South Africa, suburban Detroit

Parallels drawn:

It started as a talk on the struggle of South African blacks to win rights and equality, it ended with a discussion in which parallels were drawn between the separation of people by color in South Africa and in Detroit and suburban neighborhoods.

"How is it that we are going to break down the insulation?" Carol Scalfe of the Bloomfield Hills PTO asked in an audience discussion afterwards.

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BOTH SAID that Martin Luther and educator residing in Ann Ar-King had also been inspired by bor. Nyathi is assistant pastor of Gandhi, and Gandhi's philosophy of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church non-violent protest as a means to in Detroit.

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Approximately 50 people attended "Perspectives on Apartheid" ("Gandhi was in a way his master," Suransky said. "He Inspired (the South African polley of soperation of races), held Saturday morning at Andover High School is on His Country, Inspired Bloomfield Hills.

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'The people of South Africa, when we do get there, to show our concern and our help. they will ask us who are coming from the West. why are we so late. If we can think about that, maybe it will help every one of us to not lose time. . . .

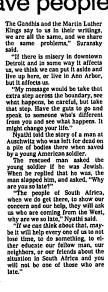
—Rev. Mangedwa Nyathi

Bocsak and Bishop Desmond Tutu,
South African black leaders: "When
you read the speeches of these
men, you hear the refrain of Martin Luther King."
However, the philosophy of nonviolence is one that South African
youths are tiring of, they said, because they feel that the process of
change is too slow; in addition, they
are often treated violently.
"In the South African context it's
very difficult for a Bishop Tutu to
talk aout non-violence." Surransky
said. "It's not that different from
here in the '50s, when many were
saying the only way is to fight and
to kill."
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besitation" that the leaders of
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South Africa turned to violence, according to Suransiv,
"In South Africa, police came
not only with dogs, but with guns.
They shot people who were armless, people who were not lighting."
The government subsequently
banned the group.
Nyathi called the threat of communism a "scapegoat."
Both said sanctions against South
Africa are one means of pressuring
the government to change, although they might also burt some
lacks by causing them to lose
their jobs, Suransky said.

The Gandhia and the Martin Luther Kings say to us in their writings, we are all the same, and we share the same problems. If there is misery in downtown Detroit and in some way it affects us, we think we can put it aside and live up here, or live in Ann Arbor, but it affects

- Leonard Suransky





King's non-violent activism portrayed

"We Are The Dream," an Emmy Award-winning production, is being brought to the area by the community education departments of the Birningham, Bioomfield Hills, Pontiac, Southfield and West Bloomfield school districts in fur-ther celebration of Martin Luther Visco Day.

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Starring Al Eaton as Martin Lutter King, the national production will be given at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, in the auditorium of Scabolm High School, 2346 W. Lincoln at the Corner of Cranbrook Road in Birmingham.

"We Are The Dream" is de-scribed as a moving portrait of King and the impact of his non-vio-lent activism on the civil rights

A limited number of tickets are available at \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. Tickets are available

for students. Tickets are available through the community education offices of any of the sponsoring school districts.

Telephone numbers are Birming. ham— 433-6885; Pontiac — 857-8373.
Southfield — 423-8683 and West Bloomfield = 851-7600.

Firefighter hurt; blaze heavily damages house

A firefighter injured her knee in a blaze that caused at least \$200,000 in structural and content damage to a \$400,000 house overlooking a wooded stream in outleast Farmington Hills Saturday, investigators said. Firefighter Lynn McDanlel was treated at Bolsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills. The fire, on Herndonwood Drive, may have originated in the kitchen because of a cooking accident, said Deputy Chief Peter Baldwin of the Farmington Hills Fire Department. He said the homeowner reported

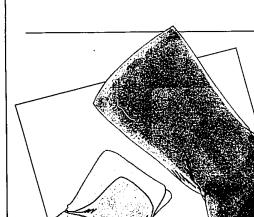
discovering the fire after cooking oil was left unattended on the stove for a short time about 2 p.m.
Late Saturday afternoon, homeower Ronald Simpson watched glumly as Farmington Hills police and fire investigators sitted through the burned remains of his home in an effort to pinpoint what caused the fire.

IT TOOK 40 firefighters nearly an hour to control the flames, which were leaping from the main living area when they arrived.

Heavy flames and smoke, as well as a wide expanse created by a ca-thedral ceiling, challenged fire-fighters. Damage was extensive in the living area, Baldwin said.

Simpson, his wife and their two young children moved to the neigh-borhood last fall. The three-story, U-shaped house, once owned by basket-ball star Bob Lanier, was built some 12 years ago, neighbors sald.

The house features an indoor swimming pool, a sauna and a five-car garage.



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