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HomeTown unveils O&E reorganization

HomeTown Communications Network Inc. President Richard Aginian and Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Vice President and General Manager Steve Pope today announced a major reorganization of the O&E management team.

Justin Wilcox, associate publisher of the Troy Eccentric, Rochester Clarion-Eccentric, Oxford Eccentric, Lake Orion Eccentric and Clarkston Eccentric, has been promoted to publisher of these papers, as well as becoming publisher of the Eccentric West Bloomfield-Lakes Edition and the Southfield Eccentric.

Jeanne Towar, HomeTown Communications Network vice president-editorial, will assume the position of Birmingham Eccentric publisher to complement her responsibilities for HomeTown's other Oakland County properties.

"With the recent acquisitions of the Rochester Clarion, Holly Herald and Mirror Newspapers of Royal Oak, Birmingham

Please see REORGANIZATION, A3



Softball Center upgrade likely



A change in the menu at the Cleats II restaurant will be the most visible difference at the Canton Softball Center, which was purchased last fall by the township. Canton officials are reviewing proposals from food vendors.

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Burgers, hot dogs and pizza have been staples of Cleats II Restaurant for years.

But with the township's recent purchase of Canton Softball Center and the eatery, that menu may change a

bit. According to Parks and Recreation Manager Mike Gouin, the township is currently reviewing proposals from several food vendors. One will be picked within the next few weeks to provide service for hungry ballplayers during the upcoming season.

"It could become a more expanded

menu," Gouin said.

Canton purchased the 70-acre softball facility from sole owner Aaron Jade last month. The township paid a total of \$4.55 million to purchase land, buildings and Cleats II restaurant on the Michigan Avenue site.

Gouin said the township and Jade are currently finalizing transfer of titles.

As for Cleats II, its ultimate menu may depend on exactly which vendor is selected, Gouin said. He declined to give further details about vendors being considered.

The food vendor may not be the last

thing to change at the restaurant.

While Cleats was originally a sit-down restaurant, emphasis over the last few years has been on fast food, Gouin said. The township may stick with that format or decided to back to a sit-down style, he said.

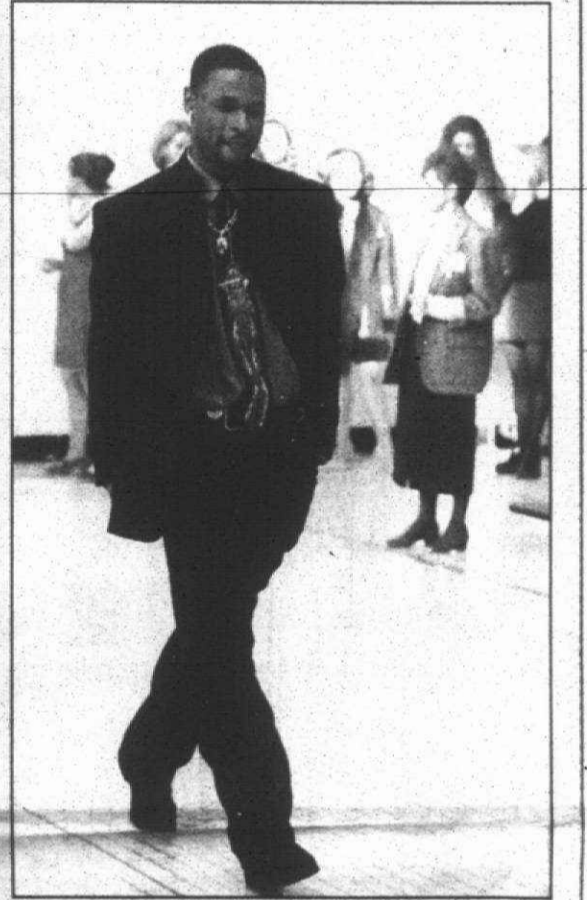
Cleats II may not even be the restaurant's name when the first pitch is thrown in April.

"That could change, too," Gouin said.

One thing that won't change will be the folks running the softball center.

The township recently hired Ann

Please see SOFTBALL CENTER, A2



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Runway rush

Students stars in show tryout

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Juniors and seniors at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were "struttin' their stuff" last week, trying out for the 1999 Prom Fashion Show.

Guys and girls were dressed their best in hopes of being selected as one of 32 models to

spend nearly 30 hours of practice time for the popular spring show, which features the latest in prom wear for teens.

"We don't have trouble finding people to do the show," said Rachael Maurer, 17, of Plymouth, this year's chair for the event, who attends Plymouth Salem. "They get to strut their stuff in front of the whole school

and wear some nice clothes, too."

The contestants were rated by four non-school judges. Two from John Casabiancas Modeling and Career Center in Plymouth Township were looking especially carefully, because they'll be putting the show together.

Please see FASHION SHOW, A3

Residents upset with auto repair facility

BY LILLY A. EVANS
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Residents who live behind Auto Lab and the former Auto One businesses on Canton Center Road feel like they have had a lube job without pulling into the bays.

When the auto repair complex was planned two years ago, the residents, planning commission and the developers had a site plan with a landscape buffer in between the residential and

commercial development, certain hours of operation, an attractive building and sign and adequate drainage.

At Monday's planning commission meeting, the property owner and his architect - which changed a few months after the businesses opened two years ago - were seeking special

land use to add Quick Oil Change north of Auto One, plating out similar plans.

The commission tabled the request until the residents and the real estate owner can get issues resolved concerning aesthetics of the building and the conduct of his tenants.

When the property owner, Dan Smith of R&S investments of Novi, asked the commission why the original owners were issued a Certificate of Operation if the building aesthetics weren't up to par, planning commission Chairman Vic Gustafson made a Super Bowl quip, referring to the previous effort as "a dropped pass."

The Sunflower Village residents

Please see AUTO REPAIR, A14

Pet peeve: Man ticketed in dognapping dispute

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A 26-year-old Plymouth man received misdemeanor citations for stealing a Canton man's dog and obstructing justice Sunday.

According to police reports, the man was a guest of a 27-year-old Canton man at a party late Saturday evening. After a few hours, the township man asked him to leave because he was picking fights with other guests.

The Canton man asked him several times before he finally left. A short time after the Plymouth man's departure, he noticed his dog, a chocolate Labrador retriever, missing.

Reports said the Plymouth man called the Canton man in the early morning hours of Sunday demanding money for the dog's return. The victim then called police.

Canton officers contacted the Ply-

mouth man. He first denied taking the dog, but later said he would cooperate, reports said.

Upon arriving at the Plymouth man's apartment, officers saw the 26-year-old carry the dog up a flight of stairs, reports said. He then refused to answer his door or phone calls from police dispatch.

Canton officers, who were assisted by City of Plymouth Police, then obtained a search warrant and entered the apartment. The Plymouth man told police he was "dog-sitting" for the Lab.

Police cited him for larceny and obstructing justice. The dog was returned to the Canton man unharmed.

Canton officer Leonard Schemanske said it was a very unusual case. He said only one or two cases of "dognapping" are reported in the township each year.

The Plymouth man now faces a Feb. 26 hearing at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Replacement costumes on the way for skaters

CANTON CROSSINGS FIRE

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When members of the Whirlwind Precision Skating team take to the ice Feb. 12 in Alabama, it'll be in some of the prettiest costumes anywhere.

Like most outfits worn by 8- to 11-year-olds at the competition, a lot of thought, time and energy will have gone into each. But only the Whirlwinds will have costumes that so many people went to such great lengths to put together.

Friday's fire at the Canton Crossings Apartments destroyed the team's costumes. All 13 dresses were stored in the townhouse of Dorothy and Eric Johnson, who lost nearly everything in the fire.

Since then, several local businesses have banded together to replace the costumes. Kathie MacLean, who works in Canton, and a small army of volun-

teers will do the bulk of the work to get the dresses ready when the team heads to Huntsville Tuesday.

"I made the original dresses," said MacLean, a Westland resident. "They can't go without their dresses. It wouldn't be right."

"Whirlwinds" is based in Westland and features two squads. One is comprised of 8- to 11-year-olds and the other of teenagers.

Youngsters from Westland, Plymouth, Canton and Farmington, among other communities, participate in local and regional competitions.

Monarch Cleaners of Canton stepped forward to donate material for the new costumes. Owner John Rybski simply wanted to help.

"I understand the devastation people go through when they have a crisis like this," he said. "Everybody needs help sometimes."

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District, citing safety, changes meat supplier

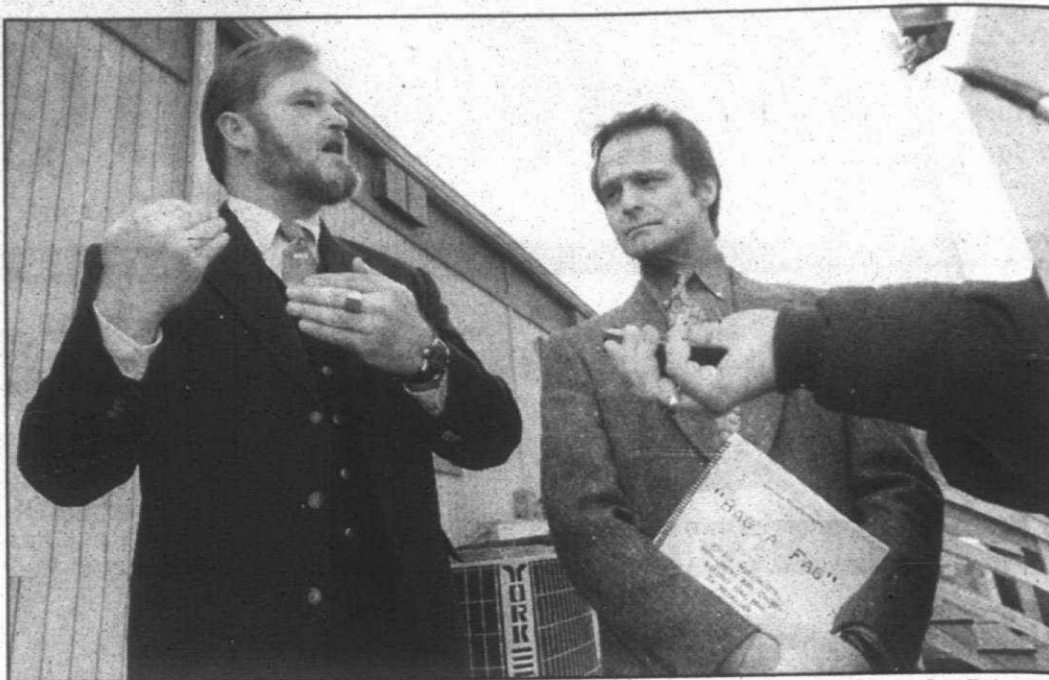
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Plymouth-Canton schools have changed suppliers for hot dogs served in elementary schools, as a result of a deadly strain of bacteria found in products sold by Michigan-based Bil Mar Foods. Teresa Arnold, food service director, said the district had been purchasing hot dogs and turkey ham from Bil Mar Foods in Zeeland, Mich., but changed manufacturers because of the rare strain of listeria bacteria found in the company's hot dogs and deli meats. The bacteria has been linked by federal investigators to 12 deaths nationwide. "We had no prior problems

PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

with Bil Mar, however we're always looking for safety first, so we changed products," said Arnold. Arnold said the school district never had any of the recalled product numbers, and had no complaints of illness from school children who ate Bil Mar products. The Bil Mar Foods recall occurred when Plymouth-Canton Schools were on winter break, and Arnold said the district had none of the product left. Since the Zeeland plant shut down Dec. 22, the district was forced to look for alterna-

tives. "As soon as the recall came out, we began ordering Jennie-O brand turkey hot dogs and turkey ham," said Arnold. "We will stay with Jennie-O until the situation with Bil Mar is corrected." Arnold said hot dogs are only served in elementary schools, while the turkey ham is served in all of the schools. She noted many of the schools are supplementing short supplies of the Jennie-O turkey ham with a similar product sold by the federal government.



Fighting back: Attorney Rudy Serra (left) and Triangle Foundation Executive Director Jeffrey Montgomery discuss their new program, which protests law enforcement efforts to target gay men, with members of the media Wednesday at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Gay group protests police raids

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Standing outside 35th District Court in Plymouth, members of the statewide organization formed to protect the rights of gays called upon the Justice Department to put an end to what it terms "illegal undercover police operations" designed to entrap gays. The Triangle Foundation, Michigan's statewide civil rights organization for lesbians and gays, claims police officers pretend to be interested in private, non-paid sex, and arrest a gay person who responds favorably. "It's not a crime to have a conversation in which you agree to get together, and yet people are being arrested for it," said Serra. "Dozens of people have been arrested for one reason, because a consenting, interested adult approached them and initiated a sexual conversation, and they responded with interest." Montgomery said the rest stop on I-275 gets unwarranted coverage by the state police. "There is not a problem at that rest stop," said Montgomery. "We have consistently tried to get copies of the so-called complaints by citizens about sexual activity there. We have never been able to find any. Police make that claim to justify to the public why they are there. "We're here to tell the public the (I-275) rest area is a perfectly safe place to go," added Montgomery. "Maybe we should start calling rest stops 'arrest stops.' Montgomery looked at the trailers behind him, which temporarily house 35th District Court. "There's quite a bit of money to be made by courts and municipalities from the fines they get from these operations," he said. "It's disgraceful that a class of people have been targeted to be the cash cows for a place that apparently needs to raise money for a new courthouse." A state police spokesperson was unavailable for comment as of press time.

Softball center from page A1

Marie Carravallah as operations coordinator. She'll be responsible for day-to-day operations of the center including staff scheduling, maintenance and marketing.

More than 30 tournaments are already booked for 1999. Some tournaments will bring in as many as 100 teams, meaning increased business for local restaurants hotels and shops, according to Canton officials.

Carravallah, a Redford resident, has gained experience running similar operations, Gouin said. That experience plus excellent academic credentials, which include an MBA for the University of Michigan, made her a logical choice, he commented. "She's a tremendously high energy person," Gouin said. "That's what we wanted." Jeff Bradley, meanwhile, will serve as Canton Softball Center's sports specialist. His job will be to schedule all softball and baseball leagues at the facility as well as tournaments. Gouin thinks the center will be in good hands with Carravallah and Bradley. "I'm very happy with our selections," he said. "I think they'll do an excellent job."

Softball and baseball leagues will be the center's bread and butter. But, Gouin said, tournaments will be just as important. Some tournaments will bring in as many as 100 teams. It means increased business for Canton restaurants, hotels and shops, Gouin said. More than 30 tournaments are already booked. The center will play host to numerous youth World Series events this summer. The men's Great Lakes Class 'C' softball championship will also be held Labor Day weekend. "We'll have tournaments every weekend," Gouin said.

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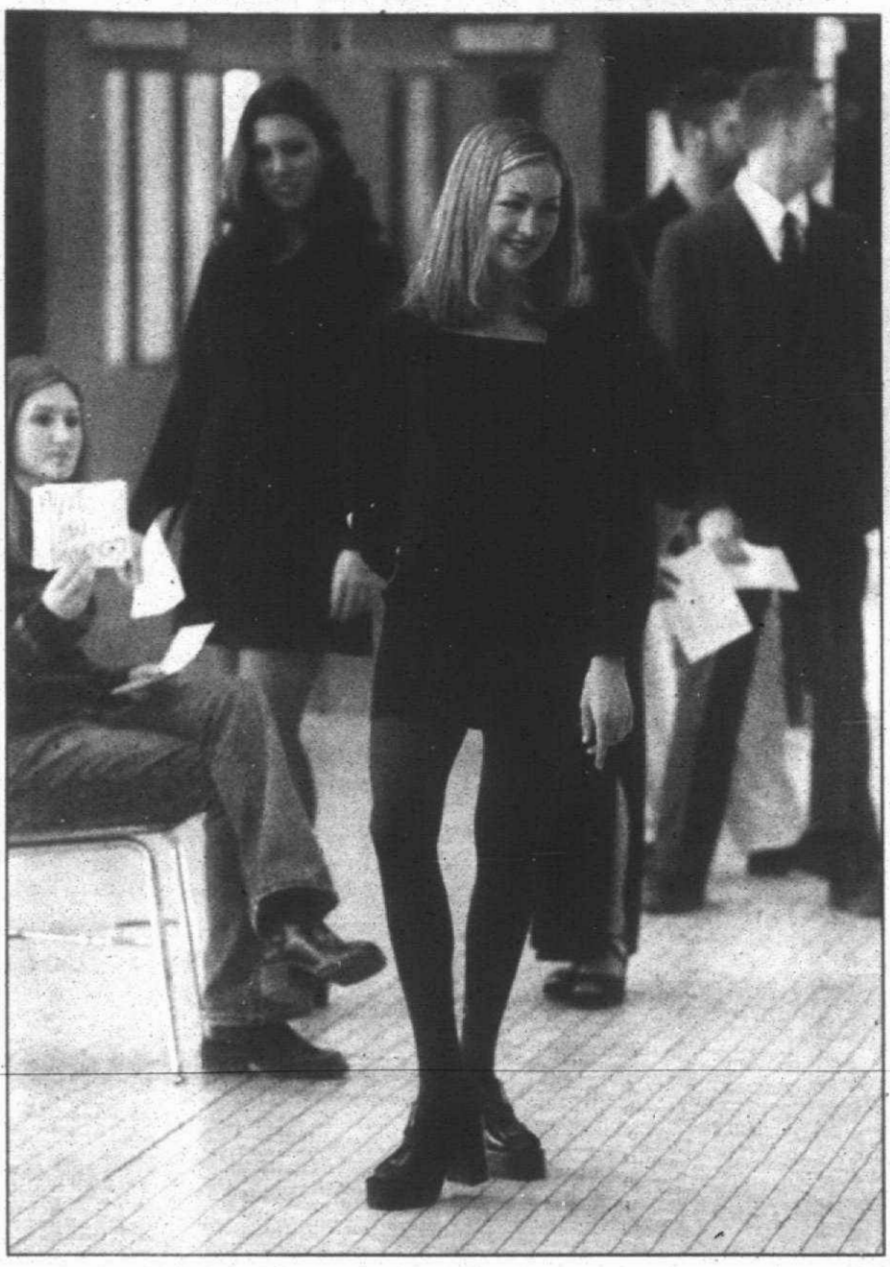
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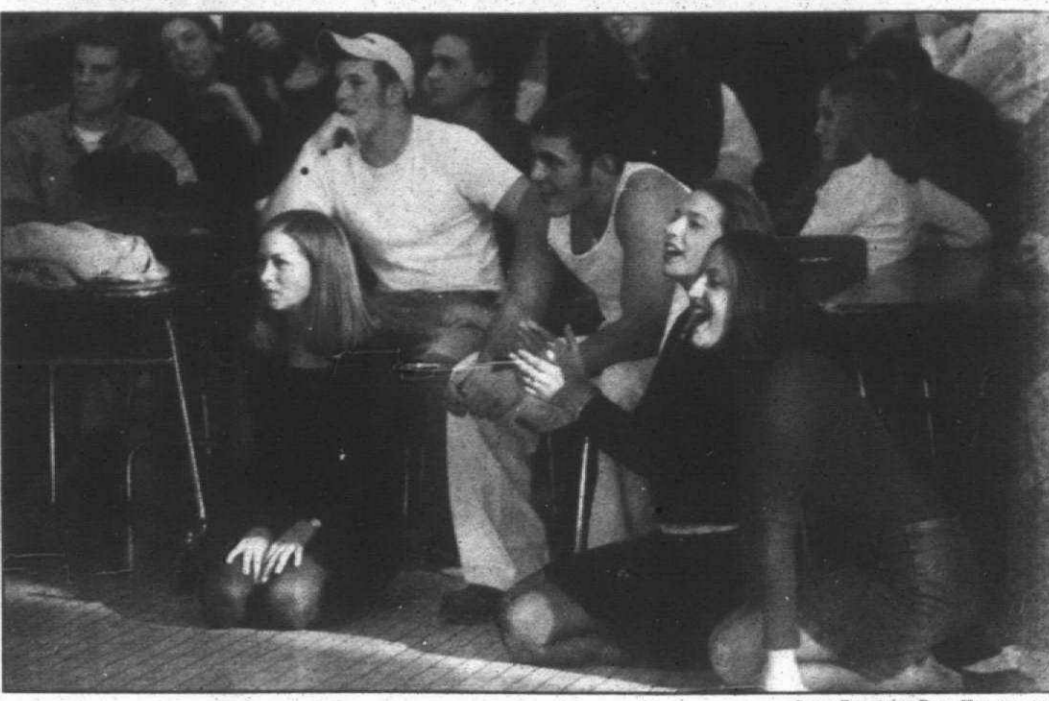
Model student: Libby Birchmeier, 17, of Plymouth, shows her best form as she tries out for the 1999 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Prom Fashion Show last week in the Canton High School cafeteria.



Fashion show from page A1

"I'm not looking for perfection, but for someone who is very real and exciting," said Alyson Stachlewitz of John Casablancas, who will be in charge of choreography for the show. "We want someone who represents the school as a whole. Not everyone is 5 feet 9 inches and size 6 in high school." "We are looking for variety, not necessarily just good looking or gorgeous people," added Bernadette Strickland of John Casablancas. Stachlewitz said she's looking to design an entertaining show, and that means meshing all kinds of personalities to make it come together. "I have to work with their personalities. I can't make a tomboy come out and be like a diva," she said. Matt Compton said he "had the jitterbugs" when he first started his troupe. "I was scared to death to walk out in tryouts, but once I got going it was easy," said Compton, 18, from Canton and a senior at Plymouth Canton. "I hadn't thought about modeling as a career, but if the opportunity presented itself I might pursue it." The Prom Fashion Show has grown quite a bit since its inception 12 years ago. A simple walk down a runway has transpired into three clothes changes and three different sets. "This has become a real event.

We usually have about 500 people come and see the show," said Gerda Burnside, Salem High School's activity director. "We've gone from a few stores donating clothes to several that show the latest fashions, as well as formal wear. And, we create our own sets." Burnside initiated the fashion show, borrowing the idea from other schools. She calls this her swan song, as she's retiring at the end of the school year. "It's fun to watch the kids put on the show," she added. "For some, it's the highlight of their high school career."



Cheering section: Birchmeier (from left), Pat Holland, 18, of Plymouth, Josh Labanino, 17, Aimee Ostach, 16, and Liz Bahrou, 17, all of Canton check out the competition during fashion show tryouts. Pictured below, Andrea Mott, 17, of Canton, walks down the runway in front of the judges, who included Penny Weinger of Canton Tuxedo; Dave Gingell of Randazzo Tuxedo in Livonia; and Bernadette Strickland and Alyson Stachlewitz of John Casablancas Model and Talent Management.



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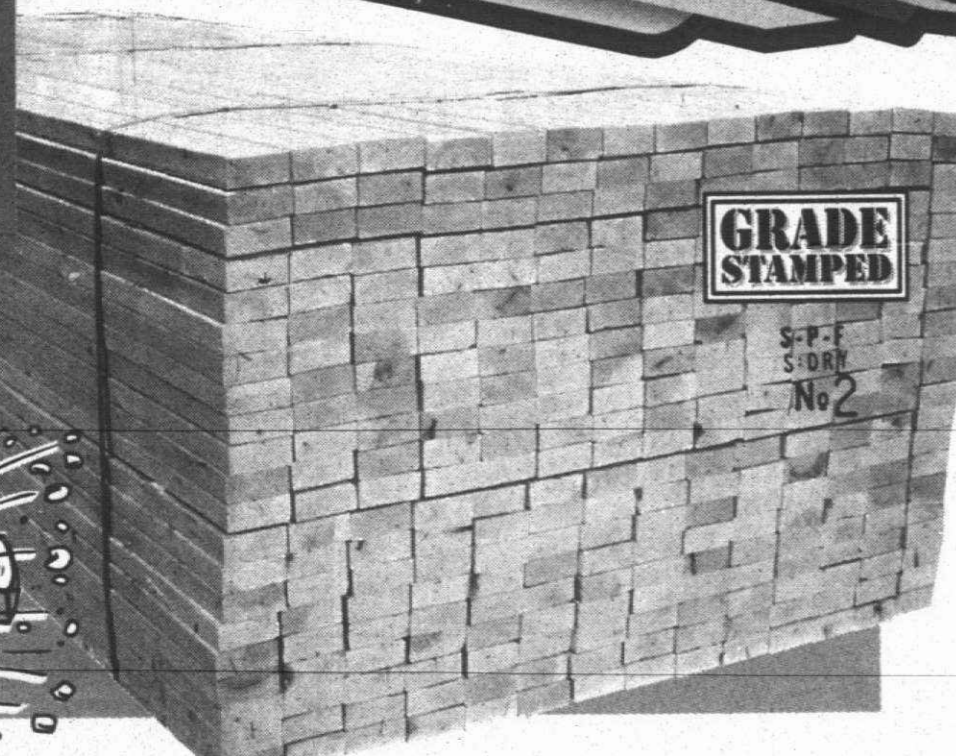
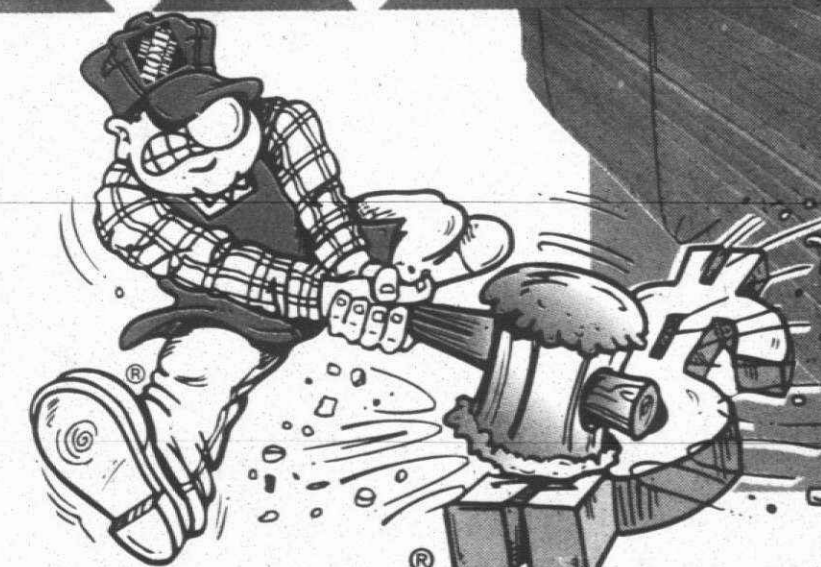
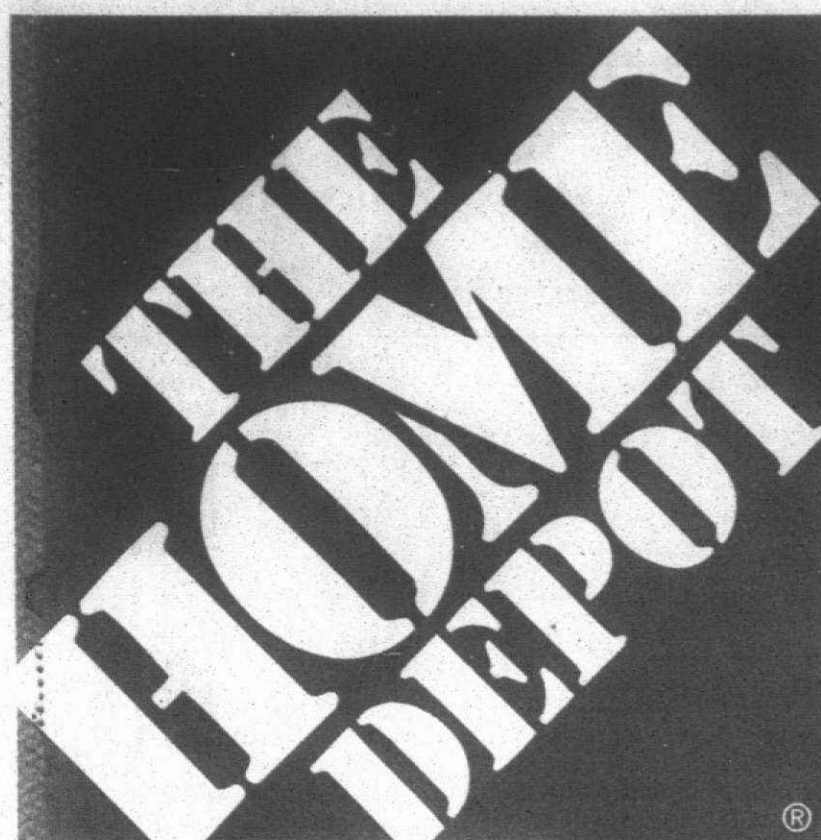
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Reorganization from page A1

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Jim Jimmerson, O&E production manager and a 31-year veteran of the newspaper business, will serve as interim publisher of the Observer newspapers, which include the Livonia, Farmington, Garden City, Canton, Plymouth, Redford and Westland Observers. He replaces Banks Dishmon, who recently resigned to accept the position of president of Mid-Michigan Newspapers based in Mount Pleasant. "I am pleased that we have such outstanding talent available for promotion from within," Pope said in announcing the reorganization. "These changes will strengthen our company as we plan our strategic goals into the new millennium. Justina comes from a newspaper family who owned the Rochester Clarion prior to its purchase by our company; he was raised with printer's ink in his veins. Jeanne Towars's long history of community involvement will enhance our presence in Birmingham," he added, "and Jim brings a wealth of knowledge to the Observer position. I look forward to the benefits of expanded contributions to our management team from all three of these dedicated staffers."
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Police crack down on alcohol and tobacco sales to minors

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Canton's Police Department is sending a clear message to local businesses these days: if you sell tobacco or alcohol to minors, you will be caught and cited.

In its first year of operation in 1998, the decoy program busted 75 percent of businesses it tested in Canton. That included just about equal numbers of violations for tobacco and alcohol.

"That tells us there's a problem and we'll continue with the program," program coordinator Lt. Pat Nemecek said. "We were a little surprised by the numbers. We thought tobacco would be a lot higher and alcohol lower."

In its first year of operation in 1998, the decoy program busted 75 percent of businesses it tested in Canton.

Decoy operations began in earnest last June as part of the department's Project Graduation. Nemecek said letters were sent to all Canton businesses selling tobacco and alcohol warning each that the program was getting under way.

"The best thing we can do for the community is to enforce," Nemecek said. "People ask for breaks. But when we go out we don't give breaks. We write violations."

Since then, teams of three officers and a decoy have gone out

regularly to restaurants, gas stations and convenience stores, among others venues. Some of the "sweeps" have netted numerous violators and others none.

"We had 100 percent compliance Friday for the first time," Nemecek said.

"It's a sign the program is working," he said.

"If this is any indication," Nemecek added, "we've made a word is out."

It'll take more than one good outing to convince the lieu-

tenant, however.

"You can't just go on one night," said Nemecek, who hopes that the decoy program will one day become a thing of the past. "The ultimate goal is not to have to do it."

In 1998, 61 businesses were checked. A total of 14 were cited for furnishing tobacco to a minor, 13 for furnishing alcohol to a minor and 13 more for liquor control violations.

Businesses cited for selling alcohol receive a fine and are scheduled for a hearing with the state liquor control commission. Clerks selling tobacco to minors are given misdemeanor citations. The business isn't cited in those cases.

Nemecek said the decoy sweeps often led to other arrests.

"We stumbled across a lot of things," he commented. "Outstanding warrants, kids drinking outside the business and other things."

A key link in the decoy operation is Canton Officer Mike Steckel. He provides law enforcement at Canton and Salem high schools.

Being at the schools for four to five hours each day gives him insight about what's going on and which stores are selling to minors.

"A lot of it is just overhearing things," Steckel added.

He has worked hard to build good relationships with students, too. Steckel coaches baseball at Canton High.

"It's taken awhile to build a good rapport," he said.

Steckel often recruits decoys from the schools as well as using students from his "Explorers" program. The program teaches teens about law enforcement and gets them actively involved.

All the time spent on decoy operations is time well spent, according to Steckel. The idea is to stop youngsters from getting on the slippery slope to drug use and crime.

"I'm really aggressive with it because I see the dangers of tobacco and alcohol," Steckel said. "It's the gateway to marijuana usage."

Auto supplier wins tax break

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Greenfield Die and Manufacturing will be adding about 50 workers to its township facility later this year.

The longtime Canton automotive supplier will hire die design makers and other skilled jobs for its Rhonda Drive location. Greenfield Corporate Tax Director Mary Rose Lindow said the additions are needed to keep up with demand.

"We're going through a lot of growth," she added. "It's a significant addition to our work force."

Greenfield Die, which was family owned until 1997 when Cleveland-based Shiloh Industries purchased it, will have more than 200 workers when the hires are made. The company also operates a second plant in Canton on Haggerty Road.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack is pleased with Greenfield's expansion. It should have a positive effect on Canton's economy, he said.

"The best jobs to have," Yack added, "are technical first and manufacturing second."

On Tuesday, the township's board of trustees unanimously approved an eight-year tax abatement for Greenfield.

Only businesses that fall within a municipality's industrial district are eligible for abatements. Greenfield will get a 50-percent break on real estate taxes.

If, for example, the compa-

ny's property were assessed at \$10 million, it would pay taxes on just \$2.5 million after state equalized value (half of true market value) was calculated.

While he voted for the measure, Yack isn't a big proponent of abatements. He thinks the township doesn't need any extra help in selling itself.

"I think Canton is a good place to locate for a lot of reasons," Yack commented.

He cited access to highways, available land at reasonable costs and the township's high standard of living as positive factors.

Currently, the township is comprised of about 22 percent industrial/commercial development and 78 percent residential. Yack would like to see a higher percentage of industrial/commercial.

But that's not likely to happen, he said. The fact that many of the township's newer residential developments feature house at \$300,000 and up offsets greater tax revenues generated by industrial/commercial, said Yack.

As for Greenfield Die, the company is adding more than 27,000 square feet to its Rhonda Drive plant. Lindow said the plant had simply run out of room.

"We were pretty much bursting at the seams," she said.

Much of the addition is already complete. Utilizing the extra space for additional production capacity will be phased in over the next two years, Lindow said.

Greenfield is a supplier to the auto companies.

Scholarship pie to be eaten up by tobacco settlement details

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What looks like a big pie for Michigan high school graduates may become a Pop Tart as details of Gov. John Engler's scholarship plan are unveiled.

Engler on Jan. 28 advocated offering students who passed their middle school and 11th-grade MEAP proficiency tests up to \$3,000 apiece to use at the public or private college of their choice.

"The Michigan Merit Award Trust Fund will be endowed by money from the recent tobacco settlement," he said. "Legislation creating the trust fund and scholarship will soon be before you," he told cheering representatives and senators.

He didn't say how many scholarships might be awarded or what the total annual cost would be. Some have calculated the annual cost at \$52.5 million; others at \$200 million.

But if students respond to the carrot, more tests that ever will take the test and try to get proficiency scores, running up the cost.

How much will Michigan get? In his final week as attorney general in 1998, Frank Kelley provided some details of "the tobacco settlement" that show much of the money will go into anti-smoking campaigns.

Kelley said Michigan will get a total of \$8.178 billion over 25 years as "the tobacco companies pay for their damages and change the practices that have, in part, led to the deaths and injuries of millions of Michigan citizens over the decades."

That amounts to \$327 million a year, on average. It's the equivalent of one-fourth of what the Legislature appropriates for 15 state public universities — assuming it all goes into scholarships — if all of it went to scholarships.

But it won't all go into scholarships. Said Kelley: "The settlement requires the industry each year for 10 years

State grants S'craft to help 22 firms with job training

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Schoolcraft College will receive slightly more than \$1 million in state Economic Development Job Training grants to assist 22 firms with job and computer training.

Schoolcraft College President Dick McDowell said the money helps with everything from training on equipment, supervisory training and managerial tips to cash flow solutions for the companies.

"The money comes to us, we administer the grant, we pay the faculty and buy the supplies," McDowell said. "Most of these programs are in the plant with training and equipment they use."

A \$239,415 grant will fund training for a construction consortium of 12 firms, many of them electrical, general and mechanical contractors. Those firms are Angelo Iafra Construction of Warren; Canadian Machinery Movers, Livonia; City Electric, Troy; Dunn Electric, Ann Arbor; Guardian Electric, Ferndale; Henderson Electric, Detroit; Industrial Power System, Taylor; Kemco Electrical Contracting, Walled Lake; Mortz Bros. Corp., Farmington Hills; Post Electric, Novi; Robert Carter Co., Oak Park; and Shaw Electric of Livonia.

Other firms, their specialties and the grant amounts are: LucasVarty of Livonia, a Tier 1 supplier for the automotive industry with electromechanical products, \$152,226; Trico Products Corp. of Rochester Hills, which claims to be the only facility in the world dedicated exclusively to windshield wiper component and system technology, \$133,918; Ghafari Associates Inc. and G-Tech Services of Dearborn, architectural and automotive designers, \$123,291; and General Fasteners Co. of Livonia, distributors of fasteners and fastener-related hardware, \$106,674.

Firms also include Albert Kahn of Detroit, an architectural, engineering, planning and interior design firm, \$80,880; Ace Controls of Farmington, manufacturer of industrial shock absorbers, \$20,919.

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He also placed within the 36th recruiting group's top 10 and won the senior recruiter award.

Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement and other accomplishments, said an Air Force announcement.

The settlement requires the tobacco companies "to open, at their expense, a Web site which includes all documents produced in state and other smoking and health-related lawsuits." The Web site must be "in a user friendly and searchable format," Kelley said.

The governor's budget is due Feb. 11. The Legislative Service Bureau, which drafts bills for lawmakers, has a backlog already.

Special interest groups lobby for state change

The governor gets the media's and the Legislature's attention, but other groups in Lansing have their own versions of where state government should be going.

Here's a sampling:

Michigan Catholics
As public policy voice for the Catholic Church in Michigan, the Michigan Catholic Conference has a strong interest in money as well as theology. Besides opposing abortion, the death penalty and assisted suicide, MCC favors:

- Initiatives which will recognize parental rights — the wording of groups favoring state vouchers and tax credits for private schools.
- Federal aid to non-public schools — *non-professional staff*.
- Battling "frivolous regulation or intrusive government intervention" in private schools.
- Access to basic health care, pain management, hospice care and mental health systems.
- "Distributive justice" in tax policies, continued opposition to "unfair burden of taxation upon church entities."

Small Business
The Small Business Association of Michigan says its members "fear a state minimum wage hike, proposed by Democratic legislative leaders."

While the goal is worthy, SBAM said, "it's not fair that employers bear the burden of fighting poverty by having a government-mandated minimum wage hike enacted."

Charter schools
The Michigan Association of Public School Academies wants the 150 cap on charter schools lifted to satisfy "parent demand for choice."

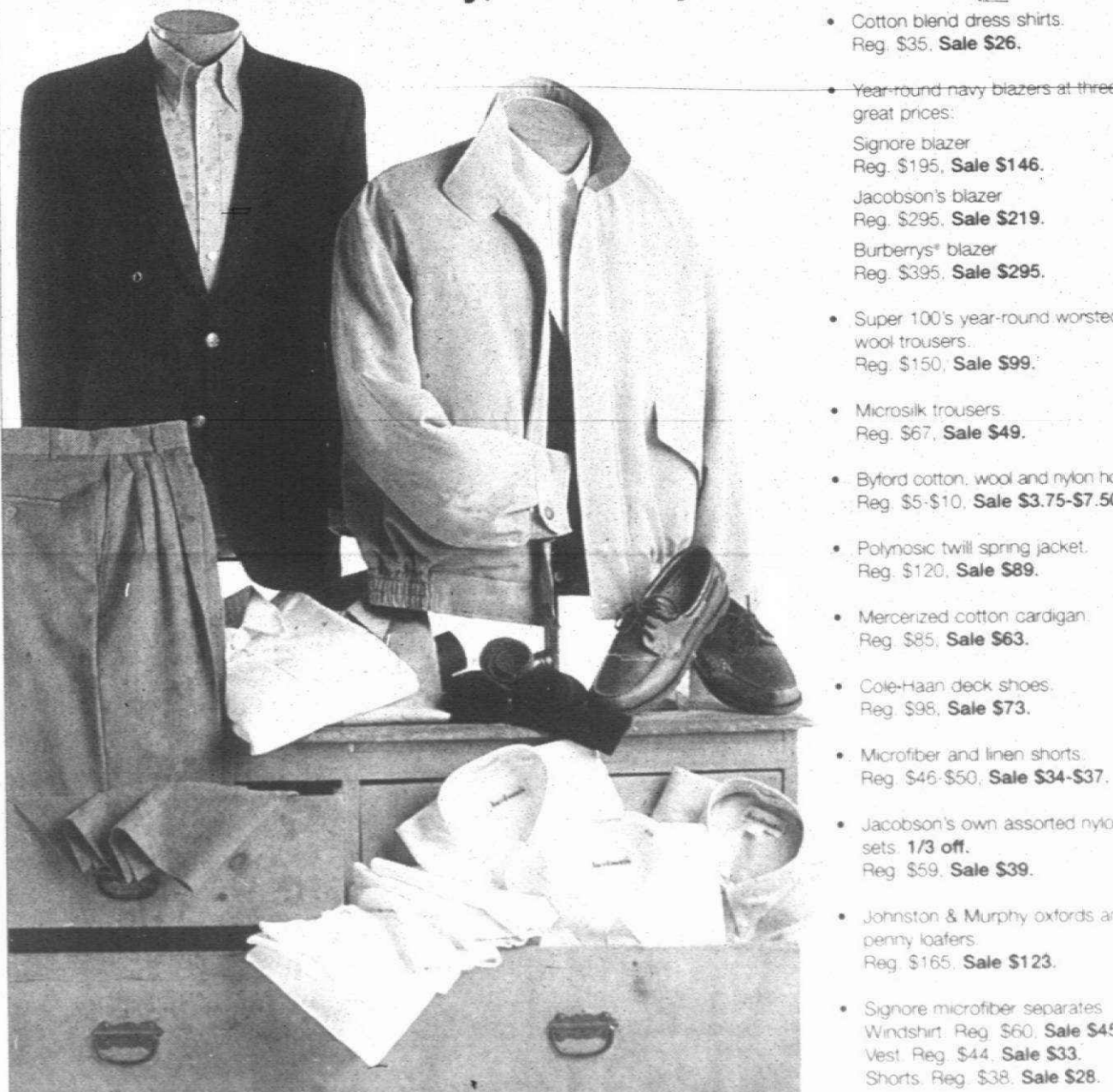
Public school academies operate outside the control of local school districts with self-appointed boards and with charters from state universities.

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Schoolcraft profs to receive national excellence awards

Two Schoolcraft College teachers have been selected to receive 1999 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence Awards.

Donald Morelock, professor of music, and William Schlick, assistant professor of computer information systems/electronics technology, will receive their awards at the NISOD conference May 23-26 in Austin, Texas.

Morelock is an ambassador for Schoolcraft and the arts, offering programs, events and competitions that bring more than 10,000 people to the campus each year. His yearly agenda includes free noon concerts, the Schoolcraft Piano Academy, which has grown to include 90 students; the annual Bach Festival; the Schoolcraft Honors Competition; the Piano Teachers Workshop; and student achievement testing by the Michigan Music Teachers Association, the Federation of Music Clubs and the National Piano Guild.

Morelock, co-director of the Russian Music Institute, takes piano students to study in Russia each summer, and presents a concert when they return. His piano students have gone on to

almost every major music school in the country.

Almost 100 music majors from Schoolcraft have been accepted at the University of Michigan Music School.

Morelock's students have been first-place winners in national competitions, placed fifth in the International Queen Elizabeth of Belgium Piano Competition and competed in the 1998 International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow. They have soloed with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, studied at the Moscow Conservatory and produced CDs.

"We need music now more than ever, because we live in such a technological world," Morelock said. "It's a great pleasure, sitting down at the piano and making music rather than turning on a CD. We need the aesthetic pleasure the arts give us."

Schlick, a Schoolcraft alumni, says his goal is to prepare students for technological innovations. To meet this goal, he has developed new classes that include a comprehensive course in computer networking, a Windows NT class, and an electron-

ics class on the Internet. He worked with the collegiate skills department to help students upgrade their skills for electronics, classes and taught computer programming to metallurgy students so they could build and control an electronic furnace in 16 weeks.

Schlick said changing education is one of his goals, and he welcomes the challenge of doing something that has never been done. His students go into industry, and Schlick said he wants employers to call him the second day of a student's new job and tell him the student was productive the first day and needed no training to get up to speed. He said he sets up challenges for students they didn't know they would welcome, structures their studies so they strive for an A instead of a C, and helps them grow from being unsure they can handle the class to becoming national honors recipients.

He will co-host and be among the judges at the VICA Electronics Technology Competition Feb. 5 at Schoolcraft, which is a regional competition for high school vocational and community college technical students.

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care costs from the single business tax base; "a common sense standard" for stress claims in worker's comp cases; capping the unemployment insurance trust fund, now at more than \$2.2 billion; cooperative workforce development programs with schools.

■ Regulatory reform - "Overlapping and duplicative regula-

tions exercised by dozens or hundreds of cities, villages and townships will have a negative impact on economic activity, business retention and job growth." Local units should regulate only what the state doesn't.

■ Tax policy - cut the personal income tax to 3.9 percent; cut the state property tax on busi-

ness equipment, machinery and furnishing; cut the single business tax rate over five years from the current 2.3 percent to 1.8 percent; require a three-fifths vote of the Legislature to raise tax rates.

Compiled by staff writer Tim Richard from a mailbox of press releases.

Schoolcraft will honor special alumni

Schoolcraft College is seeking nominations for outstanding alumni who have made significant contributions to their profession, the community and the college.

The award winner will be honored at commencement exercises Saturday, May 8.

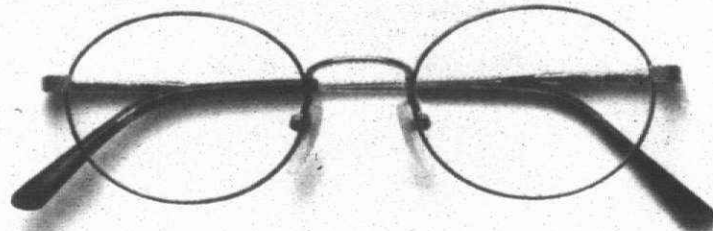
Nominees must have earned 80 credit hours at Schoolcraft, excelled in or achieved special distinction in civic affairs, a professional field or volunteerism, and have contributed to Schoolcraft while a student or alumnus.

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Pay hikes

Local commissioners say county increases 'too much'

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When the state Senate decided not to act on a House resolution to reject pay raises for Gov. John Engler, state senators and House members, their salaries increased Monday.

They also set the table for Wayne County elected officials to receive the same increase as Engler — 18 percent over two years — unless county commissioners reject the pay raise on a two-thirds vote.

Commissioners may act on the pay hike today.

According to the county charter, the county executive receives 97 percent of the governor's salary. The prosecutor, sheriff, clerk, register of deeds and county commissioners, in turn, receive percentages based on the county executive's pay.

Those salaries are adjusted on Jan. 1 of each year that the governor is granted a salary adjustment, unless it is rejected by a two-thirds vote of the commission, which "vote shall be taken," according to the charter.

Unless commissioners reject the raise, Engler's pay hike means County Executive Edward McNamara will earn \$134,594 this year and \$146,707 in 2000, up from his 1998 salary of \$123,481. As of Monday, Engler receives \$138,757 annually and will be compensated \$151,245 in 2000.

County Prosecutor John O'Hair's salary would receive the same percentage pay hikes, to \$132,036 in 2000, as the prosecutor's salary is 90 percent of the county executive. Wayne County Clerk Teola Hunter, Register of Deeds Forest Youngblood, Sheriff Robert Ficano and Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz would receive 75 percent of McNamara's salary, bringing those salaries to \$110,030 in 2000.

County commissioners would earn \$53,838 this year, and \$58,682 in 2000. Last year they earned a \$49,392 salary, adjusted to 40 percent of the county executive's salary.

Commission Chair Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, earns an additional \$12,000 more per year as the chairman, while Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, and Vice Chair Pro Tem Jewel Ware, D-Detroit earn \$6,000 more annually in their respective leadership positions.

Six commission committee chairs receive an additional \$4,000 a year.

County Executive Edward McNamara said if people averaged out pay raises over the past 10

years and accounted for years when state lawmakers and county elected officials did not receive pay hikes, increases for those officials would probably be less than what the general public receives.

"When you look at the salary we (the governor and McNamara) make, the job is probably worth twice that much, but I think either one of us would do it for about half of what we're paid, because we enjoy what we're doing."

Wayne County has a budget over \$1 billion and employs 6,000 people, McNamara said. "If you relate that to the private sector, the compensation for the CEO for a similar sized company would be high," McNamara said.

Engler still earns less than Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer despite leading a state of 10 million residents, McNamara said.

McNamara didn't seem too concerned about the public's perception of the pay raise. "Given the salary increases, the public may criticize the amounts, but you have to let it roll off your back."

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, called the increase "outrageous," and expected to vote against it. "I think that's a lot, I think that's a helluva lot."

Bankes said she supported only one pay raise in her 13 years as a state legislator, and that was a 3.5 percent pay raise over two years. "But this (9 percent) increase is huge."

While she traditionally votes against the pay raise, Bankes has grown accustomed to the public's general opposition to any increases.

"There's no way to compensate a politician with tax money that's fair to everyone," Bankes said. Politicians are expected to do work for the public as public service, Bankes said, and "it doesn't matter what we get paid, it's too much."

Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, said the pay hike was too high and she would vote against it.

"It's way above inflation, and I'm not going to be supporting it," Husk said.

Husk had hoped to introduce a resolution opposing it, but decided not to, once she spoke with Solomon, and found she would not get the two-thirds opposition to it.

Husk said 2.5 percent pay hikes in recent years were more reasonable amounts. The commission salary of \$58,000 scheduled for next year probably falls higher than many of the households in her district, Husk said.

"For a middle-class family, it's a lot."

Commissioner John Sullivan, D-Wayne, said he would have to discuss the issue with other commissioners before rejecting the pay raise. Sullivan said he is "more than happy" with his current salary.

"I would be more than happy to reject the pay raise, but for me to deny a raise to the other commissioners who have been here for many years, I could not do that without talking to them first. I would need to look at it."

Beard and Solomon could not be reached for comment.



Sullivan: He's "more than happy" with the current salary.



Bankes: Called the proposed increase 'outrageous.'



Husk: "It's way above inflation and I'm not supporting it."

Area woman puts liquor commission on a steady course

BY TIM RICHARD
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Things have become quiet at the state Liquor Control Commission since 1997 when Chairman Phil Arthurhultz paid back \$4,000 in improper travel and telephone reimbursements and resigned.

Chairing LCC is Jacquelyn A. Stewart, a familiar face in western Wayne and Oakland County politics and government. Stewart presides at hearings in Lansing and, since May of 1998, in an office building on Drake Road, south of Grand River Avenue, in Farmington.

"I had heard stories of \$80 million missing," Stewart said in a recent interview. "But in the audit, we came out real good."

Gov. John Engler had assigned Arthurhultz to privatize the warehousing of liquor, though the state still runs the business. A Treasury Department audit, requested by the agency, concluded: "We generally found that internal control procedures were proper and effective."

The audit said LCC should try to keep its inventory to a minimum and recommended some better paperwork. In general, Kathy Wilbur, director of the LCC's parent, the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, called the audit good and praised Stewart's work.

LCC was formed in 1933, at the end of Prohibition as a bipartisan, five-member agency. It oversees liquor distribution, licenses dealers, collects taxes on spirits, beer



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and wine, and enforces liquor laws.

Stewart had lunch at her desk as she was interviewed about her working career and asked for a civics lesson on LCC operations.

Q. Is your job full time? What do you do?

A. "Yes. There are five commissioners. Two are hearings commissioners — they hear all the liquor violations cases all over the state (sales to minors, sales to drunks, food stamp fraud).

"Then there are three administrative commission-

ers (including herself) who do the day-to-day operations. We sit on the appeal board to hear any licensee objecting to a penalty handed down by a hearing commissioner.

"We do appeals on Tuesday in Lansing, and we probably handle five to seven cases. Then we do appeals in Farmington, and today we had seven."

Q. Is the job easier now that Gov. Engler wants the state out of the wholesale liquor business?

A. "Let me clarify that. The state is not out of the wholesale business. What we're out of is warehousing and distribution. That has been turned over to the private sector.

"We place the order with the industry. The industry sends the product to the ADA (three authorized distribution agents — General Wine & Liquor Co. in Highland Park, NWS Michigan Inc. in Brownstown, and Trans-Con Co. in Bloomfield Hills).

"We've gone from 400 to 164 employees. We have a finance department (20), licensing division (45) and our enforcement division (70)."

Q. How many licenses are there?

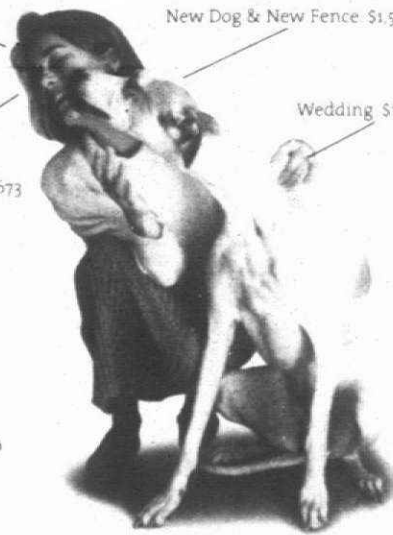
A. "We have 14,000 on-premise licenses (restaurants, hotels, bars) and off-premise, which are SDD and SDM (specially designated distributor and merchant), which are your party stores; we have 3,500."

Q. LCC commissioner was the first political job in 1946 of G. Mennen

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behind the auto shops are perturbed with the existing business and are skeptical of new business development. 'We were at a meeting (planning commission) two years ago and we promised the sun and the moon,' Diane Slusarczyk said...

Lorna Epley - neighboring resident
'I have made repeated calls to the police at 1 a.m. on Saturday because of the loud music and gunning engines.'

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to shut our windows. My property value has decreased from the properties behind me. They planted a couple of toothpicks,' he said. 'One of the problems is there are deciduous trees back there instead of evergreens...'

OBITUARIES

LUELLA E. PERRY Services for Luella E. Perry, 84, of Plymouth were Feb. 2 in the Casteline Funeral Home, Northville, with the Rev. James Hoff of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Livonia...

GRANT ALDEN RODEHEFFER Services for Grant Alden Rodeheffer of Canton were Jan. 29 in Pilger Ruhe Cemetery, New Knoxville, Ohio...

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The seminar will feature five-minute presentations on accelerated bachelor's degree programs for adult students from the following institutions - Cleary College, Central Michigan University, Concordia College, Detroit College of Business, Northwood University, Rochester College, William Tyndale College, University of Detroit Mercy, Sienna

Heights College, Spring Arbor College, the University of Phoenix, Walsh College and Wayne State University.

The programs, in fields such as business and health administration, offer upper division courses evenings and weekends.

Students may receive as much as one year of credit for work experience or training and life activity. With flexible scheduling and five- or eight-week sessions, students have a convenient way to earn a bachelor's degree in a short time period.

Each institution's program is different. Programs will include current students or graduates

who will share their experiences. There will be time to ask questions, browse, collect materials and speak with program representatives.

The seminar is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Presentations begin at 10 a.m. in Room 200 of the McDowell Center.

For information or to make reservations, contact the Schoolcraft Counseling Center at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5213. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, just west of I-275 in Livonia

Detroit Edison, DNR team up to offer grants for tree planting

Detroit Edison, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, has established a tree planting grant program for southeastern Michigan. Detroit Edison is providing up to \$60,000 for tree planting grants that are administered by the DNR's Forest Management Division, Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Officials hope the program helps increase properly plant-

ed trees in municipalities and maintains those trees in good condition and health. It is part of Detroit Edison's voluntary participation in the U.S. Department of Energy's Climate Challenge Program.

Local units of government are eligible to apply for tree planting grants of up to \$4,000 each.

Grant applications must be postmarked by Feb. 25. Projects must be completed by Dec. 31.

All grants require matching funds of at least 50 percent. The match may be of cash contributions or in-kind services, but may not include federal funds.

Applications are now available. For information, contact the DNR Forest Management Division, Urban and Community Forestry Program, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952 or call (517) 373-1275.

CAPITOL CAPSULES

Drug grants

Several county agencies will receive a total of \$5.4 million in additional substance abuse prevention and treatment funding, Gov. John Engler has announced.

"Parental drug and alcohol abuse is largely responsible for a surge in child abuse and neglect," the governor said. Among the recipients is the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, serving Wayne and Monroe counties - \$551,235.

Bills signed

Gov. Engler has signed:

■ A package of bills to provide consumers and patient more information about treating chronic pain. The laws take effect April 1. Among sponsors is Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth. Thrust is to allow use of controlled substances in treatment of pain.

Ameritech hit

Ameritech, the Chicago-based telephone company, continues to get its lumps from critics.

Attorney General Jennifer Granholm has joined opponents of a planned takeover of Ameritech by SBC Communications Inc., of Texas. Despite state efforts to foster competition, Granholm said Ameritech still serves more than 96 percent of access lines in its territory.

Ameritech "is opposed to fair competition," said Richard McLellan, chair of the Michigan Competitive Telecommunications Providers Association. He referred to Ameritech's decision to appeal a Michigan Public Service Commission order to allow increased competition for short-haul long distance calls. McLellan said Ameritech charges Michigan homes \$100 a year more per line than in Illinois.

MMCTPA also blistered Ameritech for raising rates 1.29 percent for business and residential customers at the end of February 1999. It's the seventh raise since the Legislature in 1995 rewrote the Michigan Telecommunications Act, said McLellan.

Appointments

Gov. Engler has appointed:

Francisco Villarruel of Livonia to a new term on the state Civil Rights Commission. An attorney, Villarruel is appointed as a nonpartisan independent. The CRC makes policies for the Department of Civil Rights.

Margaret Chmielewski of Plymouth to a new term on the Statewide Independent Living Council, which aids the disabled in integrating into society. Chmielewski is director of the Office of Programs for Handicapped Students at Michigan State University and will represent disability advocacy groups.

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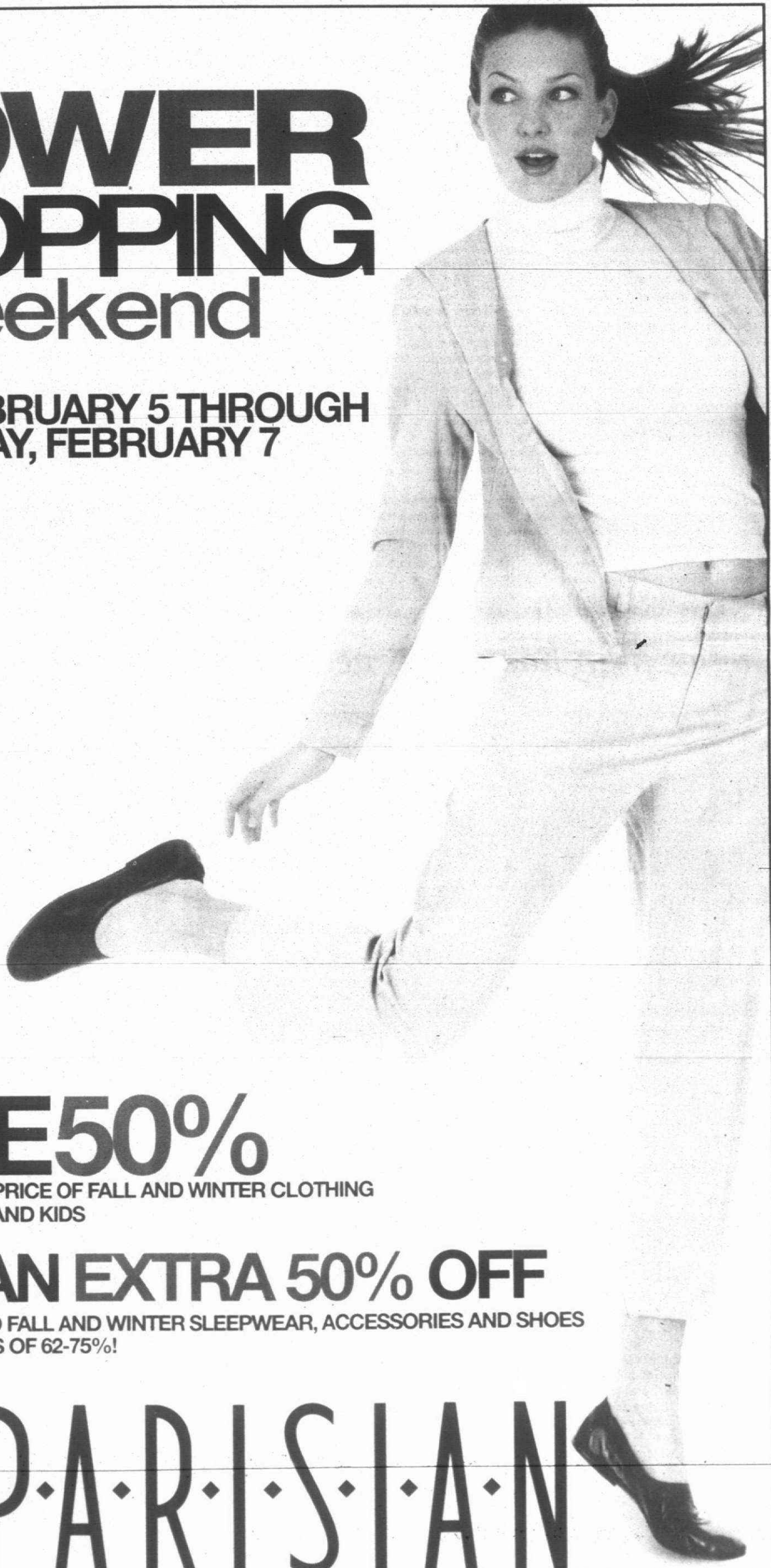
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JACK GLADDEN

Official stuff: Educational or frivolous?

Most amid the hype of presidential impeachment, the bombing of Iraq and the Blizzard of '99, a major piece of legislation squeaked through the Michigan Legislature just before the 1998 session drew to a close. Signed into law by Gov. John Engler at 7:15 p.m. on Dec. 29, 1998, House Bill 4923 became Public Act 454 on Dec. 30.

Getting the legislation passed was a hard-fought battle, and near the end, it was threatened with a gubernatorial veto. But Engler relented at the last minute and approved the legislation, designating the dwarf lake iris as Michigan's official state wildflower.

According to an Engler spokesman, the veto threat had nothing to do with the dispute over whether the dwarf lake iris or the trillium should get the official recognition, but with a concern over the number of such bills that are introduced every year.

"With all of the weighty issues out there, we seem to spend a lot of time debating trivia," John Truscott told a reporter last year. "Where is it going to end?"

It's a legitimate concern. Other bills introduced in the Michigan Legislature last year would have designated the morel mushroom the official state fungus, the green darner dragonfly (*Anax junius*) as the official state insect, the cherry as the official state fruit, the "cherry burger" (made with Michigan cherries) as the official burger and the spring peeper as the official state amphibian.

Children's education

Many of these ideas, not just in Michigan but in other states, originate in elementary school classrooms. The morel mushroom bill originated with a group of Lake Orion fourth-graders, who had spent four months studying the tasty fungus.

The students and their teacher, Howard Sawicke, approached state Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, with their proposal, and she introduced a bill to designate the morel as "the official fungus of this state."

Not only did the students manage to get the bill introduced, but they went to Lansing where they testified before the House Agriculture Committee, where the bill eventually died.

Sawicke says the experience taught the students a great deal about the legislative process that they wouldn't have gotten from a textbook. He's probably right.

But some people, including some lawmakers, think that the Legislature shouldn't be dealing with bills that they consider "frivolous." They say there are cheaper ways of teaching students about the legislative process, since processing each bill costs thousands of dollars.

Rep. Howard Wetters, D-Kawkawlin, who chaired the agriculture committee to which the morel bill was assigned, said while he wasn't opposed to giving kids a hearing on such bills, "I don't think we can do this for every fourth-grade class in Michigan."

A look at other state symbols might give you the idea that that's exactly what legislatures have been doing.

Michigan already has a state reptile, state gem, state stone, state fish and state soil, in addition to the more traditional symbols like the state flag and coat of arms, state tree, state flower and state bird. But there is some controversy here.

A bill introduced last year would have repealed earlier legislation that established the apple blossom as the state flower (in 1897) and the white pine as the state tree (in 1955) and would have made the trillium the state flower and the crab apple tree the state tree. That bill died in the Committee on House Oversight and Ethics.

Way out west

Out in Nevada, which already had a state tree (the piñon pine) the legislature adopted "another state tree"

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Fine-tuning

'News junkie' helps build station appeal

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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As a Miami University broadcast student, Julie Maxwell anxiously awaited news about Detroit radio. Radio was her hobby at Plymouth Canton High School but the medium crept into her psyche.

The 1984 Plymouth Canton High School graduate's heart sank when the rock station WLLZ-FM and the alternative outlet WABX-FM changed formats.

"Those were all the stations I grew up with. Even though I was down there, I always kept up on the Detroit area because my family is still here," she said.

And it was Maxwell's family who gave her an earful when WQRS-FM switched from classical music to alternative rock's WXDG-FM "The Edge."

"My mom's favorite station was 'QRS. Boy did I hear about that - twice. When they switched, I got the, 'Why, why, why did they do this to my favorite station?'" said Maxwell.

The second time was when she was hired as the promotion and marketing director in October 1998 for her mother's archenemy - The Edge.

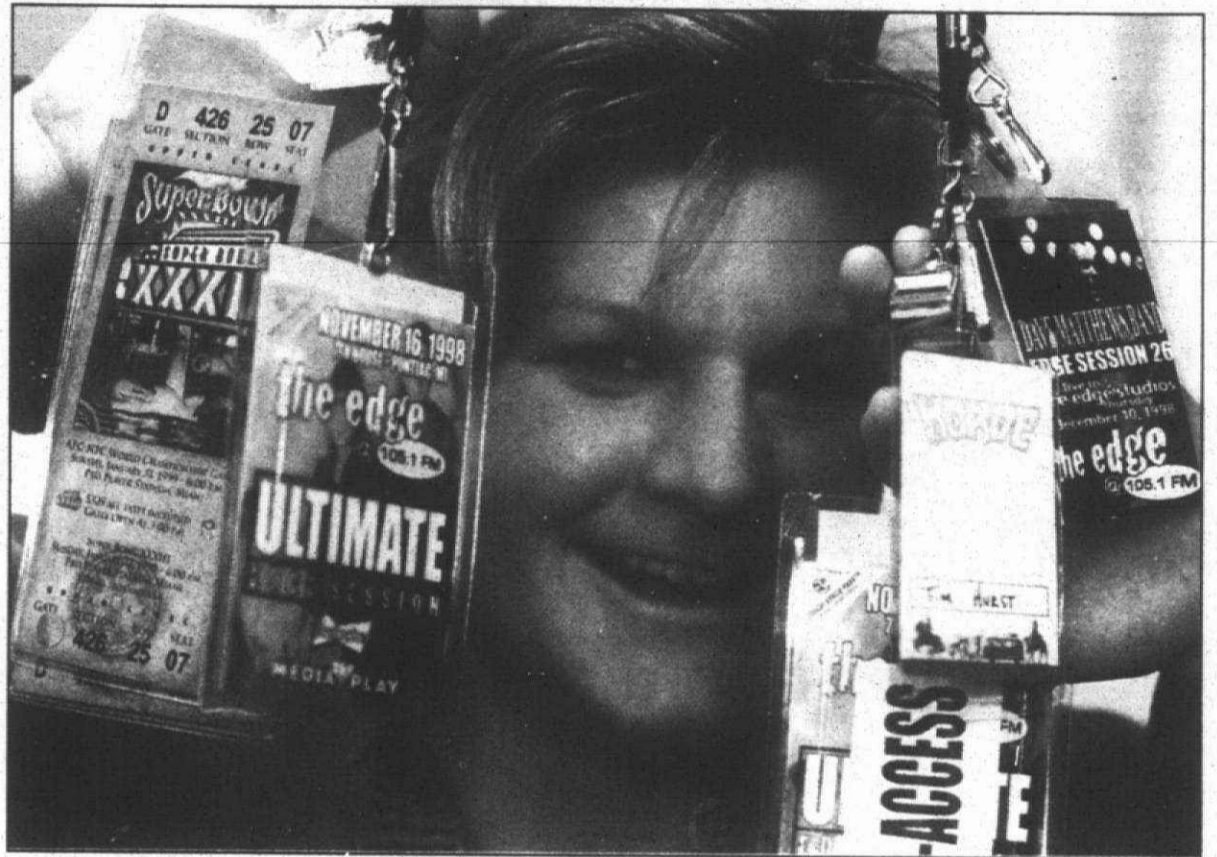
"When I got the job, it was, 'Well, I'm glad you're working, but did you have to work for them? That's the station that took away my 'QRS.'"

Maxwell has frequently heard that sentiment. But the real challenge has been trying to win over the audiences of other Detroit-area alternative stations such as CIMX-FM and WPLT-FM.

"We had to prove what every station has to prove - a quality product, staying power, attractive programming and good prizes," Maxwell said.

WXDG, one of three stations that make up the Greater Detroit Radio Group in Ferndale, had a little help.

"We're real fortunate because our



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Lucky ducats: Julie Maxwell shows off some of The Edge's tickets and passes to such events as Super Bowl XXXIII, Horde Festival and Ultimate Edge sessions with The Dave Matthews Band.

big brothers are WCSX and WRIF, so that's quite a pool of talent to draw on in terms of just relationships and experience and phone numbers - the little nuances of politics and things like that," she said.

Longtime passion

Maxwell, the daughter of Benton and Ann Lindamood of Plymouth,

had the background to pull that off. Media have been a longtime passion of hers.

"I was always a news junkie," Maxwell said during an interview in her Ferndale office which houses dolls of "Dylan" from "Beverly Hills 90210" and "Jay" and "Silent Bob" from the movie "Mallrats." "I loved the radio. I remember having my

dad's transistor, and it was supposed to be the emergency radio in case there was a tornado or something.

"I would have his transistor and at night in the summer with the windows open, when it was really calm and quiet, you could tune it in and get baseball games and hear all these places like Boston, St. Louis or Toronto. It was all these really far-off places that are coming to you from this little box. I just have always been fascinated with that voices in the box."

At Plymouth Canton, Maxwell worked on the CEP Perspective newspaper and the student radio station, WSDP-FM, as a news reporter.

"I thought it would be newspapers all through high school, radio was just a hobby," she said. "I worked at SDP (WSDP-FM) in high school. Then I got this part-time job at a commercial station (WOXY-FM) while I was in college and I thought, 'Wait a minute. I'm having fun at this.'"

She honed her radio skills working for the Miami University (Oxford,

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WSDP-FM celebrates anniversary

WSDP-FM, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' student radio station, will celebrate 27 years of broadcasting on Sunday, Feb. 14. Since signing on the air in 1972, the station has been providing broadcast training for students at Plymouth Canton Educational Park.

WSDP, 88.1 FM "The Escape," features music, news, community affairs, interviews and live sports.

Many WSDP graduates, like Julie Maxwell of WXDG-FM 105.1 "The Edge," are working in markets across the country.

"Students that don't go into broadcasting have an

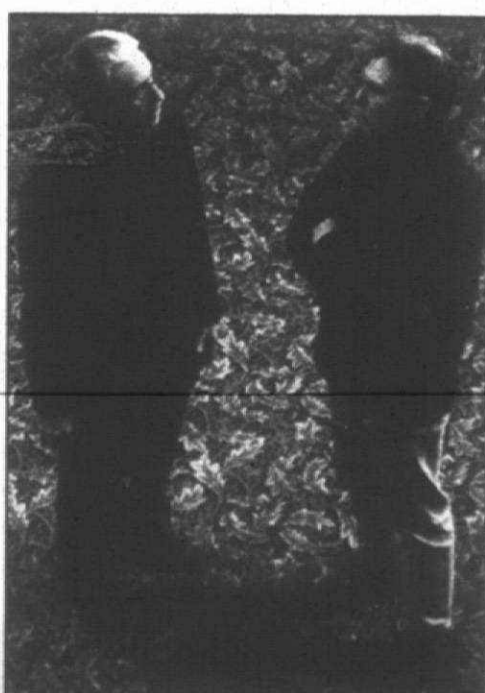
excellent opportunity to apply skills learned in many of their classes," said Bill Keith, WSDP station manager. "They also have a chance to gain leadership skills that will be with them for life."

Last year, WSDP produced a guide recounting the station's history. Portions were written by former station managers Bonny Dore, Jeff Cardinal, Andy Melin and Dave Snyder.

Copies of the guide are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum, the Little Professor Bookstore, Canton Township Hall, Dearborn Music or by calling (734) 416-7732.

Choir tunes up for international festival

Making plans: Jerry Smith (left), music director at Ward Presbyterian Church, discusses the annual International Church Music Festival to be held in Bern, Switzerland, in June, with its artistic director, Paul Leddington Wright.



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BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Livonia resident Alan Brace plans to be an ambassador of peace and love while he participates in the annual International Church Music Festival.

"I think it's a special opportunity to represent our country, to represent Ward Church and to have an opportunity to fellowship with Christians from other parts of the world," said Brace, who has been a member of Ward Presbyterian Church for 20 years.

Brace joins 49 other members of the Ward choir who will be singing with 500 singers from churches across the globe June 8-11 in Bern, Switzerland. The festival has drawn a diverse conglomeration of Christian choirs in an annual event since 1984, excluding 1991 when it was canceled because of the Persian Gulf War.

"There's a sacred spirit that comes out of people's hearts during these festivals," said Jerry Smith, Ward choir director.

The Ward choir has been part of other music festivals, but this is the first year it will participate in the International Church Music Festival.

Smith recently met with Paul Leddington Wright, festival artistic director since 1991, at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. As the two men

talked about the event, the plastic table and chairs by the hotel pool were replaced with thoughts of angelic voices, representing people of varied nations singing in harmony to praise God.

Music would become their universal language that transcends any differences.

Wright traveled from England during a whirlwind visit to the United States to meet with eight choirs throughout the country.

"The idea was to bring choirs together from all over the world," said Wright, who worked as organist and director of the Music at Coventry Cathedral in England from 1984 until 1995. The festival is held in the Coventry Cathedral every other year.

"If people come away from the festival and as a result of the music, develop fellowship and enjoyment, and if their faith for the living God is stronger, then it's been effective," Wright said.

The festival also provides scholarship opportunities for choirs, mostly in Eastern Europe, with limited resources.

"They would not normally be able to travel abroad, but because of the scholarship program they can do this," Wright said. "There are great bonds of friendship and fellowship that develop

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Christian talk show takes look at marriage, happiness and forgiving

The award-winning Christian television talk show "On Main Street" has lined up an all-star series of interviews to air this month.

Comedian Steve Allen and his wife, actress and Emmy Award winner Jayne Meadows will demonstrate that marriages "made in heaven" still exist and are attainable with a lot of patience, understanding and determination when they join host Dr. Dale Meyer the week of Feb. 7.

Well-respected actors who have achieved 44 years of happiness and success in marriage, Allen and Meadows will share their personal stories and insight on marital bliss in the episode.

Introduced nationwide in 1994, "On Main Street" airs weekly on the cable TV's Odyssey Channel and 46 full power and 31 lower power television stations. Locally, it can be seen 4 p.m. Mondays in Livonia on cable's Livonia TV-12.

Also appearing this month will be Debbie Morris, author of "Forgiving the Dead Man Walking," who will relay her horrifying ordeal with attempted murder and how she came to forgive the men who tried to end her life. Her story was dramatized in the movie, "Dead Man Walking."

Morris will reveal how forgiveness helped heal the emotional scars with which she struggled for years. The episode, "Forgiving the Unforgivable" will broadcast the week of Feb. 14.

Author of "Hustled My Journey from Fear to Faith" and daughter of "Hustler" publisher Larry Flynt, Tonya Flynt-Vega will face up to her childhood and adult experiences in the episode, "The Pits of Porno."

In the program, Flynt-Vega and Meyer will explore the addicting dangers of pornography and how it affects its users and their families. The episode is scheduled to air the week of Feb. 21.

Closing out the month will be

actress Jamie Lyn Bauer, who portrays Laura Horton on the weekday soap opera, "Days of Our Lives."

Bauer will share her testimony and highlight techniques that can rid a marriage of problems in the episode, "The Illusion of Divorce," which will air the week of Feb. 27.

The prerecorded 30-minute Christian talk show shares practical suggestions on today's issues from a Christ-centered, Biblical perspective.

Targeting people age 25-54, "On Main Street" joins the subject matter expertise of special guests with select panel to explore topics in an intimate roundtable setting.

For upcoming program schedules or to check local listings, visit the "Wired with the Word" Web site at <http://www.lhm.org> or call the Lutheran Hour Ministries at (800) 944-3450.

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advance and \$12 at the door. Pizza and drinks will be available for a charge. For more information, call (248) 348-1020.

PRaise AND WORSHIP

Dan Bergen and his son and daughter, Nicholas and Alicia, will minister in a program of praise and worship, featuring vocal, piano, saxophone, violin and drama, 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Calvary Baptist Church, 49065 Joy, Canton.

Bergen has been in concert and church ministry for more than 20 years. He blends contemporary worship song with great hymns of faith to draw participants closer to the Lord. A free will offering will be accept-

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

NEW BEGINNING

Warren Gilbert will discuss "Managing Memories" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7 p.m. Thursday, March 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.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Table space is available for the Mom to Mom sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Donations of toys and clothes are welcome. Proceeds will be donated to the Mom-Tot group. For more information, call Vicki at (734) 513-0167 or Kayla at (734) 595-6712.

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 March 19-21 and April 16-

18 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/wwwme.

THRIFT SHOP

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

Host providers needed for teen living program

Starfish Family Services is looking for host providers for its Supervised Independent Living Program for teenagers.

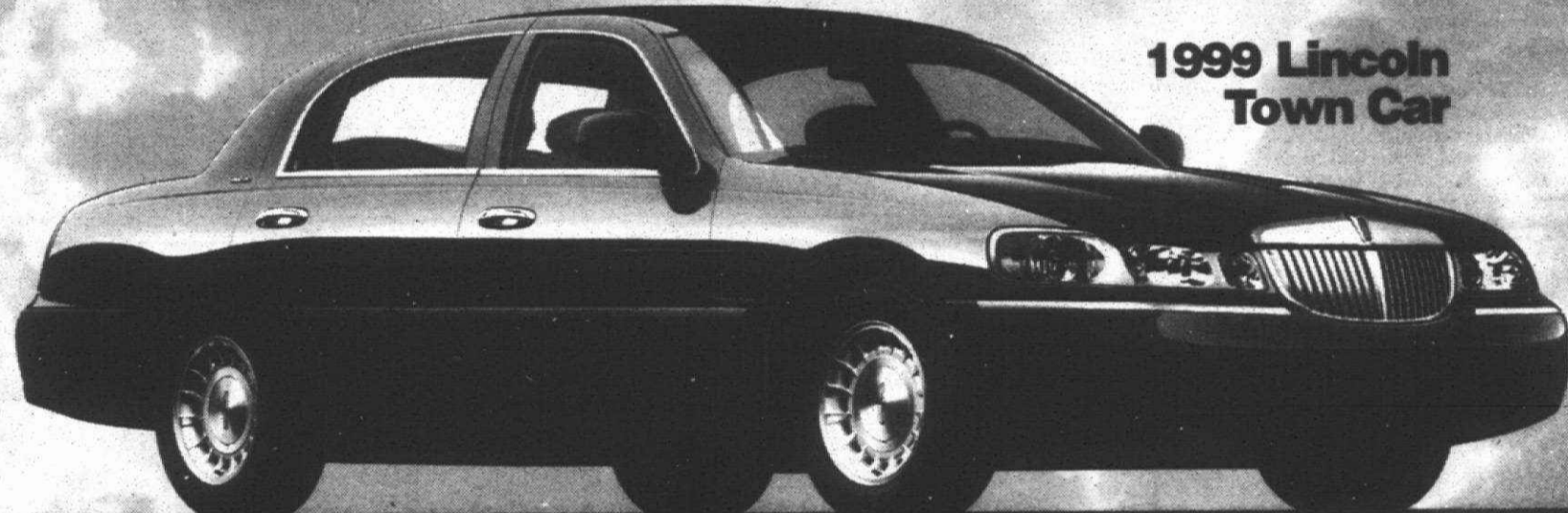
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College standouts

■ Laurel Weinman, a sophomore on Albion College's women's basketball team and a Plymouth Salem HS graduate, turned in the highest point production in a game by a Briton this season, scoring 24 in a 69-64 loss to Alma last week. Albion is 5-13 for the season.

Weinman is averaging 10.1 points in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association games and 8.7 points in all games.

■ Mark Bray, a junior on Hope College's men's basketball team from Plymouth Canton HS, got hot when it was needed most in the Flying Dutchmen's 82-73 overtime win over Alma Jan. 27. Bray lit up the Scots for 17 points, connecting on 5-of-7 shots from the field.

The 6-foot-1 guard is averaging 6.5 points, a team-best 3.7 assists, 2.3 rebounds and one steal a game for Hope, 3-3 in the MIAA and 7-9 overall.

■ Madonna University's Katie Cushman still leads the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in one category and is second in another, even though her team is languishing in last place with a 1-7 record.

Cushman is averaging a league-best 5.0 assists per game; her 2.2 steals per game is second in the WHAC.

Madonna's Chris Dietrich is fourth in the conference in scoring with a 16.1 points per game average; Kathy Pangnis is eighth with a 14.0 scoring average. Dietrich is also tied for seventh in assists at 3.0 per game.

In WHAC men's basketball, Mike Massey is fourth in scoring (17.3), Mike Maryanski is 10th in scoring (14.1) and sixth in rebounding (6.8), and Jason Skoczylas is ninth in rebounding (4.9).

CC rules Observerland

BY DAN O'MEARA
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No one was surprised to see Redford Catholic Central walk off with the championship trophy of the Ninth Annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament Saturday at Livonia Churchhill.

But the Shamrocks didn't simply walk away with the title, as Livonia Stevenson injected a dose of suspense into the competition and made it interesting with a strong upset bid.

CC needed a victory from senior Brocc Naysmith in the last bout of the tournament to overcome the Spartans and capture its third team championship.

The Shamrocks, who trailed Stevenson by three points going into the 215-pound final, finished with 207 and the Spartans 204. Garden City was a distant third (132). Defending champion Plymouth Salem had a prior commitment to a tournament at Holt.

Clarenceville made its strongest showing with a fourth-place finish, and Livonia Churchhill, Plymouth Canton, Redford Thurston and Wayne Memorial scored 100 or more points apiece.

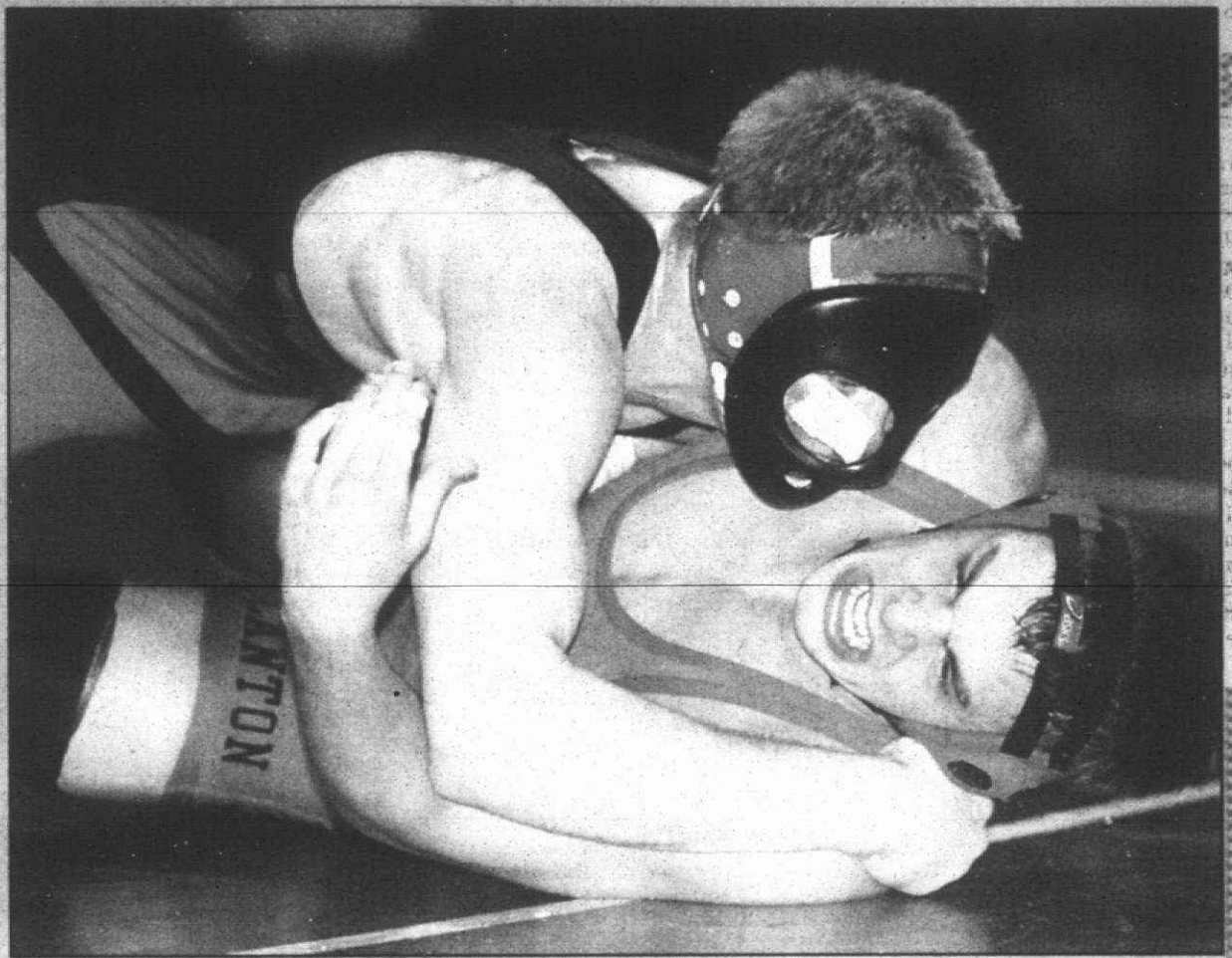
"It's just nice to win it," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said. "We've been down all year long as far as our record. These guys just put their hearts and souls together to win it."

"This is a good tournament for us. All year we get ripped on, and here in our own backyard we have a chance to shine a little bit."

"Stevenson is a tough team. We're going to hit them again in the district, so this is not the end."

CC, which is 7-7 in dual meets with two remaining against Clarkston and Rochester Adams, and Stevenson had four individual champions each.

Following Rocky Barker's overtime



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Battle to the end: Churchill's Mike Carter (on top) and Canton's Kevin Stone fought and clawed right to the end of their championship match in the 145-pound weight division at Saturday's Observerland Tournament. Carter emerged with a 5-3 win in overtime over Stone.

victory at 160, the Spartans had a 204-197 lead over the Shamrocks, who needed wins from their two remaining finalists — 189-pound

John Abshire and Naysmith — to win the meet.

In a bout between All-Observerland football players, Abshire edged

Clarenceville's Walter Ragland 3-1 and then Naysmith clinched the title

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Rock nemesis

Salem upset; Canton cruises

The prediction from both Plymouth Salem's Bob Brodie and Plymouth Canton's Dan Young was that it would be a tough go this season in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

With the league season passing the half-way mark, it appears to be just that.

Four teams are muddled within a game of first place, and Salem — which went into Tuesday's game unbeaten — isn't on of them. That's because the Rocks got ambushed by the same team that finished their season last year in the district final: Northville.

BASKETBALL

That leaves Walled Lake Western (12-0 overall) and North Farmington as the WLAA's only unbeaten; Western is first at 6-0, with North second at 5-0. Canton and Salem are next, both at 5-1.

Salem's loss to Northville, 57-55 at Salem, was Tuesday's biggest surprise in the WLAA. The Rocks went into the game at 11-0 with non-league wins over Belleville, Ann Arbor Huron, Detroit Northern, Riverview and

West Bloomfield. Northville, on the other hand, was 1-5 in its non-league games and 5-7 overall.

"I don't know how they lost so many games," said Brodie. "Northville's good. They've got size, quickness. I was impressed with them."

The Mustangs (4-2 in the WLAA) led wire-to-wire, according to Brodie, and it was their first-half onslaught that caught Salem flat-footed. Northville nailed five three-pointers in the first two quarters and opened up a 37-26 halftime lead.

Please see BASKETBALL, C7

Short-handed Ocelots can't keep pace Mott

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Flint Mott took advantage of Lamar Bigby's absence to earn its second win over nationally-ranked Schoolcraft College within six days.

With the Ocelots' top scorer out of the lineup due to an eligibility issue (see related story), the Bears took over sole possession of the first place in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with an 81-70 victory Monday night over the host Ocelots.

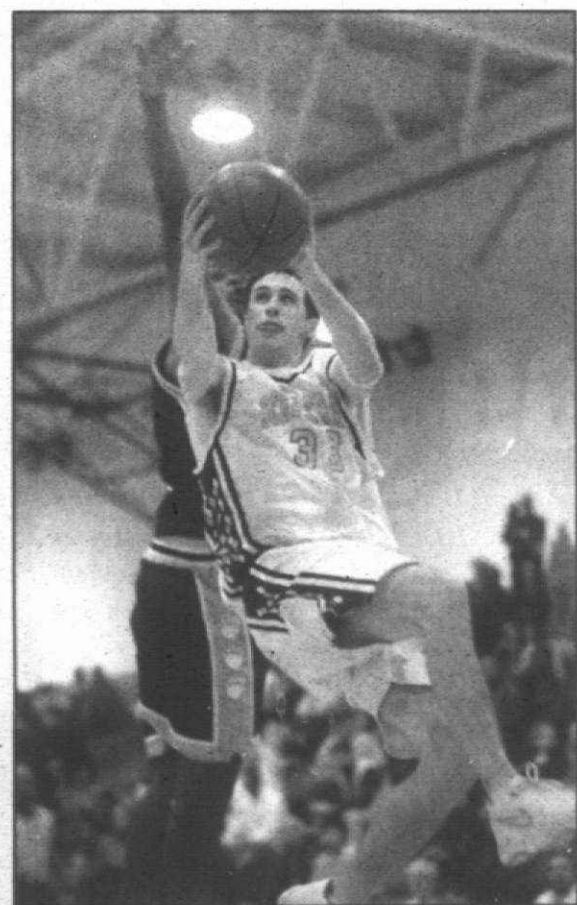
Mott, a 78-75 winner over SC on Jan. 27, is now 16-3 overall and 7-1 in the conference. SC falls to 17-2 and 6-1.

Daniel Lawson, a 6-foot-6 guard out of Detroit Mackenzie, led Mott with 17 points. Point-guard Richard Bryant added 15.

The Bears made 10 three-pointers to Schoolcraft's three (all by Quentin Mitchell).

"Tonight we shot the ball much better from the three-point line even though we didn't make free throws (19 of 38)," Mott coach Steve Schmidt said. "But our trademark has been defense. To hold Schoolcraft to 75 points and then 70 — against a team that is averaging close to 100 points a game — that's what won us the game."

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Finding the bucket: Schoolcraft's Derek McKelvey drives for two points against Mott.

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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. 8. Bloomfield Hills resident Julius "Chip" Drotos caught a state record and line class world record green sunfish in 1990 while fishing in Kirkwood Lake in Oakland County. The 1-pound, 8-ounce fish still stands

in the record books. This week's trivia question is:
According to the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, what pound test line (line class) did Drotos catch the fish on?
 Send in the correct answer to: Fishing Trivia Contest, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Remember, all entries must be postmarked by Monday, Feb. 8.

Outdoors calendar from page C9

state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 10-11, at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing. The commission will be taking public comment on 1999 deer season regulations. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

\$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching perm its are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call (800) 47-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
 Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

STARLIGHT SKI TOUR
 Take an evening cross country ski tour during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at Independence Oaks.

TUNING YOUR TOT INTO WINTER
 Ages 3-6 will tune-in to the outdoors through songs, stories, a short hike, a craft and a snack during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10 and Thursday, Feb. 11, and again at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at Independence Oaks.

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STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
 Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury, call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain, call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland, call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake, call (810) 229-7067.

WINGING IT IN WINTER
 A two-hour walk in search of winter resident birds begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Highland.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
 The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
 A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
 Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 31 are 10 a.m. to sunset Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. On Mondays and Tuesdays only the sporting clay course is open, noon to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Road, which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
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ORTONVILLE RECREATION
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METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
 Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178.

SNOWFLAKE ARTISTRY
 Learn about snow and make a lovely take-home-and-hang-up picture during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at Kensington.

ICE HARVESTING
 Learn about the history of ice harvesting by helping to cut blocks of ice from the Huron River using antique ice saws during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 6-7, at the Kensington Farm Center.

BEGINNER ICE FISHING
 Learn the basics of ice fishing then wet a line in Kent Lake during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at Kensington. Ages 17 and older must have a valid Michigan fishing license.

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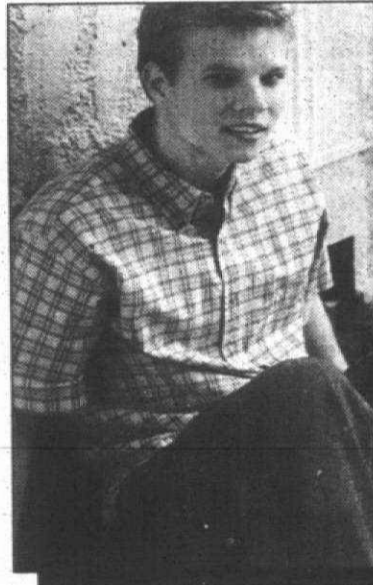
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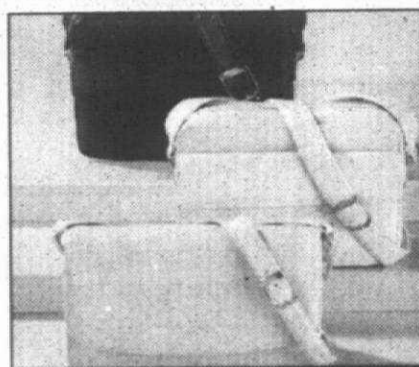
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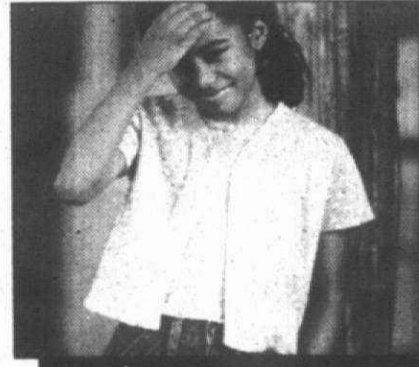
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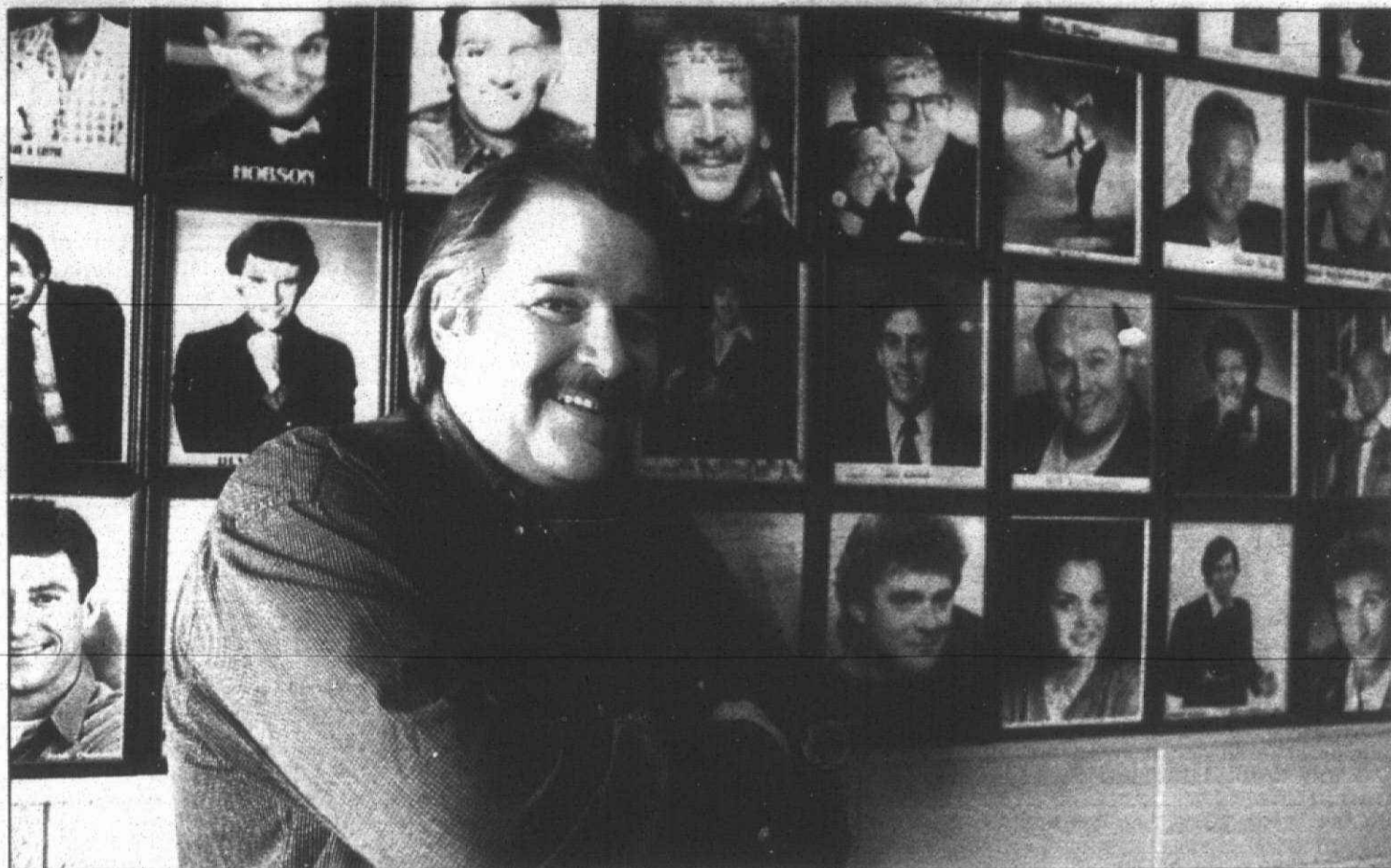


Evelyn Glennie, the "First Lady" of solo percussion, appears with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and conductor Dennis Russell Davies, 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$18 to \$48, call (313) 676-5111.

SUNDAY



Youtheatre at Music Hall in Detroit honors Black History Month with a new biography "Paul Robeson, All American," written by Ossie Davis and presented by New York's Theatreworks/USA. Tickets for the 2 p.m. performance, recommended for families with children ages 7 and above, are \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. Call (313) 963-2366.



STAFF PHOTO BY GUY WARREN

Today's stars: Mark Ridley stands in front of a wall of autographed photographs of well-known comedians who have appeared at his club.

KING OF THE Castle CELEBRATES 20TH YEAR

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Class clown of his Walled Lake Central High School class, Mark Ridley has been making people laugh for a long time.

On Jan. 4 he celebrated the 20th anniversary of the comedy club he started in the basement of The Meating Place, a restaurant in West Bloomfield.

Now one of the top comedy clubs in the country, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle has called Royal Oak home since 1989.

Framed autographed pictures of today's comedy stars decorate the walls including Tim Allen, Jerry Seinfeld, Dave Coulier, David Letterman, Ellen DeGeneres and Richard Belzer.

Ridley chuckles as he remembers when he had to give people their money back after Paul Reiser performed. It was before those "Mad About You" days with Helen Hunt.

"People walked out, they didn't like his show," said Ridley.

Reiser's autographed picture is revealing — "To Mark & the Comedy Castle, certain parts were fun."

New direction

Always a lover of comedy, Ridley really wanted to make films. After graduating from Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in TV, radio and film, Ridley applied to the University of Southern California film program.

While hanging out at the Comedy Store in 1978 California, waiting to hear if he made the cut for the program, he watched Richard Pryor, David Letterman and Steve Martin perform.

Ridley wasn't chosen for the program but came home with an idea — to open a comedy club like the Comedy Store.

While working as a waiter, he began

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February Highlights

■ **Jack Simmons** - through Feb. 7. Simmons has been featured on "Comic Strip Live" and "Showtime."

■ **O'Brien & Valdez** - Feb. 10-14. This comedy team has appeared on A&E's "Comedy on the Road," and "An Evening at the Improv." Also appearing, Frank G.

■ **Lewis Black** - Feb. 17-21, a regular on the "Conan O'Brien Show," and commentator on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show." Also appearing, Steve Bills.

■ **Blair Shannon** - Feb. 24-28, a regular on the stages of Las Vegas and Atlantic City. Also appearing Gary George.

Special Engagements

■ **Carol Leifer** - March 19-21, seen on the her on TV show "All Right Already," and a writer and performer on the "Seinfeld Show." Tickets \$17.50 Friday-Saturday; \$15 Sunday.

■ **Richard Jeni** - March 25-27, star of TV's "Platypus Man," and numerous cable specials. Also appearing Hal Spear. Tickets \$20 Thursday; \$22.50 Friday; \$25 Saturday.



Featured comedian: Jack Simmons is performing at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle through Feb. 7.

MUSIC

Maynard Ferguson has a 'Brass Attitude'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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When Maynard Ferguson was cutting the mustard at 18, he was jitterbugging.

Today when college students spontaneously start moving to the music of Ferguson's Big Bop Nouveau Band, they're "swing dancing." Whatever it's called, the 71-year-old jazz master is delighted.

"We often do halftimes at major football games. When we did a recent Washington-Arizona game, a pep rally and half time. At the pep rally for about 4,000 people, you could see the people swing dancing," he said. "Half-time the cheerleaders, men and women, when we played 'Just Friends,' they all started dancing. I was amazed they could swing dance. It's great for jazz music."

Ferguson has been involved with jazz music since he was a teenager in Montreal. He began playing at the end of

WHO: Jazz trumpeter Maynard Ferguson and his Big Bop Nouveau Band

WHEN: 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

WHERE: Adray Auditorium of the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.

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the swing era, played with the great bop players and made his reputation as an aggressive, hard blowing trumpet player with Stan Kenton's progressive jazz band.

Saturday, he brings that bright, high register, aggressive sound to Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn.

"The current band is really great personnel," he said in a telephone interview from Las Vegas. "They're great players, many of them out of the University of Miami. The band is three trumpets plus myself, one trombone, piano, bass and drums and two saxophones, which is the lineup I've had for

the last three years."

Ferguson enjoys playing with young musicians and often does clinics as he take his band around the world. He got his start in music

at an early age, originally as a classical violinist who soloed with the Canadian Broadcasting Company Orchestra when he was 11. He was encouraged by his violinist mother to pursue music. Even if it wasn't the classical music she preferred, she wanted him to be exposed to the best.

"When I was in Montreal, my mother was just slightly disappointed that I wasn't going to be a classical violinist,"

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Please see MUSIC, E2 Maynard Ferguson

HOT TICKET



Discover Stars on Ice features five Olympic Champions including Kristi Yamaguchi, Tara Lipinski and Ekatarina Gordeeva 8 p.m. Saturday at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$58, \$45 and \$32, call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100 for information.

THEATER

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developing his idea. Local media personalities helped him promote those first comedy nights in the basement of the restaurant where he worked — The Meeting Place.

comedy clubs than anyone else — 13 within 45 minutes of each other. "You're seeing everything you would see on TV," he said.

"There's so much stress and tension in the workplace," she said. "We had a chuckle buffet for Secretary's Day, and can do stressbuster seminars."



Lots of laughs: Mark Ridley in the main seating area of Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak. The club celebrated its 20th anniversary on Jan. 4.

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he said in a bright booming voice that matches his playing style. "She went to a record store and ran into just the right record sales person. She decided that if I was going to be a jazz trumpet player I had to study classical music.

His band opened for the top American bands that came to Dorsey and Stan Kenton. From 1950 to 1953 Ferguson established himself with his high register playing as the leader of Kenton's brass section.

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Revue will benefit St. Dunstan's Greek Theatre

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents "Heart and Music: Broadway's Best in Song" — a musical revue fundraiser to benefit lighting equipment improvements for the Cranbrook outdoor Greek Theatre.

Amy Lynn Smith, St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild, vice president

Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6 and Feb. 12-13 at the theater 400 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills.

from "Rent," "Les Miserables," "Ragtime," "Miss Saigon" and many other well-known musicals.

"Heart and Music: Broadway's Best in Song" will enable St. Dunstan's to make substantial enhancements to the quality of lighting in the Greek Theatre.



Rehearsing: St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook cast members rehearse for the opening of 'Heart and Music: Broadway's Best in Song.'

Groups present special film shows

Mark your calendars, here are some film events taking place in your neighborhood:

Along with Israel, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 and 12:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8. There is no charge, call (248) 967-4030 for information.

Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. The 1949 film was one of the first U.S. films to deal with racism, and is being shown as part of the Southfield Classic Cinema Series.

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Strong performances key Bonstelle's 'The Piano Lesson'

August Wilson's "The Piano Lesson" continues through Feb. 7 at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit on the campus of Wayne State University. Tickets \$8 to \$10, call (313) 577-2960.



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Set in 1936 Pittsburgh, "The Piano Lesson" explores the struggle of an African American family over their reverence for the past and their dreams for the future.

Boy Willie has a one time chance to buy the land he has farmed for others for many years. He realizes that selling the family's heirloom, a hand-carved piano, will give him enough money to buy the deed and his dream. However, his sister Berniece won't part with it because the piano is carved with the images of their ancestors, and endowed with their spirits.

a better future are key to the story. However, playwright Wilson's story, as rich as its characterizations and narratives are, becomes weighed down with lengthy dialogues — there are simply more stories and background than the story needs.

Guest actress Judi Williams matches him as Berniece, the strong-willed sister whose quiet will matches Boy Willie's vocal anger.

Isiah Davis III as Doaker is a natural to his role of the older and wiser relative, delivering the wisdom of experience in a quiet yet firm, impossible to ignore manner.

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MOVIES

Mel Gibson gets his 'Payback' in latest flick

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
Special Writer
If you're yearning to feel bruised, bloodied, and beaten-up, there's no need to visit the Kronk gym and volunteer as a sparring partner for an up-and-coming prizefighter. Instead, check out Mel Gibson's latest rock-em, sock-em flick, "Payback." By movie's end, you'll probably hurt all over.
In almost every scene, some wretched dreg of humanity gets shot, kicked, punched, whipped, stomped on, stabbed, carved, hammered, ripped, or burnt. For good measure, somebody dies from an overdose of dirty heroin too. Imagine a cinematic carnival

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Grid of movie listings for various theaters including National Amusements, Showcase, Star Southfield, Patch Adams, The Faculty, and others, with showtimes and ratings.

of pain, and you will begin to get a bead on "Payback."
Gibson is Porter, a thief who has been double-crossed by his partner-in-crime, Val Resnick, a creepy sort played with just the right reptilian touch by Greg Henry (moviegoers may well remember his chilling drill bit in "Body Double."). Resnick not only swipes Porter's share of the duo's heist money, but he also wife shoots her husband in the back, and leaves him to die. (One memorable close-up involves Resnick grinding out a cigarette in a glistening puddle of Porter's blood.)
But Porter doesn't die. At least, not physically. In a way,

he's as indestructible as Bugs Bunny — though not nearly as reasonable. And ultimately, though it makes an attempt at sepulchral humor now and then, this movie is no laughing matter.
After he recovers (following some sordid surgery that we witness up-close and personal), back he goes to the scene of the crime, discovering even more reason to see that his brand of justice is carried out.
When he declares that "nice guys always finish last," somehow we just know justice is going to be the vigilante. To say that he is fixated on recovering his share of the heist money at this point is putting it mildly. Sure, he's going to have to get

past the mob (here called "The Outfit") to do it, and wade through a heap of other human garbage as well. But he's past caring. He's like a machine, programmed to go after that \$70,000, and anybody who gets in his way is going to be either (1) maimed or (2) dead.
Much of what is wrong with this picture has to do with Gibson's confusing, almost-robotic character. Who is this guy who's supposed to be our hero? He's not Dirty Harry Callahan. He's not Martin Riggs of "Lethal Weapon." He's not taxi driver, Travis Bickle. These were violent characters, but at least we knew enough about them to feel some of their pain. Porter, on the other hand, is not just a flawed individual, he often comes across like he's living a nightmare to which we have no real access. It's tiring. Then, it's tiresome. And, though Gibson struggles manfully with this odd role, eventually, we'd just like to go lie down someplace, very far away from this movie.
Director Brian Helgeland (who co-wrote the script with Terry

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 5
"SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE"
A romantic comedy about a woman with a restaurant and a department store executive who fall in love. But as strange things begin to happen, the man begins to wonder if there isn't witchcraft involved. Stars Sarah Michelle Gellar, Sean Patrick Flanery.
"SAVING PRIVATE RYAN"
Re-release — story based in true events of six U.S. Army soldiers on assignment behind enemy lines to save one private. Stars Tom Hanks.
"MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE"
While walking on a beach a journalist finds a bottle containing a love letter from a man to his wife. She falls in love with the letter writer and sets out to find him. Stars Kevin Costner, Paul Newman, Robin Wright Penn and John Savage.
"MY NAME IS JOE"
Exclusively at the Main Art. Heart felt story of the unlikely romance between two very different people. Stars Peter Mullan.
"THE CHILDREN OF HEAVEN"
Tender and moving tale of compassion, determination and deep family love about an impoverished brother and sister in Tehran.
"RUSHMORE"
Oliver Stone's comedy about a high school student who has tended to everything in school except the most important concern — girls.
"PAYBACK"
This remake is based on the book "The Hunter" about a hard-boiled criminal who tracks down his wife and former

Weird February inspires arts

"It's still not weird enough for me."
Although I'm unsure whether this quote attributed to writer Hunter S. Thompson is something he actually said, I can't think of a better mantra for this weirdest of all months, but in popular pronunciation. When we hear one "y" or two, we tend to cut each other some slack. After all, it's February.
In keeping with this spirit of weirdness, plenty of attractions are scheduled throughout the Detroit area and on Detroit Public TV's Backstage Pass program to increase your intake of the unusual.
Weird Science, an ambitious exhibition which just opened at Cranbrook Educational Community, offers an artistic journey through the often peculiar pursuit of scientific discovery. A collaboration of Cranbrook's art museum and Institute of Science, the exhibit features the work of four artists, who through such use of specimen jars and a custom-built chicken coop, create a dramatic setting for the study of reptiles and amphibians, genetic engineering and space travel.
Weird Science is a highlight on the Detroit area's winter/spring art calendar, according to Marsha Miros, who takes viewers on a tour of the exhibit.
It has been a half-century since the heyday of the Hastings Street entertainment district, an area off I-75 near Wayne State University that thrived on such blues artists as John Lee Hooker,

The Flys remember when as they judge others

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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The Flys vividly remember the days of lugging gear up stairs, running a van into the ground, and begging for gigs in L.A. clubs. Although the band, which has scored a hit with "Got You (Where I Want You)," has been together for 10 years, those days aren't so far off.
All those thoughts are coming back to the quintet as it headlines and judges the "Bandemonium" contest. It comes to St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, in Detroit on Friday, Feb. 5.
Sponsored by Sam Goody, Pepsi, Loreal, and Gibson guitars, "Bandemonium" will feature two local bands competing for the chance to play MTV's "Spring Break." There are four five judges at each Bandemonium event, including a member of The Flys.
"It's been pretty cool. We see some pretty cool bands, and I don't like to judge people, and I don't like to let them hear," guitarist Peter Perdicchizzi said.
"It's a bit weird. I see myself in a lot of these people and how we want to make a judgment on anyone because everyone's doing their best and struggling," he added.
The Flys struggled for nine years before landing a record contract with Trauma Records, home to Bush and No Doubt. Its debut album "Holiday Man" will land at No. 1 on Billboard's "Heatseekers" chart in the Feb. 5 issue.
Perdicchizzi, who formed the band with vocalist Adam Paskowitz and bassist James Book, calls The Flys, "an

overnight success story in the making of 10 years."
In 1994, The Flys released "25 cents," and supported it by touring Europe and western United States.
"Even though we were based out of L.A. places like Salt Lake City and other cities were like our second home. We could go there once a month or twice a

month and play gig and make enough money to pay our rent at our studio, to pay our water and still be a band."
"Where would you round Europe and the United States in our van with our dog, all of us, and our gear in the van. We would book the shows. We would make sure

Dovetail Joint changes attitude and comes out ahead

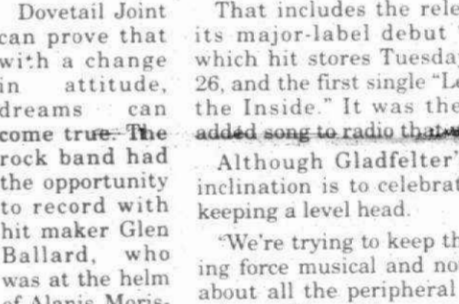
Dovetail Joint can prove that with a change in attitude, dreams can come true: The rock band had the opportunity to record with hit maker Glen Ballard, who was at the helm of Alanis Morissette's two albums, and unleashed Aerosmith material. But they turned it down to make a record for the indie label Aware Records.
In retrospect, they're very happy it didn't happen — not because of working with him but because we weren't ready then. He's brilliant and everything. We would not have gotten the sound that we wanted," singer Chuck Gladfelter explained.
"he makes very produced-sounding records. I wanted it to sound rawer. I heard some of the Aerosmith songs that he did, and I'm not sure if we wanted our stuff to sound that glossy and that poppy. Once we had a mental change of attitude about the whole thing, good stuff started to happen."
"It's an experience," Gladfelter explained. "We're just Midwestern boys going out to L.A. to work with Jack. You get the full L.A. picture when you go out

everything happens.
Soon after recording "25 cents," The Flys added two new members to the band — vocalist/rapper Joshua Paskowitz and drummer Nick Lucero.
"We got rid of our old drummer. We found Nick, he was just sort of moping around L.A. looking for a gig. That relationship has worked out really cool because he's an amazing person. He's also on the cover of the record (Holiday Man) skydiving. He's the craziest one to do that."
Tagging along on one of the European jaunts was Joshua, Adam's brother.
"Adam got sick really bad. He had to step in and sing his brother's parts. He was helping us out. He just hung around and did his thing, and it was all good. We never made a ceremony to say, 'Hey man, you're in the band.' If you got something to say, step up and do it. If it's good, it's good, and it was. It was very natural. We still haven't let him in the band."
But it was Joshua Paskowitz who contributed the hook to The Flys' first hit, "Got You (Where I Want You)" from "Holiday Man" (Trauma Records). The melancholy, bass-heavy "Got You" builds from a simple melody to Joshua Paskowitz's Jamaican dub rhymes.
Joshua Paskowitz offered the suggestion during the recording session at producer Chris Goss's studio.
"Before he did that it was just like a guitar break, a riff and big loud guitar. He said, 'Well, I've got something I wanted to try over that, middle section.' He came up with the whole dub part. It really worked out. The

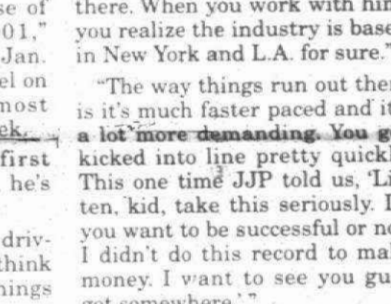
several events in her life.
Misc.
WXDG-FM's "1999 Snowfest Big Air" snowboarding competition has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6, at Alpine Valley. For more information, call (248) 887-4183.
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Mel Gibson Payback movie poster featuring Mel Gibson. Text includes 'A First-Class Thriller With Sexy Surprises', 'Mel Gibson Has Never Been Better!', and 'The First Must-See Movie of the Year!'

DINING

Sweet 'Dumplings' serves homemade American fare

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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You'll find chicken dumpling soup and apple dumpling on the menu at the newly opened Dumplings Diner in Westland. But the reason the diner is called "Dumplings" is sweet, and has nothing to do with food. "I named it after my husband," said Jackie Enderle who owns the diner with her "Dumpling" Dale.

The couple used to own a bar in Plymouth, Shawn Patrick's, and bought the former Mugg's Restaurant in April.

"We renovated the kitchen," said Enderle. She also wallpapered the restaurant in a cozy tea print — "the closest I'll ever get to owning a tea room," she laughs, and hung lace curtains in the windows.

A small place, that seats only 38 people, it's easy to drive right by on busy Ford Road, not knowing what you're missing. Sit at the counter, or at one of the tables. There's even a tucked away table for two.

On a chilly January afternoon, Enderle's sister Fran is busy in the kitchen chopping carrots and

Dumplings Diner
Where: 35851 Ford Road, (south of Wayne Road) Westland, (734) 722-9118.
Open: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for breakfast only on Sunday.
Menu: Homemade All American fare including soups, sandwiches, spaghetti and meat loaf. Children's menu for kids 12 and under.
Prices: Reasonable. Breakfast \$1.50 to \$4.50; lunch \$1.30 to \$5.25; dinner \$4.50 to \$8.95.
Credit cards: Not accepted, cash only
Carry-out: Available, 25 cent charge per item for container.

mushrooms by hand for her popular beef barley soup. She also makes the meat loaf and spaghetti.

Customers say eating at Dumplings is just like sitting in someone's kitchen.

"We're making to make it as good as we can," said Enderle. Breakfast specials are offered 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday-Friday.

You can build your own omelet or choose from eggs any style, pancakes, or even homemade corned beef hash.

For lunch, try a salad, the grilled chicken is a favorite. There are also lots of sandwiches

— grilled cheese, B.L.T., turkey & Swiss, and burgers.

Friday's fish fry — cod served with French fries and coleslaw for \$5.95 is a big seller.

Almost everything is homemade, even the corned beef for sandwiches. The expanded dinner menu includes chicken strips, grilled chicken breast, chicken Parmesan, turkey dinner, and New York Strip Steak.

For dessert try the Apple Dumpling with cinnamon or custard sauce, or both.

Cozy, quaint and quiet, Dumplings is a place you can afford to take your family to.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Just like home:
Dale and Jackie Enderle offer homemade meals, just like Mom's, at Dumplings Diner in Westland.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in *What's Cooking* to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net. If you're planning a Chinese New Year celebration, be sure to let us know.

Pick-A-Bone Rib House & Saloon — 30325 Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 762-RIBS or (734) 762-2063, recently celebrated its one-year anniversary. Restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, closed Monday.

Marvin's Bistro — and entertainer Marv Welch present the Johnny Trudell Quintet, 6-10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. No cover charge, special Valentine's Day menu, 15800 Middlebelt, (between Five & Six Mile Road) Livonia, (734) 522-5600.

Breadsmith of Metro Detroit — shops are offering Heart-Shaped Chocolate Chip Cherry Bread, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 12-14. Advance orders are recommended. Chocolate Chip

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Canton, call (734) 207-8737 for information.

Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe — in Greektown presents its ninth annual Mardi Gras 'Fat Tuesday' Masquerade party 8 p.m. to midnight, Tuesday, Feb. 16. Prizes for best costume, live entertainment by a New Orleans jazz band, complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Fishbone's is at the intersection of Monroe and Brush Streets in downtown Detroit. Call (313) 965-4600 for information.

Cajun Night — at the Gaelic League (2062 Michigan Ave. near Tiger Stadium), 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20. Donation \$15, cash bar. Enjoy gumbo, jambalaya and other dishes, entertainment. Call (734) 284-7595 for reservations.

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