 5-for-6 on digs.

Rachel Bramlett was 5-for-5 on hits with three kills while Andrea Kmet was 5-for-6 on digs.

Franklin performed well under Farmington's second-game pressure.

Salem Rocks Glenn

State-ranked Plymouth Salem (22-5, 2-1) rolled to a 15-1, 15-1 WLAA victory Monday at Westland John Glenn (3-9-3, 0-2) behind seven kills from Western Michigan University signee Angie Sillmon.

Andrea Pruett added five kills for the Rocks, while Amanda Suder added four kills. Aleshak Marquez contributed four ace serves.

Beach key to Glenn season

GYMNASTICS

Which way to the Beach? When it comes to the Wayne-Westland Unified girls gymnastics team, fourth-year performer Jessica Beach will provide the direction.

A state qualifier a year ago in the floor exercise, Beach finished third in the all-around (34.3) last Saturday at the Adrian Invitational.

The host Maples came away with the team title, while Glenn placed sixth in the 10-school field.

Beach won the floor exercise at Adrian with a score of 9.85, an event where she has already posted a 9.5.

Among her other results: 8.6 on the uneven parallel bars, 8.4 on vault and a 7.5 on the balance beam.

Two sophomores will provide Beach support this season.

Nicole Simonian, who qualified for the state meet last year on bars, scored a 33.4 in the all-around at Adrian. She posted scores of 8.7 (floor), 8.3 (vault and bars) and 8.1 (beam).

Kristen Costantino is the other top returnee for the the Rockets. At Adrian, her results included an 8.45

(floor) and an 8.25 (floor and beam).

Glenn is 1-1 in dual meets thus far, defeating Dearborn Edsel Ford (126.0-123.5) before losing to Plymouth Canton (128.3-128.8).

Graduated from last year's team is uneven bars state qualifier Stephanie Thompson.

"So far we're pulling our own," Glenn seventh-year coach Debbie Hosein said. "They're all hard workers and we're doing about what we expected."

"Except for our top three, we just need more experience."

Senior Jaime Hendra is a fourth-year performer. Another senior is Jill Calka.

The junior class includes Melissa Hoicomb and first-year gymnast Candice Cabello.

Three other sophomores fill the roster including Melissa Bell, Jodie Laguire and Erin Shane.

The freshman class includes Pamela Bean, the only gymnast who attends Wayne; Jenny Jendrusik, Joya Marsh and Hillary Van Dusen.

Volleyball upset *from page C1*

The Blazers had a 3-2 lead in the first game, but the Marlins scored the next four and took the lead with Meghan O'Connor's three service points — two of which resulted from Jarzembowski kills.

Mercy went out to a 10-5 lead, with Gignac serving a pair of aces; however, Ladywood closed to 10-9 and 12-11 but couldn't put the brakes on Mercy's momentum. Amy Miller served the final three points, with Brankiewicz smashing kills for the 13th and 15th.

"We were ready to come out here and play," Gignac said. "I just think we're all so committed, and we do what we have to do for the team. This team is so united."

"We really prepared for (Young). I thought we had a pretty good block on her. When

she did get a hit, we were able to dig it up. I think they got frustrated when we were able to shut them down. Then we came back at them, and we didn't hold anything back."

Ladywood took a 5-0 lead in the second game, and it looked as the Blazers had begun to straighten out their game and turn the tide.

"But their momentum was hard to break," Wyatt said. "We never had the ball enough, never had enough control. It doesn't matter how good your hitters are if you can't set them."

"(The Marlins) were passing and running their offense, and we couldn't get the ball on target. We never took their crowd out of it, and that kept playing into their hands."

Mercy scored the next 12 points to take command of the

game and their destiny. Kelly Blunden served the first four, including three aces, and Brankiewicz the next five, as Ladywood errors accounted for three. O'Connor and Nikie Downing (two points) served one ace each.

The Blazers attempted another rally, making it 14-10 with four service points by Rebekah Thornton. But O'Connor and Brankiewicz forced Ladywood sideouts with kills, and Blunden served an ace for the final point.

"When we got on a run, we pulled it together," Brankiewicz said. "We really hadn't had to come from behind and, to be able to do that against a team like Ladywood, was a big step for us."

"Before, we would've just collapsed and shut down in that game. Instead, we stayed

focused on what we wanted to achieve. We went for it and got it."

Moeller believes his players have the right attitude to match their talent now.

"The key for us has been intensity in practice," he said. "The team no longer accepts people doing things half way."

"Last year we had a shot at beating (Ladywood) and let them off the hook. That's when we understood it's a practice thing."

"I'll never say we're all the way there until we rip off 20 in a row. Now we have to do it every day, and that's the practice intensity."

"I think this our year," Gignac said. "I think we're ready to go a long way. Coming out here and playing as a team, I think we're proving it to everyone else."

CMU recruit *from page C1*

great."

Central recently renovated its 30,000 seat Kelly/Shorts Stadium and is adding an Indoor Athletic Complex that will be completed in March.

"Oh wow, it's awesome, top of the line," Rogowski said. "The weight room is huge."

Rogowski said he'll also have the opportunity to play baseball at Central. His teammates, Bob Malek and Anthony Tomey, have signed with Michigan State and Eastern Michigan, respectively, and will be regular opponents of CMU's.

"It'll be fun to see those guys, but weird playing on a different team," Rogowski said.

Rogowski, who has a 3.3 grade point average and got a 20 on his ACT, wants to be a teacher like his dad with an emphasis in physical education.

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Holland stabilizer for CC

Senior center Brad Holland has improved dramatically in the defensive end for the Redford Catholic Central hockey team.

His father, Red Wings' general manager Ken Holland, isn't quite ready to sign him up, but he's got to be smiling at what he sees.

Holland had an assist and was a major reason a speedy East Kentwood team was held to two goals in the Shamrocks' 4-2 win Friday night on the west side of the state.

The win came six days after the No. 1 ranked Shamrocks lost for the first time this year to Trenton, 1-0. The Shamrocks, who beat Riverview Gabriel Richard on Saturday night, 7-2, are now 13-1 overall.

"The outstanding player of the game unquestionably was Brad Holland," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "He's coming on so strong, just getting better every day. He's learning to play hockey in the defensive zone. So many forwards are great once they're north of the blue line, not very many know how to play effective defense. He's one of our very best forwards in the defensive zone."

Also earning praise from St. John was seldom-used sophomore goaltender Andy McCoy, who entered in the first period with junior Ben Dunne going to

the bench with a stomach ache after making nine saves.

East Kentwood led 1-0 after one period and added another goal in the second period, which ended in a 2-2 tie.

"McCoy did a real nice job," said St. John. "East Kentwood is tremendously fast, the fastest team we played all year. They were a little quicker than we were, we were a little bigger."

St. John said the game was a virtual carbon copy of the Trenton game in terms of the referees calling a good game. Only three penalties were called.

"We should send a tape to every official in the state and the same can be said for the Trenton game," St. John said. "Both games had absolutely outstanding officials."

Sophomore forward Rick Buttery's persistence in front of the Kentwood net led to the winning goal, assisted by Pat O'Dea and Ryan Yost with 2:36 left. An insurance goal by Brandon Kaleniecki, his second of the game, assisted by Todd Bentley and Keith Rowe, came with less than a minute left.

"(The third goal) came from a whole lot of activity in front of the net," St. John said.

Kaleniecki opened the scoring for the Shamrocks with a goal at 2:37 of the second period, assist-

ed by Holland and Rowe. The Shamrocks' second goal came by O'Dea, assisted by Joe Hillebrand and Buttery, at 11:39 of the second period.

•REDFORD CC 7, GAB. RICHARD 2: Bentley and Jim Splewak scored two goals each for the Shamrocks in a Metro Hockey League victory Saturday at Redford Arena.

McCoy again played in net, recording the win with 16 saves.

David Moss collected three assists and Bentley and Rowe assisted on two goals each. Also collecting assists were Derek Genrich, Kaleniecki, Sean McGowan, Chris Morelli, John Bowers and Hillebrand.

Rowe is the Metro's leading scorer with 21 points.

•MILFORD 6, FRANKLIN 2: Kensington Valley Conference leader Milford (11-1-1) scored twice in each period Saturday to beat visiting Livonia Franklin (5-7-1) in a non-leaguer at Lakeland Ice Arena.

Franklin was outshot 27-24 by the Redskins.

The Patriots' Tony Sala scored in the opening period from Brad Cauchi. Brandon McCullough added a second-period goal from Sala and Chad Van Hulle.

"After our (3-3) tie with Farmington our boys came back and played well," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "We made some major line changes. They came out and worked hard."

Harris pulls down 24 rebounds in Glenn victory; CC tops Rice

Some teams don't get as many rebounds in a game as Ben Harris did Tuesday night for Westland John Glenn.

Harris hauled down 24 rebounds to help John Glenn polish off Livonia Churchill, 78-53, in a Western Lakes Activities Association game.

The victory left the Rockets (6-4) at 3-2 in the WLAA while the Chargers (3-7) dropped their fourth league game in as many tries.

Harris, a junior, also scored 19 points to lead Westland to its third straight win. Junior Eric Jones scored 16 points and Bill Foder contributed 11. All but two of the Rockets scored.

John Bennett hit 21 for Livonia with newly eligible Devin White, a transfer from John Glenn, hitting 10 in his first contest for the Chargers.

Host John Glenn sped out to a 26-7 start after one quarter and led, 39-21, at the half. It added a 24-9 third quarter to the rout.

•CATHOLIC CENTRAL 66, BROTHER RICE 59: Parochial schools from Redford just haven't been kind to the Warriors this season.

Brother Rice is now 0-2 in games against Redford Bishop Borgess and Redford Catholic Central after the Shamrocks tripped up the Warriors.

Rice held a 10-8 lead after one quarter but CC pulled ahead, 30-27, at the half and maintained that margin through the third quarter although the Warriors did manage to hold a brief lead in the period.

Birmingham (2-8) is now 1-4 in the Detroit Catholic League Central Division with Redford (7-4) at 3-2.

Nick Moore scored 31 points, 16 in the final quarter, including three triples. Junior guard Rob Sparks scored 13 and junior forward Matt Loidas 11.

Junior Ralph Sylvester paced visiting Brother Rice with 13 points, junior Josh Hammel scored 12 and sophomore center Chris Aquwa contributed 11.

•LUTHERAN WESTLAND 52, HARPER WOODS 49: A stingy second-half defense carried Lutheran High Westland (5-4, 4-2) to a Metro Conference victory Tuesday over visiting Harper Woods (7-3, 3-3).

Senior forward Ryan Ollinger and Tom Habitz each scored 15 points to lead the victorious Warriors, who held Harper Woods to four fourth-quarter points. Harper Woods senior center Albert Strickland led



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Dunkaroo: Glenn's Stephen Woods jams off the opening tip.

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all scorers with 17 points. Lutheran Westland trailed 35-30 at halftime and 45-41 after three quarters, but outscored the Pioneers 11-4 in the decisive final period.

•NORTHVILLE 72, STEVENSON 52: The Mustangs outscored the Spartans in every quarter to capture the WLAA contest.

It was 13-8 after one period, 31-21 at the half and 51-37 after three quarters.

Guard Brett Allen paced visiting Northville with 18 points while Travis Bliss and Marshall Knapp each hit 12. The bigger Mustangs went 18-for-26 from the free throw line.

Stevenson hit 17-of-30 free throws. The Spartans were led by Keshay McChristian, who had 14 points. Stevenson (4-5) is now 1-3 in the WLAA while Northville (4-6) improved to 3-1.

•N. FARMINGTON 74, FRANKLIN 20: In a WLAA game Tuesday, host North Farmington (8-1, 4-0) roared out to a 42-14 halftime lead and coasted past winless Livonia Franklin (0-9, 0-4).

Emir Medunjanin, a 6-6 junior, led the victorious Raiders with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Phil Wartha, a 6-foot junior guard, added 19 points and eight rebounds.

Brian Shulman, a 5-11 junior guard, contributed 11 points and five assists. Senior guard Albert Deljosevic, a transfer from Livonia Clarenceville, also dished out five assists.

Franklin was limited to six second-half points. The Patriots made just one of seven free throws (to North's 11 of 16).

Joe Ruggiero and Dustin Kuras each scored seven points for the Pats.

•HAMTRAMCK 73, CLARENCEVILLE 57: The Cosmos remain at the top of the Metro Conference.

Hemtramck (8-1) got 17 points from Aaron Brock to stay unbeaten in the Metro through five league games. Clarenceville (3-7) is now 2-4 in the league.

The Trojans were led by junior Scott Carr, who had 13 points, and sophomore Scott Wion, who scored 10.

The Cosmos got out to a 19-12 lead after one period and added 10 points to the margin at the half.

•FRANKLIN ROAD 59, HURON VALLEY 24: The Hawks didn't get to double figures in any quarter in falling to 1-6 overall and 0-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Southfield Franklin Road (5-5) is now 2-1 in the league. It got 18 points from Aaron Schroder and Dave Damesworth.

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran had eight from junior guard Rene Arnel.

The Hawks hit 4-of-7 free throws to 11-of-19 for Franklin Road.

On Friday, Fairlane Christian defeated Huron Valley, 67-20.

Jeremy Husby topped the Hawks with eight points.

Whalers remain king of the road

It was a weekend like any other for the Plymouth Whalers — two more road games, two more wins.

The Whalers have played 26 of 46 games on the road thus far this season, and have fared well. Wins at Erie Friday and Saturday gave Plymouth the points lead in the Ontario Hockey League, with 75; Ottawa and Barrie both have better winning percentages, but have played fewer games.

Solid defensive play and an offense that features too many weapons for opponents to handle were both evident in the sweep of the Otters. In Friday's 5-3 victory, the Whalers spotted Erie second-period leads of 1-0 and 2-1 before taking command.

David Legwand played a pivotal role in the comeback, scoring two goals (giving him 24 for the season) and assisting on another. Jason Ward was another major factor; he scored the go-ahead goal 3:45 into the third period, then got an empty-netter to insure the victory with 30 seconds remaining. Ward also assisted on Legwand's first goal.

Goals by Eric Gooldy (his 15th), who had an assist as well, and Legwand's second of the game gave Plymouth a 3-2 lead going into the third period. Erie's Tyler Rennie tied it 3:11 into the final period, but 34 seconds later Ward put Plymouth ahead to stay.

Rob Zepp turned away 27 Otter shots before giving way to Robert Holsinger (one goal allowed, nine saves) late in the second period. Corey Batten

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made 24 saves for Erie.

Saturday's rematch was close for only one period. Harold Druken's 43rd goal of the season just 3:07 into the game put Plymouth up 1-0; the Otters' Tim Connolly, however, tied it at 7:14 of the period with his 26th goal of the year.

Adam Colagiaco then took command, scoring the go-ahead goal on a power play at 6:18 of the second period, then adding a second power-play goal at 2:28 of the third, giving him 27 for the season. He also assisted on Druken's goal; Druken assisted on Colagiaco's first score.

Inbetween Colagiaco's goals, Ward scored his 12th of the season, a short-handed marker at 13:33 of the second period.

Holsinger had 36 saves in earning the victory for Plymouth. Batten started for Erie and made 17 stops, allowing three goals, before being replaced midway through the second period by J.F. Perras.

The two wins pushed the Whalers' record to 36-8-3 (75 points). Erie is 18-22-3 (39 points).

Shouneyia leads Ambassadors

John Shouneyia helped the Compuware Ambassadors win twice to maintain their lead in the North American Hockey League, and in so doing he earned NAHL player of the week honors.

Shouneyia, from Bloomfield

Hills, scored one goal and assisted on two others in the Ambassadors' 6-1 win over Danville last Friday at Compuware. At Cleveland Sunday, Shouneyia added a goal and three assists to help rookie goalie Tom Fortunate earn his first career win in an 8-2 victory. Shouneyia's seven-point weekend gave him 19 goals and 39 assists for an NAHL-best 58 points.

Shouneyia, who will attend the University of Michigan next fall, will play in the CCM/NAHL All-Star Game Feb. 6 in Grand Rapids.



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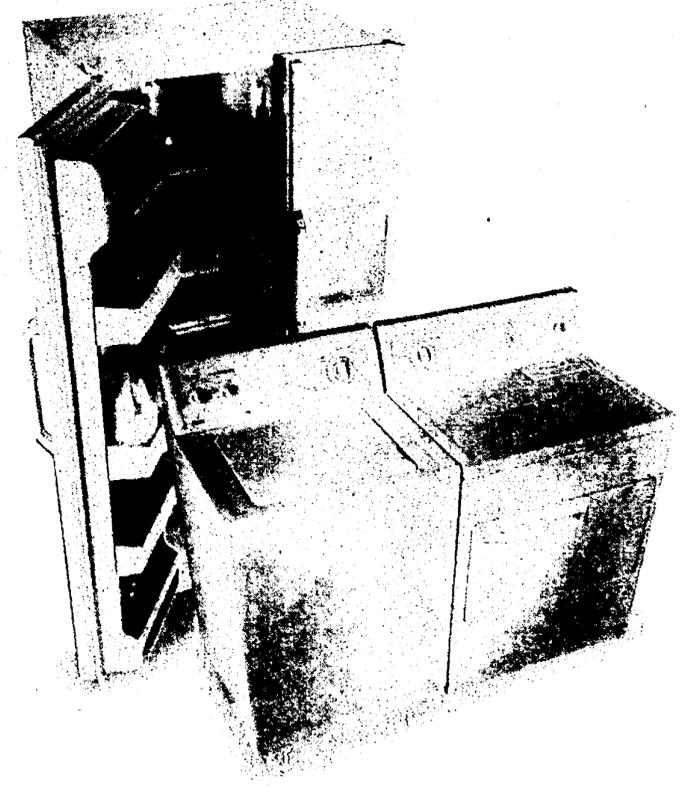
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SC's hoop success starts in classroom

So what does it all mean?

It was just a little less than two years ago that Schoolcraft College concluded another lackluster season in men's basketball, finishing 6-19 and out of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association playoff picture. It was nothing unusual.

Last year was unusual.

A new coach was brought in: former SC standout and NJCAA All-American Carlos Briggs. The task confronting Briggs was enormous. The hopes for success — marginal, at best.

Imagine the surprise when the Ocelots went 24-7, finishing second in the Eastern Conference.

So was it just a blip in SC's longstanding history of failure? Was Briggs the real deal — or just lucky?

Those questions aren't being asked any longer. This season's 16-0 start has provided the answer.

How can this be? How can a team that languished for so many years in winless obscurity suddenly become a powerhouse, good enough to be ranked 13th in the NJCAA?

Briggs has answers to these questions. In fact, he's been studying the Coaches' Quotebook fervently, or so it would appear; he has all the proper replies, giving credit to everyone from administration officials like athletic director Ed Kavanaugh to trainer Kim Kotlewski.

It's all necessary, of course, if a coach wants to build a strong program. Briggs has followed the proper procedure in dishing out the praise. But don't misconstrue such actions — such accolades are not just for show. Others do deserve recognition.

They may not be responsible for what the players do on the court, but they play key roles in keeping them there.

Check this out: Not a single SC player was lost to academics at the January semester break. And although the 40 wins Briggs has posted in a season-and-a-half is impressive, keeping everyone eligible is even more amazing.

Remember: In the past decade, if the Ocelots lost two or three guys to grades at the break, it was actually a good year.

Now, such numbers are unacceptable.

Like an Ocelot fast break, everything seems to be functioning smoothly academically. The team had a combined grade-point average of 2.6 in the first semester.

Can you imagine? In the past, if one player achieved such a "lofty" number, it was noteworthy.



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"Education is first and foremost," Briggs explained. "If they work hard and pass their classes, it carries over to the court."

Attitude and discipline — bookmarks to the SC program. As coach, Briggs keeps close tabs on his players' academic progress. He uses all the tools available to him, from the Learning Assistance Center and the tutors provided to his daily study table.

And even if he does throw in a cliché or two to get his point across (what coach doesn't?), what Briggs won't do is play a dodge-and-delay game when it comes to academics or off-court activity. His approach is direct. No nonsense.

"We sit down with (players) at the start and go over it with them," Briggs said. "What their goals are, what they want to do. But we tell them, if they don't pass their classes, they won't go anywhere."

"We're teaching them life skills. In high school, some of these kids passed classes just so they could play."

Of course, saying all the right stuff is one thing. Making believers of everyone on a team is another.

Briggs has apparently bridged that gap. Example: Early this season when a couple of players were falling behind academically, he sat them out a game.

His standards are set, in the classroom and on the court. If a player won't follow those rules, he sits.

Ask Lamar Bigby, SC's leading scorer at better than 18 points a game, Bigby nonetheless was on the bench when the Ocelots battled back to edge Wayne County Community College Monday.

The reason: He wasn't following the plays called by Briggs.

The philosophy is based on consistency, from the classroom to the basketball court.

Of course, it all looks great when the wins are piling up. To accomplish that, a team needs talent. To attract the talent, a coach must be able to provide a player with hope for his future.

In other words, a shot at a scholarship at a four-year college after his two years at SC are over.

Briggs sees that as a major obligation to his players. "That's my job, to move people along," he said. "That's success to me."

Four of his players from last year's team — Kevin Melson, Pete Males, Jose Bru and Emeka Okonkwo — have parlayed their accomplishments into chances to play at four-year schools. In return, that can only help Briggs sustain his own program.

"Work hard in life and you'll be successful," Briggs preaches.

Cliche or not, the message is getting through — on and off the court.

SC finds way to win again, 78-75

By C.J. Risa

The game was over, but all eyes were still on the court. The Ocelots were stunned when they were defeated 78-75 by Wayne County Community College Monday. "Never a doubt."

Everyone who witnessed the game doubted SC could stretch its win streak to 18-straight. After all, how many times can a team pull off something like that?

The answer for the Ocelots is three of the last four.

"I'm getting old," second-year SC coach Carlos Briggs said. "If we've got nine lives, I'd say we need up three of them — in the last week."

Last Saturday, SC fought back to edge visiting Alpena CC 94-86 in overtime. And on Jan. 18, the Ocelots edged Henry Ford CC 79-76.

SC ranked 13th in the NJCAA's Division I, improved to 16-0 overall and 6-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Wayne CCC is 5-3 in the conference.

The final seconds of Monday's game produced a pair of heroes in dramatic circumstances. After the opening moments of the game, SC led just twice in the game: on a three-pointer by Derek McKelvey with 2:45 left to play, and on Dashawn Williams' two free throws with under a second remaining.

The lead provided by McKelvey's triple lasted 11 seconds; back-to-back threes by the Wildcats' Donald Tinsley and Marcus Clark gave Wayne CCC a 73-68 advantage with two minutes to play.

With under a minute left, the Wildcats still had a four-point lead (74-70). But faulty free-throw shooting down the

stretch cost them; they made just 3-of-8 from the line in the final 1:06.

McKelvey, whose 20 points led the Ocelots, stopped to the bucket again in the game's closing seconds. David McGowan's driving layup with 24 seconds left trimmed Wayne CCC's lead to 74-72; with 20.77 to go, Sherman Williams made 1-of-2 free throws to increase the deficit to three.

Dashawn Williams missed a tying triple with 19 seconds remaining, but the Ocelots rebounded and called timeout with 14:31 seconds on the clock. The play was set up for McKelvey; he worked his way to the wing, and his off-balance three-pointer knotted it at 76.

The Wildcats were out of timeouts; they tried to quickly inbound the ball, but Dashawn Williams intercepted the pass and was intentionally fouled on his way to the basket. With .86 seconds showing, Williams nailed both free throws for the win. Williams finished with 13 points; Mike Murray had 15 and McGowan scored 12.

Wayne CCC got 26 points from Bennie Theriot, 22 from Tinsley and 14 from Clark.

"As the Schoolcraft coach said, it's too bad someone had to lose that game," said Wildcat coach Rogerie Turner. "Our execution down the stretch wasn't good. I always tell these guys, there's no 'I' in team, and tonight they played like a team most of the time. Then all of a sudden, instead of running the offense they decided to take over and do it themselves."

Although SC wasn't particularly impressive in its performance, Briggs was happy with the way team played largely without top-scorer Lamar Bigby. Averaging more than 18 points a game, Bigby scored just two in the first half and finished with six in limited playing time.

"He wouldn't run the plays, he wouldn't do what we asked," said Briggs in explaining Bigby's benching. "This showed him that we can play without him, and it showed the other guys they can win without him."

"We never quit. We play until the end. Fortunately, we got some big rebounds and made big shots."

Briggs, wearing until the final moments in full game attire, playing without his usual coaching staff. "We can't keep playing from behind," he said. "But I teach the guys that if they work together, they can overcome anything."

•SPRING ARBOR 84, ALPENA 88 (97): In a game between Eastern Conference opponents, SC prevailed — but not without a battle.

The Ocelots trailed in the waning seconds in both regulation and overtime, but still managed to pull out the win. Dashawn Williams paced SC with 19 points, six of those coming in OT. McKelvey added 17, Murray netted 14 and David Theriot scored 11.

The Lumberjacks, who also lost Sunday at Henry Ford CC to fall to 8-2 in the conference (12-7 overall), got 22 points from Jamal Edwards, 19 from Jeremy Delaughter, 17 from Dennis Spink and 16 from Mike Brown.

Alpena led 45-44 at the half; it was tied at 82-81 at the end of regulation.

•SPRING ARBOR 71, MADONNA 84: Madonna University played split at Spring Arbor College Saturday — for a half.

The Fighting Crusaders led 36-35 at the half after converting 14-of-30 free shots (46.7 percent), including 6-of-12 three-pointers. But the Crusaders, with a roster trimmed to eight with academic losses and player defections, could not maintain the pace.

The Cougars outscored Madonna 36-18 in the second half, limiting the Crusaders to 6-of-26 shooting from the field (23.1 percent). They made just 1-of-12 threes in the second half.

The loss dropped Madonna to 5-14 overall, 1-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Spring Arbor is 5-18 overall, 2-4 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders got 20 points from Mike Messy; 15 points, nine rebounds and three assists from Jason Skoczyles; and 10 points and 10 boards from Mike Maryanski.

Spring Arbor was led by Bryan Gordon with 22 points and 12 rebounds and Chad Chadwell with 18 points.

Madonna was outrebounded 52-41, including a 22-10 Cougar advantage on the offensive boards, and had 14 turnovers compared to nine for Spring Arbor.

Lady Ocelots win 10th straight

Forget all the chill, snow and freezing rain — Schoolcraft's women's basketball team is hot.

The Ocelots took a 10-game winning streak into their Wednesday showdown for first place in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference at C.S. Mott in Flint.

Schoolcraft drilled Wayne County Community College, 85-55, Monday night to improve to 6-0 in the league after its 10th win in a row overall. The Ocelots are 14-3 overall and are ranked fourth in the NJCAA's Division II.

Schoolcraft took a 47-29 halftime lead and maintained it the rest of the way.

Samantha Theisen led the way with 19 points for the Ocelots; she also had six steals and five assists. Esther Ross scored 18 points and had five assists.

Stacy Cavin contributed 14 points and 13

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rebounds with Jackie Kocis netting 12 points to go with 11 rebounds.

Joanna Menzie paced Wayne with 20 points. Wayne is now 1-6 in the Eastern Conference, 3-12 this season.

Last Saturday, the Lady Ocelots pulled away from a 43-41 halftime lead against visiting Alpena CC to post an 82-71 victory.

Kocis led SC with 18 points. Theisen added 17, Belinda Reid had 12 and Cavin scored 11.

The loss left Alpena with a 9-7 overall record, 4-3 in the conference.

•SPRING ARBOR 86, MADONNA 75: A hot-shooting Lady Crusader team stayed even with one of the NAIA's top squads through the opening half, but point production and defense both sagged in the second as visiting Spring

Arbor pulled away for the win.

Madonna slipped to 12-9 overall, 1-5 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Cougars are 18-2 overall, 5-0 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders led 39-38 at halftime, thanks to 15-of-24 (62.5 percent) shooting from the field. But Spring Arbor outscored them 48-36 in the second half to win going away.

Kathy Panganis paced the Madonna effort with 21 points, 10 rebounds and three steals; Lori Enfield added 14 points, Carissa Gizicki had 12 points and 10 assists, and Chris Dietrich contributed 10 points and three steals. However, the backcourt of Dietrich and Katie Cushman combined for just 10 points on 5-of-17 shooting, with four assists and 10 turnovers.

Spring Arbor was led by Courtney Thompson with 23 points and eight rebounds; Andrea VanderHorst with 20 points and five assists; Kristin Dankert added 15 points.

PREP SKI RESULTS

BOYS SLALOM RESULTS

Jan. 21 at Mt. Brighton

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Brighton, 25 points; 2. Detroit Catholic Central, 35; 3. Okemos, 68; 4. U-D Jesuit, 79; 5. East Lansing, 93; 6. Howell, 94; 7. Birmingham Groves, 104; 8. Birmingham Seaholm, 121; 9. Pinckney, 128.

GC FINISHERS: 1. Matt Gable, 32.13 seconds; 8. Geo Madlas, 35.35; 10. Eric Sullivan, 35.61; 16. Scott Zaleski, 36.15; 17. Brad Turowski, 36.47; 32. Miguel Martinez, 41.41.

NOTES: Gable, a sophomore, won his fifth race in six starts. U-D Jesuit's top skier, Doug Spolyar, was second (34.05).

GIRLS SLALOM RESULTS

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Okemos, 17; 2. Howell, 44; 3. Seaholm, 59; 4. Brighton, 68; 5. East Lansing, 69; 6. Pinckney, 88; 7. Farmington Hills Mercy, 98; 8. Birmingham Groves, 135.

MERCY FINISHERS: 17. Amy McDuffee, 44.47; 18. Nikki Anderson, 44.51; 28. Maggie Jallos, 47.54; 35. Laura Burek, 49.38; 38. Renee Burek, 54.41; 42. Krysten Salla, 63.84.

MERCY COACH TOM GABLE SAYS: "Obviously we didn't handle runs as well as I would have hoped. But even with the finish, we're still in a solid second place (overall) behind Okemos. Our top two skiers, Salla and (Renee) Burek, showed a lot of heart. Both straddled the gate, but stopped and hiked back up the hill to go through the gates and finish. That's the kind of team spirit you need to have."

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